

MAPLE SHADE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
 REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
 AUGUST 24, 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 to address comments to the Council during public participation portions only. Those wishing to speak should stand up to the podium, state their name and their address prior to making any comment. Each member of the Public will be given one (1) opportunity and up to five (5) minutes during each Public Portion to address comments to Council. A draft agenda and all resolutions have 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-134 Resolution to Meet in Executive Session for the following:

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

Motion to Close (6:31pm): Schmidt 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 (6:51 pm): Volpe Second: Schmidt All in Favor: yes

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OPEN BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

Reports – Report was given for July and all issues resolved

Public Participation - none

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

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

ORDINANCES – INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

Ordinance No. 2023-14 Bond Ordinance Providing for Various 2023 General Capital Improvements, by and in the Township of Maple Shade, in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey; Appropriating \$2,270,000 Therefore (Including Two Grants in the Aggregate Amount of \$225,000) and Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,947,000 Bonds or Notes to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof

Motion for Introduction:

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			

Publication Date: August 30, 2023

Public Hearing: September 14, 2023

Ordinance No. 2023-15 Bond Ordinance Providing for Various 2023 Utility Improvements, by and in the Township of Maple Shade, in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey; Appropriating \$2,050,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,952,000 Bonds or Notes to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof

Motion for Introduction:

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			

Publication Date: August 30, 2023

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Ordinance No. 2023-16 Bond Ordinance Providing for Various Water System Improvements, by and in the Township of Maple Shade, in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey; Appropriating \$4,500,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$4,500,000 Bonds or Notes to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof

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Motion for Introduction:

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			

Publication Date: August 30, 2023

Public Hearing: September 14, 2023

Ordinance No. 2023-17 An Ordinance of the Township of Maple Shade, in the County of Burlington, New Jersey Adopting a Privately Owned Salt-Storage Program

Motion for Introduction:

Comments: none

Roll Call:

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

Publication Date: August 30, 2023

Public Hearing: September 14, 2023

Ordinance No. 2023-18 Ordinance of the Township of Maple Shade, in the County of Burlington, New Jersey Amending the Maple Shade Township Code Regulating Commercial Filming in the Township

Motion for Introduction:

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			

Publication Date: August 30, 2023

Public Hearing: September 14, 2023

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING PUBLIC HEARING

Ordinance No. 2023-12 An Ordinance of the Township of Maple Shade, in the County of Burlington, New Jersey, Repealing Ordinance 2023-09 and Amending Chapters 4 and 16 of the Township Code Regarding the Township Fire Department

Summary: Ordinance 2023-09 is being repealed to correct longstanding errors identified in Chapter 4 and to revise the municipal code regarding operations of the Township Fire Department in accordance with current law and industry best practices. Chapter 16 will be

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replaced in its entirety to now clearly delineate the staff of the MSFD and their required qualifications. Additionally, it establishes the Department Head of the Municipal Department and addresses funding.

Open Public Hearing: none

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

Motion to Adopt: 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			

Ordinance No. 2023-13 An Ordinance of the Township of Maple Shade, in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, Amending and Supplementing Chapter 152 of the Township Code Regarding Requirements for Inspection of Lead-Based Paint in Certain Residential Dwellings

Open Public Hearing: none

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

Motion to Adopt: Comments: none Roll Call:

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

PUBLIC PORTION (for Consent Agenda Items) - Members of the public wishing to speak will be permitted to address comments or questions to Council regarding resolutions listed under the Consent Agenda only. Those wishing to speak should step up to the microphone and state their name and their address prior to making any comment. Each member of the public will be given one (1) opportunity and up to five (5) minutes during this Public Portion. - none

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution No. 2023-R-135 Approval of Liquor License Renewal for License No. 0319-33-012-007

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Resolution No. 2023-R-136 Release Performance Guarantee to Standard Pipe Services, LLC for I&I Reduction in Euclid Pump Station, and Accept Two-Year Maintenance Bond in the Amount of \$411,630.30

Resolution No. 2023-R-137 Authorize the Purchase of a 2024 Chevrolet Malibu LS 1FL Sedan Police Vehicle Under New Jersey State Contract

Resolution No. 2023-R-138 Authorize Engineering Services for Collins Lane Park Lighting Improvements

Resolution No. 2023-R-139 Resolution Rejecting Bids for Wastewater Treatment Plant-Chlorine Contact Tank Repairs and Authorize Rebid

Resolution No. 2023-R-140 Appoint Emily Wallace as Full Member of Maple Shade Planning Board with a Term to Expire December 31, 2023

Resolution No. 2023-R-141 Resolution Authorizing Establishment of Lien for Property Maintenance for Block 35 Lot 1.01

Resolution No. 2023-R-142 Resolution Authorizing Establishment of Lien for Property Maintenance for Block 12, Lot 25

Resolution No. 2023-R-143 Appointing Members to the Business and Economic Development Commission

Resolution No. 2023-R-144 Resolution to Amend Capital Budget

Resolution No. 2023-R-145 Authorize the Installation of a Bench at the Bus Stop in Front of Block 24, Lots 8 and 8.01 (Historic School House)

Resolution No. 2023-R-146 Authorize Execution of Deed for Transfer of Block 120, Lot 7 Previously Sold at Public Auction

Motion to Approve Consent Agenda:

Second:

Comments: none

Roll Call:

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

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APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURE LIST - \$5,809,610.55

CURRENT FUND	\$3,329,348.81
UTILITY FUND	\$1,648,451.61
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND	\$ 31,742.25
UTILITY CAPITAL FUND	\$ 23,563.15
TRUST FUND	\$ 767,013.00
GRANT FUND	\$ 9,954.34

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			

APPROVAL OF JULY 2023 MINUTES

Motion to Approve: 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			

PUBLIC PORTION - Members of the public wishing to speak will be permitted to address their comments to the Council on any municipal topic. Those wishing to speak should step up to the microphone and state their name and their address prior to making any comment. Each member of the Public will be given one (1) opportunity and up to five (5) minutes during this Public Portion. Jen Nixon reported on the opening of Amp to Dance and thanked the Council and the Manager for the opportunity to serve as the Business and Economic Development Director. Also, the Business Association announced a pizza fest on September 17th. Craig McGlocklin, Burlington, expressed his grievances toward the EMT.

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

STAFF AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS – Council welcomed Mrs. Nixon to the team and thanked everyone involved with National Night Out, the event was the best so far. Please be alert while on the roads, the buses and children are back at school. Happy Labor Day.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Operations
 - a. the result of the auction was \$43,467.55

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- b. the township received a grant of \$125,000 from the Holy Trinity Church for the Food Bank
- c. there will be an exit conference for the audit, the results were very positive
- d. two new officers joined the team: Sheppard and Lee
- e. DPW is not doing concrete repairs and installed a bike rack in front of the building.
- f. the concept plans are in for the renovations to the building to create more offices.
- 2. Engineer Reports – CME, R&V – Joe, CME, discussed their engineer projects including storm water upgrades, hazard tree survey, two grants, and vehicle charging stations in municipal lots. Dennis, R&V, discussed W & C starting their third year and recently handling three emergency issues, working on sewer easements at the apartments, lead service lines, which have to be replaced as per state directive, screw pump improvements, and water replacements on Forkland and Poplar Avenue.
- 3. Site Plan – two applicants; single family to two family approved use and business on Route 38 requesting a smoking lounge

NEW BUSINESS

1. Maple Shade Youth Soccer – Recreation Maintenance / Sprinklers – two members of soccer were present to discuss a request for the township to pay for sprinkler repairs. The township manager explained how the township would have to combine all the sprinkler work of all organizations, then go to bid for a vendor, as per law. Soccer was asked to submit an itemized list of bills, what they pay and what they ask the township to pay.

2. Land Use Boards – Council discussed the possible merger of the Zoning and Planning Boards. It has become increasingly difficult to get volunteers for the boards. By creating a joint land use board, the township would have enough volunteers to fill the positions including alternates. The council agreed to put forth a non-binding referendum during the general election to ask the community if a joint land use board is a desirable solution.

Ordinance 2023-19 An Ordinance of the Township of Maple Shade, County of Burlington, Amending Chapter 4 “Administration of Government” and Chapter 22 “Land Use Procedures” of the Township Code of the Township of Maple Shade so as to Merge the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment to Establish a Joint Land Use Board

Motion for Introduction:

Comments: none

Roll Call:

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

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Resolution No. 2023-R-147 Resolution Requesting a Non-Binding Referendum Question by Placed on the General Election Ballot for 2023 Relative to Establishing a Joint Land Use Board

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Motion to Approve:

Comments: none

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Ms. Nunes			x			
Schmidt	x		x			
Mrs. Volpe		x	x			
Wiest				x		
Kauffman			x			

MOTION TO ADJOURN UNTIL TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR
 SEPTEMBER 14, 2023, AT 6:30 PM

Motion: Wiest

Second: Schmidt

All in Favor: yes

Notice is being forwarded in accordance with The Open Public Meetings Act – 8/22/23.