

MAPLE SHADE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
MARCH 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 – ENERGY EFFICIENCY GOLD STAR

Sustainable Maple Shade – Emily Wallace

Energy Efficiency Gold Star is an action that involves energy updates in schools and the municipal buildings which use grants for the projects

ORDINANCE(S) – INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

Ordinance No. 2025-03 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MAPLE SHADE, IN BURLINGTON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE PRIVATE SALE OF CERTAIN TOWNSHIP OWNED LAND NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE TO CONTIGUOUS PROPERTY OWNER MICHAEL MCCLURE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOCAL LANDS AND BUILDINGS LAW, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1 ET SEQ.

Motion for Introduction:

Second:

Comments:

Roll Call:

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

Publication Date: April 2, 2025

Public Hearing: April 24, 2025

Ordinance No. 2025-04 A 2025 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	RECUSE	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Kauffman	x		x				
Nunes							x
Simonsick				x			
Zahradnick		x	x				
Talarico			x				

Publication Date: April 2, 2025

Public Hearing: April 24, 2025

Resolution No. 2025-R-70 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: Second: Comments: Roll Call:

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

Resolution No. 2025-R-71 INTRODUCTION OF THE 2025 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Maple Shade desire to introduce the 2025 Municipal Budget, to wit: Total Budget \$21,216,216.00; Amount of Non-Property Tax Revenue \$8,333,079.99; Amount to be Raised by Property Taxes \$12,883,136.01
, and

WHEREAS, a synopsis of the aforementioned Municipal Budget will be published in the April 14th Edition of the Courier Post and a Public Hearing will be held on Thursday, April 24, 2025 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 2025 Municipal Budget, as described.

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Motion for Introduction:

Comments: none

Roll Call:

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

Publication Date: April 14, 2025

Public Hearing: April 24, 2025

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 participation

Motion to Close: Zahradnick

Second: Kauffman

All in Favor: yes

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution No. 2025-R-72 RESOLUTION TO CANCEL PRIOR YEAR'S OUTSTANDING CHECKS FOR MUNICIPAL COURT

Resolution No. 2025-R-73 ADOPT 2025 BUDGET DEADLINE EXTENSIONS AS AUTHORIZED BY N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5.1

Resolution No. 2025-R-74 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS (2025 TEMPORARY BUDGET AMENDMENT)

Resolution No. 2025-R-75 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MAPLE SHADE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF POLICE UNIFORMS AND VARIOUS EQUIPMENT THROUGH A NEW JERSEY STATE APPROVED CO-OP (SOURCEWELL PURCHASE CONTRACT #040920)

Resolution No. 2025-R-76 RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE 2025 SUSTAINABLE JERSEY – PSE&G ENERGY EFFICIENCY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

Resolution No. 2025-R-77 RESOLUTION TO DECLARE BLOCK 1.02, LOT 14 AS TAX EXEMPT AND TO CANCEL TAXES FROM MARCH 17, 2025 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025

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Motion to Approve Consent Agenda:

Comments: none

Roll Call:

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Kauffman	x		x				
Nunes							x
Simonsick			x				
Zahradnick		x	x				
Talarico			x				

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURE LIST - \$4,662,873.78

CURRENT FUND	\$ 3,748,914.79
UTILITY FUND	\$ 818,213.03
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND	\$ 85,208.19
UTILITY CAPITAL FUND	\$ 0.00
TRUST FUND	\$ 8,695.82
GRANT FUND	\$ 1,841.95

Motion to Approve:

Comments:

none

Roll Call:

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Kauffman	x		x				
Nunes							x
Simonsick			x				
Zahradnick		x	x				
Talarico			x				

PUBLIC PORTION – Christine Nusslein and nine other residents presented to council the concept of bringing the sidewalk sale back to Maple Shade with the first one scheduled for September of 2026. They passed out a plan for council review. A business at 470 Route 38 East would like to be considered for the next cannabis business when available. Morgan and Cheryl Hines asked for support for the Trans Day of Visibility Proclamation. The Council supports the proclamation. Renee Wyatt, 57 Thomas Avenue, was before the council to ask for help with a continuous flooding issue. Alaimo is scheduled to video the area.

Motion to Close: Kauffman

Second: Zahradnick

All in Favor: yes

STAFF AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS – The Rotary Pancake Breakfast is scheduled for April 13th. Manager Danson was asked to look at the trenches at the Collins Lane park where the lights were installed. Events coming up include the Egg Hunt, Town Wide Yard Sale and the General Clean Up Day.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Operations
 - a. DPW is working on general tree issues
 - b. The Health Fair was successful

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- c. There is a land use training session on Saturday for board members and professionals
- d. The RPM project will be called “Heritage on Main” details to come
- e. 2024 Culture Survey – New Jersey Best, Maple Shade - June 22nd
2. Township Engineer’s Report
 - a. Stormwater Report – due May 1st
 - b. 528 Cutler Avenue – investigating a drainage issue in the rear yard of 528 Cutler Ave, with the approval of the manager, Alaimo will solicit quotes to video
 - c. Thomas Avenue – investigate drainage issue behind 57 Thomas, Alaimo will obtain updated quotes for videoing the storm pipes.
 - d. Alaimo reviewed the traffic issues on High Street, N. Maple Ave and Fernwood Ave – they suggested acquiring a traffic engineer to do a volume study. Manager Danson suggested the Burlington County shared service to do the work.
3. BEDC Report – Jen Nixon gave a report on the progress of the committee – the group created four sub-committees: Art, Ordinance Review, Event and Community and Technology.
4. MS Green Team/Sustainable Report – no report
5. Request to Repurchase Fire Truck – Attorney McDowell stated that the truck can be purchased from an individual if they comply with the law.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Renaming Father Nolan Field – yes
Resolution 2025-R-78
A RESOLUTION RENAMING FATHER NOLAN FIELD AT WOODLAWN COMPLEX IN HONOR OF THE LATE KENNY KARCHER, JR
Motion to Approve: Kauffman Second: Simonsick Comments: none Roll Call: yes
The Council discussed a policy for naming township buildings, fields, etc. - yes
2. Train Commission – the lease states the station must be used as a community center, council agrees with the commission, agreements will be created.
3. Cannabis distance -council will be meeting with the cannabis attorney to ask questions and review the ordinance.

Resolution No. 2025-R-79 Resolution to Meet in Executive Session for the following:
Matters relating to public safety and property – 37 N. Lippincott Avenue

Motion to Close: Kauffman Second: Zahradnick All in Favor: yes
Formal action may be taken at the 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: Kauffman Second: Simonsick All in Favor: yes

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MOTION TO ADJOURN UNTIL TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR
APRIL 10, 2025, AT 6:30 PM

Motion 7:40 pm: Simonsick

Second: Zahradnick

All in Favor: yes

Notice is being forwarded in accordance with The Open Public Meetings Act – 3/25/25.