

TOWNSHIP OF MAPLE SHADE

RESOLUTION 2025-R-63

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MAPLE SHADE SETTING FORTH PROCEDURES FOR AGENDA POLICY FOR TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETINGS

WHEREAS, the Township of Maple Shade (the “Township”) is committed to the principles of transparency and good governance; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and appropriate to adopt a formal policy for crafting the agendas for regular meetings of the Township Council to provide consistent procedural guidelines for staff, professionals and elected officials; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council desires to implement such practices and procedures with respect to crafting meeting agendas to ensure that the adopted practices and procedures are followed to promote consistency and clarity at such meetings; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council is authorized to establish such procedures and policies, pursuant to Section §4-3.A. of the Township Code, which provides that the Township Council is vested with the authority to determine all matters of policy, which includes meeting agendas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Maple Shade, County of Burlington, New Jersey, that the following policies and procedures shall govern the crafting and establishment of all agenda meetings:

1. AGENDAS:

- A. All Township Council Meeting “Agendas” shall be maintained and compiled by the Township Clerk, in consultation with the Mayor and Township Manager, which Agenda shall follow the policies and procedures established herein.
- B. During the normal preparation of the Agenda for any upcoming meeting, any member of Council may request additional matters be listed on the upcoming Agenda by making a request to the Mayor, and the Mayor shall notify the Township Manager as to whether such item is to be included on the Agenda.
- C. The Council may amend the agenda as the first item of business at the meeting upon the determination that a need to amend the agenda exists. A majority of council members, present, by formal vote, must agree that need exists in order to add or remove an item for discussion
- D. The “draft” Agenda shall be sent to the Township Council by the close of business at 5:00 p.m. on the Friday prior to the meeting date and the Agenda shall be “finalized” by the Mayor and Township Manager on the Tuesday prior to the meeting before the finalized Agenda is posted on the Township website.
- E. No additions to the Agenda shall be permitted after the submission deadline referenced in Section D above, unless the additions meet the requirements of Section I (5) below.
- F. The Agenda package shall be sent via email to the Township Council Members in final form by 4:00 p.m. two (2) days prior to the scheduled meeting.
- G. All Agenda items sent to council will include any and all supporting documents, in addition to resolutions, for Council Members and Township Attorney to review prior to the meeting.
- H. All Agenda items shall be relevant to the operation of the Township and believed to be within the scope of the Township Council’s authority.

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1. Any Agenda item shall include the topic, supporting documents, conclusion/request, or copy of ordinance/resolution, etc.
- I. To be included on any Agenda, the proposed Agenda item(s) must:
1. Be a “carryover” item from a previous meeting agenda in which “final action” was not taken by the Township Council;
 2. Be a new Ordinance or Resolution for which Council approval is required and which Council has not previously acted upon;
 3. Be requested by the Council at a previous meeting to be added to this meeting’s agenda;
 4. Be requested by the Manager or an Official of Maple Shade Township to the Manager or Clerk; or
 5. Be approved for inclusion by a majority of Council Members, in addition to the following:
 - Must meet all other requirements
 - Item must include supporting documents of the agenda topic for Council Members and Township Attorney’s review prior to the meeting
 - Shall be designated a specific time duration – preferably less than 30 minutes
 - Must be relevant to Township business – (ex: not a solicitation for new business)
- J. All requests to appear before the Township Council which DO NOT meet the above criteria shall be heard as a part of the OPEN TO THE PUBLIC portion of the regular meeting.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify this to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Council at the regular meeting of the Township of Maple Shade held on March 13, 2025.

Andrea T. McVeigh, Municipal Clerk

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

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SUPPORT NEW JERSEY CLIMATE SUPERFUND ACT

WHEREAS, the proposed “NJ Climate Superfund Act” (S3545/A4696), pending before the New Jersey Legislature would 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; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey has experienced deaths and billions of dollars in losses from storms linked to climate change. Hurricane Sandy costs are estimated to be over \$29 billion, along with 38 deaths, while Hurricane Ida caused about \$2 billion in costs and 30 deaths. From 1980-2024 (as of November 1, 2024), there have been 74 confirmed weather/climate disaster events with losses exceeding \$1 billion each to affect New Jersey. These costs do not include many others associated with climate change listed below; and

WHEREAS, total global GDP today is about \$100trillion and “climate change is on track to cost the global economy \$38 trillion every year in damages within the next 25 years;” and

WHEREAS, a 2023 report found that extreme climate events cost the U.S. \$150 billion each year, excluding costs related to loss of life, healthcare, and ecosystem damage. The 2024 catastrophic flooding and destruction caused by Hurricane Helene in western North Carolina alone likely caused at least a record \$53 billion in damages and recovery needs; and

WHEREAS, the effects of climate change on New Jersey municipalities include but are not limited to increases in the costs of property insurance, flooding (including clean ups, property buyouts and prevention), public health care costs (costs from injuries, heat, dealing with vector borne diseases and insurance), repair to critical infrastructure such as roads, bridges, sewer systems and wastewater management, installing/maintaining air conditioning in schools, costs of dealing with forest fires and resulting property damages, increased costs of water purification from droughts or floods, seawall and other protections against ocean flooding, raising roads to prevent sunny-day flooding, potential lawsuits from residents, loss of tax revenue from destroyed properties, salt water invasion of aquifers, algal blooms, loss of recreation/tourism revenue, dealing with insect and other infestations; and

WHEREAS, more than 50 years ago, scientists at major fossil fuel companies knew of the direct link between fossil fuels and global warming and reported their findings to corporate executives, who chose to deceive the public about climate science, downplay and distort the evidence of climate change, engage in a decades-long campaign against climate action, fund counterfeit science, and manufacture uncertainty with no scientific basis; and

WHEREAS, the top 25 oil and gas ‘carbon majors’ have continually earned enormous profits and have the ability to pay for their share in damages and remain extremely profitable. Global climate damages from emissions associated with the top 25 oil and gas ‘carbon majors’ between 1985 and 2018 are estimated at 20 trillion USD compared to the 30 trillion USD they earned

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over the same period. In 2022 seven carbon majors including Aramco, Exxon Mobil, and Shell earned profits almost twice the estimated damages caused by their emissions that year – 497 billion USD compared to 260 billion USD; and

WHEREAS, the Climate Superfund Act seeks to hold “responsible parties,” which is defined as large fossil fuel companies operating in New Jersey and were responsible more than one billion metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions since 1994, liable for the past, current and future costs of funding climate change adaptation and resilience projects instead of placing the burden on New Jersey taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the State Treasurer will be authorized under this Act to determine the cost impacts of these greenhouse gas emissions on the State, including effects on public health, natural resources, biodiversity, agriculture, economic development, flood preparedness and safety, housing and any other effect that the State Treasurer determines is relevant; and

WHEREAS, a Climate Superfund Cost Recovery Program will be established under this Act by the NJDEP to obtain compensatory payments from Responsible Parties and accept and collect payment from responsible parties and to disburse those funds for “climate change adaptation projects;” to project sponsors of climate change adaptation and resilience projects; and

WHEREAS, “climate change adaptation projects” include, but are not limited to; flood protection projects; home buyouts; upgrades of stormwater drainage systems; defensive upgrades to roads, bridges, railroads, and transit systems; preparation for, and recovery from, extreme weather events; preventive health care programs and providing medical care to treat illness or injury caused by the effects of climate change; relocation, elevation, or retrofits of sewage treatment plants and other infrastructure vulnerable to flooding; installation of energy efficient cooling systems and other weatherization and energy efficiency upgrades and retrofits in public and private buildings, including schools and public housing, designed to reduce the public health effects of more frequent heat waves and forest fire smoke; upgrades to the electrical grid to increase stability and resilience, including the creation of self-sufficient microgrids; and response to toxic algae blooms, loss of agricultural topsoil, crop loss, and other climate-drive ecosystem threats to forests, farms, fisheries, and food systems; and

WHEREAS, any municipality in need of climate change adaptation and resilience projects will be able to apply for the funds raised by the Act; and

WHEREAS, the total funds to be recovered under this Act is expected to be multiple billions of dollars each year;

WHEREAS, economists agree that the design of the Act would not cause costs to be passed along to consumers because 1) the payments would be on past pollution and, therefore, not affect today’s marginal cost of production; and 2) the price of fossil fuels is based on international market forces; and

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WHEREAS, the Act would not preclude municipalities from filing and paying for their own lawsuits in order to obtain payment for damages caused by climate change emissions; and

WHEREAS, the Act will make New Jersey more affordable by not saddling New Jersey taxpayers with the large and rapidly increasing costs of paying for climate damages

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Administration and Township Council of Maple Shade Township, in the interest of protecting its residents, businesses and institutions, as of March 13, 2025, strongly express their support for passage of the NJ Climate Superfund Act.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township Council of the Township of Maple Shade, County of Burlington and State of New Jersey at a meeting held March 13, 2025.

Andrea T. McVeigh, Township Clerk

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**RESOLUTION TO WAIVE THE LOCAL RAFFLE LICENSE FEE FOR
THE MAPLE SHADE VFW POST #2445**

WHEREAS, the Maple Shade VFW Post #2445 has made application to renew their annual Pull Tab gaming license for the year 2025; and

WHEREAS, a Township application fee of \$750.00 is required by the applicant when renewing said license; and

WHEREAS, the organization runs the raffle to benefit the entire community and uses the proceeds of all their activities to sponsor local youth activities, charitable causes, civic events and scholarships; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council desires to waive said Township Licensing fee for the VFW Post #2445.

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, as follows:

1. That the Township Council, for the aforementioned reasons, hereby waives the \$750.00 Township License Renewal Fee for the Maple Shade VFW Post #2445.

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**AUTHORIZE THE INSTALLATION OF A SIGMA 20 GREENHOUSE IN
THE COMMUNITY GARDEN AT COLLINS PARK**

WHEREAS, Sustainable Maple Shade wishes to purchase a 10'x 19.8'x 7' Sigma 20 Greenhouse and requested authorization for installation in the Community Garden at Collins Park; and

WHEREAS, the greenhouse would allow for 3 or 4 season gardening, extending the use of the community garden beyond the outdoor growing season; and

WHEREAS, the greenhouse would be placed approximately four feet from the property line, eight feet from the shed and on a stone base; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Maple Shade, County of Burlington, to hereby authorize the installation of a 10' x 19.8' x 7' Sigma 20 Greenhouse in the community garden at Collins Park .

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

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RESOLUTION 2025-R-67

Resolution for Deferred School Taxes

WHEREAS, regulations provide for the deferral of not more than 50% of the annual levy when school taxes are raised for a school year and have not been requisitioned by the local school district, and

WHEREAS, the Division of Local Government Services requires that a resolution be adopted by a majority of the governing body prior to the introduction of the annual budget of the year subsequent to the deferral, authorizing an increase in the amount of the deferral, and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and Members of Township Council of the Township of Maple Shade, County of Burlington to increase the amount of the local school deferred taxes by \$800,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Members of Township Council of the Township of Maple Shade, that the amount of deferred local school taxes be increased to \$14,627,678.00 as of December 31, 2024.

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AMEND CONTRACT WITH BOOTH MECHANICAL, INC.
FOR ALEXANDER AVENUE WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT
AND APPROVE FINAL CHANGE
ORDER NO. 1

WHEREAS, the Township Council, by previous Resolution, awarded a contract to Booth Mechanical, Inc. for the Alexander Avenue Water Main Replacement; and

WHEREAS, Remington & Vernick Engineers, the Township's agent responsible for supervising the Alexander Avenue Water Main Replacement, advised the Township Manager by way of a March 6, 2025 correspondence and change order request and the submission of the appropriate certification that the original contract should be decreased and that there should be a reduction in the project’s contractual timeframe from sixty (60) calendar days to forty (40) calendar days resulting in a revised completion date of March 11, 2025; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:30-11.1, et seq. provides that the Governing Body may authorize change orders and amend contracts in accordance with the procedures set forth in said regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has reviewed the aforementioned request and desires to act favorably with respect to same and to amend the contract accordingly and to approve the change order.

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, as follows:

1.

That the Township Council hereby amends the subject contract and decreases the contract price in the amount of \$7,790.00, from \$228,804.00 to \$221,014.00, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the aforementioned certification and March 6, 2025 correspondence and change order final request, said certification, correspondence and request being attached hereto as Exhibit A and made a part hereof.
2.

That the Township Council hereby directs the Township Mayor and Clerk to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the terms of this Resolution and which are prepared by or reviewed by the Township Attorney.

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AMEND CONTRACT WITH A.C. SCHULTES, INC.
FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT REPLACEMENT
OF SLUDGE PUMPS & DIGESTER BLOWERS, APPROVE FINAL CHANGE
ORDER NO. 1, AUTHORIZE PAYMENT CERTIFICATE
NO. 3 AND RELEASE RETAINAGE

WHEREAS, the Township Council, by previous Resolution, awarded a contract to A.C. Schultes, Inc. for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Replacement of Sludge Pumps & Digester Blowers; and

WHEREAS, Remington & Vernick Engineers, the Township's agent responsible for supervising the Wastewater Treatment Plant Replacement of Sludge Pumps & Digester Blowers, advised the Township Manager by way of a March 5, 2025 correspondence and change order request and the submission of the appropriate certification that the original contract should be increased in the amount of \$15,365.00 and that said change does not materially expand upon the size, nature or scope of the original project as described in the specifications, said work being beyond the contemplation of the parties at the time of the execution of the original agreement and not being known until work commenced; and

WHEREAS, Remington & Vernick Engineers further recommended that the Township authorize Payment Certificate No. 3 in the amount of \$29,193.00 which includes the release of the retainage; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:30-11.1, et seq. provides that the Governing Body may authorize change orders and amend contracts in accordance with the procedures set forth in said regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has reviewed the aforementioned request and desires to act favorably with respect to same and to amend the contract accordingly and to approve the change order.

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, as follows:

1.

That the Township Council hereby amends the subject contract and increases the contract price in the amount of \$15,365.00, to adjust the final contract value to \$211,865.00, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the aforementioned certification and March 5, 2025 correspondence and change order final request, said certification, correspondence and request being attached hereto as Exhibit A and made a part hereof.
2.

That the Township Council for the aforementioned reasons hereby authorizes Payment Certificate No. 3 in the amount of \$15,365.00 and releases the retainage in the amount of \$13,828.00, for a final payment amount of \$29,193.00.
3.

That the Township Council hereby directs the Township Mayor and Clerk to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the terms of this Resolution and which are prepared by or reviewed by the Township Attorney.

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