

MAPLE SHADE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
FEBRUARY 25, 2021 – 7:00 P.M.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and occupancy restrictions imposed by Executive Order and in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public, until further notice, all meetings will be held virtually only, using the Zoom platform. Members of the public are able to participate in the meeting by audio and/or video or through the Zoom chat feature. Public comments may also be submitted to the Township Clerk via electronic mail or in written letter form. All comments must be received no later than 4 PM the day of the meeting. Electronic Mail should be sent to publiccomments@mapleshade.com Please type "Township Council Meeting Comment" and the date of the meeting in the email subject line. Written letters should state that the letter is being submitted as a Township Council meeting comment and the date of meeting for which the comment is scheduled. During the business session portion of the Remote Public Meeting the audio of all members of the public attending the meeting will be muted. At the end of the business session of the meeting, a time for public comment will be available. Members of the public who desire to provide comment shall raise their virtual hand in the Zoom application and/or submit a written comment via the text message section of the application. The meeting moderator will queue the members of the public that wish to provide comment and the Mayor will recognize them in order. Public comment shall be concise and to the point and shall not contain abusive, defamatory, or obscene language.

Township of Maple Shade is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Township Council Meeting -

Time: Feb 25, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85816003655?pwd=bkdzYkpraXhwVTdHS3pqTUIlXYUNlUT09>

Meeting ID: 858 1600 3655

Passcode: 726918

Dial by your location

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Meeting ID: 858 1600 3655

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85816003655>

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:

Notifying the Township Clerk December 15, 2020.

Mailing Notice to the Courier Post, The Central Record and Burlington County Times on December 15, 2020.

Posting Notice on the Official Municipal Bulletin Board on December 15, 2020.

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ROLL CALL

COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Kauffman			x			
Ms. Nunes			x			
Schmidt			x			
Mrs. Volpe			x			
Wiest			x			

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

Ordinance No. 2021-01 An Ordinance Establishing Salaries and Wages of Certain Officers and Employees of the Township of Maple Shade, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, Effective January 1, 2021

Open to Public - none

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

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

COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Kauffman					x	
Ms. Nunes	x		x			
Schmidt			x			
Mrs. Volpe		x	x			
Wiest			x			

PUBLIC PORTION (for Consent Agenda Items) - none

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution No. 2021-R-45 Appoint Karen Zlotnick as Recycling Coordinator

Resolution No. 2021-R-46 Authorize Transfer of Appropriation Reserves

Resolution No. 2021-R-47 Requesting A 3-month Extension of Time for Award of a Construction Contract for the Combined FY2019 and FY2020 Municipal Aid Grant Funded Project

Motion to Approve: Second: Comments: Roll Call:

COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Kauffman			x			
Ms. Nunes		x	x			
Schmidt			x			
Mrs. Volpe	x		x			
Wiest			x			

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APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURE LIST - \$894,799.17

Motion to Approve: Second: Comments: none Roll Call:

COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Kauffman			x			
Ms. Nunes			x			
Schmidt	x		x			
Mrs. Volpe		x	x			
Wiest			x			

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2021 MINUTES

Motion to Approve: Second: Comments: none Roll Call:

COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Kauffman	x		x			
Ms. Nunes		x	x			
Schmidt			x			
Mrs. Volpe			x			
Wiest			x			

PUBLIC PORTION

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

STAFF AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS – Council again thanked the DPW for their continued efforts to fight the snowstorms and reminding the residents to be pro active and move cars off the streets for plowing. Also, it is the property owner’s responsibility to keep the sidewalks clear and passable. Maple Shade is listed in US Today’s “Best Small-Town Beer Event.” We are ranked number two right now and need your votes. The snowflakes are coming down tomorrow and flags will be up by March 15th.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Operations

- a. The weather is still the reason for the delay in meeting schedules for North Coles Avenue.
- b. the township is still looking for a part-time Recreation Director.
- c. The township received reimbursement money from CARES and FEMA for pandemic purchases in an amount a little less than \$80,000. There may be more funds available which can help businesses and residents directly.

2. Engineer’s Report

- a. There are new stormwater regulations which need to be included in our plan, the ordinance was introduced at your last meeting. Once approved the new plan will be circulated.
- b. The DOT grant is in the amount of \$481,500 for Collins and part of North Coles Avenue, working on the limitations of the project.
- c. DPW Superintendent, Dave Carothers, is present to discuss the need for a feasibility evaluation for town wide flooding issues. Engineer McKelvie explained the scope of the proposal. Mr Carothers expressed his views, using the money to televise the lines to find exactly what the major issues are, which the engineer agreed, it is a good place to start. They will meet to review plans for past projects to prioritize the project.

3. Site Plan – no report

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4. Advisory Board – no report

NEW BUSINESS

1. Acquisition of Property - Kings Hwy Plant: Engineer Yoder is present to explain the need for a new water plant and buying the lot adjacent to the Kings Highway plant would be to the township's benefit especially considering we have two wells already on the site. Council asked to relist topic for discussion.
2. Feasibility Evaluation – discussed in Engineer Report, will relist.
3. Legalization of Marijuana – The law was past faster than anticipated. Council has to decide what part, if any of the law, we will include in the Township code. The guidelines and regulations did not come out with the passing of the law, leaving council with a lot of questions. Issue will be relisted for further discussion.
4. Rental Registration Program – Manager Danson explained the ordinance and the need for some regulations, but reiterated the ordinance is for reference only, giving talking points. Council wants to continue discussions and asked to relist.

Resolution No. 2021-R-48 Resolution to Meet in Executive Session for the following:

1. Negotiation/Attorney Client Privilege regarding Potential Litigation

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

Formal action may be taken upon 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: Volpe Second: Kauffman All in Favor: yes

**MOTION TO ADJOURN UNTIL TOWNSHIP COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 11, 2021 AT 7:00 PM**

Motion: Volpe Second: Nunes All in Favor: yes

*Notice is being forwarded in accordance with The Open Public Meetings Act –
February 23, 2021*