

**MAPLE SHADE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
NOVEMBER 20, 2025 – 6:30 P.M.**

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 July 23, 2025.
2. Mailing Notice to the Courier Post, The Central Record and Burlington County Times on July 23, 2025.
3. Posting Notice on the Official Municipal Bulletin Board on July 23, 2025.

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				

PROCLAMATION – HONORING KENNETH “KEN” KARCHER, JR AND DEDICATING A PORTION OF BUTTONWOOD AVENUE

PRESENTATION – BEST PRACTICES

Chief Financial Officer Jessica Heaton presented the Best Practices program to council and reported that the township is eligible for full funding from the state.

OPEN BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

Reports – 1 sanitary, 1 dog bite, 1 standing water (pool), 1 miscellaneous – all rectified.

Public Participation – no participation

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

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

ORDINANCE(S) SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

Ordinance No. 2025-18 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MAPLE SHADE, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP CODE TO ADD CHAPTER 155 “HOUSING CODE”

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Open to Public -twelve residents spoke against the ordinance, 2 spoke for it -two councilmembers reiterated their views.

Motion to Close: Kauffman Second: Nunes Comments: All in Favor: yes
 Motion to Adopt: 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 (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.

Ms. Mortimer, Lanci Road, looked up the owner of the property in Resolution 205 and claimed that there was a different owner. It may be that the tax office has not received new ownership information from the county yet but will look into it.

Motion to Close: Second: All in Favor:

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution No. 2025-R-196 RESOLUTION TO DECLARE BLOCK 110, LOT 15 AS TAX EXEMPT AND TO CANCEL TAXES FROM OCTOBER 6, 2025 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025

Resolution No. 2025-R-197 RESOLUTION TO DECLARE BLOCK 165, LOT 1 AS TAX EXEMPT AND TO CANCEL TAXES FROM OCTOBER 9, 2025 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025

Resolution No. 2025-R-198 AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 / FINAL CHANGE ORDER DECREASING THE PRICE FROM \$97,850.00 TO \$87,648.00 FROM THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT, AND FINAL PAYMENT TO S. BATATA CONSTRUCTION, AND AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A TWO-YEAR MAINTENANCE BOND FOR THE SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT ON FORKLANDING ROAD & HOWARD R. YOCUM SCHOOL

Resolution No. 2025-R-199 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MAPLE SHADE IN SUPPORT OF THE STATE CANNABIS RETAIL APPLICATION OF HIGH PROFILE MAPLE SHADE, LLC

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Resolution No. 2025-R-200 AUTHORIZING ENGINEERING SERVICES OF REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS TO PREPARE AN NJIB SFY 2026 CLEAN WATER APPLICATION FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF MUNICIPAL SANITARY AND STORMWATER MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$38,200

Resolution No. 2025-R-201 AMEND CONTRACT WITH REMINGTON & VERNICK FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT RENOVATIONS

Resolution No. 2025-R-202 APPOINT COMMISSIONER TO THE PROFESSIONAL MUNICIPAL MANAGEMENT JOINT INSURANCE FUND

Resolution No. 2025-R-203 AUTHORIZING THE USE OF GAZEBO PARK AND CLOSURE OF WALLACE AVENUE ON VARIOUS DATES FOR FARMER’S MARKET

Resolution No. 2025-R-204 AUTHORIZING ENGINEERING SERVICES OF RICHARD A. ALAIMO ENGINEERING COMPANY FOR IMPROVEMENTS FOR BUTTONWOOD PARK AND CUTLER AVE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000.00

Resolution No. 2025-R-205 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ESTABLISHMENT OF LIEN FOR PROPERTY MAINTENANCE FOR BLOCK 101 Lot 12

Resolution No. 2025-R-206 STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION GREEN ACRES PROGRAM ENABLING RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 2025-R-207 AUTHORIZE TRANSFERS BETWEEN BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS

Motion to Approve Consent Agenda:

Second:

Comments:

Roll Call:

COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	RECUSE	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Kauffman		x	x				
Nunes			x				
Simonsick			x	Res. 202,205, 206,207			
Zahradnick	x		x				
Talarico			x				

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURE LIST

CURRENT FUND	\$3,206,541.92
UTILITY FUND	\$ 857,094.42
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND	\$ 533,021.48

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UTILITY CAPITAL FUND \$ 67,398.31
TRUST FUND \$ 5,497.24
GRANT FUND \$ 193,125.30

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 OCTOBER 2025 MINUTES

Motion to Approve: Second: Roll Call:

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

PUBLIC PORTION –

VFW Commander asked if their charter could be hung in the municipal building – yes, near the Tax Office.

Mr. Manchello rebutted resolution 202 procedure and proclaimed his due process was denied over an internal complaint filed as a result of his facebook comments

Steve Schmit questioned the rental status of Mr. Simonsick’s property on Euclid Avenue.

Mr. Simonsick said it’s not a rental because he doesn’t charge rent.

Austin Barr circulated a draft resolution of censure, that he wrote, to review and use to counter councilmember’s behavior.

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

STAFF AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS –

Mr. Simonsick rebutted the censure resolution and Mr. Kauffman agreed. He also discussed the Land Use Board and Site Plan Board for 2026 and possible leaf collection changes. Council wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Operations
 - a. N. Coles and Roland Avenue project is almost complete; the punch list was received today.

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- b. DPW is working on the fall leaf collection program and maintenance of the playgrounds.
 - c. Woodlawn Avenue fields 4,5, and 8 are getting backstop replacements
 - d. Santas Letters are being accepted from November 26th to December 5th.
 - e. Photos with Santa are scheduled for December 5th
 - f. The health fair was a big success, special thanks to Recreation Director Lauren for her continued efforts.
 - g. BEDC created a social media page, please visit information and events
 - h. Maple Shade made it in the BC Chamber of Commerce magazine, “Open for Business”
 - i. NJLM was this week and continues to be a great resource for educational opportunities
 - j. Tax collection is 98.2% up slightly from last year
2. Engineer Report
 - Remmington & Vernick
 - a. Kings Highway Water Plant – land purchase, goal by the end of the year
 - b. Main Street Water Plant – Lime system improvements, waiting on equipment delivery
 - c. North Terrace – award to Booth Mechanical in December for \$341,843.00
 - d. I-Bank Funding – Technical Assistance Program -in process; GIS mapping
 3. Police Report
 - a. Shader To Shader food drive went great – 4th grade won
 - b. Cheerleaders food drive – 3,000 items collected
 - c. November 18th -press conference; an arrest was made for the 2017 mother/son murder at Fox Meadow
 - d. PD brought in a new SLEO
 4. Site Plan -no meeting
 5. Sustainable Maple Shade
 - a. Maple Shade was designated Silver once again, great achievement!
 - b. Halloween costume program had a good turnout
 6. 2026 RFPS -discussed in executive session

NEW BUSINESS

1. 2026 Re-Organization Date – January 5, 2026 at 6:00 pm
2. **Resolution No. 2025-R-208** Support Opposing Senate Bill S-4736, which enhances the ability of religious and nonprofit organizations to convert certain property to inclusionary development with affordable housing and bypassing local planning and zoning procedures
Motion to Approve: Kauffman Second: Simonsick Comments: none Roll Call: yes
Mr. Zahradnick - absent

Resolution No. 2025-R-209 Resolution to Meet in Executive Session for the following:

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1. Matters relating to Employment Relationship
2. Matters relating to Litigation, Negotiation and the Attorney Client Privilege

Motion to Close (9:16pm): Kauffman Second: Nunes All in Favor: yes

Formal action may be taken upon 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: Nunes All in Favor: yes

MOTION TO ADJOURN UNTIL TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR
DECEMBER 11, 2025, AT 6:30 PM

Motion (9:40pm): Kauffman Second: Nunes All in Favor: yes

Notice is being forwarded in accordance with The Open Public Meetings Act – 1/18/25.