

**Township of Mount Laurel
Regular Council Meeting
June 25, 2018
Mount Laurel Community Center
7:00 P.M.**

Mayor Van Noord called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance & Traditional Moment of Silence

ROLL CALL

Councilwoman Linda Bobo – present, Councilman Irwin Edelson – present, Councilman Kurt Folcher – present, Deputy Mayor Dennis Riley - present, Mayor Richard Van Noord - present, Tyler Prime, Township Solicitor – present, Meredith Tomczyk, 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 \$1,524,780.07

Motion to Move: Deputy Mayor Riley, 2nd Councilman Folcher
Roll Call 5 yes votes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to Move: Councilman Folcher, 2nd Councilman Edelson
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #113-2018: PROCLAMATION OF COMMENDATION TO LENAPE BOYS LACROSSE

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #113-2018: Deputy Mayor Riley, 2nd Councilman Folcher
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #114-2018: PROCLAMATION OF COMMENDATION TO LENAPE BOYS TENNIS

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #114-2018: Deputy Mayor Riley, 2nd Councilman Edelson
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #115-2018: ANTICIPATION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE 2018 LOCAL MUNICIPAL BUDGET PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (CHAPTER 159)

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #115-2018: Councilwoman Bobo, 2nd Councilman Edelson

Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #116-2018: AUCTIONING OF ABANDONED AND UNCLAIMED MOTOR VEHICLES PURSUANT TO NEW JERSEY STATE STATUTE 39:10A-13

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #116-2018: Councilwoman Bobo, 2nd Councilman Folcher

Roll Call 5 yes votes

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE #14-2018: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL, CHAPTER 4 ("ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNEMENT"), ARTICLE XV ("CODE OF ETHICS") SECTION 4-87.4

Clerk read Ordinance as entitled.

Mayor opened public participation.

None.

Mayor closed public participation.

Motion to move Ordinance #14-2018: Councilman Edelson, 2nd Councilman Folcher
Roll Call 5 yes votes

ORDINANCE #15-2018: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITIONS OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 564 WALTON AVENUE, THE SAME OF WHICH IS DESIGNATED AS BLOCK 602, LOT 16 ON THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL TAX MAP

Clerk read Ordinance as entitled.

Mayor opened public participation.

Kim Hiest reading comments for Susan Vanset – Thanked the township for preserving the land. Good for health. Authorize tax dollars for undeveloped land. Open space quiet place for residents.

Loretta Finkleston, 123 Colony Place – Believes in open space. Concerned about Mt. Laurel taking over building. Anti-christen policies of users. Private road. Vandalism. Concerned about rosary garden.

Rachel James, 78 Chapel Hill Road – Opposes purchase. Property that the township already owns is not being properly maintained.

Robert Finkleston, 123 Colony Place – First amendment right. Driveway is narrow and cannot handle increased public use.

Pat Halbe, 2101 Denham Court – Supports acquisition. Involved years ago in purchase of walking trails and created farm area. For a long time couldn't purchase anything because of affordable housing. Because of consent agreement, we can now purchase large parcels of land. We need to get it while we can.

Jim Kollasch, 436 Hartford Road – Opportunity to finish the trails and soccer fields.

Councilman Edelson - Last November had referendum on bill to improve open space.

Mayor Van Noord - Township is buying property not only for open space but to stop a development that was planned for that land.

Mayor closed public participation.

Motion to move Ordinance #15-2018: Deputy Mayor Riley, 2nd Councilwoman Bobo
Roll Call 5 yes votes

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Gloria Stevens, 515 Hartford Road – Protesting Resolution 18-R-110, Demolition of 142 Hooten Road, known as Sunnyside Farm. Poor decisions were made to turn off the heat making pipes burst. Doesn't know what the purpose of buying house. This is a family town. House has mold. Passed referendum for open space money to be used for maintenance of properties. House could be a show place for Mt. Laurel and be used for weddings and events. Doesn't want it torn down. Would like stay of execution until matter is looked into.

Rachel James, 78 Chapel Hill Road – Life-long resident of Mt. Laurel. Sunnyside Farm could bring revenue into the township.

Wendi Lyons, 36 Wood Lark Drive – Questioned status on playgrounds.

Manager/Clerk Tomczyk - Behind schedule due to weather.

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL

Councilman Edelson – Thanked everyone for coming. Great ideas and they will look into how Sunnyside Farm was purchased. Currently no alcohol is allowed on township property.

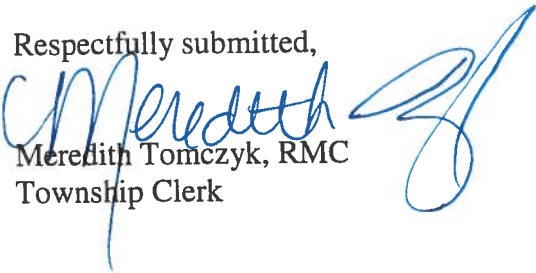
Councilman Folcher –EMS needs volunteers between ages of 25 – 35.

Deputy Mayor Riley – Thanked everyone for coming out.

May Van Noord – Congratulations to students. Land will be open space forever. Have to make tough decisions. Cost effective decision that had to be made. Nobody came to township in 2014.

Motion to adjourn: Councilman Folcher, 2nd Councilwoman Bobo
All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,


Meredith Tomczyk, RMC
Township Clerk