

MAPLE SHADE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
February 22, 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 – 6:30 pm

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

Resolution No. 2024-R-46 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 No. 1 v. Township of Maple Shade

Motion to Close (6:33pm): Wiest Second: Kauffman 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 (7:12pm): Wiest Second: Nunes All in Favor: yes

PRESENTATION – Maple Shade VFW Post #2445

Jay Renwick and John Gunkel were in attendance to discuss the many events the VFW holds and are involved with and the many contributions they make to the community and organizations in the township, including the essay contests in the schools to the sports organizations. The Council expressed their sincere appreciation for all the work the members do on behalf of our residents.

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Resolution No. 2024-R-50 Amend Contract with Earle Asphalt Company for the Resurfacing of Merion Lane and Approve Final Change Order No. 1, Final Payment, and Release of Retainage

Resolution No. 2024-R-51 Accept Two-Year Maintenance Bond in the Amount of \$174,245.00 and Release Performance Guarantee for Earle Asphalt Company with Respect to the Resurfacing of Merion Lane

Resolution No. 2024-R-52 Authorize Road Closings for Municipal Events

Resolution No. 2024-R-53 Amending Resolution No. 2024-R-38 Authorizing the Use of the Municipal Lot and Temporary Street Closure for the 2024 Food Truck Festival Hosted by Main Street Maple Shade, Inc. on June 10, 2024

Resolution No. 2024-R-54 Authorize Appointment of Amber Kay as Interim Municipal Court Administrator of the Maple Shade Municipal Court

Motion to Approve Consent Agenda:

Second:		Comments:	none	Roll Call:		
COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Kauffman	x		x			
Ms. Nunes			x			
Mrs. Volpe		x	x			
Wiest			x			
Schmidt			x			

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURE LIST - \$4,484,702.87

CURRENT FUND	\$ 3,249,636.66
UTILITY FUND	\$ 661,084.34
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND	\$ 88,083.57
UTILITY CAPITAL FUND	\$ 25,125.80
TRUST FUND	\$ 450,539.77
GRANT FUND	\$ 10,232.73

Motion to Approve:		Comments:	none	Roll Call:		
COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Kauffman			x			
Ms. Nunes		x	x			
Mrs. Volpe			x			
Wiest	x		x			
Schmidt			x			

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2024 MINUTES

Motion to Approve:		Comment:	none	Roll Call:		
COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Kauffman			x			
Ms. Nunes	x		x			
Mrs. Volpe		x	x			

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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.

Heather Talarico, 553 Cutler Avenue, reported that the drain painting project is ready to go, there will be six drains; four at MSHS, one at the Municipal Building and one extra – the project will be paid through the Clean Communities Grant. Sarah, President of MSBA, reminded everyone that the Women’s Day Expo is Thursday, March 7th from 5-7:30 pm at Fox Meadow Community Center.

Bill Ayres, 540 Laurelton Avenue- spoke of an issue with curbing and was directed to the zoning office.

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

STAFF AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS – Council expressed condolences to the Sadlowski, Mulvenna families and the victims of the N. Cedar Avenue fire. Please remember the Annual Rotary Pancake Breakfast is scheduled for March 24th. The MSBA is bring back the car show, details to come.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Operations
 - a. The Township Manager had the honor of speaking at the League of Municipalities on February 10th
 - b. The sub committee met to draft the cannabis ordinance
 - c. Food Bank -\$125,000 – updates
 - d. Met with R & V to discuss road projects to include: NJDOT (Front St), Alexander & Rudderow, N. Coles & Roland, Broadway patchwork. Also, Stormwater requirements, shared services with Burlington County for approx. two hundred inlets, and Main Street parking.
 - e. Maple Shade is invited to “30 Mayors/30 Developers event on June 5th.
 - f. Looking into County Avenue
2. Site Plan – next meeting, March 5th
3. Cannabis Ordinance - covered

NEW BUSINESS

1. Land Use Board Members – two more applications came in – Township approved Matthew Reeves for Planning Board Alternate and Beth Reeves as Zoning Board Alternate. Resolutions will be on the March 14th agenda.

MOTION TO ADJOURN UNTIL TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 14, 2024, AT 6:30 PM

Motion (7:48pm): Volpe Second: Kauffman All in Favor: yes

Notice is being forwarded in accordance with The Open Public Meetings Act – 2/20/24