

MAPLE SHADE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
APRIL 10, 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				

ORDINANCE(S) – SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

Ordinance No. 2025-02 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MAPLE SHADE, IN BURLINGTON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT MAPLE SHADE TOWNSHIP CODE CHAPTER 114 “LICENSING AND PERMITS” TO ADD ARTICLE VI. “FILMMAKING”

Open to Public: no participation

Motion to Close: Nunes

Second: Kauffman

Comments: none

All in Favor: yes

Motion to Adopt:

Second:

Comments:

Roll Call:

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

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Zahradnick			x				
Talarico			x				

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: Kauffman

Second: Nunes

All in Favor: yes

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution No. 2025-R-80 AUTHORIZE ENGINEERING SERVICES TO REMINGTON & VERNICK FOR 2025 HYDRANT AND VALVE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

Resolution No. 2025-R-81 AUTHORIZE ENGINEERING SERVICES TO REMINGTON & VERNICK FOR KINGS HIGHWAY WATER TREATMENT PLANT WELL HOUSES FOR WELLS 9 & 10

Resolution No. 2025-R-82 RESOLUTION APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BY AND BETWEEN THE MAPLE SHADE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND LEGACY TREATMENT SERVICES TO ESTABLISH JOINT PARTICIPATION IN THE ARRIVE TOGETHER PROGRAM

Resolution No. 2025-R-83 AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF ANNUAL FIREWORKS DISPLAY ON JUNE 28, 2025 (RAINDATE JUNE 29, 2025)

Resolution No. 2025-R-84 AMEND CONTRACT WITH LEVY CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. FOR MAPLE SHADE MUNICIPAL COMPLEX FOOD PANTRY IMPROVEMENTS AND APPROVE CHANGE ORDER #2

Resolution No. 2025-R-85 RESOLUTION RELEASING PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE OF LEVY CONSTRUCTION CO., INC FOR THE MAPLE SHADE MUNICIPAL COMPLEX FOOD PANTRY IMPROVEMENTS AND ACCEPT MAINTENANCE BOND

Resolution No. 2025-R-86 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MAPLE SHADE FOR MUNICIPAL PLEDGE OF SUPPORT FOR SUSTAINABLE LAND USE

Resolution No. 2025-R-87 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH PEM LAW, LLP

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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

CURRENT FUND	\$ 2,771,634.38
UTILITY FUND	\$ 23,171.16
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND	\$ 88,816.89
UTILITY CAPITAL FUND	\$ 34,938.70
TRUST FUND	\$ 28,468.04
GRANT FUND	\$ 7,396.97

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 MARCH 2025 MINUTES

Motion to Approve:

Comments: none

Roll Call:

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

PUBLIC PORTION – Steve Schmidt, Sunset Avenue, questioned the township attorney’s bill from February and March asking for a more itemized bill, claiming 51/2 hours are billed for speaking with a councilmember, asking why the council member would go to the Attorney and not the Manager or Clerk.

Motion to Close: Kauffman

Second: Nunes

All in Favor: yes

STAFF AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS Council wished everyone a Happy Easter and Passover and gave an update of upcoming events including the Rotary Pancake Breakfast, OLPH Egg Hunt and the Eater Bunny coming to the municipal building.

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OLD BUSINESS

1. Operations
 - a. The town wide yard sale will be on April 26th
 - b. The DOT project for N. Terrace is being reviewed by DPW
 - c. It is unlawful to blow or leave grass clippings in the street, best practice is to cut it and leave it, other resolutions are on the township website
 - d. Receiving bids next week for N. Forklanding Road in front of Yocum school
 - e. Met with a group of nine students at lunch on Monday to discuss their views of a future Maple Shade
 - f. Hen committee will meet after Easter
 - g. The township egg hunt was cancelled due to the saturation of Ace's field
 - h. The township will be closed on Friday the 18th and Monday the 21st for the Easter holiday.
2. Police Report
 - a. Congratulations to Officers Engel and Wallace for the job well done during the explosion at Front Street and Lippincott Avenue, the investigation led to an arrest
 - b. The SRO and Chaplains are playing a big role in an effort, "Station House Adjustments" focusing on juvenile fight and unacceptable photos
 - c. PD is also focused on the number of Narcan deployment issues, twenty-four to date.
3. BEDC Report
4. MS Green Team/Sustainable Report – Mayor Talarico's report included Arbor Day on April 25th and the Farmer's Market starting on May 18th.
5. Request to Repurchase Fire Truck – Council feels the truck can be useful if it is donated back to the IFC

Additional: Mr. Simonsick asked the status of the nursing home. Manager Danson reported that an appraisal is being processed but not complete.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Request for Waiver of Local Raffle License Fees – Carnival – yes, resolution next meeting
2. Unless Policy – Unless is a High School Environmental group that would like council's support to initiate two proposals for a better environmental future:
 - a. Community Tree and Native Bush Planting Initiative
 - b. Environmental Awareness Campaign: Informational Signs & Website Collaboration

Resolution No. 2025-R-88 Resolution to Meet in Executive Session for the following:
Pending Litigation - IFC v. Maple Shade

Motion to Close (7:05pm): Nunes

Second: Zahradnick

All in Favor: yes

Formal action may be taken at the conclusion of Closed Session.

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(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 (7:20pm): Kauffman Second: Nunes All in Favor: yes

MOTION TO ADJOURN UNTIL TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR
APRIL 24, 2025, AT 6:30 PM

Motion (7:21pm): Kauffman Second: Zahradnick All in Favor: yes

Notice is being forwarded in accordance with The Open Public Meetings Act – 4/8/25.