

**Township of Mount Laurel  
Regular Council Meeting  
February 24, 2020  
Mount Laurel Municipal Center  
7:00 P.M.**

Mayor Edelson called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance & Traditional Moment of Silence

**ROLL CALL**

Councilman Kurt Folcher – present, Councilman Kareem Pritchett – present, Councilman Stephen Steglik – present, Deputy Mayor Linda Bobo - absent, Mayor Irwin Edelson - 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 \$1,135,458.87**

Motion to Move: Councilman Folcher, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Steglik  
Roll Call 4 yes votes

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to Move: Councilman Pritchett, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Folcher  
Roll Call 4 yes votes

**RESOLUTION #55-2020: AWARD ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR SERVICES BID**

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #55-2020: Councilman Folcher, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Steglik  
Roll Call 4 yes votes

**RESOLUTION #56-2020: AWARD TREE REMOVAL SERVICES BID**

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #56-2020: Councilman Pritchett, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Folcher  
Roll Call 4 yes votes

**RESOLUTION #57-2020: AWARD OF SNOW/BRUSH REMOVAL BID**

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #57-2020: Councilman Folcher, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Steglik

Roll Call 4 yes votes

RESOLUTION #58-2020: 2020 SAFETY CONTRACT BURLINGTON COUNTY MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #58-2020: Councilman Folcher, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Pritchett

Roll Call 4 yes votes

RESOLUTION #59-2020: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE BURLINGTON COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #59-2020: Councilman Pritchett, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Folcher

Roll Call 4 yes votes

RESOLUTION #60-2020: RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE 2020 UDRIVE, UTEXT, UPAY, DISTRACTED DRIVING CRACKDOWN APRIL 1-21, 2020

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #60-2020: Councilman Pritchett, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Steglik

Roll Call 4 yes votes

RESOLUTION #61-2020: GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE FISCAL GRANT CYCLE JULY 1, 2020 TO JUNE 30, 2021

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #61-2020: Councilman Folcher, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Steglik

Roll Call 4 yes votes

RESOLUTION #62-2020: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF POLICE CHAPLAIN FOR THE MOUNT LAUREL POLICE DEPARTMENT

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #62-2020: Councilman Pritchett, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Folcher

Roll Call 4 yes votes

RESOLUTION #63-2020: 2020 LOCAL MUNICIPAL BUDGET FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL (PUBLIC HEARING ON MARCH 23, 2020)

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #63-2020: Councilman Folcher, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Steglik

Roll Call 4 yes votes

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

ORDINANCE #5-2020: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 120 TO EXPAND THE PERSONNEL AUTHORIZED TO ENFORCE RECYCLING VIOLATIONS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP

Clerk read Ordinance as entitled.

Motion to move Ordinance #5-2020: Councilman Folcher, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Steglik  
Roll Call 4 yes votes

ORDINANCE #6-2020: AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A UNIFORM DOMESTIC VIOLENCE POLICY FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYEES PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 11A:2-6a

Clerk read Ordinance as entitled.

Motion to move Ordinance #6-2020: Councilman Pritchett, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Folcher  
Roll Call 4 yes votes

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE #3-2020: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 107 REGARDING RENTAL FEES AND USES FOR MUNICIPAL FACILITIES

Clerk read Ordinance as entitled.

Mayor opened public participation.

No public participation.

Mayor closed public participation.

Motion to move Ordinance #3-2020: Councilman Steglik, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Folcher  
Roll Call 4 yes votes

ORDINANCE #4-2020: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING AN ACCESS EASEMENT ON BLOCK 1306.01, LOT 1 ON THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL TAX MAP

Clerk read Ordinance as entitled.

Mayor opened public participation.

No public participation.

Mayor closed public participation.

Motion to move Ordinance #4-2020: Councilman Folcher, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Pritchett

Roll Call 4 yes votes

#### NEW BUSINESS

- A. Conversation with Senator Singleton regarding traffic and gas tax.
- B. County Park Grant – shorted by \$75,000.00.

#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Gloria Stevens, 515 Hartford Road – Mt. Laurel Garden Club questioned status of butterfly garden at Paws Farm.

Karen Cohen, 15 Winterberry Court – Commented on Park Grant and traffic issue.

George Schramm, 306 Stamford Drive – Dangerous intersection at Route 73 and Fellowship Road. 50 mph speed limit on Fellowship Road is crazy.

#### COMMENTS BY COUNCIL

Manager Tomezyk – 2020 census.

Councilman Pritchett – Budget presentation will be on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Thanked everyone for coming. Continue to ask questions. Have a safe trip home.

Councilman Steglik – Appreciates discussion on grant and transportation budget. Census is important. Rabies clinic was excellent. Two welcome homes for veterans in town.

Councilman Folcher – Operation yellow ribbon is a special moment. Sport signups are happening. Drive home safe.

Mayor Edelson – Mt. Laurel has come a long way. Traffic is not going away. Affordable housing transportation. Thanked everyone for coming.

#### RESOLUTION #64-2020: 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 #64-2020: Councilman Folcher, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Pritchett  
Roll Call 4 yes votes

Motion to return to open: Councilman Folcher, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Steglik  
All in favor

RESOLUTION #65-2020: AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP AND REHOUSING OF ANIMALS FROM PAWS FARM NATURE CENTER .

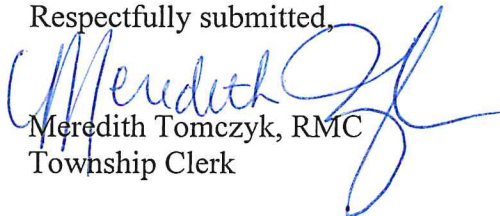
Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #65-2020: Councilman Folcher, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Pritchett  
Roll Call 4 yes votes

Gloria Stevens, 515 Hartford Road – How will animals be handled.

Motion to adjourn: Councilman Folcher, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Pritchett  
All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Meredith Tomczyk, RMC  
Township Clerk