

Township of Mount Laurel  
Agenda  
Regular Council Meeting  
Monday, March 6, 2023  
Mount Laurel Municipal Center

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. ROLL CALL
4. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT
5. APPROVAL OF BILL LIST  
Moved by:                Seconded by:
6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
Moved by:                Seconded by:
7. GIVE KIDS A SMILE DAY – ASSEMBLYWOMAN CAROL MURPHY
8. RESOLUTIONS
  - 23-R-67:** PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MARCH 2023 AS COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH
  - 23-R-68:** PROCLAMATION OF COMMENDATION TO THE LENAPE HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND FOR WINNING THE 2022 STATE & NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
  - 23-R-69:** PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MARCH 2023 AS WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH
  - 23-R-70:** PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING RAMADAN AND EID AL-FITR
  - 23-R-71:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CLOSED SESSION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL TO DISCUSS PENDING OR ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS AND/OR PERSONNEL MATTERS
  - 23-R-72:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OR CANCELLATION OF PROPERTY TAXES BLOCK 407.01 LOT 33
  - 23-R-73:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OR CANCELLATION OF PROPERTY TAXES BLOCK 903.01 LOT 24
  - 23-R-74:** RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE 2023 UDRIVE. UTEXT. UPAY. DISTRACTED DRIVING CRACKDOWN

**23-R-75:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS FOR THE MOUNT LAUREL POLICE DEPARTMENT

**23-R-76:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR 2023

**23-R-77:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE MOUNT LAUREL TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY (“MLTMUA”) FOR GRASS CUTTING SERVICES

**23-R-78:** 2023 LOCAL MUNICIPAL BUDGET FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL  
(Public Hearing & Presentation on April 3, 2023)

9. ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING & PUBLIC HEARING

**ORDINANCE 2023-4:** ORDINANCE TO ACQUIRE BLOCK 204, LOT 1.06 FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES

Moved by:                      Seconded by:

**ORDINANCE 2023-5:** BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY IN AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$6,000,000 THEREFOR; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$5,700,000; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING

Moved by:                      Seconded by:

10. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

11. COMMENTS BY COUNCIL

12. ADJOURNMENT

**Township of Mount Laurel  
Regular Council Meeting  
February 6, 2023  
Mount Laurel Municipal Center**

Mayor Steglik called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance & Traditional Moment of Silence

**ROLL CALL**

Councilwoman Karen Cohen – present, Councilman Nick Moustakas – present,  
Councilman Kareem Pritchett – present, Deputy Mayor Fozia Janjua – present, Mayor  
Stephen Steglik - present, George Morris, Township Solicitor – present, Meredith  
Riculfy, Township Manager/Township Clerk - present

**PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Public Announcement, which is required by the “Open Public Meetings Act” of the  
State of New Jersey and read at every meeting of the Township Council was read by the  
Municipal Clerk.

**APPROVAL OF BILL LIST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,237,621.51**

Motion to Move: Councilman Moustakas, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Pritchett  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to Move: Councilman Moustakas, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilwoman Cohen  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

**RESOLUTION #47-2023: PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING COUNCILMAN  
KAREEM PRITCHETT**

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #47-2023: Councilman Moustakas, 2<sup>nd</sup> Deputy Mayor Janjua  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

**RESOLUTION #48-2023: PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2023 AS  
BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #48-2023: Councilman Moustakas, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Pritchett  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

**RESOLUTION #49-2023: A RESOLUTION APPROVING PARTICIPATION WITH  
THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAM ADMINISTERED  
BY THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY, OFFICE  
OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM**

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #49-2023: Councilman Moustakas, 2<sup>nd</sup> Deputy Mayor Jajjua  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #50-2023: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OR  
CANCELLATION OF PROPERTY TAXES BLOCK 1417.01 LOT 38

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #50-2023: Councilman Moustakas, 2<sup>nd</sup> Deputy Mayor Janjua  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #51-2023: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OR  
CANCELLATION OF PROPERTY TAXES BLOCK 1402 LOT 39 QUAL C0501

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #51-2023: Councilman Moustakas, 2<sup>nd</sup> Deputy Mayor Janjua  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #52-2023: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OR  
CANCELLATION OF PROPERTY TAXES BLOCK 101.09 LOT 6

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #52-2023: Councilman Moustakas, 2<sup>nd</sup> Deputy Mayor Janjua  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #53-2023: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OR  
CANCELLATION OF PROPERTY TAXES BLOCK 301.19 LOT 1 QUAL C3513

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #53-2023: Councilman Moustakas, 2<sup>nd</sup> Deputy Mayor Janjua  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #54-2023: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OR  
CANCELLATION OF PROPERTY TAXES BLOCK 1513 LOT 66

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #54-2023: Councilman Moustakas, 2<sup>nd</sup> Deputy Mayor Janjua  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #55-2023: AUTHORIZING PRE-PAYMENT OF CERTAIN BILLS  
FOR 2023

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #55-2023: Councilman Moustakas, 2<sup>nd</sup> Deputy Mayor Janjua  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #56-2023: APPOINTMENT OF TOWNSHIP BOND COUNSEL  
PARKER MCCAY

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #56-2023: Deputy Mayor Janjua, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman  
Moustakas; Mayor Steglik abstained.

Roll Call 4 yes votes

RESOLUTION #57-2023: ESTABLISHING THE REGULAR AND WORK SESSION  
MEETING DATES OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL AND PROVIDING FOR  
PUBLICATION IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE NEW JERSEY OPEN PUBLIC  
MEETINGS ACT

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #57-2023: Councilman Moustakas, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Pritchett  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #58-2023: APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO THE  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #58-2023: Councilman Moustakas, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Pritchett  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #59-2023: RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE 2022 LOSAP  
PROGRAM CERTIFIED LIST OF ELIGIBLE VOLUNTEER MEMBERS

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #59-2023: Councilman Moustakas, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Pritchett  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #60-2023: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SIGNING OF AN  
AGREEMENT WITH THE BURLINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS FOR ADULT MOSQUITO CONTROL ACTIVITIES

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #60-2023: Councilman Moustakas, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Pritchett  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #61-2023: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICES  
AGREEMENT BETWEEN MOUNT LAUREL TOWNSHIP AND LUMBERTON  
TOWNSHIP FOR CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, QUALIFIED PURCHASING  
AGENT, AND CERTIFIED TAX OFFICER SERVICES

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #61-2023: Councilman Moustakas, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Pritchett  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #62-2023: AUTHORIZATION TO INSTALL A FENCE WITHIN A 5'  
WIDE DRAINAGE EASEMENT AND A 20' WIDE LANDSCAPE EASEMENT  
BLOCK 1005.05, LOT 17

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #62-2023: Councilman Moustakas, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Pritchett  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #63-2023: APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #2 MONASTERY SITE  
IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #63-2023: Councilman Moustakas, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Pritchett  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #64-2023: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF  
MOUNT LAUREL TO ACCEPT A SUBGRANT AWARD OF THE FEDERAL  
FISCAL YEAR 2022 OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT  
AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY ASSISTANCE

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #64-2023: Councilman Moustakas, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Pritchett  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE #1-2023: CALENDAR YEAR 2023 MODEL ORDINANCE TO  
EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO  
ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

Clerk read Ordinance as entitled.

Mayor opened public participation.

None.

Mayor closed public participation.

Motion to move Ordinance #1-2023: Councilman Pritchett, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Moustakas  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

ORDINANCE #2-2023: AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT  
LAUREL, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING

CHAPTER 43, ARTICLE 1, SECTION 43-2 OF THE MOUNT LAUREL TOWNSHIP  
CODE ("POLICE DEPARTMENT-QUALIFICATIONS FOR EMPLOYMENT")

Clerk read Ordinance as entitled.

Mayor opened public participation.

None.

Mayor closed public participation.

Motion to move Ordinance #2-2023: Councilman Moustakas, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Pritchett  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

ORDINANCE #3-2023: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 4 OF THE CODE  
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION OF  
GOVERNMENT" TO ESTABLISH MEETING PROCEDURES FOR PUBLIC  
MEETINGS

Clerk read Ordinance as entitled.

Mayor opened public participation.

None.

Mayor closed public participation.

Motion to move Ordinance #3-2023: Councilman Moustakas, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilwoman Cohen  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None.

**COMMENTS BY COUNCIL**

Councilman Moustakas – Congratulations to Kareem. Thanked everyone for coming out.

Councilwoman Cohen – Happy Valentine's Day to all. President's Day coming up.  
Ethel Lawrence needs to be recognized. Black history is American history.

Councilman Pritchett – Thanked Councilwoman Cohen for shedding light on a number of  
things. Thanked everyone for coming. Thanked colleges for honoring him. Looks  
forward to continuing to working for township.

Deputy Mayor Janjua – Congratulated Kareem. Black history month is a time to honor those who came before us. Support black owned businesses.

Mayor Steglik –Thanked everyone for coming out today. Honor to serve alongside Kareem. Black history is American history. Thanked police. Go Birds. Be safe.

RESOLUTION #65-2023: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CLOSED SESSION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL TO DISCUSS PENDING OR ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS AND/OR PERSONNEL MATTERS

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #65-2022: Councilman Moustakas, 2<sup>nd</sup> Deputy Mayor Janjua  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

Return to Open: Councilman Pritchett, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Moustakas

All in favor.

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

ORDINANCE #4-2023: ORDINANCE TO ACQUIRE BLOCK 204, LOT 1.06 FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES

Clerk read Ordinance as entitled.

Motion to move Ordinance #4-2023: Councilman Moustakas, 2<sup>nd</sup> Deputy Mayor Janjua  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

ORDINANCE #5-2023: BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY IN AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$6,000,000 THEREFORE; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$5,700,000; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING

Clerk read Ordinance as entitled.

Motion to move Ordinance #5-2023: Councilman Pritchett, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Moustakas  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #66-2023: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT OF SALE FOR THE PURCHASE OF BLOCK 204, LOT 1.06 COMMONLY KNOWN AS 750 CENTERTON ROAD



Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #66-2023: Councilman Moustakas, 2<sup>nd</sup> Deputy Mayor Janjua  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

Motion to adjourn: Councilman Pritchett, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Moustakas

All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Riculfy, RMC  
Township Clerk



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MOUNT LAUREL MUNICIPAL CENTER**

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Resolution No. 23-R-67

REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 6, 2023

**PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MARCH 2023 AS  
COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, colorectal cancer is the second-leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States among men and women combined;

**WHEREAS**, colorectal cancer is one of the few cancers that can be prevented with timely screening, but 1 in 3 eligible Americans are not up to date on screening;

**WHEREAS**, colorectal cancer is estimated to be the number one cancer killer for those ages 20-49 by 2030;

**WHEREAS**, Black Americans are 20% more likely to be diagnosed with colorectal cancer and about 40% more likely to die from the disease than other groups;

**WHEREAS**, colorectal cancer is expected to account for 11% of cancer deaths among Hispanic men and 9% of cancer deaths for Hispanic women;

**WHEREAS**, screening colonoscopy rates have still not returned to pre-COVID-19 levels;

**WHEREAS**, the national goal established by the National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable is to strive to increase timely colorectal cancer screening rates to 80 percent in every community for all Americans eligible for screening;

**WHEREAS**, observing Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month during the month of March would provide a special opportunity to increase awareness and offer education on the importance of early detection and screening of colorectal cancer.

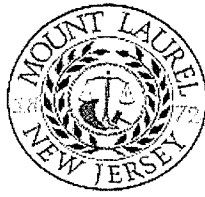
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor, Township Council and Township Manager of the Township of Mount Laurel, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey do hereby proclaim March 2023 as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month.

This resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Township Council held on March 6, 2023 and shall take effect immediately.

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**Meredith Riculfy, Municipal Clerk**

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Resolution No. 23-R-68

REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 6, 2023

**PROCLAMATION OF COMMENDATION  
TO THE LENAPE HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND  
FOR WINNING THE 2022 STATE & NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**WHEREAS**, the Lenape High School Marching Band won the 2022 New Jersey Group I Open State Championship on Saturday, October 29, 2022. This is their 12<sup>th</sup> state title in the last 14 years.

**WHEREAS**, the Lenape Band also swept all caption awards for Best Music, Visuals, Overall Effect, Color Guard, and Percussion.

**WHEREAS**, on November 5, 2022, the Lenape Band competed at MetLife Stadium and won the 2022 USBands Group I Open National Championship, making this their 11<sup>th</sup> National title and 32<sup>nd</sup> overall championship earned by the program.

**WHEREAS**, while there, they took first place caption awards for Best Visuals, Color Guard, and Overall Effect.

**WHEREAS**, Mount Laurel Township wishes to recognize the outstanding achievements of the Lenape High School Marching Band for their dedication in achieving these prestigious titles;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor, Township Council and Township Manager of the Township of Mount Laurel, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey do hereby recognize and congratulate the Lenape High School Marching Band members as follows: Lindsay Barbato, Paulina Baron, Kate Boyd, Daniel Brackman, Evan Buckley, Ben Buyske, William Buyske, Max Castner, Jean Chen, Keyanna Clervil, Casey Coleridge, Casey Cornwell, Dominic D'Ambra, Emily Flores, Reilley Foti, Elizabeth Gatton, Caiden Geary, Ryan Graham, Ella Hashimoto, Cecelia Ioli, Joie Jacobs, Jessica Joyce, Nathan Lagronio, Rachel Lawrence, Kate Mancini, Jahan Martin, Alex Notorfrancesco, Justin Notorfrancesco, Colin Riley, Ciara Singleton, Madison Snover, Christina Soule, Nathan Steinberg, Ryan Stiles, Hunter Vanderbush, Peyton Winster-Wood, and Kristin You.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township also wishes to recognize the Band Director, Steven Waldron; Assistant Band Director, Matthew Weston; Band Front Advisor, Ashley Sulon, and Assistant Band Front Advisor, Jack Franchi, as well as the band parents, for their dedication, hard work, and support of the Lenape High School Marching Band.

This resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Township Council held on March 6, 2023 and shall take effect immediately.

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Resolution No. 23-R-69

REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 6, 2023

**PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MARCH 2023 AS  
WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, Women's History Month is observed every March to honor, commemorate and encourage the studying, observance and celebration of the vital role of women in American history.

**WHEREAS**, through leadership, innovation, and ingenuity, generations of women have made significant contributions in the fields of science, medicine, technology, business, politics, entrepreneurship, and arts and culture; and

**WHEREAS**, women continue to break barriers, lead the fight for justice and social reform, and continue to provide healing and hope for our society.

**WHEREAS**, trailblazing women in Mount Laurel have played a vital role in our history. Ethel Lawrence led the effort in the creation of the "Mount Laurel Doctrine," one of the most important civil rights decisions of our time. Alice Paul, who was born and raised in Mount Laurel, become a leading figure in the suffrage movement and a key contributor to the passing of the 19th Amendment that granted women the right to vote.

**WHEREAS**, The National Women's History Alliance designates a yearly theme for Women's History Month. The theme for 2023 is "Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories." This theme encourages recognition of women, past and present, who have been active in all forms of media and storytelling including print, radio, TV, stage, screen, blogs, podcasts, and more. The timely theme honors women in every community who have devoted their lives and talents to producing art, pursuing truth, and reflecting the human condition decade after decade.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor, Township Council and Township Manager of the Township of Mount Laurel, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey do hereby proclaim March 2023 as Women's History Month in honoring the countless accomplishments of women past and present.

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Resolution No. 23-R-70

REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 6, 2023

**PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING  
RAMADAN AND EID AL-FITR**

**WHEREAS**, Muslims worldwide observe the month of Ramadan through prayer, fasting, self-reflection and acts of charity to remember the first revelation of the Quran to the prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him); and

**WHEREAS**, Ramadan lasts 29 to 30 days based on the timing of the crescent moon;

**WHEREAS**, Muslims break their daily fasts by sharing meals with family and friends, and the end of Ramadan is celebrated with a three-day festival known as Eid al-Fitr; and

**WHEREAS**, Eid al-Fitr is a joyous celebration where Muslims visit family and friends, exchange presents, enjoy feasts, and share good tidings;

**WHEREAS**, Muslims celebrate Eid al-Fitr by showing gratitude and remembering Ramadan and the charitable sacrifices many Muslims made during the fasting month; and

**WHEREAS**, Mount Laurel Township joins with Muslims around the world celebrating Ramadan and Eid al-Fitr this year;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor, Township Council and Township Manager of the Township of Mount Laurel, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey do hereby recognize Ramadan and Eid al-Fitr.

This resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Township Council held on March 6, 2023 and shall take effect immediately.

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Resolution No. 23-R-71

REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 6, 2023

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CLOSED SESSION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF  
MOUNT LAUREL TO DISCUSS PENDING OR ANTICIPATED LITIGATION,  
CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS AND/OR PERSONNEL MATTERS**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council of the Township of Mount Laurel is subject to the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et. seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey generally requires that all meetings of public bodies be open to the public; and

**WHEREAS**, the Open Public Meetings Act further provides that a public body may exclude the public from a portion of a meeting at which the public body discusses items enumerated in the Open Public Meetings Act at N.J.S.A 10:4-12b, which items are recognized as requiring confidentiality; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary and appropriate for the Township Council of the Township of Mount Laurel to discuss certain matters in a meeting not open to the public consistent with N.J.S.A 10:4-12b.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Mount Laurel, Burlington County, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey that:

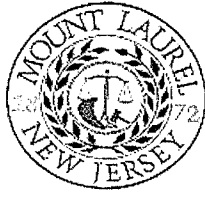
1. The Township Council of the Township of Mount Laurel shall hold a closed meeting, from which the public shall be excluded, on March 6, 2023;
2. The general nature of the subject to be discussed at said closed meeting shall be Contract Negotiations.
3. The minutes of said closed meeting shall be made available of disclosure to the public, consistent with N.J.S.A. 10:4-13, when the items which are subject of the closed session discussion are resolved and a reason for confidentiality no longer exists.

This resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Township Council held on March 6, 2023 and shall take effect immediately.

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Resolution No. 23-R-72

REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 6, 2023

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE  
REFUND or CANCELLATION OF PROPERTY TAXES  
Block 407.01 Lot 33  
55 Bolz Court**

**100% Totally & Permanently Disabled Veteran**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30 permits the exemption from property taxes for any citizen and resident of the State who is a 100% Totally and Permanently Disabled Veteran and,

**WHEREAS**, the United States Department of Veteran Affairs has classified the veteran, Rava Nuhodzic as 100% Totally and Permanently Disabled and,

**WHEREAS**, this status grants the veteran the right to be exempt from property taxes as of the date of eligibility by application. (N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30a)

**WHEREAS**, taxes on the following property have been cancelled as of the date of exemption and any taxes paid by the owner have been refunded. Additionally, the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel 2023 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter.

<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>Date of Exemption</u>	<u>Amount<sup>i</sup></u>
407.01	33	Rava Nuhodzic	January 25, 2023	\$2813.20

**WHEREAS**, the Burlington County Board of Taxation requires a resolution for the cancellation of property taxes in order to credit to the Municipality in the Abstract of Ratables the amount of County Taxes and County Open Space Taxes refunded or cancelled for this property. This resolution will be submitted to the Burlington County Board of Taxation with the Application & Approval of Assessment Debit and Credit for the property.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Mount Laurel, County of Burlington that the 2023 taxes due on the above noted property have been cancelled.

This resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Township Council held on March 6, 2023 and shall take effect immediately.

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Meredith Riculfy, Municipal Clerk

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<sup>i</sup> Calculation: 2023 1<sup>st</sup> quarter Taxes \$3859.95 / 90 = \$43.28 per day x 65 days exempt = \$2813.20



TOWNSHIP COUNCIL  
MOUNT LAUREL MUNICIPAL CENTER

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Resolution No. 23-R-73

REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 6, 2023

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE  
REFUND or CANCELLATION OF PROPERTY TAXES

Block 903.01 Lot 24

221 Roberts Lane

100% Totally & Permanently Disabled Veteran

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30 permits the exemption from property taxes for any citizen and resident of the State who is a 100% Totally and Permanently Disabled Veteran and,

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Veteran Affairs has classified the veteran, James R. Fencel Jr. as 100% Totally and Permanently Disabled and,

WHEREAS, this status grants the veteran the right to be exempt from property taxes as of the date of eligibility by application. (N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30a)

WHEREAS, taxes on the following property have been cancelled as of the date of exemption and any taxes paid by the owner have been refunded. Additionally, the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel 2023 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter.

<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>Date of Exemption</u>	<u>Amount<sup>i</sup></u>
903.01	24	James R. Fencel Jr.	February 2, 2023	\$1150.83

WHEREAS, the Burlington County Board of Taxation requires a resolution for the cancellation of property taxes in order to credit to the Municipality in the Abstract of Ratables the amount of County Taxes and County Open Space Taxes refunded or cancelled for this property. This resolution will be submitted to the Burlington County Board of Taxation with the Application & Approval of Assessment Debit and Credit for the property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Mount Laurel, County of Burlington that the 2023 taxes due on the above noted property have been cancelled.

This resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Township Council held on March 6, 2023 and shall take effect immediately.

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Meredith Riculfy, Municipal Clerk

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<sup>i</sup> Calculation: 2023 1<sup>st</sup> quarter Taxes \$1817.89 / 90 = \$20.19 per day x 57 days exempt = \$1150.83





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Resolution No. 23-R-74

REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 6, 2023

Resolution Supporting the  
2023 UDrive. UText. UPay.  
Distracted Driving Crackdown  
April 1 - 30, 2023

WHEREAS, distracted driving is a serious, life-threatening practice that is preventable; and

WHEREAS, distracted driving can result in injuries and deaths to all road users (motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists); and

WHEREAS, distracted driving occurs when drivers divert their attention away from the task of driving to focus on another activity instead; and

WHEREAS, in 2020 alone distracted driving-related crashes resulted in 3,142 deaths and 324,652 injuries on our nation's roads; and

WHEREAS, distracted-driving crashes accounted for 14% of injury crashes and 13% of all police-reported motor vehicle traffic crashes in 2020; and

WHEREAS, texting while driving has become an especially problematic trend among younger drivers. In fact, 7% of drivers 15 to 19 years old involved in 2020 fatal crashes were reported as distracted. This age group has the largest proportion of drivers who were distracted at the time of the fatal crashes; and

WHEREAS, in New Jersey distracted driving was listed as a contributing circumstance in 50% of all motor vehicle crashes in 2019; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey will participate in the nationwide *Distracted Driving 2023 Crackdown* from April 1 - 30, 2023 in an effort to raise awareness and decrease driver distraction through a combination of enforcement and education; and

WHEREAS, the national slogan for the campaign is UDrive. UText. UPay; and

WHEREAS, a reduction in distracted driving in New Jersey and our country will save lives on our roadways;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mount Laurel Township Council declares its support for the *Distracted Driving 2023 Crackdown* both locally and nationally from April 1 - 30, 2023 and pledges to increase awareness of the dangers of distracted driving.

This resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Township Council held on March 6, 2023 and shall take effect immediately.

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Resolution No 23-R-75

REGULAR MEETING

March 6, 2023

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF  
SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS FOR THE  
MOUNT LAUREL POLICE DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, Chapter 43-6 of the Code of the Township of Mount Laurel allows for the appointment of Special Law Enforcement Officers by the Township governing body for a term not exceeding one year or upon revocation of the appointment; and

WHEREAS, the Mount Laurel Police Department has requested that Special Law Enforcement Officers be appointed; and

WHEREAS, the following candidates hold the requisite qualifications of a Special Law Enforcement Officer Class II:

Stephen Morrone  
Robin Perez  
Kurt Shepherd

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Mount Laurel, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey does hereby appoint, Stephen Morrone, Robin Perez, and Kurt Shepherd as a Special Law Enforcement Officer Class II for a one year term with an appointment date of February 9, 2023 and terminating on February 8, 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this appointment may be revoked prior to the termination date if so determined by the governing body and, if revoked, all powers, rights and duties of this position shall immediately cease or shall cease upon the expiration of the term of the appointment.

This resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Township Council held on March 6, 2023 and shall take effect immediately.

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Resolution No. 23-R-76

REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 6, 2023

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS  
FOR 2023**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council of the Township of Mount Laurel enacted a temporary budget to cover the period from January 1, 2023 to date of the adoption of the budget; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20 permits the Township Council by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the full membership, to make emergency temporary appropriations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council wishes to make the emergency temporary appropriations shown in Schedule "A" attached hereto and made part hereof.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Mount Laurel, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. That the Township Council by two-thirds (2/3) vote of full membership hereby makes the emergency temporary appropriations as shown on Schedule "A" attached hereto and made part hereof.
2. That a copy of this Resolution shall be filed forthwith with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

This resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Township Council held on March 6, 2023 and shall take effect immediately.

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Meredith Riculfy, Municipal Clerk

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	ORIGINAL TEMPORARY BUDGET		EXTENDED TO:		ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS	
	SALARY & WAGES	OTHER EXPENSES	SALARY & WAGES	OTHER EXPENSES	SALARY & WAGES	OTHER EXPENSES
UNCLASSIFIED	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS)	\$	100.00	\$	2,533,293.00	\$	2,533,193.00
Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)	\$	100.00	\$	1,049,159.00	\$	1,049,059.00



**TOWNSHIP COUNCIL  
MOUNT LAUREL MUNICIPAL CENTER**

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Resolution No. 23-R-77

REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 6, 2023

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE  
MOUNT LAUREL TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY ("MLTMUA")  
FOR GRASS CUTTING SERVICES**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1, et seq., known as the "Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act," authorizes two or more local units to enter into an agreement for interlocal services known as a Shared Services Agreement for the provision of services ("Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the purpose of Shared Services Agreements is to reduce local expenses funded by property taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Mount Laurel desires to enter into a Shared Services Agreement with the MLTMUA to provide for grass cutting services from April 1, 2023 for the remainder of 2023 at the locations described in Exhibit A and will receive \$77,830 in compensation from the MLTMUA for said service; and

WHEREAS, the sharing of these services is in the public interest and will benefit the Township of Mount Laurel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Mount Laurel, County of Burlington and State of New Jersey, that the Manager is hereby authorized to enter in to the Shared Services Agreement on behalf of the Township.

This resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Township Council held on March 6, 2023 and shall take effect immediately.

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Meredith Riculfy, Municipal Clerk

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MOUNT LAUREL MUNICIPAL CENTER**

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Resolution No. 23-R-78

REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 6, 2023

**2023 LOCAL MUNICIPAL BUDGET FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of Mount Laurel, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey that the statement of appropriations and revenues as submitted to the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs will constitute the Local Municipal Budget for the year 2023; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that said budget be published in the official newspaper of the Township of Mount Laurel, Burlington County, in the issue of March 16, 2023 and a public hearing on the budget is to be held in the Courtroom of the Mount Laurel Municipal Center, 100 Mount Laurel Road, Mount Laurel, NJ on April 3, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. prevailing time; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that said publication and the public hearing on the 2023 budget shall include the Capital Budget as required by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services of the State of New Jersey and that certified copies of the Municipal Budget be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council of Mount Laurel Township, Burlington County, hereby introduce the 2023 Municipal Budget on March 6, 2023.

This resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Township Council held on March 6, 2023 and shall take effect immediately.

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Meredith Riculfy, Municipal Clerk

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**TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL**

**ORDINANCE 2023-4**

**ORDINANCE TO ACQUIRE BLOCK 204, LOT 1.06 FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES**

**WHEREAS**, Mount Laurel Township seeks a new facility to house municipal services, functions and employees; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township has considered multiple options including purchasing properties around the existing municipal complex for construction or rehabilitation as well as renting and/or purchasing office space in the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the land and building at Block 204, Lot 1.06, known as the 750 Centerton Road, is a vacant office building with approximately 70,000 square feet of office space; and

**WHEREAS**, Township official toured this building and believe its represents the most economical option to rehome municipal services with enough space for future growth; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township seeks to purchase the property for this purpose following due diligence; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Mount Laurel is duly authorized and empowered to acquire real property for public use by purchase, gift, condemnation or otherwise, pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution of the State of New Jersey and N.J.S.A. 20:3-1 et seq., the Local Lands and Buildings Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1 et seq., as amended and supplemented, and other applicable statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-3 specifically states a municipality may acquire, construct and maintain such buildings or other capital improvements as may be necessary and suitable for the performance of its functions, the accommodation of the courts required to be held in the municipality, the conduct of public business and the use of the municipal departments, officers, boards, commissions and agencies in charge of institutions and facilities and any other municipal public purposes, and from time to time as necessary, repair, alter, enlarge, rebuild, furnish, refurbish, refurbish or rehabilitate such buildings; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-4 further provides a municipality may acquire real property or any interest therein, including easements; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-5(a) (1) permits municipalities by Ordinance to acquire real property by traditional arms-length transaction acquisition or via condemnation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township may purchase lands for public uses including, municipal roads and office spaces is traditionally held as a legitimate public purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the Township's desire to acquire the property to utilize the same for municipal office and court purposes for the public's benefit; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township has determined that it has a sufficient funds available to undertake the acquisition after negotiations with the property owner; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED**, by the Township Council of the Township of Mount Laurel, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey that Block 204, Lot 1.06 on the Tax Map of the Township of Mount Laurel, commonly known as 750 Centerton Road, Mount Laurel, land and all remaining improvements, be and is hereby authorized to be acquired in fee simple by regular land sale or via eminent domain if necessary. Said acquisition is to be undertaken to foster additional office space for municipal and court services; and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that said authorization shall include the right to acquire and execute any easements, cross-access agreements, maintenance agreement and the

like with adjoining property owners for access and maintenance of the property and shared common space; and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that the parties have negotiated an acquisition price of \$ \_\_\_\_\_, the purchase shall be made through the use of capital funds upon the adoption of a companion financial Ordinance; and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that this acquisition is subject to the review of title and environmental reports and other due diligence and the Township Manager and Solicitor are empowered to engage the services environmental and title professional services experts to review the same;

**BE IT FINALLY ORDAINED** that the Mayor, Manager/Clerk and Township Solicitor or their designees, are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary in the fulfillment of this ordinance, including but not limited to, all closing documents.

Introduction Date: February 6, 2023

	MOTION	AYE	NAY	ABSTAINED	ABSENT	TRANSMITTED
Cohen		✓				
Janjua	2	✓				
Moustakas	1	✓				
Pritchett		✓				
Steglik		✓				

Publication Date: February 10, 2023

Public Hearing Date: March 6, 2023

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**TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL**

BY:

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Stephen Steglik, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Meredith Riculfy, Township Clerk  
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TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL

ORDINANCE 2023-5

**BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY IN AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$6,000,000 THEREFOR; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$5,700,000; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Council of the Township of Mount Laurel, County of Burlington, New Jersey (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring), pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law, Chapter 169 of the Laws of 1960 of the State of New Jersey, as amended and supplemented, *N.J.S.A. 40A:2-1 et seq.* ("Local Bond Law"), as follows:

**Section 1.** The purpose described in Section 7 hereof is hereby authorized as a general improvement to be made or acquired by the Township of Mount Laurel, County of Burlington, New Jersey ("Township").

**Section 2.** It is hereby found, determined and declared as follows:

- (a) the estimated amount to be raised by the Township from all sources for the purposes stated in Section 7 hereof is \$6,000,000;
- (b) the estimated amount of bonds or bond anticipation notes to be issued for the purposes stated in Section 7 hereof is \$5,700,000; and
- (c) a down payment in the amount of \$300,000 for the purposes stated in Section 7 hereof is currently available in accordance with the requirements of Section 11 of the Local Bond Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:2-11*.

**Section 3.** The sum of \$5,700,000, to be raised by the issuance of bonds or bond anticipation notes, together with the sum of \$300,000, which amount represents the required down payment, are hereby appropriated for the purposes stated in this bond ordinance ("Bond Ordinance").

**Section 4.** The issuance of negotiable bonds of the Township in an amount not to exceed \$5,700,000 to finance the costs of the purposes described in Section 7 hereof is hereby authorized. Said bonds shall be sold in accordance with the requirements of the Local Bond Law.

**Section 5.** In order to temporarily finance the purposes described in Section 7 hereof, the issuance of bond anticipation notes of the Township in an amount not to exceed \$5,700,000 is hereby authorized. Pursuant to the Local Bond Law, the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the bond anticipation notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver the same to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their date to delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the bond anticipation notes pursuant to this Bond Ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the bond anticipation notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

**Section 6.** The amount of the proceeds of the obligations authorized by this Bond Ordinance which may be used for the payment of interest on such obligations, accounting,

engineering, legal fees and other items as provided in Section 20 of the Local Bond Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20*, shall not exceed the sum of \$1,200,000.

**Section 7.** The improvements hereby authorized and the purposes for which said obligations are to be issued; the estimated costs of each said purpose; the maximum amount of obligations to be issued for each said purpose; the maximum rate of interest the obligations are to bear; and the period of usefulness of each said purpose within the limitations of the Local Bond Law are as follows:

<u>Purpose/Improvement</u>	<u>Estimated Total Cost</u>	<u>Down Payment</u>	<u>Amount of Obligations</u>	<u>Period of Usefulness</u>
A. Acquisition of certain real property and the improvements constructed thereon designated as Block 204, Lot 1.06 on the Official Tax Map of the Township (known as 750 Centerton Road), together with the acquisition of all materials and equipment and completion of all work necessary therefor or related thereto.	\$6,000,000	\$300,000	\$5,700,000	40 years

**Section 8.** Grants or other monies received from any governmental entity, if any, will be applied to the payment of, or repayment of obligations issued to finance, the costs of the purposes described in Section 7 above.

**Section 9.** The average period of useful life of the purposes for the financing of which this Bond Ordinance authorizes the issuance of bonds or bond anticipation notes, taking into consideration the respective amounts of bonds or bond anticipation notes authorized for said several purposes is not less than 40 years.

**Section 10.** The supplemental debt statement provided for in Section 10 of the Local Bond Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:2-10*, was duly filed in the office of the Municipal Clerk prior to the passage of this Bond Ordinance on first reading and a complete executed duplicate original thereof has been filed in the Office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. The supplemental debt statement shows that the gross debt of the Township, as defined in Section 43 of the Local Bond Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:2-43*, is increased by this Bond Ordinance by \$5,700,000.

**Section 11.** The full faith and credit of the Township are irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the bonds or bond anticipation notes authorized by this Bond Ordinance, and to the extent payment is not otherwise provided, the Township shall levy *ad valorem* taxes on all taxable real property without limitation as to rate or amount for the payment thereof.

**Section 12.** The applicable Capital Budget of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this Bond Ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith, and the resolution promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended applicable Capital Budget and Capital Program as approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, is on file with the Municipal Clerk and available for inspection.

**Section 13.** The Township hereby declares its intent to reimburse itself from the proceeds of the bonds or bond anticipation notes authorized by this Bond Ordinance pursuant to Income Tax Regulation Section 1.150-2(e), promulgated under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended ("Code"), for "original expenditures", as defined in Income Tax Regulation Section 1.150-2(c)(2), made by the Township prior to the issuance of such bonds or bond anticipation notes.

**Section 14.** To the extent that any bonds or bond anticipation notes authorized pursuant to this Bond Ordinance are issued as tax-exempt obligations, the Township hereby covenants as follows:

(a) it shall take all actions necessary to ensure that the interest paid on the bonds or bond anticipation notes authorized by the Bond Ordinance is exempt from the gross income of the owners thereof for federal income taxation purposes, and will not become a specific item of tax preference pursuant to Section 57(a)(5) of the Code;

(b) it will not make any use of the proceeds of the bonds or bond anticipation notes or do or suffer any other action that would cause the bonds or bond anticipation notes to be "arbitrage bonds" as such term is defined in Section 148(a) of the Code and the Regulations promulgated thereunder;

(c) it shall calculate or cause to be calculated and pay, when due, the rebatable arbitrage with respect to the "gross proceeds" (as such term is used in Section 148(f) of the Code) of the bonds or bond anticipation notes;

(d) it shall timely file with the Ogden, Utah Service Center of the Internal Revenue Service, such information report or reports as may be required by Sections 148(f) and 149(e) of the Code; and

(e) it shall take no action that would cause the bonds or bond anticipation notes to be "federally guaranteed" within the meaning of Section 149(b) of the Code.

**Section 15.** The improvements authorized hereby are not current expenses and are improvements that the Township may lawfully make. No part of the cost of the improvements authorized hereby has been or shall be specially assessed on any property specially benefited thereby.

**Section 16.** All ordinances, or parts of ordinances, inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**Section 17.** In accordance with the Local Bond Law, this Bond Ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

Introduction Date: February 6, 2023

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Cohen		✓				
Janjua		✓				
Moustakas	2	✓				
Pritchett	1	✓				
Steglik		✓				

Publication Date: February 13, 2023

Public Hearing Date: March 6, 2023

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TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL

BY:

Stephen Steglik, Mayor

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