

MAPLE SHADE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
APRIL 24, 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. 2025-03 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 BUILDING LAW, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1 ET SEQ.

Open to Public: no participation

Motion to Close: Kauffman Second: Zahradnick 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				

Ordinance No. 2025-04 CALENDAR YEAR 2025 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

Open to Public: no participation

Motion to Close: Kauffman Second: Zahradnick 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			
Zahradnick			x				
Talarico			x				

Resolution No. 2025-R-89 RESOLUTION TO READ BUDGET BY TITLE ONLY

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-8, as amended by L.2015, c. 95, 14, 2015, provides that the budget may be read by title only at the time of the public hearing if a resolution is passed by not less than a majority of the full governing body, providing that at least one week prior to the date of hearing, a complete copy of the budget has been made available for public inspection, and has been made available to each person upon request; and

WHEREAS, these two conditions have been met;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the budget shall be read by title only.

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				

Resolution No. 2025-R-90 AUTHORIZE THE RESOLUTION FOR LOCAL EXAMINATION

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				

BUDGET PRESENTATION – Manager Danson presented a power point with charts to explain the budget and its process.

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Resolution No. 2025-R-71 APPROVE 2025 MUNICIPAL BUDGET
*****Open Public Hearing of the 2025 Municipal Budget** – No participation

SUMMARY OF REVENUES

Surplus	\$4,725,000.00
Total Miscellaneous Revenues	3,008,079.99
Receipts From Delinquent Taxes	600,000.00
a) Local Tax for Municipal Purposes	12,883,136.01
b) Addition to Local District School Tax	0.00
Total Amount to be Raised by Taxes for Support of Municipal Budget	<u>12,883,136.01</u>
Total General Revenues	\$21,216,216.00

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS

Operating Expenses: Salaries & Wages	\$7,993,415.24
Other Expenses	7,071,814.75
Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations	2,068,421.00
Capital Improvements	50,000.00
Debt Service (Including School Purpose)	2,753,780.00
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	<u>1,278,785.01</u>
Total General Appropriations	\$21,216,216.00

Motion to Close Public Hearing: Kauffman	Second: Nunes
Comments on Motion: none	All in Favor: yes

Motion to Adopt: Comments on Motion: none Roll Call:

COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	RECUSE	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Kauffman		x	x				
Nunes	x		x				
Simonsick				x			
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: Zahradnick	All in Favor: yes
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CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution No. 2025-R-91 AUTHORIZE CONSTRUCTION PHASE ENGINEERING SERVICES TO REMINGTON & VERNICK FOR FY PLANNING AND DESIGN 2023 NJDOT TRUST FUND RESURFACING OF VARIOUS ROADWAYS

Resolution No. 2025-R-92 RESOLUTION TO WAIVE THE LOCAL RAFFLE LICENSE FEE FOR THE ANNUAL CARNIVAL FUNDRAISER HOSTED BY MAPLE SHADE YOUTH FOOTBALL

Resolution No. 2025-R-93 APPOINTING JESSICA HEATON TO SERVE AS TEMPORARY CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MAPLE SHADE

Motion to Approve Consent Agenda:

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 EXPENDITURE LIST - \$5,393,198.35

CURRENT FUND	\$ 269,670.77
UTILITY FUND	\$ 5,003,361.01
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND	\$ 112,014.00
UTILITY CAPITAL FUND	\$
TRUST FUND	\$
GRANT FUND	\$ 8,152.57

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				

PUBLIC PORTION – No participation

Motion to Close: Kauffman

Second: Nunes

All in Favor: yes

STAFF AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS – Council reminded everyone the football carnival will be starting on April 29th at Ace's field. They wanted to thank all that participated in the Rotary breakfast and reported that the new lights were graffitied, which DPW cleaned up already.

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OLD BUSINESS

Councilman Simonsick questioned the status of the Appraiser's report – it will be available next week. He also reported that the safety devices were missing from the Ace's field project. Engineer Yoder apologized and will correct immediately.

1. Operations
 - a. Manager met with PSEG on April 15th and reported with the increases there are many programs to help with utility bills.
 - b. On April 16th the township held a pre-bid meeting with the potential trash haulers
 - c. There was a conference call referencing the RPM project, the Burlington County traffic control plan is not being followed and they were instructed to comply
 - d. Today was "Bring your child to Work" day and there were many Police Department dependents in attendance and had a great time.
 - e. The town-wide yard sale is extending to two days to battle any bad weather.
 - f. Next week starts the house hold clean up, Thursday through Saturday.
2. Engineer's Report
 - a. FY 2025 NJDOT -North Terrace Avenue: anticipated submission of plans to NJDOT in May
 - b. East Front and Alexander Avenues: Receiving bids on May 1st
 - c. Yocum School Sidewalk Improvements: Bids received on April 17th, award for May meeting
 - d. Municipal Building and Police Building Renovations: meeting scheduled with Township, Police and NJ Department of Corrections is scheduled for May 5th.GIS?MS4 Service: R&V started updates to inlet and pipe system for the township for MS4 compliance. Additional field work is required. Potential transition to Alaimo.
 - e. Pipe Capacity Stormwater Analysis: R&V is analyzing the flooding at Wallace Avenue and the intersection of East Gradwell and South Maple Aves. Pipe capacity issues are being reviewed. Potential Transition to Alaimo.

Mr. Simonsick asked if the infrastructure was reviewed? Expressed that we shouldn't overlay if infrastructure isn't correct.

- f. Annual Hydrant Replacement Project: priority hydrant list provided by operations.
 - g. Kings Highway Water Plant Well House 9&10: working on purchasing the property, using the \$850,000 grant, conceptual design phase and grant coordination.
3. MS Green Team/Sustainable Report – no report

NEW BUSINESS

-Mr. Simonsick discussed the project specifications for road projects and wants state approved 4,000 psi concrete to be increased in Maple Shade to 5,000 psi, Engineer Yoder would have to look into getting around DOT regulations. No Council discussion

-Councilman Simonsick would like to receive copies of all RPM inspections and notes.

Manager Danson indicated she would discuss with the Construction Department and request the information.

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-Mr. Simonsick emphasized his request to have the township attorney write all ordinances and resolutions. No Council discussion

TRAINING SESSION FOR COUNCIL Joint Insurance Fund mandate for council training
(Title 59)

MOTION TO ADJOURN UNTIL TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR
MAY 8, 2025, AT 6:30 PM

Motion (8:05pm): Nunes

Second: Zahradnick

All in Favor: yes

Notice is being forwarded in accordance with The Open Public Meetings Act – 4/2225.