

5/16/2017 - Minutes

1. SALUTE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

The Chair led all assembled in a Salute to the American flag.

2. STATEMENT

"Pursuant to Section, Chapter 231. P.L. 1975 this is to state for the record that adequate notice of this meeting has been provided to the public by posting and maintaining the annual notice of regular meetings on the Bulletin Board of the Municipal Building, by mailing the annual notice of regular meetings for 2017 to the News-Record and Star Ledger in December 2016 and by filing said notice in the office of the Township Clerk.

3. ROLL CALL

Mr. Victor De Luca, Ms. Nancy Adams, Mrs. India Larrier, Mr. Greg Lembrich.

ALSO PRESENT: Elizabeth J. Fritzen, Township Clerk, Roger J. Desiderio, Township Attorney, and Sonia Alves-Viveiros, Assistant Township Administrator.

ABSENT: Mr. Frank McGehee, Mr. Joseph Manning, Township Administrator.

The Township Clerk read the following:

WHEREAS, Chapter 231. P.L. 1975 commonly known as the "Open Public Meeting Act," requires that all meetings of Public Bodies be open to the public; and

WHEREAS, Section 7.a. provides that the Governing Body has the discretion to permit, prohibit or regulate the active participation of the public at any meeting; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Governing Body to comply with the provisions of this act and at the same time conduct its business in an orderly and expeditious manner.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Maplewood that does hereby prohibit, except as set forth in the formal agenda, active participation in the deliberations of the Governing Body by the public and except as otherwise prescribed by law, does limit the public to observation of the actions and discussions of the Governing Body at all its regular and special meetings.

Ayes: Ms. Adams, Mrs. Larrier, Mr. Lembrich and Mayor De Luca

Nays: None

4. MAYORS INTRODUCTION

Mayor De Luca gave an overview of the evening's agenda. Mayor De Luca announced that the Township Clerks Office is open until 9:00 p.m. tonight for voter registration. If you are not a registered voter and you desire to vote in the Tuesday, June 6, 2017 Primary Election today is the last day to register to vote to be eligible. The meeting tonight will start with a Proclamation for Emergency Medical Services week. There will be an added presentation by the Essex County Surrogate; the Honorable Theodore Stephens. After that there will be a presentation from Michael Morrison, retired Maplewood Police Sergeant, on the Youth Program. Michael Morrison is a retired Maplewood Police Officer and he will be talking about retired Mikes Open Gym Program. Then we will open up the floor to the first public comment section, then three ordinances on final passage. The first is requiring our Boards and Committees to annually elect officers from among their membership, second is to establish salary classification of employment and classification

ranges for our non-contractual employees. Lastly, is an ordinance for "No Parking Here to Corner" at the intersection of Indiana Street at intersection with Springfield Avenue. There are two discussion items; one is realtor signs and riders and there will be a report from Mrs. Larrier from the Code Committee. The second is the garage requirement for properties and Mrs. Larrier will report on that also.

Mayor De Luca, stated that there are eight (8) items on the consent agenda; will be purchasing video equipment for the Police Department, authorizing an online tax sale, setting 2017 salaries, cancellation of unexpended balances on improvement authorizations, will be appointing a probationary firefighter/EMT in the Maplewood Fire Department, approving bills and claims and minutes of May 2, 2017. The second public comment period will have administrative reports, reports from elected officials and then we will adjourn. At the conclusion of the Township Committee meeting we will reconvene as the Local Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission to consider a person-to-person transfer of a plenary retail consumption license.

5. PROCLAMATION - Emergency Medical Services Week (May 21-27, 2017)

Proclamation - Emergency Medical Services Week (May 21-27, 2017)

Proclamation for Emergency Medical Services Week was presented by Mrs. Larrier.

Mrs. Larrier, stated that the Township is very grateful to all of our Emergency Medical Services personnel, Maplewood's Fire Department as the primary responder, and South Orange Rescue Squad does some back up calls. Both organizations will be given a copy of the Emergency Medical Services Week Proclamation.

Mr. Lembrich stated that we should also recognize Elizabeth J. Fritzen, Township Clerk who for 43 years has been an active riding Volunteer EMT with the Springfield First Aid Squad. Ms. Fritzen has delivered two babies in the field in that time and has saved a number of lives. Ms. Fritzen was applauded by the Township Committee and those present in the audience.

Honorable Theodore Stephens, Essex County Surrogate, then gave an overview of his office and the services that they provide to the public.

Mrs. Larrier stated that she just wanted to thank Mr. Stephens for all the work he does and for coming out tonight to make this presentation. Mrs. Larrier had the opportunity to serve as a Court Appointed Guardian for a relative years ago and it was very confusing. Mrs. Larrier added that the pamphlet would have been very helpful to Mrs. Larrier.

Mayor De Luca thanked Surrogate Stephens for coming to the meeting and for his presentation.

6. PRESENTATION TO THE GOVERNING BODY

Michael Morrison, Retired Maplewood Police Officer, and founder and director of Mike's Open Gym, stated good evening to the Honorable Mayor and Township Committee. Retired Officer Morrison spoke as follows:

I am Michael Morrison a retired Maplewood Police Officer from 1990 until 2012, Maplewood Police Department, with the most rewarding years being my assignment to Columbia High School from 2001 to 2005. I would like to thank people who made this current Open Gym possible, Athletic Director Busio who is very excited to see something like this happening at the school, Sergeant Connie Fields who rallied the Police Officers to keep their commitment that they made to the program, the Chief of Police of Maplewood for offering comp. time to the Police Officer's who are willing to volunteer to come out and Township Committee Member McGehee who Mr. Morrison thinks represents the feelings and views of the Township Committee, and for Mr. McGehee's support when he heard what the Police Department was doing for the community. The Open Gym is a result of the officers interest to interact with the community and youth. Mr. Morrison has utilized his own resources to make sure this happened in a timely manner. Police and

community relations are so important at this time. But the facts still remain that there is a group in the Maplewood community that feel disenfranchised and unconnected. For the first two (2) Friday's we have between 10 and 15 Police Officers playing basketball with 100 youth from the community. Mr. Morrison, stated that he had the opportunity to view the Maplewood Township Master Plan which lets him know how important this event is in the Maplewood community. The Master Plan has included to support and promote racial intergration and enhance a genuine sense of community to all and we have not met that goal yet, but Mr. Morrison believes that this Open Gym is a way that we can meet our goals. Mr. Morrison's hope is that the Maplewood Township Committee along with the Board of Education would make sure that a program like this continues in the Maplewood community. Mr. Morrison, stated that he is committed in helping this event happen. Mr. Morrison goes on to read a letter from the Columbia High School Principal supporting this program.

Mayor De Luca asked Mr. Morrison when does the program end?

Michael Morrison, Retired Maplewood Police Officer, Mike's Open Gym, stated that they have only dedicated four (4) Friday's in May and are looking to have a meeting soon to have the program all year around.

Ms. Adams thanked Retired Police Officer Michael Morrison for his tremendous work. Ms. Adams agrees that it is vitally important that the Township Committee start getting the police and the youth in the Maplewood community together. Ms. Adams thanked Mr. Morrison for using his own resources to get this program kicked off.

Mr. Lembrich added to Mr. Morrison, Retired Maplewood Police Officer, that once Mr. Morrison gets a sense of what it is that the Township Committee can help with please let the Township Committee know.

Mr. Morrison was thanked for coming to the Township Committee meeting and making his presentation on this important program going on.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Jeanette Paige-Hawkins, Essex County Liaison, stated that she wanted to bring to the attention of the Township Committee that some pamphlets were delivered this past week and there are quite a few activities for the summer recreational and cultural activities that will be going on in Essex County. Also Essex County does have an open house at the Zoo every year and it is free and that there is a wealth of information and free give aways that are offered. This Open House is on Saturday, June 3, 2017, from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Jeanette Paige-Hawkins, Essex County Liaison, reported to Ms. Adams that she presented a question to Ms. Paige-Hawkins a while back in regard to the household hazardeous waste and did ask the qustions about being in other locations and was told that in the past that Essex County had tried that in the Newark area and that it did not work out so well and they did not consider doing it any place else.

Robert Barrens, Education First, reported on a program that brings in international students to the United States to stay with host families during the summer. They are seeking host families in the Maplewood area. Flyers were left with Ms. Fritzen, Township Clerk.

Mayor De Luca, stated seeing no one further, closed the first public comment session.

Mayor De Luca reported on a conversation with Maplewood Police Chief Cimino, regarding work on Valley Street in the near future by New Jersey American Water Company. The Governing Body would like the work performed during the day on Valley Street and not during the overnight hours. Chief Cimino will convey that directive to New Jersey American Water Company.

8. ORDINANCE ON FINAL PASSAGE

The Township Clerk read by title.

GL/IL ORDINANCE ON FINAL
PASSAGE
2861-17

ORDINANCE NUMBER

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
MAPLEWOOD TO REQUIRE VARIOUS TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER COMMITTEES TO ANNUALLY
APPOINT OFFICERS FROM AMONG ITS MEMBERS

"Interpretive Statement"

(This ordinance will require that various Township Volunteer Committees annually elect officers from among
its membership.)

Mayor De Luca stated that the Ordinance has been published, copies posted on Bulletin Board in the
Municipal Building and copies made available to the general public in accordance with the law.

Mayor De Luca asked was there anyone who would like to speak on this ordinance which requires
Township Boards and Committee's to annually elect an officer from within?

None.

Mr. Lembrich, seconded by Mrs. Larrier, move this that the ordinance be adopted as a whole and the Clerk
be directed to publish the same as a passed ordinance in the Maplewood/South Orange News-Record
according to law.

Mayor De Luca, asked were there any discussion? None.

Ayes: Ms. Adams, Mrs. Larrier, Mr. Lembrich and Mayor De Luca.

Nays: None

Motion carries.

9. ORDINANCE ON FINAL PASSAGE

The Township Clerk read by title.

GL/IL ORDINANCE ON FINAL
PASSAGE
2862-17

ORDINANCE NUMBER

AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE 2788-15 AUTHORIZING CLASSIFICATION OF EMPLOYMENT POSITIONS
WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP AND TO ESTABLISH SALARY RANGES FOR EMPLOYEES

"Interpretive Statement"

(This ordinance authorizes classification of employment positions and establishes salary ranges for
employees)

Mayor De Luca stated that the Ordinance has been published, copies posted on Bulletin Board in the
Municipal Building and copies made available to the general public in accordance with the law.

Mayor De Luca, asked was there anyone who would like to speak on this ordinance which sets up

classification of employment and salary ranges? None.

Mayor De Luca, seconded by Mrs. Larrier, move this that the ordinance be adopted as a whole and the Clerk be directed to publish the same as a passed ordinance in the Maplewood/South Orange News-Record according to law.

Mayor De Luca asked were there any discussion? None.

Ayes: Ms. Adams, Mrs. Larrier, Mr. Lembrich and Mayor De Luca.

Nays: None

Motion carries.

10. ORDINANCE ON FINAL PASSAGE

The Township Clerk read by title.

GL/IL ORDINANCE ON FINAL
PASSAGE
2863-17

ORDINANCE NUMBER

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 257 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MAPLEWOOD ENTITLED "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC"

"Interpretive Statement"

(This ordinance will direct a "No Parking Here to Corner" zone on Indiana Street at its intersection with Springfield Avenue.)

Mayor De Luca stated that the Ordinance has been published, copies posted on Bulletin Board in the Municipal Building and copies made available to the general public in accordance with the law.

Mayor De Luca asked was there anyone who would like to speak on this ordinance? None.

Ms. Adams, seconded by Mayor De Luca, move this that the ordinance be adopted as a whole and the Clerk be directed to publish the same as a passed ordinance in the Maplewood/South Orange News-Record according to law.

Mayor De Luca asked were there any discussion? None.

Ayes: Ms. Adams, Mrs. Larrier, Mr. Lembrich and Mayor De Luca.

Nays: None

Motion carries.

11. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Realtor Signs and Riders/IL

Mrs. Larrier stated that Mayor De Luca, Ms. Adams, Mrs. Larrier and the Code Committee met last week with the realtors and are recommending that the Township's realtor signs include three (3) total riders, two underneath the main sign and one on top of the main sign. There will be coming soon however, there is no "best team in Maplewood" and no advertising for realtors. The riders on the bottom absolutely must

be pertinent to the property itself and not to the advertising of builders. With the "coming soon" rider, in order to keep it under control we are going to have a date that will be included on that rider as of when it is put up.

Mayor De Luca stated that the "coming soon" rider can only be up for two (2) weeks and then the Township needs to have a date on the back when it is supposed to come down.

Mrs. Larrier reported that it was requested that we allow those big huge feather signs and it was pretty much unanimous that the Township will not be doing that.

2. Garage Requirement for Properties/IL

Mrs. Larrier stated currently the Township of Maplewood has a requirement that you have to have a garage. The Zoning Board asked that the Governing Body revisit that requirement. They did some investigation and came to the realization that it is simply just a property value reason for having to have a garage and that there is no real reason for garages. If it is okay with the rest of the Township Committee we are going to be amending the requirement to have a garage. The Governing Body agreed.

Mayor De Luca stated that right now the ordinance says you have to provide a garage suitable for a car and we are just going to eliminate the language and you will still have to provide parking for your vehicle(s) but not a garage.

12. CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Lembrich, seconded by Mrs. Larrier, move the adoption of the consent agenda.

Ayes: Mrs. Larrier, Mr. Lembrich and Mayor De Luca.

Abstention: Ms. Adams on the minutes approval of May 2, 2017; both open and closed. (was absent)

Nays: None

Motion carries.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT - ANY SUBJECT MATTER

Mayor De Luca stated seeing no one, has closed the second public comment period.

14. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS

None.

15. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Sonia Alves-Viveiros, Assistant Township Administrator, stated no report for Mr. Manning.

Roger Desiderio, Township Attorney, no report.

Elizabeth Fritzen, Township Clerk, stated that voter registration is going on tonight until 9 p.m. Today at 9:00 p.m. is the last time to be eligible to vote in the Tuesday, June 6, 2017 Primary Election.

Ms. Elizabeth Fritzen, Township Clerk, wanted to highlight the fact that the next Township Committee meeting is Wednesday June 7, 2017 and that is due to election day being Tuesday June 6, 2017. Polls are open from 6:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

Ms. Elizabeth Fritzen, Township Clerk, stated that later on this evening there will be an ABC Transfer Hearing.

Mr. Lembrich, seconded Mrs. Larrier, motion to have the Township Committee's second meeting in June, both meetings in July and August and both meetings in September to be held at the Maplewood Police and Court Building, 1618 Springfield Avenue.

Ayes: Ms. Adams, Mrs. Larrier, Mr. Lembrich and Mayor De Luca.

Nays: None

Motion carries.

Sonia Alves-Viveiros, Assistant Township Administrator, reported that the Maplewood Farmer's Market starts on June 5, 2017 and is currently trying to do a site plan for all the vendors and has gotten a couple of new vendors including an organic chocolate vendor for this season.

Mayor De Luca stated that the Township has moved the Farmer's Market and it is no longer at Indiana Street and Springfield Avenue. It is now near the corner of Yale Street and Springfield Avenue and there is a huge parking lot at Yale Street for the venue. This will allow us to have the parking in one area and the patrons going to the farmers market vendors in another area.

16. REPORTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

Ms. Adams, stated that she just wanted to remind everyone that the summer leaf blower ban ordinance went into effect yesterday, May 15, 2017 and to clarify that ban is for gas powered leaf blowers by commercial operators from May 15th thru September 30th. If you want to report any company using gas powered blowers during the ban period that please call the non-emergency Police number (973) 762-3400 or Maplewood Code Enforcement department at Town Hall (973) 762-8120 and/or go on the Township website to report an issue.

Ms. Adams, stated that there are a lot of landscaping companies that are not registered and as a reminder to landscaping companies you need to register with the Township of Maplewood so that we can notify you when things happen or change. There are fewer landscaping companies registered this year than last year but undoubtedly the same number working. If you are a homeowner and you have a landscaping company to maintain your property please make sure that they are registered with the Maplewood Department of Public Works.

Ms. Adams spoke about a reminder from the Township's Public Works Department regarding recycling and did send out an email blast to clarify that there is no requirement for a lid to be on your recycling container's but they are required to be in an appropriate container that is appropriate. Most importantly with wind issues the recycling should not be put out to the curb until 5 pm the night before.

Mr. Lembrich stated that registration is open for the Maplewood Community Pool for this summer and that we are all just a few weeks away from opening up the Maplewood Pool for the pool season and that we are very excited. There has been a little bit of confusion in the community about how to get your pool Id's and photo's and Mr. Lembrich wanted to put that information out. This year we have converted to keyfobs from the ID card that was used in the past years. So you will need to take new photo's for every pool member age 3 and above for the new registration system. The photo's can be taken here at Town Hall in the Recreation Department or at the pool any time once the pool is open for the season. Unlike previous years we can't take email photographs this year for use of the new system. The keyfob can be given out once you get your picture taken and the old membership cards are now obsolete and will not be good for admission anymore. Mr. Lembrich stated to make things easier for residents and pool members you can come and take a photo here at Town Hall and that the Recreation is staying open tonight until 7 pm, this Thursday, May 18th the Recreation Department will stay open until 8:30 pm. The Recreation Department will be open on Saturday, May 20th from 9 am until 2 pm at Town Hall. Next Monday, May 22nd and Thursday, May 25th the Recreation Department will stay open until 8:30 pm. Please try to come in before the pool opens because Memorial Day weekend when it opens the lines may be very lengthy and you are going to need that keyfob photo taken before you can be admitted to the pool for the holiday weekend.

Mr. Lembrich stated that his report is from the Public Safety Committee and that the Public Safety Committee has reviewed the draft operational order prepared by Maplewood Police Chief Cimino implementing the Welcoming Community resolution that the Township Committee passed earlier this year. Mr. Lembrich will be preparing with the help of others on the Public Safety Committee and in consultation with the Maplewood Chief of Police a thorough summary of that operational order. Mr. Lembrich will be making a report on that topic at the next meeting and will ask Ms. Fritzen, Township Clerk, to put that on the agenda for June 7th meeting as a discussion item.

Mr. Lembrich reported finally to encourage everyone in Maplewood to come out to vote election day on Tuesday, June 6th. There is an important primary this year for Governor, the entire State Legislature is up for election. From Maplewood to the State Legislature to the Governor's office we have important races up and down the ballot so please come out and let your voice be heard.

Mrs. Larrier, no report.

Mayor De Luca stated that Thursday evening, May 18th at 7:30 pm the Hilton Neighborhood Association will be hosting Dr. Ramos, Superintendent of Schools, and this will be your opportunity to ask questions about the future of the Maplewood school system and get into a dialogue. Mayor De Luca will be moderating the night.

Mayor De Luca stated that on Saturday, May 20th there will be a Talk To The Township Committee from 9 am until 12 pm. It will be located at Jacoby Street and Springfield Avenue in front of Bank of America.

Mayor De Luca stated that at 1 pm Saturday, May 20th the Township Committee will be at the Maplewood Firehouse and dedicating a new ambulance.

Mayor De Luca stated from 4pm to 6 pm this Saturday, May 20th there is an Art Summit and it is sponsored by the Maplewood Arts Council held at the Burgdorff Cultural Center for Performing Arts.

Mayor De Luca further reported that on May 21st, Sunday is MayFest; a big event on Springfield Avenue. It is a great street fair and runs from 11 am until 5 pm.

Mayor De Luca stated on Friday, June 2nd, we will be having Gun Violence Awareness Day and it will be in the evening at the Gazebo on Springfield Avenue.

Mayor De Luca stated that the Memorial Day Parade is on Monday, May 29th and hopefully there will be no rain for the parade and ceremony can be held outside on the Plaza at the Municipal Building.

17. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ended at 8:20 pm and the Local ABC Hearing ended at 8:30 pm. To meet again Wednesday, June 7, 2017 at 7:30 PM at the Maplewood Municipal Building, 574 Valley Street, Maplewood, N.J.

The Maplewood Township Committee then convened as the Local Alcoholic Beverage Commission at 8:20 p.m.

Present: Messrs. De Luca and Lembrich.

Mrs. Larrier, and Ms. Adams.

Absent: Mr. McGehee.

A.B.C. HEARING - May 16, 2017

Person To Person ABC Transfer (from in Pocket)

Plenary Retail Consumption License Number 0711-33-020-005

The Village Venue, LLC (Pocket License) (Thomas Kern) to M160,LLC

Said applicant has in all respects complied with the requirements of the Statutes of New Jersey.

Said applicant has complied with the Ordinances of the Township of Maplewood essential to the transfer of such license.

Said applicant has submitted a sworn statement affirming that they will assume all outstanding obligations of the transferor.

Said applicant has received a tax clearance certificate from the State of New Jersey.

Said applicant has published on November 10, 2016 and November 17, 2016 in the Maplewood-South Orange News Record intentions of the purchase. No objections were received in writing by Elizabeth J. Fritzen, Township Clerk, Township of Maplewood? None.

Are there any objections now from anyone present? None.

Any questions by the Local ABC? (Maplewood Township Committee) None.

The buyer(s) were sworn in by Roger J. Desiderio, Township Attorney.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 94-17

Resolution passed on a vote of ayes and nays as follows:

Ayes: Messrs. De Luca and Lembrich.

Mrs. Larrier and Ms. Adams.

Nays: none

Absent: Mr. McGehee

Abstentions: none

The Person To Person Transfer was approved unanimously.

The meeting of the Local ABC adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Elizabeth J. Fritzen, Secretary To The Local ABC