

**MAPLE SHADE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
JUNE 26, 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 – MAPLE SHADE’S COMMUNITY EQUITY AND DIVERSITY PROFILE – Emily Wallace, member of Sustainable Maple Shade, introduced an equity profile action and map

PRESENTATION – WOODARD & CURRAN

Representatives from our Maple Shade Utilities and Utility Engineer Yoder presented the council with their annual report which included compliance issues, value-added services and improvements

ORDINANCE(S) INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

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Ordinance No. 2025-06 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MAPLE SHADE, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ESTABLISHING A RECREATION COMMITTEE AND DEFINING ITS PURPOSE, COMPOSITION, DUTIES, AND GOALS

Mr. Simonsick made a motion to table Ordinance No. 2025-06 for the next meeting:
Second by Mr. Zahradnick, not comments; Motion denied

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

Motion for Introduction: Second: Comments: none Roll Call:

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

Publication Date: July 1, 2025

Public Hearing: July 17, 2025

Ordinance No. 2025-07 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MAPLE SHADE, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP CODE, CHAPTER 154, “RENTAL PROPERTIES”

Motion for Introduction: Second: Comments: Roll Call:

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

Publication Date: July 1, 2025

Public Hearing: July 17, 2025

ORDINANCES(S) SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

Ordinance No. 2025-05 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 142 (PEACE AND GOOD ORDER) OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MAPLE SHADE, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY REGARDING PROHIBITED ITEMS AT TOWNSHIP SPONSORED EVENTS

Open to Public – no participation

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

Motion to Adopt: Comments: none Roll Call:

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Kauffman	x		x				
Nunes			x				
Simonsick			x				
Zahradnick		x	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

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution No. 2025-R-112 AUTHORIZE RENEWAL OF 2025-2026 LIQUOR LICENSES

Resolution No. 2025-R-113 AWARD OF CONTRACT TO BLACK ROCK ENTERPRISES, LLC FOR FY2024 NJDOT RESURFACING OF NORTH COLES AVENUE FROM LANCI TO PARK & ROLAND AVENUE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$509,382.30

Resolution No. 2025-R-114 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ESTABLISHMENT OF LIEN FOR PROPERTY MAINTENANCE FOR BLOCK 1.03 LOT 26

Resolution No. 2025-R-115 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ESTABLISHMENT OF LIEN FOR PROPERTY MAINTENANCE FOR BLOCK 38 LOT 2.02

Resolution No. 2025-R-116 AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR SOLID WASTE COLLECTION TO INTERSTATE WASTE SERVICES, INC., 300 FRANK W. BURR BOULEVARD, TEANECK, NJ

Resolution No. 2025-R-117 GRANT REQUEST FOR ROAD CLOSURE FOR ELM AVENUE BLOCK PARTY

Resolution No. 2025-R-118 REAPPOINTING LINDA A. ROGERS TO SERVE AS THE TAX ASSESSOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MAPLE SHADE

Resolution No. 2025-R-119 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ESTABLISHMENT OF LIEN FOR PROPERTY MAINTENANCE FOR BLOCK 1 Lot 6

Resolution No. 2025-R-120 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ESTABLISHMENT OF LIEN FOR PROPERTY MAINTENANCE FOR BLOCK 1 Lot 10

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Resolution No. 2025-R-121 RESOLUTION TO DECLARE BLOCK 196.01, LOT 185, QUALIFIER CU142 AS TAX EXEMPT AND TO CANCEL TAXES FROM JUNE 11, 2025 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025

Resolution No. 2025-R-122 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF COMPACT RESPONSE SHIELDS AND NECESSARY ACCESSORIES FOR THE MAPLE SHADE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Resolution No. 2025-R-123 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ESTABLISHMENT OF LIEN FOR PROPERTY MAINTENANCE FOR BLOCK 1.09, LOT 13

Resolution No. 2025-R-124 RESOLUTION APPROVING A ONE YEAR EXTENSION OF RESOLUTION 2024-R-130, A RESOLUTION OF THE STATE CANNABIS RETAIL APPLICATION OF SUPPORT FOR HIGH PROFILE CANNABIS SHOP MAPLE SHADE, LLC

Resolution No. 2025-R-125 AUTHORIZE SUBMISSION OF A LOCAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECT FUND GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTION OF GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR LTPF-2025-THOMAS AVENUE ROADWAY AND FLOOD RELIEF IMPROVEMENTS-00115

Resolution No. 2025-R-126 AUTHORIZE SUBMITTAL OF GRANT APPLICATION FOR MUNICIPAL PARK DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Resolution No. 2025-R-127 AWARD EMERGENCY CONTRACT FOR THE REPAIRS TO THE SANITARY FORCE MAIN IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$92,190.07

Resolution No. 2025-R-128 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MAPLE SHADE ENDORSING THE HOUSING ELEMENT AND FAIR SHARE PLAN ADOPTED BY THE MAPLE SHADE PLANNING BOARD

Motion to Approve Consent Agenda:

Second:

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

CURRENT FUND	\$ 2,929,320.23
UTILITY FUND	\$ 352,888.84
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND	\$ 675,885.74

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UTILITY CAPITAL FUND \$ 263,721.09
TRUST FUND \$ 961,273.73
GRANT FUND \$ 6,837.34

Motion to Approve: Comments: none Roll Call:

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

APPROVAL OF MAY 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 – Dennis Weaver, S. Lippincott Avenue, shared information about the history of Maple Shade’s brickyards. Mr. Schmidt, Sunset Avenue, encouraged council members to read the section of the code – 40:69-91

Motion to Close: Kauffman Second: Nunes All in Favor: yes

STAFF AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS – Council wished everyone a happy Fourth and announced the fireworks and parade on June 28th. The food truck event was well attended, and the farmer’s market is tomorrow. Thank you to the employees and the groups and organizations that keep Maple Shade great.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Operations
 - a. Meeting with the Burlington County Animal Shelter to discuss a TNR program to help the feral cat population
 - b. June 30th is the preconstruction meeting for N. Forklanding Road and Yocum area project
 - c. The 2024 audit report is coming out with no findings
 - d. The township started the summer work week, the building closes at 1:30 pm on Fridays until August 29th
 - e. The BEDC will be presenting a mural proposal to the council in August
 - f. The hen committee will be presenting their ordinance proposal to the council in July
 - g. Total calls for May: FD 47, EMT 265, PD 2275

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- h. The ordinance for safety measures will be adopted in time for the July 4th celebrations which include no backpacks or masks at public events.
- 2. Site Plan -two applications; a buy gold business and a deli at the Sunoco Gas Station will both be returning to site plan
- 3. MS Green Team/Sustainable Report -off for the summer

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. RFP Results – Special Counsel – Fire Law

Resolution No. 2025-R-129 RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES WITH ERIC M. BERNSTEIN & ASSOCIATES, LLC

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				

- 2. Mr. Simonsick – There’s a concern with my colleagues, maybe, I don’t know, I’m just making a statement, putting on record, ah, for future considerations, uh, there seems to be a feeling that I’m going to return to the fire department if Independent was to be put back into service and take it over or become the chief again, um, and as long as I’m on council, I’m not going to be involved with the fire department. So, it’s public record now, if something other than that changes then you have recourse to come after me. Um, I don’t know where this is stemming from but I’m on council now and that’s my priority um, so if anyone has any questions about it, they can call me and talk to me, I also, next month, I didn’t bring them with me, I’ll bring my resignation letter that I produced to council members and to Susan and give them out to you so that you have a copy of them. Um, but I just wanted to get that put-on record.
- 3. A request was made to have the car that was transferred from the police department to DPW be retrofitted to reflect the department, so it’s not mistaken for a police vehicle.
- 4. Mr. Kauffman made a Motion to go out for RFPs for Township Attorney.

Second by Ms. Nunes. No Comments Roll Call Motion Denied

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MOTION TO ADJOURN UNTIL TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR
JULY 17, 2025, AT 6:30 PM

Motion: Zahradnick

Second: Nunes

All in Favor: yes

Notice is being forwarded in accordance with The Open Public Meetings Act – 6/24/25.