

MAPLE SHADE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 14, 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-148 Resolution to Meet in Executive Session for the following:

1. Matters Relating to Litigation, Negotiation, and the Attorney-Client Privilege/Personnel:
Independent Fire Company v. Maple Shade Township

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

Formal action may be taken upon conclusion of Closed Session.

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Motion to Open (7:06 pm): Wiest Second: Schmidt All in Favor: yes

OPEN BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

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

Motion to Adopt: 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			

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

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		x			
Wiest			x			
Kauffman			x			

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

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	x			
Wiest			x			
Kauffman			x			

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

Open Public Hearing: none

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

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Motion to Adopt:

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			

Ordinance No. 2023-18 Ordinance of the Township of Maple Shade, in the County of Burlington, New Jersey to Amend and Supplement Maple Shade Township Code Chapter 114 “Licenses and Permits” to add Article VI. “Filmmaking”

Open Public Hearing: none

Motion to Close: Wiest

Second: Volpe

Comments: none

All in Favor: yes

Motion to Adopt:

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			

Ordinance No. 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

This question asks the voter to decide whether the Township of Maple Shade should amend the Code to permit the Planning Board to exercise all of the powers and duties of a Zoning Board of Adjustment, in addition to the duties of the Planning Board. This creates a joint land use board and provides for a single board, professionals and staff for all planning and zoning applications within the Township. A “yes” vote will result in the adoption of the ordinance amending the Township Code to establish the joint land use board in accordance with the statutes of the State of New Jersey.

Open Public Hearing: none

Motion to Close: Volpe

Second: Schmidt

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		x			
Wiest				x		
Kauffman			x			

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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.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution No. 2023-R-149 Resolution Authorizing Establishment of Lien for Property Maintenance for Block 1 Lot 10

Resolution No. 2023-R-150 Approve Temporary Street Closure for Fire Prevention Open House, Friday, October 6, 2023, 5 to 10 PM

Resolution No. 2023-R-151 Approve Governing Body Certification of the 2022 Annual Audit

Resolution No. 2023-R-152 Resolution Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue and Appropriation – N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87-NJSYNOD ELCA – Holy Trinity Legacy Gift to the Food Bank of Maple Shade

Resolution No. 2023-R-153 Authorize Shared Services Agreement between Maple Shade Township and Maple Shade Board of Education for Class III Officer Services

Resolution No. 2023-R-154 Award Contract to Booth Mechanical, Inc. for Fire Hydrant Replacement Program as Lowest Responsible Bidder for the Total Amount of \$143,500.00

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			
Wiest		x	x			
Kauffman			x			

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURE LIST - \$852,240.57

CURRENT FUND	\$243,139.20
UTILITY FUND	\$323,263.56
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND	\$3,127.60
UTILITY CAPITAL FUND	\$42,557.30
TRUST FUND	\$235,327.90
GRANT FUND	\$4,767.41

Motion to Approve: Comments: none Roll Call:

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

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 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 - (none)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.

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

STAFF AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS – Condolences to the Anyzek and Hilbert families, and also Mrs. Bergman’s family. Events include CPR training at the VFW – 10/20 and 11/5, Pizza fest – 9/17, and the Clam Bake at VFW was a success. Township Officials met with Fox Meadow representatives to visit the new conference center and meet about the need for continued improvements to the complex.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Operations
 - a. BEDC director is working on intern opportunities with the municipality and businesses
 - b. Monday evening was the meet and greet meeting for the BEDC
 - c. 11/20 Business Appreciation Night to connect the community with the businesses
 - d. DPW is repairing a concession stand and flooding issues
 - e. Main Street trees will be trimmed
 - f. N. Coles and Collins – met with Alaimo in the spring but nothing since
 - g. Merion Lane was paved, but was sub-par, the payment will be held until resolved
 - h. There were comments/accusations made about EMS, state inspectors were to the site, all documents were supplied, and the inspection passed with no issues
 - i. The township is looking for a part-time clerk for the Tax Office
2. Police Report
 - a. PD is working toward the accreditation; they must appear before the board in October
 - b. Thank you to all clubs, organizations, and volunteers for a successful National Night Out
 - c. Suspect Johnson pled guilty to a murder and received 25 years and officers stopped a subject at knife point.

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- d. The annual food drive is underway until mid-November
3. Site Plan – three applicants were before the board, a parking lot, one lot three subdivision and Smoking Dog

NEW BUSINESS

1. The Sportsman Club shooting range is causing neighbor complaints about the noise, Manager is authorized to contact and negotiate a compromise

Motion to go Back into Close: Volpe Second: Schmidt All in Favor: yes

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

**MOTION TO ADJOURN UNTIL TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR
SEPTEMBER 28, 2023, AT 6:30 PM**

Motion (8:44 pm): Schmidt Second: Volpe All in Favor: yes

Notice is being forwarded in accordance with The Open Public Meetings Act – 9/12/23.