

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Borough Council held on February 4, 2010, at 8:39 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, 531 Speedwell Avenue, Morris Plains, New Jersey.

Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer.

Mayor Druetzler called the meeting to order and read the following notice:

I HEREBY ANNOUNCE AND STATE THAT ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING WAS PROVIDED BY VIRTUE OF A RESOLUTION SCHEDULING THE TIME, DATE, AND PLACE OF MEETINGS OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MORRIS PLAINS FOR THE YEAR 2010; WHICH RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL ON JANUARY 8<sup>TH</sup> 2010, AND WAS PUBLISHED IN THE MORRIS NEWSBEE AND IN THE DAILY RECORD AND BY THE FORWARDING OF SUCH RESOLUTION TO ALL PERSONS ON THE REQUEST LIST; BY THE POSTING OF SUCH RESOLUTION ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE BOROUGH HALL; ALL OF THE ABOVE ACTIONS BEING IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 10:4-6, ET SEQ.

Present on Roll Call: Mayor Frank J. Druetzler  
Council President Jason C. Karr  
Councilmembers: Joseph Cecala, Jr.  
George J. Coogan  
Laurie J. Fu  
Suzanne McCluskey  
Ray Zabihach

Also Present: Gail Fraser, Borough Attorney  
Leon Hall, Borough Engineer

### **APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

Councilmember Karr moved:

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Morris Plains, that the attached reports be accepted and that said reports be kept on file in the Clerk's Office:

### **REPORTS**

None

### **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**

**THAT** Resolution No. 2010-35 entitled, "RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO THE APPLICATION OF DAVID AND MARY E. LOHUIS FOR AN EXTENSION OF FACILITIES OUTSIDE THE DISTRICT OF THE SOUTHEAST MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY," be adopted as attached.

**THAT** Resolution No. 2010-36 entitled, "RESOLUTION APPOINTING SCOTT A. THOMPSON AS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR FOR THE BOROUGH OF MORRIS PLAINS," be adopted as attached.

**THAT** Resolution No. 2010-37 entitled, "MUNICIPAL RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT APPLICATION BOROUGH OF MORRIS PLAINS," be adopted as attached.

**THAT** Ana Gaston, 10 W. Union Turnpike, Wharton, be hired for the 2010 Winter Recreation Program, "Zumba" instructor at \$40.00 per session, effective February 17<sup>th</sup> 2010.

**THAT** the resignation of Michael Leahey, Teen Center Coordinator, be accepted effective June 30<sup>th</sup> 2010.

**THAT** the Borough Treasurer be authorized to advertise for the receipt of bids for the Central Avenue Paving Project, with bids to be received on Wednesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> 2010, up to 10:00 A.M., in the Council Chambers.

**THAT** the Borough Treasurer be authorized to advertise for the receipt of bids for the Speedwell Avenue Improvement Project, with bids to be received on Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> 2010, up to 10:00 A.M., in the Council Chambers.

Seconded by Councilmember McCluskey.

Yeas: Councilmembers Karr, Cecala, Coogan, Fu, McCluskey & Zabihach

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilmember Karr moved:

*BE IT RESOLVED* that the minutes of the Executive, Conference & Regular Meetings of January 21<sup>st</sup> 2010 be approved.

Seconded by Councilmember Zabihach. So ordered.

### **GREETINGS OF PUBLIC AND INVITATION FOR DISCUSSION**

Mayor Druetzler opened the meeting to the public.

Ed Fletcher, Dogwood Road resident, discussed the number of deer in his backyard. He also discussed the release of patients at Greystone Hospital.

Kevin Rongo, Academy Road resident and DPW employee, discussed the sewers at Community Center.

Mayor Druetzler closed the public portion of the meeting.

### **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND/OR DEPARTMENT HEADS**

#### **Finance**

Councilmember Karr reported that the budget is being worked on at this time.

#### **Public Safety**

Councilmember Cecala provided a report on the deer cull and advised that 10 bucks and 28 does, for a total of 38 deer, were taken last month.

Councilmember Cecala advised that the Police Department held their own "click it or ticket" program today. In a two-hour period, approximately 25 summonses were issued.

Chief Thompson provided a report on the Police Department's activities.

#### **Public Works**

Councilmember Coogan stated that the superintendent's report was distributed and the Public Works personnel are still working on the list of improvements recommended by him and Councilwoman McCluskey.

Councilmember Coogan advised that the DPW has been trimming branches on the Glenbrook side of the playing field as part of the Shared Services between the Borough and the Board of Education.

### **Public Buildings & Grounds**

Councilmember McCluskey stated that the Shade Tree Commission held their Reorganization Meeting yesterday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> 2010: Lloyd Williams was nominated Chairperson, Don Salerno was nominated Vice Chairperson, and Larry Travaglia was nominated Arbor Day Chairman.

Councilmember McCluskey stated that the Recreation Commission held their Reorganization Meeting last week, January 28<sup>th</sup> 2010: Sal Cortese was nominated Chairperson and Gerry Sittmann was nominated as Vice Chairperson.

Councilmember McCluskey advised that Trinity Lutheran Church is organizing a community project for Haiti relief. It is in the planning stages right now and will hopefully be held at the end of March 2010.

Councilmember McCluskey reminded that last year a letter was received from Ian McCleary, a local high school student, requesting permission to hold a concert to raise awareness for autism. Councilmember McCluskey met with Ian, a few of his friends, and his mother last week. They would like to hold the concert at Roberts Garden on Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup> 2010. Donations will be requested; half will go to the national organization and the other half will go to the mentoring program.

### **Public Welfare, Sanitation & Sewers**

Councilmember Fu stated that the Teen Center Committee met on Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> 2010. Michael Leahey, Teen Center Coordinator, has turned in his resignation effective June 30<sup>th</sup> 2010. This position has been posted. Bowling night is tomorrow, February 5<sup>th</sup> 2010 and has approximately 64 students signed up. An ice skating event will be held March 5<sup>th</sup> 2010. Fundraising activities are being planned, including one at Lovey's Pizza on February 25<sup>th</sup> 2010 and a yard sale on April 24<sup>th</sup> 2010. Plans for Step Up Night are underway on June 11<sup>th</sup> 2010

to welcome the graduating 5<sup>th</sup> graders. A parent meeting will be held May 18<sup>th</sup> 2010.

Councilmember Fu advised that the Board of Health and Municipal Alliance will be meeting next week.

Councilmember Fu advised that the Recycling Committee sent out a letter this week to our business owners relative to meeting our recycling requirements. Councilmember Fu stated that there was an article in the newspaper on the give-away of CFL light bulbs to encourage saving energy.

### **Ordinance & Public Utilities**

Councilmember Zabihach advised that the Planning Board meeting scheduled for February 8<sup>th</sup> 2010 has been canceled.

Councilmember Zabihach stated that the Board of Adjustment held their Reorganization Meeting on January 25<sup>th</sup> 2010: David Schulz was nominated at Chairperson and Roy Stewart was nominated as Vice Chair.

Mayor Druetzler advised Council that *Plains Talk* is at the printer and will hopefully be out at the beginning of next week.

Mayor Druetzler stated that the County has gone out to bid for our traffic light at Stiles and West Hanover Avenues. The new light will offer left-hand turn signals and this project should be completed before the end of the year.

### **PRESENTATION OF COMMUNICATION, PETITIONS, ETC.**

Mayor Druetzler opened the meeting to the public. Hearing no one, Mayor Druetzler closed the public portion.

### **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

Councilmember Zabihach introduced the following ordinance and read the same by title and moved that it be passed on first reading.

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 1 - 2010**

#### **AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE AMENDMENT AND SUPPLEMENTATION OF SECTION 22-11 "PARKING PROHIBITED AT CERTAIN TIMES" IN CHAPTER 22, "TRAFFIC**

**AND PARKING," OF THE "REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF MORRIS PLAINS, NEW JERSEY, 1972" TO ESTABLISH A NEW SECTION (C)PROHIBITING OVERNIGHT PARKING OF COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES, TRAILERS, SEMITRAILERS AND POLE TRAILERS.**

Councilmember Cecala seconded the motion.

Yeas: Councilmembers Karr, Cecala, Coogan, Fu, McCluskey & Zabihach  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

Thereupon, Councilmember Zabihach offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the above ordinance was introduced and read by title at this meeting on February 4<sup>th</sup> 2010 and passed on first reading.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED at a meeting to be held on February 18<sup>th</sup> 2010 at 8:30 P.M. prevailing time in the Municipal Building in the said Borough, this Council will further consider for second reading and final passage of said ordinance.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of this Borough be and she is hereby directed to publish the proper notice therefore, including the ordinance, post the ordinance on the Bulletin Board in the Municipal Building and make copies available to members of the general public.

Councilmember Coogan seconded the resolution. All in favor.

**ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING**

None.

**RESOLUTIONS**

None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**VOUCHERS**

None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Moved by Councilmember Coogan:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Resolution No. 2010-38 entitled, "Executive Session" be adopted.

Seconded by Councilmember Cecala. So ordered.

Councilmember Coogan moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 p.m.

Seconded by Councilmember Cecala. So moved.

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Frank J. Druetzler, Mayor

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June R. Uhrin, Borough Clerk

Councilmember Cecala moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 p.m.

Seconded by Councilmember Coogan. So moved.

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