

COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 26, 2019

Borough Clerk Barbara Dispoto called the March 26, 2019 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council to order at 7:38 p.m.

Reverend Noel Gordon of the Rhema Life Center was present to give the invocation.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Officers of the 8th Grade Student Council led in the Pledge of Alliance.

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

Whereas on January 3, 2019, adequate notice of this meeting pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act has been furnished by inclusion thereof in the Annual Schedule of Meetings for 2019 which has been posted on the bulletin board at Borough Hall, filed with the Borough Clerk, faxed to the Our Town, The Record, and The Community News newspapers and distributed to all persons, if any, requesting copies of same pursuant to said Act.”

In case of an emergency or fire alarm you must evacuate the building by using any of the exit doors in the room. They are immediately to my right and the double doors at the rear of the room. Occupants must exit the building by using the staircase and not the elevator.

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ROLL CALL

Members of the Governing Body present: Mayor Febre, Council members Bennin, Bolan, Ullman, Gervino, Lindenau, and Garofalow. Also present were Borough Attorney Brian E. Eyerman, Borough Administrator Roberta Stern and Borough Clerk Barbara Dispoto.

WORK SESSION ITEMS – No discussion.

PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, ETC.

GRANT APPLICATION

PUBLIC HEARING TO OBTAIN PUBLIC COMMENT ON A
GRANT APPLICATION TO BE SUBMITTED BY THE BOROUGH OF MAYWOOD
TO THE NEW JERSEY DEP GREEN ACRES LAND ACQUISITION AND
PARK DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

- Ballfield Renovations at Memorial Park

Mayor Febre opened the meeting to the public for any comments or questions pertaining to the Green Acres grant application. No one wished to be heard. Mayor Febre closed the public portion.

RESOLUTION # 73-19

RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, GREEN ACRES PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program (“State”), provides loans and/or grants to municipal and county governments and grants to nonprofit organizations for assistance in the acquisition, development, and stewardship of lands for outdoor recreation and conservation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Maywood desires to further the public interest by obtaining funding in the amount of \$43,125.00, in the form of a \$14,375.00 matching grant and, if available, a \$28,750.00 loan, from the State to fund the following project(s): Memorial Park – Ballfield Renovation at a cost of \$57,500.00;

NOW, THEREFORE, the governing body/board resolves that Borough Administrator Roberta Stern or the successor to the office of Borough Administrator is hereby authorized to:

- (a) make application for such a loan and/or such a grant,
- (b) provide additional application information and furnish such documents as may be required, and
- (c) act as the authorized correspondent of the above named applicant; and

WHEREAS, the State shall determine if the application is complete and in conformance with the scope and intent of the Green Acres Program, and notify the applicant of the amount of the funding award; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is willing to use the State's funds in accordance with such rules, regulations and applicable statutes, and is willing to enter into an agreement with the State for the above named project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE Borough of Maywood Mayor and Council;

1. That the Borough Administrator of the above named body or board is hereby authorized to execute an agreement and any amendment thereto with the State known as Memorial Park Ballfield Renovation;
2. That the applicant has its matching share of the project, if a match is required, in the amount of \$14,375.00;
3. That, in the event the State's funds are less than the total project cost specified above, the applicant has the balance of funding necessary to complete the project;
4. That the applicant agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project; and
5. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Council member Bolan moved for the adoption, seconded by Council member Ullman; and so carried by unanimous roll call vote.

WELCOME MAYWOOD AVENUE SCHOOL STUDENTS

1. Katie, Maywood Avenue Student, inquired about posting dog waste bag stations around the Borough. Discussion ensued as to the responsibilities of pet owners.
2. Julia, Maywood Avenue Student, discussed fewer places for students to congregate at after the closing of one of the eateries they frequented. She inquired about what is being done to draw new businesses to town.
3. Kayla, Maywood Avenue Student, inquired if the Borough received a one million dollar grant what would you do with it. Mayor Febre answered with he would purchase the Maine Evergreen property and turn it into a Recreation Center with tennis courts for the kids.
4. Ruth, Maywood Avenue Student, inquired if the church located next to the library was Borough owned and whether it was being used. Mayor Febre stated it is privately owned and is currently being used.
5. Julia, Maywood Avenue Student, inquired about the clean-up and long term plans for the property located by Myron. Discussion ensued as to a possible hotel, retail stores and a passive park.
6. Kavish, Maywood Avenue Student, inquired about the letter received from Suez and the concerns of lead in the water and what the Borough is doing regarding the situation. Mayor Febre discussed a recent resolution that Maywood and other municipalities have adopted which urge Suez to replace lead service lines.
7. Odun, Maywood Avenue Student, discussed difficulties in receiving packages in the Maywood Gardens area. He inquired about a centralized package pickup location. Discussion ensued as to the Borough does not have control over delivery of packages or mail and further discussed an option through the United States Postal Service called Informed Delivery. Odun further

discussed Brookdale Park and the issues he see there including non-functioning water fountains.

8. Kenneth, Maywood Avenue Student, inquired about the poor condition of some of the sidewalks in town. Discussion ensued as to the responsibility of the abutting homeowner to maintain the sidewalks.
9. Carthey, Maywood Avenue Student, inquired about Maywood students attending Hackensack High School and the thoughts regarding same. Mayor Febre had no comment and directed the student that the appropriate meeting for discussion would be a Board of Education meeting.
10. Nicko, Maywood Avenue Student, discussed the number of resident that use Memorial Park on the weekends. He would like to know if another basketball court can be added and also some bleachers. Administrator Stern said “we will look into it for next year’s Open Space Grant for some type of additional seating in that area.”
11. Gabriella, Maywood Avenue Student, inquired about shared services and the Borough seeking additional shared service agreements. Discussion ensued as to eliminating the shared services for solid waste pickup.

Mayor Febre thanked all of the students for coming and said please feel free to stay. He also encouraged the students to stay involved as they are the future of Maywood.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC (FIVE MINUTE TIME FRAME)

Mayor Febre opened the meeting to the public for any comments on or off the agenda. No one wished to be heard. Mayor Febre closed the public portion.

PUBLIC HEARING ON PENDING ORDINANCES - ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE #5-19

CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MAYWOOD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE UNDERTAKING OF STREETScape IMPROVEMENTS AT MAYWOOD AVENUE (PHASE II – FROM EAST HUNTER AVENUE NORTHERLY TO THE RAILROAD TRACKS) IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH, APPROPRIATING THEREFOR THE SUM OF \$165,627 AND PROVIDING THAT SUCH SUM SO APPROPRIATED SHALL BE RAISED FROM A STATE GRANT.

Mayor Febre opened the meeting to the public for any comments or questions. No one from the public wished to speak. Mayor Febre closed the public portion.

Council member Garofalow moved for the adoption; seconded by Council member Lindenau and so carried by unanimous roll call vote.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Maywood that Ordinance #5-19 be and is passed upon second and final reading and that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to advertise the same according to law.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council member Lindenau moved for approval of the February 26, 2019 Council Meeting and Closed Session minutes and the March 12, 2019 Work Session and Closed Session minutes; seconded by Council member Garofalow; and so carried by unanimous roll call vote.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS AND CLAIMS AND REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The Clerk presented the bill resolution.

Council member Ullman moved for approval, seconded by Council member Garofalow; and so carried by unanimous roll call vote.

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORT OF THE BOROUGH CLERK

Borough Clerk Dispoto reported on the following:

1. She received a letter asking if the Senior Citizen Club could park their cars in the Maywood Pool parking lot while on their annual trip. Mayor Febre stated he had no issue with allowing the Club to do so and inquired with the rest of the Council. There were no objections.
2. She was notified that Maywood was awarded an Open Space Grant award of \$26,442.00 from the 2018 Open Space Trust Fund.
3. The Rotary Club would like to purchase and donate a Gazebo to the town for the 125th Anniversary and also made some suggestions for the location.
4. She received a request from Officer Cook for permission to host the Annual National Night Out on August 6, 2019 at Memorial Park. There were no objections by the Council.
5. Year to date we have given out 354 Dog Licenses, 25 Cat Licenses and the late fee for renewal of animal licenses started on March 1st for an additional \$10.00.
6. She also reported we have 17 Tax Appeals to date with a deadline of April 1st.
7. She congratulated the Garofalow family on the birth of their son Andrew.
8. She spoke regarding the Retirement of Sally Miller as the Deputy Clerk; she wishes her well in the next chapter and is very appreciative of all the help and dedication she displayed. Her assistance was invaluable.

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATOR

Administrator Stern reported on the following:

1. She advised that the Open Space funds have recently got approval for bleachers at Cleveland Field, some benches are needed in the dugout at Big Diamond and dugouts at Cleveland Field.
2. Mayor Febre asked her about additional sun shades. She stated they will be purchased next year for Cleveland and an additional sun shade for the pool.
3. She stated discussion for bleachers and/or picnic tables for the basketball court area can be submitted in the next application.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council member Bennin reported on the following:

1. DPW Superintendent Neumann discussed his concerns in getting ready for the Spring and Summer seasons, and the Ball Fields at Memorial Park.
2. The building department collected \$3,500.00 in permit fees.

Council member Bolan reported on the following:

1. He reported the following from the Police Department; adding a copy of the report will be available at borough hall:
 - The Detective unit have 40 new cases and made 2 arrests, one being for narcotics and the other is a sex offense.
 - There were 218 "911" calls in February.
 - There were 280 motor vehicle stop in February resulting in 149 issued summonses.
 - There were 4 DWI arrests.
 - He reported that Officer Patton is now as certified active shooter instructor.
2. The Ambulance Corps recently were inducted into the Hall of Fame.
3. The first meeting for the Time Capsule recently occurred and it was determined who to reach out to and what to put in it. The timeframe for the capsule is the beginning of October at the Fall Festival.

Council member Ullman reported on the following:

1. He reported the following from the Recycling Advisory Committee:
 - You can get a permit to have your white goods removed for a fee of \$5.00, see Lisa Schieli at Borough Hall.
 - There will be Tires, Electronics and Paper Collection Event on April 7, 2019 at Bergen Community College from 9:00am to 2:00pm.

- Hazardous Waste Collection Event on April 14, 2019 from 9:00am to 3:00pm at Bergen County Community College.
2. He reported from the Board of Education:
 - They recently held the annual honor roll breakfast for the students. The guest speaker was Ava Webbe who was just named the Valedictorian for Hackensack High School Graduating class. She was also a Maywood's Honor Roll member.
 - TREPS an entrepreneurial program was a tremendous success. It was well attended by participants, customers and the children really enjoyed it.
 - NJ Department of Education for kindergarten through 8th grade recently received a ranking of 94.6%; which puts us #4 in the County of Bergen. What a tremendous accomplishment.

Council member Gervino had nothing to report at this time.

Council member Lindenau reported on the following:

1. He reported the following from the Recreation Committee:
 - Activities for the youth or young at heart is Spring Break Skate Camp at the Ice House, April 15 through April 19, 2019 for a cost of \$165.00 and it sells out quickly. Hours are 9:15 to 11:45am for more information call the Ice House at 201-487-8444 x210.
 - Health Partnership Eating Tour with a registered dietician at Whole Foods will be held on May 21, 2019 from 6:00 to 7:30pm in Paramus call 201-634-2693.
 - Maywood Recreation Theatre Club has their production Xanadu Jr. on April 26 and April 27, 2019 for more information contact Lisa Schieli.
 - For Maywood's 125th Anniversary a Special Presentation of School House Rock Live Jr. will be showing from May 5th through June 28th. Openings are still available and the cost is \$50.00.

Council President Garofalow reported on the following:

1. He wanted to thank everyone for the flowers and support. Andrew doesn't sleep at all; but all are doing well.
2. He stated the next TANAAC meeting at Teterboro Airport is scheduled for April 24, 2019 at 7:00 pm.
3. He stated the next Fire Board meeting will be held on April 1, 2019.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Febre reported on the following:

1. The TREPS program was impressive, enthusiastic and ingenious. I was the first to purchase a book from a young lady and she autographed it. Maybe someday she will become a famous author; her first original work. She wrote a book that is unbelievable. The future of Maywood will be in good hands with these students.
2. The Hall of Fame inducted the Ambulance Squad and he thanked them for all they did. The old ambulance known as the Enterprise came, back when it was in use it seemed very futuristic. It was donated to a Boy Scout Troop in Paramus. They will be using it to bring refreshments to fire fighters at active fires in the local area. Jim Murphy offered to fix it for free with only one request is to drive it occasionally. The troop leader will bring the ambulance here for our Memorial Day ceremonies. We would like to thank the Padovano family for the refreshments at the Hall of Fame. Lastly, it was mentioned the last call made by the Squad was made by Sally Miller and Tom Laughlin. He thanked her as a volunteer and an employee. She will be missed; they don't make them like her.

RESIGNATIONS - ACCEPTANCE OF THE FOLLOWING

1. Sally Miller as Deputy Clerk of the Borough of Maywood effective April 1, 2019.

Council member Garofalow moved the resignation(s) be accepted; seconded by Council member Lindenau; and so carried by unanimous roll call vote.

APPOINTMENTS - APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING

NONE

COUNCIL APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING

NONE

RESOLUTIONS BY TITLE - CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING

RESOLUTION #74-19
RESOLUTION APPROVING REVISED BYLAWS FOR THE MAYWOOD
FIRE DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION # 75-19
APPOINTING BARBARA L. DISPOTO AS REGISTRAR FOR
THE BOROUGH OF MAYWOOD

RESOLUTION # 76-19
RESOLUTION APPROVING THE
27TH ANNUAL MAYWOOD ROTARY 5K RUN

RESOLUTION # 77-19
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FIREWORKS DISPLAY AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF MAYWOOD AND INTERNATIONAL
FIREWORKS MFG. CO. INC.

RESOLUTION # 78-19
TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Council member Ullman moved for the adoptions, seconded by Councilman Bolan. Council President Garofalow requested resolution #74-19 be pulled from the agenda. Mayor Febre asked if there were any objections on pulling the resolution. There were no objections. Resolution 74-19 was pulled from the agenda.

Borough Clerk Dispoto requested that Councilman Ullman and Councilman Bolan amend their motions to include only Resolutions 75-19 through 78-19. There was no objection and motions were amended. Motion carried unanimously adopting Resolution 75-19 through 78-19.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

NONE

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

CLOSED SESSION

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act P.L. 1975, Chapter 231 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body wishes to discuss:

Personnel

Minutes will be kept and once the matter involving the confidentiality of the above no longer requires that confidentiality, then the minutes can be made public;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the public be excluded from this meeting; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Maywood do not envision that they will return to open session after the closed session but reserves the right to do so.

Council member Garofalow made a motion to go into Closed Session; seconded by Council member Lindenau; and so carried by voice vote.

Council member Lindenau made a motion to return to the Public portion; seconded by Council member Ullman; and so carried by voice vote

ADJOURNMENT

Council member Lindenau moved the meeting be adjourned; seconded by Council member Ullman and so carried by voice vote at 10:05pm.

Respectfully Submitted;

Barbara L. Dispoto, RMC
Borough Clerk