

MAPLE SHADE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES  
APRIL 11, 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			x			
Schmidt			x			

**Resolution No. 2024-R-73** 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 6:31pm: 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 7:05pm: Nunes

Second: Volpe

All in Favor: yes

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**ORDINANCE – INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING**

**Ordinance No. 2024-09** A 2024 Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

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 17, 2024

Public Hearing: May 9, 2024

**ORDINANCE – SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING**

**Ordinance No. 2024-07** An Ordinance Repealing Ordinance No. 2021-06, and to Conditionally Permit Certain Classes of Cannabis Businesses to Locate within Specified Geographical Boundaries of the Township of Maple Shade in Burlington County, New Jersey, Adding Licensing Requirements to Chapter 114, Article VII, Entitled “Cannabis Resolution of Support and Licensing”, and Adding Cannabis Taxing Regulations to Chapter 181 Taxation, Article VII Entitled “Cannabis Taxing Regulations Transfer and User Tax”, and Adding Cannabis Zoning Requirements to Chapter 205, Zoning, Article XXIII, Entitled “Cannabis Businesses”

Open Public Hearing:

Motion to Close: Kauffman    Second: Nunes    Comments: none    All in Favor: yes  
 Motion to Table to April 25, 2024:    Comments: Joanne Mortimer, 39 Lanci Road,  
 asked where the establishments will be allowed. Mostly along the highways.    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. 2024-08** An Ordinance of the Township of Maple Shade, in the County of Burlington, New Jersey Repealing Ordinance 2023-23 Regarding the Township Fire Department

Open Public Hearing:

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			

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Ms. Nunes			x			
Mrs. Volpe	x		x			
Wiest			x			
Schmidt			x			

**Resolution No. 2024-R-74** Governing Body Certification of Compliance with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission’s “Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964”

Motion to Approve:                      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			

**Resolution No. 2024-R-75** INTRODUCTION OF THE 2024 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Maple Shade desire to introduce the 2024 Municipal Budget, to wit: Total Budget \$ 21,183,472.00; Amount of Non-Property Tax Revenue \$ 8,668,195.58; Amount to be Raised by Property Taxes \$ 12,515,276.42, and

WHEREAS, a synopsis of the aforementioned Municipal Budget will be published in the April 18th Edition of the Courier Post and a Public Hearing will be held on Thursday, May 9, 2024 at the Municipal Complex at a meeting, which will begin at 6:30 p.m.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Maple Shade in the County of Burlington and State of New Jersey that the Township Council hereby authorizes introduction of the 2024 Municipal Budget, as described.

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: April 18, 2024

Public Hearing: May 9, 2024

**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

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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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Resolution No. 2024-R-76** Authorizing the Appointment of William E. Romero, Jr. as Police Officer

**Resolution No. 2024-R-77** Resolution Amending Resolution No. 2022-R-169 Awarding a Professional Services Agreement with Donald M. Doherty, Esq.

**Resolution No. 2024-R-78** Appointment of Fire Chief and Deputy Fire Chief of the Maple Shade Fire Department

**Resolution No. 2024-R-79** Authorizing the Use of the Gazebo Park for the 2024 Sustainable Maple Shade Green Fair

**Resolution No. 2024-R-80** Resolution to Declare Block 196.01, Lot 185, CU108 as Tax Exempt and to Cancel Taxes from March 22, 2024 Through December 31, 2024

Motion to Approve Consent Agenda:

Second:                                       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 - \$4,792,294.46**

<b>CURRENT FUND</b>	<b>\$ 4,277,000.74</b>
<b>UTILITY FUND</b>	<b>\$ 319,265.84</b>
<b>GENERAL CAPITAL FUND</b>	<b>\$ 15,972.27</b>
<b>UTILITY CAPITAL FUND</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<b>TRUST FUND</b>	<b>\$ 28,576.96</b>
<b>GRANT FUND</b>	<b>\$ 778.65</b>

Motion to Approve:                       Comments: none                       Roll Call:

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

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Wiest	x		x			
Schmidt			x			

**PUBLIC PORTION**

Heather Talarico, Sustainable Committee, discussed the tree ordinance request from the group, it will be reviewed and introduced at the next meeting. Mr. Mastrangelo asked why the chicken request is back. The manager explained the increased interest from residents and wanted to ask the council’s thoughts on revisiting the ordinance. Mr. Mastrangelo explained that an individual appeal to the zoning board was the best solution the last time. Robert Turner, Fellowship Road questioned the status of a water issue.

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

**STAFF AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS** – Council thanked Congressman Norcross for the \$850,000 grant for the Water Plant project and reminded everyone to support the annual football carnival.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Operations
  - a. East Front and Alexander – Mill & Overlay project: this is a NJDOT FY 2023 municipal aid project in the design stage, will be submitted in the coming weeks
  - b. Aces field improvements – Engineer is proceeding with conceptual design for drainage improvements
  - c. There is a new wellness program listed on the Recreation page of our website
  - d. Reminder that enforcement will take place for illegal sump pumps
  - e. The township has registered 277 rental units to date and has inspected 133
  - f. April 27 is the townwide yard sale
  - g. Townwide cleanup is from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 4<sup>th</sup>.
2. Police Report includes an award to Officer Marshall and Sitka from Wells Fargo Bank, the mental health outreach program is underway, and the National Night Out event is scheduled for August 6<sup>th</sup>.
3. Site Plan – it was reported that there were four applications, South Chestnut Avenue; multifamily units; a fly through at the Fox Meadow Wawa; single face outdoor billboard, and a “Meat and Greens” grocery off Fellowship Road at Route 73.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Chicken Ordinance - after some discussion, the council wants to see what surrounding municipalities are doing and form a committee to review.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN UNTIL TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR  
May 9, 2024, AT 6:30 PM**

Motion: Wiest                      Second: Volpe                      All in Favor: yes

*Notice is being forwarded in accordance with The Open Public Meetings Act – 4/9/24.*