

**Township of Mount Laurel  
Regular Council Meeting  
March 25, 2019  
Mount Laurel Municipal Center  
7:00 P.M.**

Mayor Folcher called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance & Traditional Moment of Silence

**ROLL CALL**

Councilman Irwin Edelson – present, Councilman Kareem Pritchett – present, Councilman Stephen Steglik – present, Deputy Mayor Linda Bobo - present, Mayor Kurt Folcher - present, George Morris, 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 \$990,330.33**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

**RESOLUTION #75-2019: GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE UNITED STATES EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION’S “ENFORCEMENT GUIDANCE ON THE CONSIDERATION OF ARREST AND CONVICTION RECORDS IN EMPLOYMENT DECISIONS UNDER TITLE VII OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964”**

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #75-2019: Deputy Mayor Bobo, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Steglik  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

**RESOLUTION #76-2019: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LOCAL REVIEW OF BUDGET EXAMINATION**

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #76-2019: Deputy Mayor Bobo, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Edelson  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #77-2019: RESOLUTION TO READ BUDGET BY TITLE ONLY

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #77-2019: Deputy Mayor Bobo, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Edelson  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

POWER POINT ON 2019 BUDGET – TOWNSHIP MANAGER

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON BUDGET

Alan Kramer, 68 Southgate Drive – Questioned budget surplus.

Rev. Dennis, 166 Ramblewood Terrace – Questioned decrease in ratables.

Karen Cohen, 15 Winterberry Court – Questioned contribution from MUA.

Neil Mercaldo, 516 Oakview Court – Questioned school taxes.

Mayor closed public participation on budget.

RESOLUTION #78-2019: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE  
2019 MOUNT LAUREL MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #78-2019: Deputy Mayor Bobo, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Edelson  
Roll Call 3 yes votes; Councilman Pritchett and Councilman Steglik voted nay.

RESOLUTION #79-2019: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICES  
AGREEMENT WITH THE MOUNT LAUREL TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL UTILITIES  
AUTHORITY (“MLTMUA”) FOR GRASS CUTTING SERVICES

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #79-2019: Deputy Mayor Bobo, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Edelson  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #80-2019: MOUNT LAUREL TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION  
AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE FOR PRINCE  
HOTELS LLC – 2020 BRIGGS ROAD, BLOCK 304, LOT 4.02, SP #841C

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #80-2019: Deputy Mayor Bobo, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Steglik  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #81-2019: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE MOUNT LAUREL TOWNSHIP COUNCIL TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT A SUBGRANT AWARD OF THE FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2018 OF DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT PROGRAM FUNDING AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO AMEND THE BUDGET AND CERTIFY THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #81-2019: Councilman Edelson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Deputy Mayor Bobo  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #82-2019: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL TO ENTER INTO THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING AGREEMENT

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #82-2019: Deputy Mayor Bobo, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Edelson  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #83-2019: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PLACING OF A LIEN AGAINST A CERTAIN PROPERTY PER CHAPTER 65 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #83-2019: Deputy Mayor Bobo, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Steglik  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #84-2019: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A TRANSFER OF PROPERTY TO BURLINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #84-2019: Deputy Mayor Bobo, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Pritchett  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #85-2019: APPOINTMENT OF TOWNSHIP CONFLICT ATTORNEY

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #85-2019: Deputy Mayor Bobo, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Edelson  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #86-2019: APPOINTMENT OF TOWNSHIP BOND COUNSEL

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #86-2019: Deputy Mayor Bobo, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Edelson  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

ORDINANCE #9-2019: AMENDING CHAPTER 66-3 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE TO REDUCE AND AMEND UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE PERMIT FEES

Clerk read Ordinance as entitled.

Motion to move Ordinance #9-2019: Deputy Mayor Bobo, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Edelson  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

ORDINANCE #10-2019: AMENDING CHAPTER 154 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED "ZONING" TO INCLUDE A PHASING SCHEDULE FOR OFFSITE AFFORDABLE HOUSING OBLIGATIONS

Clerk read Ordinance as entitled.

Motion to move Ordinance #10-2019: Councilman Edelson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Steglik  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE #7-2019: AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY ADOPTING A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR BLOCK 302.15, LOTS 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 12.01, 12.02, 12.03, 12.04; BLOCK 303, LOTS 1, 2, 3.01, 6, 6.01, 6.02, 7, 7.01, 8, 9, 10, 11; BLOCK 308, LOT 1; FAMILIARLY KNOWN AS THE ROUTE 38, ARK ROAD AND FOSTERTOWN ROAD REDEVELOPMENT ZONE

Clerk read Ordinance as entitled.

Mayor opened public participation.

Kurt Holt, 511 Masonville Road – Thanked Meredith for handling budget.  
Redevelopment does not explain what is going to happen to surrounding areas.

Martin Potter, 507 Masonville Road – Wants speed limit lowered on Masonville Road.

Mayor closed public participation.

Motion to move Ordinance #7-2019: Councilman Steglik, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Pritchett  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

ORDINANCE #8-2019: AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL AMENDING CHAPTER 85 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE TO IMPROVE TRASH COLLECTION SERVICES

Clerk read Ordinance as entitled.

Mayor opened public participation.

Neil Mercaldo, 516 Oakview Court – Questioned if this is for residential? Manager explained it is and Ordinance was requested by Zoning Officer.

Pat Halbe, 2101 Denham Court – Ms. Halbe expressed her concerns with the ordinance.

Peter Bilazarian, 51 Horseshoe Drive – Thinks this is overregulation.

George Brill, 127 A Chaucer Road – Urges quick adoption of this Ordinance. Epidemic of trash in neighbor. Sees improvement in neighborhood already.

Denise Gamble, 19 Biddle Way – Trash Ordinance overregulation.

Renee Liciaga – Ms. Liciaga question why home owner associations don't just handle the trash. The Township Manager explained every neighborhood doesn't have an association.

Karen Cohen, 15 Winterberry Court – Mrs. Cohen asked how come the Township does not have the one arm bandit trash cans. The Township Manager explained this was part of the last bid and the expense would have been too great for the residents.

Mayor closed public participation.

Motion to move Ordinance #8-2019: Councilman Steglik, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Pritchett  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Harriet Cohen, 10 Alderton Lane – Concerned about cost and turnout if election is changed. She urged Council to not consider moving the elections.

Harriet Insler, 4 Witherod Court – Extremely concerned about election being moved. Not cost effective.

Bob Rocca, 696 Cornwallis Drive – January 4<sup>th</sup>, serious house fire on Cornwallis Drive. He is concerned with vehicles in the backyard. The Township Manager asked for him to leave his number and she would talk with zoning first thing tomorrow.

Pat Halbe, 2101 Denham Court – American Asphalt notified residents in Holiday Village the day before they were repaving. Explained they helped get her mom in and out of her house. Ms. Halbe expressed she does not believe moving the elections is beneficial.

Dr. Peter Bilazarian, 51 Horseshoe Drive – Not in favor of moving elections. Wants option closed now. Lenape is raising rate by 2%. Taxes keep going up.

Rev. Dennis, 166 Ramblewood Terrace – Contractors digging up streets and not replacing asphalt correctly so it creates sinkhole. Against changing date of election.

George Schramm, 306 Stamford Drive – Not in favor of moving election.

Don Aubert, 19 Horseshoe Drive – High taxes. Students leaving state to go to college and not coming back. Not in favor of election being moved. More shared services.

Douglas Nieto, 201 Chaucer Court – Thanked Council for passing amendment to trash ordinance. He believes it is needed for his neighborhood.

Jeff Shapiro, 433 Kelham Court – Winnebago bought with taxpayers' money so it cannot be sold.

Laurie Kaiser, 119B Chaucer Road – Thanked everyone for help on Willow Turn. Still more work to be done. She stated there is trash in ravine behind her house. The Township Manager stated she would have the Public Works Director call her tomorrow.

#### COMMENTS BY COUNCIL

Councilman Pritchett – Thanked everyone for coming out and for their comments and opinions. Has lived here 16 years. Raised his family here. Does not want to cut budget with respect to first responders. Lost election in 2016. No mention of changing election. Won in 2018 after knocking on many doors with Councilman Steglik. Does not want to change election.

Deputy Mayor Bobo – Thanked everyone for coming out and giving thoughts, feelings and opinions. Keep coming out. Looking forward to having great budget discussions.

Councilman Steglik – Echoes what Councilman Pritchett said about police department. Township Manager doing excellent job. Trash has unforeseen results. Wants to move forward and not backwards.

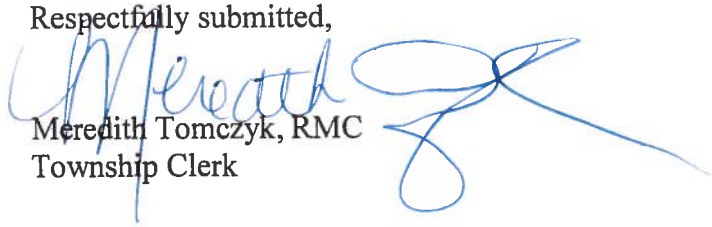
Councilman Edelson – Council did what they thought was best regarding trash. Sustainable energy is good if it doesn't cost more money. Shared services is good need help to get the schools on board for shared services. Thanked everyone for coming.

Mayor Folcher – Budget increase is half a penny (\$12.00). Not happy but we pay the rate. Thanked everyone for coming. Have to build budget in the world we live in. Council will be studying ways to lower rate. Had meeting with Assemblywoman Murphy regarding 295 and 73 improvements. He stated they both discussed how important these projects are for the residents of Mount laurel. He stated that Assemblywoman Murphy is working on setting a meeting with the DOT. Thanked everyone for coming out.

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

All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Meredith Tomczyk', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Meredith Tomczyk, RMC  
Township Clerk

