

**MAPLE SHADE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
OCTOBER 12, 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-167 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 (6:31 pm): Schmidt 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 (7:05 pm): Wiest Second: Volpe All in Favor: yes

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OPEN BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

Reports – nothing to report this month

Public Participation - none

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

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

PRESENTATION – MUNICIPAL CANNABIS NEW JERSEY – Ronald P. Mondello, Esq. of the New Jersey Institute of Local Government Attorneys gave a presentation on the laws of Cannabis in New Jersey. The Township opted out of allowing cannabis businesses in town until regulations were clearly defined. Now Council is open to discussions to amend our ordinance and deciding on the types and locations of possible businesses.

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING PUBLIC HEARING

Ordinance No. 2023-20 An Ordinance Amending Salaries and Wages of Certain Officers and Employees of the Township of Maple Shade, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, Effective January 1, 2023

Open Public Hearing: none

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

Motion to Adopt: Comments: 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. 2023-21 An Ordinance of the Township of Maple Shade, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey to Amend Maple Shade Township Code Chapter 114, Article III “Motels and Temporary Housing Accommodations”

Open Public Hearing: none

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

Motion to Adopt: Comments: 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 (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

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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. (No Participation)

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution No. 2023-R-168 Resolution Approving Application for Person-To-Person Liquor License Transfer (0319-32-019-005) from Patel & Patel Corporation to Sammy Multani Brothers, LLC- 101 West Main Street

Resolution No. 2023-R-169 Authorize the Purchase of Police Vehicles Under New Jersey State Contract

Resolution No. 2023-R-170 Resolution Authorizing Establishment of Lien for Property Maintenance for Block 35, Lot 1.01

Resolution No. 2023-R-171 Resolution Authorizing Establishment of Lien for Property Maintenance for Block 204, Lot 14

Motion to Approve Consent Agenda:

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			

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURE LIST

CURRENT FUND	\$ 1,891,372.27
UTILITY FUND	\$ 342,049.18
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND	\$ 12,027.38
UTILITY CAPITAL FUND	\$ 14,414.12
TRUST FUND	\$ 367,184.67
GRANT FUND	\$ 11,652

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			

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APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 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			
Wiest	x		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.

Betsy McBride, Salem, NJ, (Former Mayor, Pennsauken), representing Solar landscape, asking for letters of support for two properties in Maple Shade: 593 Route 38, benefit 150 homes and 124 Rudderow Avenue, benefit 86 homes.

Motion to Close: Schmidt

Second: Volpe

All in Favor: yes

STAFF AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS – The Lego store opened Saturday, it’s worth a visit, the touch a truck event was great for the kids, thank you to the DPW for the milling and resurfacing work and the 22nd Community Clean up is coming up. Go Phillies!

OLD BUSINESS

1. Operations

- a. Deanna Carlin started as part-time in the Tax office
- b. The township and Board of Education will hold a joint meeting on the 18th
- c. Rental inspections started this week
- d. The Halloween parade will be the 28th sponsored by Benley Trucks
- e. Leaf collection starts November 6th, schedule is on the website
- f. Township needs to install gutters on the old rescue building
- g. Wtr/Swr is up; tax is same; dog licensing is up
- h. EMS had 268 calls this month, 2301 year to date, Fire had 53 calls this month, 425 year to date

2. Police Report

- a. State PD accreditation meeting coming up, if approved will be at council meeting next month
- b. Shaders feeding Shaders Program – Yocum Kindergartens won – 22,000 items
- c. Town wide food drive/ turkeys to 11/14
- d. Corporal Weiss – Coffee with a Cop at school before class
- e. New program – licensing for police officers in 2024; stagger 1 to 3 years (\$500.00 to license)
- f. Arrive Program – Attorney General’s Office Pilot in Maple Shade. They like Legacy but need nighttime help when calls come in.

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3. Site Plan – 10/3
 - a. Interstate digital sign at the Clover Motel – coming back
 - b. Car wash at Lenola Road – drainage issues
 - c. Acura – charging stations for their use and the public, 24/7
 - d. E. Linwood Ave – large garage on an odd, shaped lot
4. Cannabis Ordinance – after discussion – council would like to engage with Attorney Mondello for assistance with creating an ordinance which would include how many licenses, locations and types of businesses.

NEW BUSINESS

1. RFPs - advertise and open bids on November 17, 2023

MOTION TO ADJOURN UNTIL TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR
OCTOBER 26, 2023, AT 6:30 PM

Motion: Schmidt

Second: Volpe

All in Favor: yes

Notice is being forwarded in accordance with The Open Public Meetings Act – 10/10/23.