

**MAPLE SHADE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
OCTOBER 16, 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:

Notify the Township Clerk July 23, 2025.

1. Mailing Notice to the Courier Post, The Central Record and Burlington County Times on July 23, 2025.
2. 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 website and bulletin board in the Municipal Building.

Please place all phones on mute to alleviate the disruption of the meeting.

ROLL CALL

Kauffman – absent

Nunes – present

Simonsick – present

Zahradnick – present

Mayor Talarico – present

OPEN BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

Reports – no report for September

Public Participation – no participation

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

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

ORDINANCES(S) FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION

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”

Motion for Introduction: Nunes Second: Zahradnick Comments: Mr. Simonsick requested the status of the housing committee, there was a committee, Mr. Simonsick disagreed with the procedure. Roll Call: Kauffman-absent, Nunes-yes, Simonsick -no, Zahradnick-yes, Mayor Talarico-yes. Motion carries.

Publication Date: October 22, 2025 Public Hearing: November 20, 2025

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ORDINANCE(S) SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

Ordinance No. 2025-17 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MAPLE SHADE, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE IX 4-42(F) OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE

Open to Public- no participation

Motion to Close: Nunes Second: Zahradnick Comments: no comments All in Favor: yes

Motion to Adopt: Nunes Second: Zahradnick Comments: none Roll Call: Kauffman-absent, Nunes-yes, Simonsick -no, Zahradnick-yes, Mayor Talarico-yes. Motion carries.

PUBLIC PORTION (for Consent Agenda) -Karen Mastrangelo, Overbrook Avenue(Resolution 184) who are the parties involved in this agreement? The matter is internal and not OPRAable at this time. Mr. Simonsick answered the question, stating that “they are investigating me.”

Attorney Lozuke advised the question not be answered because it’s an on-going investigation and would be inappropriate. Gina Capate, (Resolution 187) Is the event one night only? Yes, just on Halloween. Please explain the bond resolution. It allows the township to find the best financing for the capital projects.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution No. 2025-R-181 AUTHORIZING SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN MAPLE SHADE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND TOWNSHIP OF MAPLE SHADE FOR CLASS III OFFICER SERVICES

Resolution No. 2025-R-182 AUTHORIZE ENGINEERING SERVICES OF ALAIMO GROUP FOR DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS AT ROADWAY AND NORTH FORKLANDING ROAD IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$27,000.00

Resolution No. 2025-R-183 AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF AXON TASERS AND ACCESSORIES UNDER NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT T0106/17-FLEET-00738

Resolution No. 2025-R-184 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH PEM LAW, LLC

Resolution No. 2025-R-185 AUTHORIZE APPOINTMENT OF AMBER KAY AS INTERIM MUNICIPAL COURT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE MAPLE SHADE MUNICIPAL COURT

Resolution No. 2025-R-186 RESOLUTION TO DECLARE BLOCK 9, LOT 13.02 AS TAX EXEMPT AND TO CANCEL TAXES FROM SEPTEMBER 29, 2025 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025

Resolution No. 2025-R-187 REQUEST FOR ROAD CLOSURE FOR WEST PARK AVENUE FOR HALLOWEEN HAUNTED HOUSE

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Resolution No. 2025-R-188 AWARD OF CONTRACT TO ROMAN E&G CORP. FOR THE LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Resolution No. 2025-R-189 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MAPLE SHADE, IN THE , COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY, DETERMINING THE FORM AND OTHER DETAILS OF ITS “BOND ANTICIPATION NOTE RELATING TO THE CONSTRUCTION FINANCING PROGRAM OF THE NEW JERSEY INFRASTRUCTURE BANK”, TO BE ISSUED IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$4,500,000, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF SUCH NOTE TO THE NEW JERSEY INFRASTRUCTURE BANK, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF SUCH NOTE BY THE TOWNSHIP OF MAPLE SHADE IN FAVOR OF THE NEW JERSEY INFRASTRUCTURE BANK, ALL PURSUANT TO THE NEW JERSEY INSTRASTRUCTURE BANK CONSTRUCTION FINANCING PROGRAM

Motion to Approve Consent Agenda: Zahradnick Second: Nunes Comments: none Roll Call: Kauffman-absent, Nunes-yes, Simonsick-yes, except no to Resolution 184, Zahradnick-yes, Mayor Talarico- yes; motion carries.

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURE LIST

CURRENT FUND	\$4,514,560.30
UTILITY FUND	327,077.84
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND	107,101.79
UTILITY CAPITAL FUND	148,640.00
TRUST FUND	893,616.40
GRANT FUND	6,022.24

Motion to Approve: Nunes, Second: Zahradnick Comments: the bill from Action Uniforms and Turek invoices were questioned, 2-new uniforms for EMT and the rest was for Class A uniforms for the fire department...duty crew uniforms were bought last year; the Turek invoices were involving two zoning board escrows. Roll Call: yes motion carries.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 2025 MINUTES

Motion to Approve: Nunes Second: Zahradnick Comments: none Roll Call: Kauffman-absent, Nunes- yes, Simonsick-yes, Zahradnick-yes, Mayor Talarico-yes; Motion carries.

PUBLIC PORTION – Jeffrey Nace, S. Maple Avenue, will be picketing for “No Kings Day” at the gazebo park. Nick DeNiglio, N. Coles Avenue, expressed his disgust at not having Council representation at a fire fighter’s funeral. Some of council were not local but reached out to the family. Mr. Tursi, S Poplar Avenue, claims the housing ordinance is a money scheme. Karen Mastrangelo and Ms. Mortimer asked about the committee and when the ordinance will be available. The committee was an eight-member board and the ordinance will be available.

STAFF AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS

Council updated the residents of the upcoming events including the Halloween events and curfews. Mr. Simonsick expressed concerns about the housing ordinance claiming, “he is the odd man out and everybody wants to shut me down and not participate in anything.”

OLD BUSINESS

1. Operations

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- a. Preparation for the 2026 budget is underway, the township is under expenditure control which started October 13th.
 - b. DPW is working on their fall operations, the leaf collection is available on the township's website. (November 3rd for zone 1 is the first collection)
 - c. Road projects – Roland is getting new curbing and S. Coles is starting curbing
 - d. December 13th is the Holiday Fest, November 8th is the Health Fair, and the meeting was held for the Color Run on September 27th and was a great success.
2. Engineer's Reports
- a. Manager Danson reported for Alaimo including coordination with DPW to prepare the infrastructure mapping and watershed inventory, moving forward with drainage improvements at the Buttonwood park and receiving updated quotes for cleaning and televising the Thomas Avenue piping. Also, the township building inspected for structural compliance.
 - b. Anne Orea was present to update council of their projects and answer any questions, including the Buttonwood Avenue Park design, PD cell renovations, and Roland Avenue
3. Police Report
- a. The PD was recognized at a recent awards DOJ breakfast on September 30th.
 - b. Reported on their attendance at the annual fire prevention on October 4th
 - c. Council was updated on recent police calls, 10/12 -Shots fired
 - d. October 13th the PD held a recruiting event
 - e. Reminded of the new stop sign at High Street and Fernwood Avenue.
4. Site Plan – one application on Route 38, possible cannabis business, going back to site plan one or two more times.
5. Sustainable Maple Shade – they are holding a costume distribution event on Sunday, fall clean up will be Sunday, 9-11am and the drain at Germantown and Forklanding Road will be painted.

NEW BUSINESS

1. RPM requests assistance with the sewer line costs. Council denied request
2. Turf Field – tow quotes were received, the field is in fair condition and considered having safety issues, there are samples in the manager's office for council's review. It's agreed to move forward.
3. Manager received an email from Street Hockey with a request to re-naming the Maple Shade Hockey Rink to Anthony Mannello Hockey Rink – Council approved under Resolution 2025-R-190, Motion: Zahradnick Second: Nunes Roll Call: yes. Motion carries.
4. Name a portion of Buttonwood Avenue in honor of Kenny Karcher – Resolution 2025-R-191, motioned by Simonsick Second by Nunes; approved. Motion carries.
5. Mr. Simonsick noted that Township Code 205-80 states that the council hires the Zoning Officer. It was explained that the Director of Community Development is an all encompassing position. Manager and Attorney will review code.
6. Mr. Simonsick made a motion the change the meeting schedule, there was no second, motion dies.

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7. Attorney apologized for a misstatement about Mr. Simonsick's vote on the housing ordinance, Mr. Simonsick's clarifying statement was that the attorney stay in his lane and has no right to engage in conversations during the meeting.

Resolution 2025-R-192 Resolution to Meet in Executive Session for the Following:

1. Matters relating to Public Safety and Property
2. Matters relating to the Potential Imposition of a Penalty

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

Motion to Open (9:04pm): Zahradnick Second: Nunes Comments: none All in Favor: yes

MOTION TO ADJOURN UNTIL TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR
NOVEMBER 20, 2025, AT 6:30 PM

Motion: Nunes Second: Zahradnick Comments: none All in Favor: yes