

**MAPLE SHADE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
JANUARY 18, 2024 – 6:30 P.M.**

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:

1. Notifying the Township Clerk December 22, 2023.
2. Mailing Notice to the Courier Post, The Central Record and Burlington County Times on December 22, 2023.
3. Posting Notice on the Official Municipal Bulletin Board on December 22, 2023.

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 – 6:00 pm

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

Resolution No. 2024-R-32 Resolution to Meet in Executive Session for the following:

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

Motion to Close (6:32 pm): Wiest 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 (7:07pm): Kauffman Second: Nunes All in Favor: yes

PRESENTATION A presentation and Plaque was delivered by Mayor Schmidt and Deputy Mayor Wiest to Tony Egner for everything he contributes to our township including being a DJ for events, a member of the Business Economic Development Commission and many more than we can list. Thank you for being an pillar of our community.

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

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speakers 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 Comments: none All in Favor: yes

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution No. 2024-R-33 Authorize for Aerial Larval Mosquito Control

Resolution No. 2024-R-34 Authorize National Night Out Event

Resolution No. 2024-R-35 Authorize Purchase of 2 Power Pro Stretchers through New Jersey Bergen Co-Op

Resolution No. 2024-R-36 Award of Contract to JP Smith Contractors for the Wastewater Treatment Plant – Chlorine Contact Tank Repairs in an Amount not to exceed \$174,520.00

Motion to Approve Consent Agenda:

Comments: none

Roll Call:

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

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURE LIST - \$4,565,412.12 (from 12/12/23 to present)

CURRENT FUND	\$ 3,210,725.42
UTILITY FUND	\$ 556,246.55
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND	\$ 39,488.86
UTILITY CAPITAL FUND	\$ 45,965.00
TRUST FUND	\$ 633,939.29
GRANT FUND	\$ 78,047.00

Motion to Approve: Comments: none Roll Call:

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

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 2023 MINUTES

Motion to Approve: Comments: none Roll Call:

COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Kauffman	x		x			
Ms. Nunes			x			

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Mrs. Volpe		x	x			
Wiest			x			
Schmidt			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.

Mike Stevens, 47 Cherry Avenue, expressed concerns with potholes at Maple Avenue and Front Street. DPW will visit the area next week.

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

STAFF AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS – Council asked the public to stay safe and watch out for your neighbors during this winter weather, we’ve had it easy lately and please remove your vehicles from the streets, if possible, to make plowing easier.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Operations
 - a. NJDOT project, North Coles and Collins is complete
 - b. The screw pump project started this week, they moved to #2 pump due to a flaw in the #1 pump
 - c. The salary ordinance is withdrawn due to the teamsters contract delay
 - d. The township is looking for a part time recording secretary for Planning and Zoning Boards
 - e. Moorestown courts are being run from our Courtroom as a shared service
 - f. DPW Director is retiring at the end of the month
2. Site Plan – next meeting 2/6/24
3. Cannabis Ordinance – Council needs to start making decisions as to the type of businesses are desirable for the town, how many, and locations. There is increased interest to come to town, is council interested in meeting with Mr. Mondello? yes

NEW BUSINESS

1. Financial Disclosure Statements – The state sent a warning letter that two members are in violation of the Financial Disclosure laws. Mayor Schmidt will reach out to see assess the issues.

Motion to go Back into Close (7:38 pm): Kauffman Second: Nunes All in Favor: yes

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

MOTION TO ADJOURN UNTIL TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 8, 2024, AT 6:30 PM

Motion (9:18 pm): Volpe Second: Nunes All in Favor: yes

Notice is being forwarded in accordance with The Open Public Meetings Act – 1/16/24

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