

**MAPLE SHADE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
JUNE 8, 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.

Anyone from the public wishing to speak will be permitted during public participation portions. Those wishing to speak should state their name and their address prior to making any comment. Public participation portions are limited to five (5) minutes per speaker. The agenda has been posted on the Township webpage and bulletin board in the Municipal Building.

Please place all phones on mute to alleviate disruption of the meeting.

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-106 Resolution to Meet in Executive Session for the following:

1. Matters Relating to Litigation, Negotiation, and the Attorney-Client Privilege
2. Personnel Matters

Motion to Close: Nunes Second: Volpe 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 at 6:55 pm: Wiest Second: Volpe All in Favor: yes

OPEN BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

Reports – Manager Danson – one idling call (2 hours), air quality is code orange due to the fires, we will participate and receive grant money for the lantern fly program.

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Public Participation - none

Motion to Close: Wiest Second: Nunes Comments: none All in Favor: yes

Motion to Adjourn: Volpe Second: Nunes All in Favor: yes

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

Ordinance No. 2023-09 An Ordinance of the Township of Maple Shade, in the County of Burlington, New Jersey, Amending Chapter 4, to Establish the Position of the Director of Fire Safety Operations

Motion to Take from the Table: Wiest Second: Volpe Comments: none All in Favor: yes
Open Public Hearing – Seventeen members from the public addressed council, with comments and questions like: Andrew Simonsick, Jr., questioned the state deficiencies and paperwork needed by the state/township, Ms. Zurn, 132 S. Maple Avenue, wishes everyone can get along, doesn't feel council appreciates the firemen, they are not seen at the fires, salary concerns, out-of-town hires, and trust issues. Andrew Simonsick Sr., stated, "this is a relentless assault against me, that started when that woman got here." The members of the public that spoke asked to postpone the ordinance to further discuss the above mentioned issues.

Motion to Close: Wiest Second: Nunes Comments: none All in Favor: yes

Comments: Deputy Mayor Schmidt read a statement prior to the public hearing, representing council as to the history of the issues and the reason for the ordinance. Roll Call:

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

Ordinance No. 2023-10 An Ordinance of the Township of Maple Shade in the County of Burlington, New Jersey Amending Chapters 160 and 200 of the Maple Shade Township Code to Establish Sewer and Water Service Rates and Connection Fees for the Third Quarter of 2023 Through 2027

Open Public Hearing - none

Motion to Close: Wiest Second: Volpe Comments: none All in Favor: yes

Comments: none Roll Call:

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

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Ordinance No. 2023-11 An Ordinance of the Township of Maple Shade in the County of Burlington, New Jersey Amending Chapter 51 of the Maple Shade Township Code Regarding Requirements for Vacant and Abandoned Properties

Open Public Hearing - none

Motion to Close: Wiest Second: Volpe Comments: none All in Favor: yes

Comments: none

Roll Call:

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

PUBLIC PORTION (for Consent Agenda Items) - none

Motion to Close: Nunes Second: Volpe All in Favor: yes

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution No. 2023-R-107 Authorize Renewal of 2023-2024 Liquor Licenses

Resolution No. 2023-R-108 Authorize Submission of 2024 NJDOT Municipal Aid Grant

Resolution No. 2023-R-109 Authorize Release Performance Bond, Authorize Two Year Maintenance Bond, and Release Retainage for 2021 NJDOT Trust Fund Resurfacing of South Lippincott Avenue

Resolution No. 2023-R-110 Resolution Authorizing the Submission of an Application to Lead Grant Assistance Program

Resolution No. 2023-R-111 Authorize Employment Agreement with Joseph Palumbo

Motion to Approve Consent Agenda:

Comments:

Roll Call:

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

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APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURE LIST - \$4,084,975,06

Motion to Approve: _____ Comments: none Roll Call:

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

APPROVAL OF MAY 2023 MINUTES

Motion to Approve: _____ Comments: none Roll Call:

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

PUBLIC PORTION - none

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

STAFF AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS The Main Street bridge should be open by the end of next week, 6/9 is the Olympic Torch Run, 6/10 is the Dog parade at Collins Park, 6/15 is the concert in the park and Steinhauer graduation and 6/16 is the MSHS graduation. Also, the Newsletter is coming out. Please be watchful of the young and elderly due to the air quality from the fires.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Operations
 - a. repeat – look for the newsletter on our website, a wealth of information
 - b. DPW is working with Booth Mechanical on Arlington Avenue stormwater issue
 - c. Thank you to the Advisory Board members and their years of service, the new Business Development Commission will start up in September, please visit our website to apply to be a member
 - d. still looking for groups and organizations to join the July 4th parade
 - e. the township will be using a co-op vendor for the EV chargers.
 - f. we will receive a \$14,600 grant from the State to contribute to the lead base program
 - g. we are working on Main Street to improve the parking, which will not include metered parking
 - h. the 26th will start the township’s summer hour schedule, which includes shorter lunches and early dismissal on Fridays.
2. Police Report
 - a. the township had two carjackings – one suspect w/ weapons

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- b. Friday MS police officers were honored for saving a woman from jumping off a balcony
- c. Meeting with prosecutor's office focusing on shootings, gangs and guns
- d. retirements – Dennis Nolan and Dave Thomas
- 3. Site Plan – six applications: one was tabled, one was incomplete, two go to zoning board, one goes to planning board and last one was a concept
- 4. Discussed fireworks/parade, construction office starting inspections four days a week, and Main Street sidewalks and windows will be power washed
- 5. The township is receiving multiple inquiries about the ordinance and if it will be amended to allow for any type of cannabis business. Please revisit the ordinance for future discussions.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION TO ADJOURN UNTIL TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR
June 22, 2023, AT 6:30 PM

Motion: Volpe

Second: Wiest

All in Favor: yes

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