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REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 19, 2019

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL 2019 PROPERTY TAXES and 2020 PRELIMINARY TAXES PURSUANT TO TOWNSHIP PURCHASE

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has reviewed 2019 tax bills prior to printing and mailing and,

WHEREAS, a bill was produced for Block 1003 Lot 13 1015 Union Mill Road and,

WHEREAS, said property was purchased by the Township on December 12, 2018 as confirmed by Deed Book 13372 Page 4689 and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to said deed Block 1003 Lot 13 is now Township owned and exempt from property and,

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector seeks to balance the account in recognition of the exempt status,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by Mount Laurel Township Council that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to cancel 2019 property taxes and the 2020 preliminary tax.

This resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Township Council held on August 19, 2019 and shall take effect immediately.

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Resolution No. 19-R-160

REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 19, 2019

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PROCEDURE FOR TAX SETTLEMENT

WHEREAS, tax assessment litigation arises from time to time and may result in a settlement between the parties; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor determines the valuation in consultation with the Township Manager and legal counsel; and

WHEREAS, settlements require approval by the Township Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 19th day of August, 2019, by the Township Council of the Township of Mount Laurel, County of Burlington and State of New Jersey, that, the Council authorizes the settlement of tax appeal cases by the Tax Assessor in consultation with the Manager and Attorney, said settlements are contingent upon the Township Council's subsequent approval of any refunds to be paid through the bill list at the next available regularly scheduled Township Council meeting.

This resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Township Council held on August 19, 2019 and shall take effect immediately.

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Resolution No. 19-

REGULAR MEETING

August 19, 2019

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING WITHDRAWAL FROM THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST

WHEREAS, under the laws of the State of New Jersey and the regulations of the Council on Affordable Housing (COAH), each municipality has established an Affordable Housing Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, one of the objectives of this Affordable Housing Trust Fund is to obtain and retain affordable housing units for low and moderate income individuals; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Mount Laurel has a Constitutional and statutory obligation to provide its fair share of the regional need for low and moderate income housing; and

WHEREAS, Mount Laurel Township has a Spending Plan which authorizes the expenditure of Trust Fund money for the extension of expiring low and moderate income deed restrictions also known as controls on affordability; and

WHEREAS, the Renaissance Club has deed restricted affordable units which have restrictions which are expiring or have expired; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Mount Laurel has an "extension of controls program"; which provides a homeowner with the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to be first used toward code repairs. In return for this sum, the homeowner agrees to re-deed restrict his/her unit for low or moderate income housing for a period of thirty (30) years;

WHEREAS, the Township of Mount Laurel has an Affordable Housing Trust Fund wherein money has been set aside to extend the deed restrictions/ control period for low and moderate income affordable units;

WHEREAS, this is a proper expenditure of Trust Fund monies; and

WHEREAS, the Township Manager has reviewed the expenditure request for consistency with the Township's approved Spending Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Court Appointed Master has reviewed the request for release of Trust Fund monies; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Township of Mount Laurel on this 19th day of August, 2019 as follows:

The Township Council authorizes withdrawal of the sum of \$10,000 from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund for the extension of expiring controls for the following seven (2) properties:

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Resolution No. 19-R-162

REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 19, 2019

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND or CANCELLATION OF PROPERTY TAXES Block 1514 Lot 137 Qualifier C0059 59 Center 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.

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Veteran Affairs has classified the veteran, Frederick Horner, as 100% Totally and Permanently Disabled.

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

WHEREAS, the 2019 taxes on the following property have been cancelled as of the date of exemption and any taxes paid by the owner have been refunded.

Block	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Owner</u>	Date of Exemption	Amounti
1514	137QC0059	Dennis Vallone	July 29, 2019	\$813.44

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 2019 taxes due on the above noted property have been cancelled. Additionally, this resolution authorizes cancellation of the 2020 Preliminary.

This resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Township Council held on August 19, 2019 and shall take effect immediately.

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ⁱ Calculation: 2019 Taxes \$2939.71 / 365 days = \$6.56 per day x 124 days exempt = \$813.44



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Resolution No. 19-R-163

REGULAR MEETING

August 19, 2019

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR SPENCER PARK

WHEREAS, the Township leases approximately ten (10) acres of land owned by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection at Block 101.25, part of Lot 40, commonly known as Spencer Park; and

WHEREAS, the existing lease has expired that the Parties wish to enter another twenty year lease;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 19th day of August, 2019, by the Township Council of the Township of Mount Laurel, County of Burlington and State of New Jersey, that the Township desires to renew the aforementioned lease and the Mayor and Deputy Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a Lease Agreement with the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Parks and Forestry for Block 101.25, part of Lot 40 for continued use as Spencer Park, upon approval of the final form of the lease by the Township Solicitor.

This resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Township Council held on August 19, 2019 and shall take effect immediately.

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Resolution No. 19-R-164

REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 19, 2019

SUSTAINABLE LAND USE PLEDGE RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL

WHEREAS, land use is an essential component of overall sustainability for a municipality; and

WHEREAS, poor land-use decisions can lead to and increase societal ills such as decreased mobility, high housing costs, increased greenhouse gas emissions, loss of open space and the degradation of natural resources; and

WHEREAS, well planned land use can create transportation choices, provide for a range of housing options, create walkable communities, preserve open space, provide for adequate recreation, and allow for the continued protection and use of vital natural resources; and

WHEREAS, given New Jersey's strong tradition of home rule and local authority over planning and zoning, achieving a statewide sustainable land use pattern will require municipalities to take the lead;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Mount Laurel that the Township establishes the following goals with regard to our municipal landuse decisions with the intent of making Mount Laurel Township a truly sustainable community. The Township recommends that the Planning Board consider these principles in its next master plan revision and reexamination report and to update land-use zoning, natural resource protection, and other ordinances accordingly.

Regional Cooperation – Consistent with the Municipal Land Use Law, the Township will notify neighboring municipalities concerning significant land-use decisions, and to take into consideration regional impacts when making land-use decisions.

Transportation Choices - The Township strives to create transportation choices with a "Complete Streets" approach by considering alternative modes of transportation, including walking, biking, transit and automobiles, when planning transportation projects and reviewing development applications. The Township encourages reevaluation of parking with the goal of promoting shared parking and other innovative parking alternatives, and encouraging structured parking alternatives where appropriate.

Natural Resource Protection – The Township encourages the protection of natural resources of the State for environmental, recreational and agricultural value, avoiding or mitigating negative impacts to these resources. Further, the Planning Board should consider completing a Natural Resources Inventory when feasible to identify and assess the extent of our natural resources and to link natural resource management and protection to carrying capacity analysis, land-use and open space planning.

Green Design - The Township should encourage the use of green design principles and renewable energy generation into municipal buildings to the extent feasible.

This resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Township Council held on August 19, 2019 and shall take effect immediately.

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Resolution No. 19-R- 165

REGULAR MEETING

August 19, 2019

AUTHORIZING THE DISBURSEMENT OF FUND FROM THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND PURSUANT TO COURT ORDER

WHEREAS, municipalities are required to establish affordable housing trust funds which are primarily funded by development fees; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the June 21, 2012 Consent Order in Southern Burlington County, NAACP et al v. Township of Mount Laurel et al, Mount Laurel, as part of its court-approved spending plan is required to make disbursements from the fund to assist in the establishment of certain affordable housing project and amenities; and

WHEREAS, the Fair Share Housing Development, Inc. has request funds through a Third and Fourth Amended Predevelopment Grant Agreement to pay for water and sewer connection fees and to establish its Outdoor Recreation Area Project; and

WHEREAS, the Township Solicitor and Affordable Housing Planner have reviewed the requests and the accompanying Amended Consent Order and finds them acceptable in form;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 19th day of August, 2019, by the Township Council of the Township of Mount Laurel, County of Burlington and State of New Jersey, that the Township authorizes disbursements from the Mount Laurel Affordable Housing Trust Fund as indicated below and authorizes the Mayor, Deputy Clerk and Township Solicitor to execute the 3rd and 4th Amended Loan/Grant Agreements and Consent Order to fulfill the purposes of this Resolution.

Disbursements

Third Amended Grant Agreement

Purpose: Water and Sewer Connection Fees
Original Amount = \$103,500 from 2012 Court Order
Blocks and Lots:

Ethel R. Lawrence Homes III (Block 601, Lots 23, 23.03 and 23.04) = \$48,513.96 Connell Tract (Block 701, Lot 3) = \$37,454.64 Total to be Disbursed = \$85,968.60 Remaining Unencumbered Balance = \$17,531.40

Fourth Amended Grant Agreement

Purpose: Outdoor Recreation Area Project, Block 601, Lot 35.01
Original Amount = \$875,495 from 2012 Court Order
Prior amount Disbursed = \$130,507.77 (April 2015)
Amount to be Disbursed = \$744,987.23
Remaining Balance = \$0.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the disbursement for the Ethel R. Lawrence Homes III is contingent upon the approval of a revised Spending Plan with the Court since this payment is a reallocation of funds not currently identified in the Township's Court-approved Spending Plan.

This resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Township Council held on August 19, 2019 and shall take effect immediately unless otherwise indicated.

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Resolution No. 19-R-166_

REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 19, 2019

RESOLUTION TEMPORARILY ASSIGNING CHRIS RIDINGS THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ZONING OFFICER OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL

WHEREAS, the position of Zoning Officer of the Township of Mount Laurel is presently vacant due to a recent resignation; and

WHEREAS, the Township is engaged in the process of identifying and hiring a new Zoning Officer; and

WHEREAS, during the duration of the vacancy, the Township Council of the Township of Mount Laurel wishes to ensure the important responsibilities normally assigned to the Zoning Officer are being performed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 19th day of August, 2019, by the Township Council of the Township of Mount Laurel, County of Burlington and State of New Jersey, that, Chris Ridings, Municipal Services Director, shall assume the responsibilities and duties previously assigned to the Zoning Officer, until such a time as a new Zoning Officer is designated. These duties include serving as an administrative officer for purposes of appeal pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-70(a) and as the administrative officer for purposes of enforcement pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-18 as well as any other duties delegated to the Zoning Officer by the Township Code of the Township of Mount Laurel.

This resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Township Council held on August 19, 2019 and shall take effect immediately.

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TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL ORDINANCE #2019-33

AMENDING CHAPTER 148 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE REGARDING NO TRUCK PARKING ON LENOLA ROAD

WHEREAS, Lenola Road serves as transition road between residential and commercial properties; and

WHEREAS, commercial vehicles continue to use the roadway for parking of tractor trailers creating a negative impact on surrounding properties; and

WHEREAS, for example, in one recent incident as many as eleven tractor trailers were parked along Lenola Road, severely impacting traffic and residential properties; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED, by the Township Council of the Township of Mount Laurel, County of Burlington and State of New Jersey that the Council amends and supplements Chapter 148-10, Schedule V located at 148-34 of the Township Code add the following street to the list of street prohibiting park for trucks over four tons:

§148-34 Schedule V Trucks Over Four Tons Excluded.

In accordance with the provisions of § 148-10, trucks over four tons' registered weight are hereby excluded from the following described streets or parts of streets, except for the pickup and delivery of materials on such streets:

Name of Street

Location

Lenola Road

Entire length

Repealer, Severability and Effective Date.

A. Repealer. Any and all Ordinances inconsistent with the terms of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of any such inconsistencies.

- B. Severability. In the event that any clause, section, paragraph or sentence of this Ordinance is deemed to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, then the Township Council hereby declares its intent that the balance of the Ordinance not affected by said invalidity shall remain in full force and effect to the extent that it allows the Township to meet the goals of the Ordinance.
- C. This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication according to law.

Introduction Date: August 19, 2019

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Publication Date: August 22, 2019

Public Hearing Date: September 9, 2019

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	BY: Kurt Folcher, Mayor	
ATTEST:		
Meredith Tomczyk, Township Clerk	_	

TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL ORDINANCE #2019-31

AN ORDINANCE VACATING WHITMAN AVENUE, A PAPER STREET WITHIN THE BRIDGEWAY TRACT

WHEREAS, the Township of Mount Laurel has from time to time, vacated portions of roadways which no longer serve a public use; and

WHEREAS, Whitman Avenue, a paper street with a forty (40) foot right-of-way, was designed to run from Route 38 East to Rosemont Boulevard, another paper street, but although envisioned, was never constructed and remains in its natural state; and

WHEREAS, the Township sold and purchased lands within the Bridgeway Tract through Ordinance 2019-28 and Whitman Avenue serves no public use and creates an obstacle to development and vacation would increase the value of the adjacent lots and the assessment for tax purposes; and

WHEREAS, one owner owns all of the lands adjacent to the paper street minus one parcel which the owner is in the process of acquiring; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council believes it is in the best interest of the adjacent property owner to vacate Whitman Avenue; and

WHEREAS, this vacation will not land lock any other parcel; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED, by the Township Council of the Township of Mount Laurel, County of Burlington and State of New Jersey, that:

- 1. The Township Council of the Township of Mount Laurel hereby vacates the Whitman Avenue to the adjacent property owner and as reflected on the portion of Sheet 5.01 on the Tax Map attached hereto and incorporated herein. Whitman Avenue 40 feet wide from the Municipal Boundary easterly approximately 680 feet to the northly line of Rosemont Boulevard.
- 2. The public rights, interests and obligations of the aforementioned paper street are hereby vacated, abandoned and released.
- 3. The property described herein and vacated by this Ordinance shall split evenly with 20 feet to be added to and become part of the adjoining properties only.
- 4. In accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40:67-1, as amended by P.L. 1985, c.241, although none is believed to exist, there is hereby reserved from said vacation the rights of any public utility company or cable television company to maintain repair and replace any existing facilities located within the entire right-of-way of said road, together with the right of ingress and egress over and upon the same in order to carry out such purposes.
- 5. The Mayor, Township Manager/Clerk and Township Engineer are authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the purpose of this Ordinance upon approval of those documents by the Township Solicitor.

Section Two. Repealer, Severability and Effective Date.

- A. <u>Repealer.</u> Any and all Ordinances inconsistent with the terms of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of any such inconsistencies.
- B. <u>Severability.</u> In the event that any clause, section, paragraph or sentence of this Ordinance is deemed to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, then the Township Council hereby declares its intent that the balance of the Ordinance not affected by said invalidity shall remain in full force and effect to the extent that it allows the Township to meet the goals of the Ordinance.

C. <u>Effective Date.</u> This Ordinance shall take effect upon proper passage in accordance with the law.

Introduction Date: July 22, 2019

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Public Hearing Date: August 19, 2019

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TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL

	BY:	
ATTEST:		Kurt Folcher, Mayor
Meredith Tomczyk, Township Clerk 838-2950-9531, v. 1		

ORDINANCE #2019-32

AN ORDINANCE UPDATING CHAPTER 83 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Flood Control reviewed the Township Code and seek changes and updates from the 2017 adoption to conform with new flood map numbering;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED, by the Township Council of the Township of Mount Laurel, County of Burlington and State of New Jersey as follows:

Section One. Amendments and Supplements to Chapter 83

The Township Council supplements Chapter 83-5 entitled "Definitions" to add the following additional definitions which read as follows:

Cumulative Substantial Improvement - Any reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition, or other improvement of a structure that equals or exceeds 50 percent of the market value of the structure at the time of the improvement or repair when counted cumulatively for 10 years.

Erpsion — The process of gradual wearing away of land masses.

Substantial Damage — Damage of any origin sustained by a structure whereby the cost of restoring the structure to it's before damaged condition would equal or exceed fifty (50) percent of the market value of the structure before the damage occurred. Substantial Damage also means flood-related damages sustained by a structure on two or more separate occasions during a 10-year period for which the cost of repairs at the time of each such flood event, on the average, equals or exceeds 25 percent of the market valve of the structure before the damages occurred.

Substantial Improvement — Any reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition, or other improvement of a structure during a 10-year period the cost of which equals or exceeds fifty (50) percent of the market value of the structure before the "start of construction" of the improvement. Substantial improvement also means "cumulative substantial improvement." This term includes structures which have incurred "substantial damage", regardless of the actual repair work performed or "repetitive loss". The term does not, however, include either:

- (1) Any project for improvement of a structure to correct existing violations of State or local health, sanitary or safety code specifications which have been identified by the local code enforcement officer and which are the minimum necessary to assure safe living conditions; or
- (2) Any alteration of a "historic structure", provided that the alteration will not preclude the structure's continued designation as a "historic structure".

The Township Council amends Chapter 83-7 to read as follows:

"A. The areas of special flood hazard for the. Township of Mount Laurel, Community No. 3401 7, are identified and defined on the following documents prepared by the Federal Emergency Management Agency:

) A scientific and engineering report "Flood Insurance Study, Burlington County, New Jersey (All Jurisdictions)" dated August 28, 2019.

"Flood Insurance Rate Map for Burlington County, New Jersey (All Jurisdictions)" as shown on Index and panels 34005C0119F, 34005C0229F, 34005C0231F, 34005C0233F, 34005C0236F, 34005C0237F, 34005C0241F, 34005C0242F, 34005C0251F, 34005C0253F, 34005C0261F, and panels 34005C0232G, 34005C0234G, whose effective date is August 28, 2019.

The above documents are hereby adopted and declared to be a part of this ordinance. The Flood Insurance Study, maps and advisory documents are on file at 100 Mount Laurel Road, Mount Laurel, New Jersey."

Section Two. Repealer, Severability and Effective Date.

- A. Repealer. Any and all Ordinances inconsistent with the terms of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of any such inconsistencies.
- B. Severability. In the event that any clause, section, paragraph or sentence of this Ordinance is deemed to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, then the Township Council hereby declares its intent that the balance of the Ordinance not affected by said invalidity shall remain in full force and effect to the extent that it allows the Township to meet the goals of the Ordinance.
- C. This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication according to law.

Introduction Date: July 22, 2019

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TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL

BY:		
	Kurt Folcher, Mayor	

ATTEST

Meredith Tomczyk, Township Clerk 4826-2971-0748, v. 1



TOWNSHIP COUNCIL Distribution MOUNT LAUREL MUNICIPAL CENTER

Resolution No. 19-R-167

REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 19, 2019

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 August 19, 2019;
- 2. The general nature of the subjects to be discussed at said closed meeting shall be Litigation Updates Delco.
- 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 August 19, 2019 and shall take effect immediately.

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