

**MAPLE SHADE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES  
MARCH 28, 2024 – 5:30 P.M.**

**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			x			
Schmidt			x			

**SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING**

Motion to Adjourn 6:01 pm: Wiest      Second: Nunes      Comments: none      All in Favor: yes

**Resolution No. 2024-R-66** 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 6:30 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 7:05 pm: Wiest                      Second: Nunes                      All in Favor: yes

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

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**Ordinance No. 2024-08** An Ordinance of the Township of Maple Shade, in the County of Burlington, New Jersey Repealing Ordinance 2023-23 Regarding the Township Fire Department

Motion for Introduction:                          Second:                          Comments:                          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: April 10, 2024

Public Hearing: April 25, 2024

**ORDINANCE(S) – SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING**

**Ordinance No. 2024-02** An Ordinance of the Township of Maple Shade, in the County of Burlington, New Jersey Amending Chapter 194 of the Township Code Entitled “Vehicles and Traffic” at Subchapter 194-23 to Identify a New Turn Prohibition

Open Public Hearing - none

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

Motion to Adopt:                          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			

**Ordinance No. 2024-03** An Ordinance of the Township of Maple Shade, County of Burlington, New Jersey to Amend the Maple Shade Township Code at Chapter 36 “Police” to Create New Article III “Extra Duty Police Services”

Open Public Hearing - none

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

Motion to Adopt:                          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			

**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”

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Open Public Hearing - none

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

Motion to Adopt:      Comments: none      Roll Call:

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

**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”

Open Public Hearing - none

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

Motion to Adopt:      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			

**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”

Open Public Hearing - none

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

Motion to Adopt:      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			

**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 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. - none

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**



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Kevin Jacoby, 274 W. Linwood Avenue, asked what the plans are with the old rescue building? Will it be a fire department? Possibly, it is an option, but negotiations are still in progress. Is the township adding parking? Yes, the engineer has been out to the site and will create plans.

Diane Raroha, 248 W. Linwood Avenue, will the residents in the area be notified. Absolutely.

Motion to Close: Nunes

Second: Wiest

All in Favor: yes

**STAFF AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS** – Council wished everyone a very Happy Easter holiday and please shop and dine locally. A number of events went well, the Rotary and VFW breakfasts and the Egg Hunt, unfortunately, due to the weather the egg hunt was inside which can never happen again, but the kids enjoyed themselves. Also, a warning – it is illegal to pump water into the sewer systems, please refrain from that practice, it's a real burden on our system during these bad storms.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Operations
  - a. The budget meeting tonight included only a 1.3% increase which will cover the increases in our services and replace employees in the Police Department and DPW.
  - b. Due to the record rainstorms, we are experiencing overflow at the plant and a main force break on Route 73
  - c. Thank you to Holman for sponsoring the thousands of eggs for the egg hunt, they put smiles on many faces.
2. Engineer's Report
  - a. Sub-pumps are the primary cause of us being at 95% capacity flow assurance.
  - b. R&V are looking for alternate routes for the Route 73 pipe to get back to Main Street, will need some easements. There is a design to retro fit.
  - c. Bids are going out next month for County Avenue Project
  - d. We received a \$190,000 grant for N. Coles and Roland Avenues
  - e. The community block grant will be used to renovate the food bank
3. Site Plan – three applications will be before the board on Tuesday.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Sustainable Maple Shade Community Garden - It has come to the township's attention that the property may be contaminated and must have phase one environmental testing to deem the property safe for growing. Sustainable may help pay the fee for the test with some of the grant. The cost is \$7,000.
2. The township will be receiving a congressional award on Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> and 3:00 pm, it will go toward the Kings Highway Water Plant project. Please stop in for the ceremony.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN UNTIL TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR  
APRIL 11, 2024, AT 6:30 PM**

Motion 7:50 pm: Kauffman

Second: Volpe

All in Favor: yes

*Notice is being forwarded in accordance with The Open Public Meetings Act – 3/26/24*