

Township of Mount Laurel
Regular Council Meeting
March 9, 2020
Hartford School
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 - present, 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.

Mayor Edelson introduced Hartford School Council Students.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,027,631.93

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

RESOLUTION #66-2020: AUTHORIZATION TO INSTALL A FENCE WITHIN A BUFFER EASEMENT AREA FOR BLOCK 1110.01, LOT 62, 200 AMBERFIELD DRIVE

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #66-2020: Deputy Mayor Bobo, 2nd Councilman Folcher
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #67-2020: AUTHORIZATION TO INSTALL A FENCE WITHIN A BUFFER EASEMENT AREA BLOCK 907.01, LOT 19, 10 MOORFIELD COURT

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #67-2020: Deputy Mayor Bobo, 2nd Councilman Folcher
Roll Call 5 yes votes

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

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.

Mayor opened public participation.

Mayor closed public participation.

Motion to move Ordinance #5-2019: Councilman Folcher, 2nd Deputy Mayor Bobo
Roll Call 5 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.

Mayor opened public participation.

Mayor closed public participation.

Motion to move Ordinance #6-2019: Councilman Folcher, 2nd Deputy Mayor Bobo
Roll Call 5 yes votes

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Naming Walton Avenue Building – The Mount Laurel House
 1. Haylee Palmer
 2. Prisha Parekh
 3. Gabriel Lopez
 4. Ameer Chauhan

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Paul Devery, teacher at Hartford. Thanked Mayor, Council and manager for allowing children to be here.

George Rafferty – Thanked Mayor and Council for allowing children to enter contest and to act as Council.

Al Marcino – represents Animal Alliance of Burlington County. Having meeting regarding trap and release of cats. Encouraging each township to participate in program. Also represents Burlington County Animal Shelter.

Parkers Creek – 2005/2006 noise test done with turnpike. Wants noise test redone.

Pat Halbe – Save PAWS Farm. Proposal to save farm at no cost to township. A lot of people are willing to help to get it started again. Wants to find out what happened to equipment that was owed by township.

Deputy Mayor Bobo – RFP to go back out.

Attorney Morris said need RFP.

Susan – Wanted RFP to be more transparent.

Courtney - Donation.

Danielle Kline – Farm is in backyard. Stop making political.

Gloria Stevens – Speaking for herself. Wrong animals for that place. Garden Club Scholarship \$3,000.

Nicole Morgan – Liaison between PAWS. Councilman Steglik offered to be the liaison.

Brian Sharp – Put the question to voters.

Gabby – Small business needs organization.

Pasuly – Assistant Director for 3-1/2 years. Thanked township for hearing community. Common goals. Animals are all doing okay.

Sara Thompson – Concerned with USDA violation.

Nicole, Camden – Keeper at PAWS Farm. What research has been done.

Adlin Heleah –Discovery Museum bulk of community.

Michael - \$1,000,000 would reopen PAWS.

Lacey & Lynn – Educator for 16 years. Thanked everyone for responses. Beef and beer to make more money. Wonderful teacher. Children and adults enjoy.

Kim – 4 H club. Special needs program.

Danielle – No magic number. George hit bench mark.

Thanked 4 H for coming out.

Pat Halbe – 80 animals part of proposal.

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL

Manager Tomczyk – 2020 census.

Councilman Pritchett – Better communications and learned a lot. Budget presentation.

Councilman Steglik – Thanked helpers. Appreciates the members.

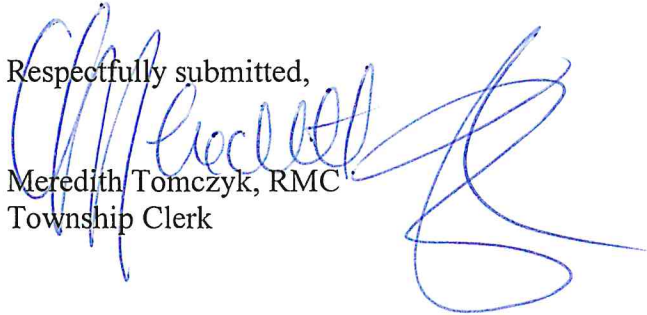
Mayor Edelson – Problems are better.

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

Motion to adjourn: Deputy Mayor Bobo, 2nd Councilman Steglik
All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Tomczyk, RMC
Township Clerk

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Meredith Tomczyk', is written over the typed name. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.