

**MAPLE SHADE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES  
MARCH 14, 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**

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

**Resolution No. 2024-R-55** 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 6:32 pm: Nunes                      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 7:00 pm: Nunes                      Second: Volpe                      All in Favor: yes

**OPEN BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING**

Reports – three calls this month- animal bites; all resolved  
Public Participation - none

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

**PRESENTATION** – ARBOR DAY; Mayor Schmidt read a proclamation celebrating Arbor Day as April 26, 2024 which is now observed throughout the nation and the world. Council urges all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

**ORDINANCE(S) – INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING**

**Ordinance No. 2024-04** An Ordinance of the Township of Maple Shade, in the County of Burlington, New Jersey Amending Chapter 95 of the Township Code Entitled, “Fire Prevention”

Motion for Introduction:                      Comments: none                      Roll Call:

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

Publication Date: March 20, 2024

Public Hearing: March 28, 2024

**Ordinance No. 2024-05** An Ordinance of the Township of Maple Shade, in the County of Burlington, New Jersey Amending Chapter 88, Section 6 of the Township Code Entitled, “Fees and Escrows”

Motion for Introduction:                      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			

Publication Date: March 20, 2024

Public Hearing: March 28, 2024

**Ordinance No. 2024-06** An Ordinance of the Township of Maple Shade, in the County of Burlington, New Jersey Amending the Township Code to Add Chapter 126 “Murals and Public Art”

Motion for Introduction:                      Comments: none                      Roll Call:

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



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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Resolution No. 2024-R-56** Appoint Beth Reeves as Zoning Board Member, Alternate #3 with a term to Expire December 31, 2024

**Resolution No. 2024-R-57** Appoint Matthew Reeves as Planning Board Member, Alternate #2 with a term to Expire December 31, 2025

**Resolution No. 2024-R-58** Resolution to Declare Block 30, Lot 1.03 as Tax Exempt and to Cancel and Refund Taxes from February 27, 2024 Through December 31, 2024

**Resolution No. 2024-R-59** Resolution Authorizing Establishment of Lien for Property Maintenance for Block 1, Lot 6

**Resolution No. 2024-R-60** Authorize Execution of Collective Bargaining Agreement with Teamsters Local Union 676

**Resolution No. 2024-R-61** Authorize Transfers Between Budget Appropriation Reserves

**Resolution No. 2024-R-62** Authorize Shared Services Agreement for Fire Protection Services

**Resolution No. 2024-R-63** Resolution Authorizing Membership in a Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement with the Cherry Hill Fire District #13

**Resolution No. 2024-R-64** Resolution Authorizing Membership in a Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement with the Mount Laurel Fire District #1

**Resolution No. 2024-R-65** Resolution Authorizing Membership in a Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement with Cinnaminson Fire District #1

Motion to Approve Consent Agenda:

Second:

Comments:

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 - \$3,490,363.61**

<b>CURRENT FUND</b>	<b>\$ 2,941,630.50</b>
<b>UTILITY FUND</b>	<b>\$ 419,331.96</b>

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<b>GENERAL CAPITAL FUND</b>	<b>\$ 57,473.00</b>
<b>UTILITY CAPITAL FUND</b>	<b>\$ 39,999.35</b>
<b>TRUST FUND</b>	<b>\$ 15,613.31</b>
<b>GRANT FUND</b>	<b>\$ 16,090.49</b>

Motion to Approve:		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 FEBRUARY 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			
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. Nick DiNiglio, 605 N. Coles Avenue, wants more transparency, claims he didn't know about ordinance 2024-01. That ordinance was introduced at the last meeting then placed on the township website and bulletin board, and also published in the Courier Post. He also feels there needs to be a third public portion on the agenda in case the public has questions they didn't think of earlier.

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

**STAFF AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS** – Events the council announced included the Rotary Pancake Breakfast, MSBA Women's Day event and the Car Show returning. Happy St. Patrick's Day.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Operations
  - a. Town wide yard sale is April 27<sup>th</sup> then the town clean up
  - b. Maple Shade received a \$850,000 grant from Norcross's office to off set the Kings Highway Water Plant project
  - c. Township engineer has a few road projects in the works, ace's field and the food bank renovations.
  - d. The 2024 budget is ready for introduction on March 28<sup>th</sup>

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2. Police Report
  - a. The “by force” report had to be filed for 2023, out of 25,000 calls – 15 fit in the category.
  - b. Active shooter training is back in the schools
  - c. Some of our officers were honored for their work at the December 23<sup>rd</sup> robbery at Wells Fargo
3. Site Plan
  - a. Siperstein building will be a multi floor self-storage facility
  - b. Shade Environmental would like to add an office to their year-old addition
4. Football is requesting an additional night to operate the beer garden making it three nights this year – yes, need resolution

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Sustainable Maple Shade Community Garden – Water Connection  
What happened to the rain barrels? Need to discuss a procedure and safety issues
2. New Business Processes
3. 386 Park Avenue – Request from Cinnaminson Homeowner to tie into Maple Shade Sewer- Engineer and Water Department reported that it would set a precedence, the DCA set a cap, council is inclined to deny – it would need a feasibility study if homeowner wanted to pay but no further action on the townships part
4. Zoning Board Members – resolution will be on the next agenda to final out the last vacant position on Zoning Board.

MOTION TO ADJOURN UNTIL TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR  
MARCH 28, 2024, AT 6:30 PM

Motion 8:10 pm: Volpe

Second: Kauffman

All in Favor: yes

*Notice is being forwarded in accordance with The Open Public Meetings Act – 3/12/24*