

MAPLE SHADE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
FEBRUARY 27, 2025 – 6:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER:

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 27, 2024.
2. Mailing Notice to the Courier Post, The Central Record and Burlington County Times on December 27, 2024.
3. Posting Notice on the Official Municipal Bulletin Board on December 27, 2024.

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, unless otherwise determined by the Council, during each Public Portion to address comments to the Council. A draft agenda has been posted on the Township webpage and bulletin board in the Municipal Building.

Please place all phones on mute to alleviate the disruption of the meeting.

ROLL CALL

COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	RECUSE	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Kauffman			x				
Nunes			x				
Simonsick			x				
Zahradnick			x				
Talarico			x				

PRESENTATION – Fire Prevention Poster Contest Winners

Fire Chief Dan Kerr and Ladies Auxiliary Joan Weiss presented the winners of the Fire Prevention Poster Contest. There was a total of 250 submissions.

PUBLIC PORTION (for Consent Agenda Items) - Members of the public wishing to speak will be permitted to address comments or questions to the 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. No public participation.

Motion to Close: Kauffman

Second: Zahradnick

All in Favor: yes

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CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution No. 2025-R-51 AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE MUNICIPAL LOT, GAZEBO PARK AND TEMPORARY STREET CLOSURE FOR THE 2025 FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL HOSTED BY MAIN STREET MAPLE SHADE, INC.

Resolution No. 2025-R-52 AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY SERVICE (MES) FOR THE PURCHASE OF SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS FOR THE MAPLE SHADE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Resolution No. 2025-R-53 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT TO BOTT ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR, INC FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A STAND-BY GENERATOR

Resolution No. 2025-R-54 AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF 3 FORD UTILITY POLICE VEHICLES FROM WINNER FORD UNDER NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT #20-FLEET-01189

Resolution No. 2025-R-55 AUTHORIZE SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BURLINGTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY PROSECUTOR’S OFFICE FOR OPERATION HELPING HAND PROGRAM

Resolution No. 2025-R-56 RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF SUSTAINABLE JERSEY GRANT APPLICATION FUNDED BY PSE&G FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MAPLE SHADE FARMER’S MARKET

Resolution No. 2025-R-57 APPROVING A TEMPORARY VARIOUS STREET CLOSURE AND AUTHORIZE USE OF JOHN F. KENNEDY –“ACES” FIELD FOR 2025 MAPLE SHADE YOUTH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION CARNIVAL

Resolution No. 2025-R-58 RESOLUTION TO DECLARE BLOCK 98, LOT 2 AS TAX EXEMPT AND TO CANCEL TAXES FROM JANUARY 13, 2025 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025

Resolution No. 2025-R-59 RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT PUBLISHING LEGAL NOTICES ON OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT WEBSITES

Resolution No. 2025-R-60 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF GAZEBO PARK AND CLOSURE OF WALLACE AVENUE FOR THE 2025 MAPLE SHADE GREEN TEAM GREEN FAIR

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Resolution No. 2025-R-61 RESOLUTION APPOINTING KATHLEEN TUNNEY TO THE BUSINESS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Resolution No. 2025-R-62 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF GAZEBO PARK AND CLOSURE OF WALLACE AVENUE ON VARIOUS DATES FOR A FARMER'S MARKET

Motion to Approve Consent Agenda:

Comments: Mr. Simonsick votes no to Resolutions 2025-R- 53 and 59

Roll Call:

COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	RECUSE	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Kauffman		x	x				
Nunes	x		x				
Simonsick			x				
Zahradnick			x				
Talarico			x				

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURE LIST - \$799,538.08

CURRENT FUND	\$ 217,951.24
UTILITY FUND	\$ 15,868.17
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND	\$ 8,745.00
UTILITY CAPITAL FUND	\$ 484,668.75
TRUST FUND	\$ 71,800.21
GRANT FUND	\$ 504.71

Motion to Approve:

Comments: none

Roll Call:

COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	RECUSE	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Kauffman	x		x				
Nunes		x	x				
Simonsick			x				
Zahradnick			x				
Talarico			x				

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2025 MINUTES

Motion to Approve:

Comments: none

Roll Call:

COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	RECUSE	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Kauffman			x				
Nunes		x	x				
Simonsick			x				
Zahradnick	x		x				
Talarico			x				

PUBLIC PORTION – Joe Walters, Frederick Avenue emailed the Mayor and Clerk requesting the re-purchase of a 1998 LaFrance Fire Rescue Truck he bought in a Maple

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Shade Township auction in July of 2024. He is requesting \$31,541.23. Manager Danson, as the township's QPA requested the opportunity to research the request and contact the state DCA to confirm the legality of such a purchase.

Mr. Stevens, Cherry Avenue, claims the truck was sold out of spite.

Kate Delany – New Jersey Climate Superfund Act, requesting a resolution of support for NJ legislature to impose liability on large fossil fuel companies for certain climate change related damages they caused instead of imposing all those costs on New Jersey taxpayers.

Robert Turner, S Fellowship Road, supports buying the fire truck back.

Dawn Bryne, S. Poplar Avenue – supports climate resolution

Motion to Close:

Second:

All in Favor:

STAFF AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS – Mr. Simonsick supports the re-purchase of the fire truck. Mayor Talarico read a statement explaining her no vote for moving forward with the fire department ordinance, council is waiting for the issues to be resolved in the courts and are allowing the legal process to play out. She also presented a draft resolution setting procedures for agenda policy for council meetings to create a clear, fair and structured agenda process. Mayor Talarico thanked everyone for their continued interest and asked them to please stay engaged.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Operations
 - a. Pre-construction meeting for Ace's field was held which included discussions about drainage and lighting
 - b. Renovation project of the police jail cells will be underway and completed mid to late summer
 - c. March 5th will be the council's budget meeting at 7:00pm
 - d. Rabies Clinic is March 15th at the EMS building from 10 to noon
 - e. Does the council want to create a hen committee? The council discussed the present process for allowing hens in the zoning code. Continue discussions
 - f. The surcharge for mattresses started 2/1/25 at \$13.50 per mattress, add for discussion
 - g. DPW is doing repairs at sports complexes and spring clean up
 - h. Does Council want to approve a greenhouse at the community garden? Have the neighbors been notified? Yes, approved for a resolution
2. Site Plan – next meeting scheduled for March 4th.
3. Utility Engineer's Report included
 - a. the land purchase for the Kings Highway Water Plant, Wells 9 & 10 – federal grant for \$850k
 - b. Main Street Water Plant Well 12 repair, lime system replacement
 - c. Water System Improvements, water quality act – replace 1/150 of water mains per year, lead service line replacement, Alexander and Rose Avenues

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NEW BUSINESS

1. Greenhouse at Collins Lane Garden - approved
2. Hen Committee -list for discussion
3. Waive Local Raffle License Fees for VFW -approved

MOTION TO ADJOURN UNTIL TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR
MARCH 13, 2025, AT 6:30 PM

Motion: Kauffman

Second: Nunes

All in Favor: yes

Notice is being forwarded in accordance with The Open Public Meetings Act – 2/25/25.