

**MAPLE SHADE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES  
MAY 30, 2023 – 6:30 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**PUBLIC NOTICE** of this meeting, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, has been given by the Township Council in the following manner:

Notifying the Township Clerk December 22, 2022.

Mailing Notice to the Courier Post, The Central Record and Burlington County Times on December 22, 2022.

Posting Notice on the Official Municipal Bulletin Board on December 22, 2022.

**ROLL CALL – 6:30 PM**

COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ms. Nunes			x			
Schmidt			x			
Mrs. Volpe			x			
Wiest			x			
Kauffman			x			

**Resolution No. 2023-R-99** Resolution to Meet in Executive Session for the following:

1. Matters Relating to Litigation, Negotiation, and the Attorney-Client Privilege – Personnel, Contractual Agreements

Motion to Close (6:32PM): Volpe                      Second: Nunes                      All in Favor: yes

Formal action may be taken upon conclusion of Closed Session.

(Mayor of the Township Council then declares the meeting closed and directs that the tape be shut off. At conclusion of closed portion, Mayor of Township Council calls for a motion to reopen the meeting and turn the tape on.)

Motion to Open (7:03PM): Wiest                      Second: Schmidt                      All in Favor: yes

**PUBLIC PORTION (for Consent Agenda Items)**

Motion to Close: Wiest                      Second: Schmidt                      All in Favor: yes

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Resolution No. 2023-R-100** Resolution Authorizing Establishment of Lien for Property Maintenance for Block 35 Lot 1.01

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**Resolution No. 2023-R-101** Resolution Authorizing Establishment of Lien for Property Maintenance for Block 204 Lot 14

**Resolution No. 2023-R-102** Authorize Waiver from Compliance with Township Code Section 128 for Maple Shade School District Construction

**Resolution No. 2023-R-103** Authorize Submission of a Municipal Aid Grant Application and Execution of Grant Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the LAIF-2023 Resurfacing of East Front Street Project a-00046

**Resolution No. 2023-R-104** Resolution Authorizing Execution of Discharge of Mortgage for Block 90.01 Lot 11.02

**Resolution No. 2023-R-105** Authorize Renewal of 2023-2024 Liquor Licenses

Motion to Approve Consent Agenda:			Comments:	none	Roll Call:	
COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ms. Nunes			x			
Schmidt	x		x			
Mrs. Volpe		x	x			
Wiest			x			
Kauffman			x			

**APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURE LIST - \$1,825,301.68**

Motion to Approve:			Comments:	none	Roll Call:	
COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ms. Nunes		x	x			
Schmidt			x			
Mrs. Volpe			x			
Wiest	x		x			
Kauffman			x			

**PUBLIC PORTION** – Andrew Simonsick, 17 Overbrook Avenue, questioned the hiring of a Director of Fire Safety, then continued with the following statement: “I’m gonna make a statement here and you all need to think about it. The attorney included because I can’t believe you’re allowing them to draft things like this knowing title 40 and knowing how this township is set up. However, with her discision to talk you five into shutting down the fire department and all the chaos that has ensued over that point in time our grid is still not in place because the state’s involved in it and the state, in their infamous wisdom, has taken upon themselves to lessen the grids that were initially put on there by us to Fox Meadow and me, as the Chief and as a professional, right now, I will say to all of you, six/seven are accountable in some shape or form for the death of those two children whether you think so or not because our initial response had been taken down because the state got involved in it and it was all due to her (Manager) bringing the state in here, her making the decision and you deciding to shut the fire department.

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So you need to think about that before you go doing it. I sat in this room and extended an olive branch to every five of you about coming up here and trying to straighten all this out, and you know what I got from you? Absolutely Nothing, nothing. She came into town, there wasn't one problem in this town until she showed up. She's driven a wedge between us, you can sit there and laugh all you want, Nelson. Nelson: Thank you. Mr. Simonsick: We're gonna show you what leadership's all about by the people of this town. If you think Joe Dugan and Joe Andl are gonna help you with your elections this time around, you're sadly mistaken. You all need to think about what you're doing, what you're costing this town. That woman doesn't even live in this town. She makes decisions, goes home and could care less about this town cause she doesn't live here, it doesn't directly affect her. But you do live here and her decisions are affecting you and if you're buying into everything without going and talking to the experts, the people like us that've been around this whole time then I feel sorry for you, because I guarantee you won't be doing this to the Police Department without going and talking to them. And I resent the fact that you got Bill Cramer in this building making decisions and working with him behind my back. I'm not asking you to speak! Manager Danson: Andrew, you will not sit there and yell at me.

Mr. Simonsick: You have been going behind my back since the beginning. You say everything you want to say, it's propaganda and you haven't put your money where your mouth is. And I'm also telling you right now, we were denied to buy a fit test machine for our safety, the number one priority that the state wants us to have and it's law. I'm telling you in public, I'm buying it. I'm purchasing it and I don't care what you say. Manager Danson: You were not denied, I asked if you had anyone trained to work it and was told by your deputy chief, no. Mr. Simonsick: We don't need anyone trained, it's a self-contained unit and if we buy it, I'm sure we will have it trained. You want to make excuses and say things that have nothing to do with it. No, I'm not talking to you, You need to think about what I said. You're a disgrace to this township."

Motion to Close: Wiest

Second: Nunes

All in Favor: yes

**STAFF AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS** – The concert in the park was very nice and well attended. Condolences to the Radie family, New Your John has done a lot for the town and will be missed. The Memorial Day celebration was a beautiful way to celebrate the men and women that served and are serving our country.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Operations
  - a. The notices for dog licenses have increased the licensing and are helping with lost and injured pets.
  - b. 6/15 second concert in the park
  - c. working on three flow EV charging stations in municipal lots.
  - d. Maple Shade will be a film-ready community which could bring a new source of revenue.
  - e. The construction office is expanding inspections to four days a week.
  - f. submittals for grants for funding for Stiles, Front and Coles
  - g. Thursday meeting with engineers to discuss reconfiguring municipal building.
2. Engineer's Report

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- a. received \$100,00 grant for lighting at Collins Lane Park
- b. working on hazard survey.
- c. needs a resolution to authorize 2024 NJDOT Municipal Aid Grant
3. Site Plan – next meeting 6/6
3. Advisory Board next meeting 6/8

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Cannabis Legislation – Council discussed the changes and state regulations since the inception of the law and would be interested in revisiting our ordinance.
2. Lighting / Cell Tower Installation – Council discussed and is reviewing a request to install a tower and 10 x 20 building at Aces field.

MOTION TO ADJOURN UNTIL TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR  
June 8, 2023, AT 6:30 PM

Motion: Schmidt                      Second: Wiest                      All in Favor: yes

*Notice is being forwarded in accordance with The Open Public Meetings Act – 6/6/23.*