

**MAPLE SHADE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
JULY 18, 2024 – 6:30 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 – 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-121 Resolution to Meet in Executive Session for the following:

- a) Matters Relating to Litigation, Negotiation, and the Attorney-Client Privilege/Personnel -Independent Fire Company No. 1 v. Township of Maple Shade

Motion to Close 6:32 pm: Volpe Second: Nunes 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 6:58 pm: Wiest Second: Kauffman All in Favor: yes

OPEN BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

Reports – Manager Danson: 3 issues – 2 standing water and 1 sanitary / all resolved
Public Participation - none

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

ORDINANCE(S) – SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

Ordinance No. 2024-12 An Ordinance of the Township of Maple Shade, in the County of Burlington, NJ, Amending the Municipal Code to Revise Chapter 174 Governing “Stormwater Control”

Open Public Hearing: no participation

Motion to Close: Volpe 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	x			
Wiest			x			
Schmidt			x			

Ordinance No. 2024-13 An Ordinance Authorizing the Purchase of Real Property known as 65-67-67A Old Kings Highway and Designated as Block 173.02, Lot 8.03 in the Township of Maple Shade, County of Burlington and State of New Jersey

Open Public Hearing: no participation

Motion to Close: Kauffman Second: Volpe Comments: none All in Favor: yes
 Motion to Table to 8-15-24: 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.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution No. 2024-R-122 Amend Non-Fair and Open Contract for Professional Services

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Resolution No. 2024-R-123 Authorize Renewal of 2024-2025 Liquor Licenses

Resolution No. 2024-R-124 Resolution Releasing Performance Guarantee for Holman Automotive Group, Inc. – Block 189, Lot 1

Resolution No. 2024-R-125 Resolution to Declare Block 1.02, Lot 11 as Tax Exempt and to Cancel Taxes from July 8, 2024 through December 31, 2024

Resolution No. 2024-R-126 Award of Contract to Think Pavers Hardscaping, LLC for Improvements to Various Roadways as Part of the 2024 Roadway Pavement Restoration Project in the Amount of \$127,251.00

Resolution No. 2024-R-127 Authoring the Appointment of Nicholas Worstall to the Maple Shade Police Department and Attendance at the Gloucester County Police Academy

Resolution No. 2024-R-128 Authorize the Appointment of Charles Szymczak to the Maple Shade Police Department and Attendance at the Gloucester County Police Academy

Resolution No. 2024-R-129 Amend Contract with Booth Mechanical, Inc. for the Hydrant Replacement Program and Approve Final Change Order No. 1

Resolution No. 2024-R-130 Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Maple Shade in Support of the State Cannabis Retail Application of High Profile Maple Shade, LLC

Motion to Approve Consent Agenda: 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 - \$4,021,139.28

CURRENT FUND	\$ 3,137,452.22
UTILITY FUND	\$ 344,398.48
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND	\$ 28,020.00
UTILITY CAPITAL FUND	\$ 56,119.80
TRUST FUND	\$ 432,546.09
GRANT FUND	\$ 22,387.69

Motion to Approve:

Comments: none

Roll Call:

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

APPROVAL OF JUNE 2024 MINUTES

Motion to Approve: 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

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

STAFF AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS – Council hopes everyone is enjoying their summer and remember to add the National Night Out event on August 6th to your plans. The Bubble fest was a great time attended by about 1,000 people and Thank you to all the volunteers that bring the events to our residents. Mayor Schmidt read the following statement, “An update on the Initiative Ordinance that council rejected on June 12th. The matter was pursued by the Committee of Petitioners up to Burlington County Courts and Judge Fikry heard the matter on July 5th. The Judge declared the ordinance to be invalid and that it violated NJ Law. He terminated the Initiative process. He also denied the Petitioners’ application for a special election in August of this year. So, Provisions in prior orders not modified by this are to remain in effect. I hope everyone understands that!”

OLD BUSINESS

1. Operations
 - a. The prep work has started at the Barron building and should be done by early September.
 - b. The issues with the boom parties has spread to New Jersey municipalities, there are impounds of vehicles and fines issued.
 - c. the Maple Shade School District hosted a panel for Women in Leadership which included Manager Danson and Officer Wiess. It was very educational and inspiring.
 - d. There will be four young men in orange T-shirts working around town doing special clean up projects for a summer program.
 - e. The county will be spraying for mosquitos throughout town
 - f. 2024 Road Project includes N. Cedar Avenue and the 500 block of Alexander

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- g. August 24th is the BEDC Market of Main and Recreation will have events all summer
- 2. Engineer Report
 - a. Bids will be opened for the Main Street Force Main – Route 73
 - b. County Avenue contract awarded to Booth Mechanical
 - c. 2025 grant for North Terrace Avenue sent
- 3. Site Plan – three applicants: Stoncorp addition, new owners for Ed & Sons, and 50 S Fellowship Road reduction to duplex.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Solid Waste 2025 – Council discussed options for the new contract which included how to contain costs, frequency, use of cart collection system, regulate commercial collection. Prices increased between 33% and 150%, we must start now to find the best options and educate the public.

2. Short Term Rentals – It has come to the township’s attention that the town has Airbnb properties in residential neighborhoods without any type of regulations. There are even owners renting their pools by the day/week. If we knew about this type of business and we do not regulate safety, i.e. lead paint laws or fire safety, we could be liable. The council is in favor of adopting an ordinance for the purpose of regulating short-term rentals.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN UNTIL TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR
AUGUST 15, 2024, AT 6:30 PM**

Motion 7:55 pm: Wiest

Second: Kauffman

All in Favor: yes

Notice is being forwarded in accordance with The Open Public Meetings Act – 7/16/24.