

**MAPLE SHADE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
DECEMBER 14, 2023 – 6:30 P.M.**

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-206 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 (6:31PM): 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 (7:01 PM): Schmidt Second: Volpe All in Favor: yes

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OPEN BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

Reports – Manager Danson – one sanitary condition; rectified

Public Participation - none

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

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

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

Ordinance No. 2023-22 An Ordinance of the Township of Maple Shade, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey Amending the Maple Shade Township Code, Chapter 88 Entitled, “Fees and Escrows”

Open Public Hearing: none

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

Motion to Adopt: Second: 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. 2023-23 An Ordinance of the Township of Maple Shade, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey Amending Chapter 16 of the Township Code Regarding the Maple Shade Township Fire Department

Open Public Hearing: Approximately 38 members of the public spoke in reference to the Independent. Most showed support of the organization.

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

Motion to Adopt: Second: Comments: 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) no participation - 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: Volpe Second: Schmidt All in Favor: yes

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CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution No. 2023-R-207 Resolution to Declare Block 112, Lot 12 as Tax Exempt and to Cancel and Refund Taxes from November 30, 2023 Through December 31, 2023

Resolution No. 2023-R-208 Authorize Transfer of Appropriations

Resolution No. 2023-R-209 Resolution Authorizing Contracts with Certain Approved State Contract Vendors Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a

Resolution No. 2023-R-210 Resolution Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to Conduct Financial Matters Until the First Regular Council Meeting in January 2024

Resolution No. 2023-R-211 Appointing Brian C. Davis as Office of Emergency Management Coordinator for the Township of Maple Shade for the Statutory Term of Three Years

Resolution No. 2023-R-212 Resolution Appointing Daniel Kerr as the Fire Official for the Township of Maple Shade effective Monday, December 4, 2023

Motion to Approve Consent Agenda:

Second:

Comments:

Roll Call:

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

RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 2023-R-205 Authorizing Execution of Shared Services Agreement with Moorestown Township for Shared Court Facilities

Motion to Take from the Table: Schmidt

Second: Volpe Comments: none All in Favor: yes

Motion to Approve:

Second:

Comments:

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 - \$2,115,797.87

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CURRENT FUND	\$ 1,688,488.72
UTILITY FUND	\$ 377,230.32
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND	\$ 2,626.50
UTILITY CAPITAL FUND	\$ 40,106.78
TRUST FUND	\$ 5,784.30
GRANT FUND	\$ 1,561.25

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			

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 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 – no participation - 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: Wiest

Second: Volpe

All in Favor: yes

STAFF AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS – Thankyou to Sterling Martin for the snowflakes on Main Street, the Holiday fest went well and thanks to Jen Nixon and the manager for the downtown lights. Condolences to the Smith family.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Operations
 - a. The mammography van will be in town on 12/29
 - b. The township will be closed on 12/25
2. Police Report
 - a. The food drive was a great success
 - b. PBA and the PD raised \$2,000 for no shave November
 - c. The Arrive program representatives spoke at Rotary this week

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3. Site Plan – 2 applications; storage at the old Siperstein building
4. Planning/Zoning Boards -possible volunteers are being contacted for positions.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION TO ADJOURN UNTIL TOWNSHIP COUNCIL REORGANIZATION MEETING
SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 4, 2024, AT 7:00 PM

Motion (10:09PM): Schmidt Second: Volpe All in Favor: yes

Notice is being forwarded in accordance with The Open Public Meetings Act – 1/2/24.