

**Township of Mount Laurel  
Regular Council Meeting  
August 17, 2020  
Via Zoom**

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.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

**APPROVAL OF BILL LIST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,329,872.90**

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

**RESOLUTION #116-2020: PROCLAMATION EXPRESSING COMMENDATION  
TO BIANCA MCDONALD FOR HER ATTAINMENT OF THE GIRL SCOUT GOLD  
AWARD**

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #116-2020: Councilman Folcher, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Pritchett  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

**RESOLUTION #117-2020: PROCLAMATION EXPRESSING COMMENDATION  
TO ERIN FUZER FOR HER ATTAINMENT OF THE GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD**

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #117-2020: Councilman Pritchett, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Folcher  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #118-2020: PROCLAMATION EXPRESSING COMMENDATION  
TO VANESSA VAN HORN FOR HER ATTAINMENT OF THE GIRL SCOUT GOLD  
AWARD

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #118-2020: Deputy Mayor Bobo, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Folcher  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #119-2020: MOUNT LAUREL TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION  
AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF SOIL EROSION/RESTORATION PERFORMANCE  
GUARANTEE FOR DAVIS RACEWAY, LLC, BLOCK 1202, LOT 2, ZB#15-D-14

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #119-2020: Councilman Folcher, 2<sup>nd</sup> Deputy Mayor Bobo  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #120-2020: MOUNT LAUREL TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION  
AUTHORIZING REDUCTION OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE, DAVIS  
RACEWAY, LLC, ZB#15-D-14, BLOCK 1202, LOT 2

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #120-2020: Deputy Mayor Bobo, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Folcher  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #121-2020: GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND  
DRUG ABUSE FISCAL GRANT CYCLE OCTOBER 1, 2020 TO JUNE 30, 2021

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #121-2020: Councilman Steglik, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Pritchett

Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #122-2020: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OR  
CANCELLATION OF PROPERTY TAXES BLOCK 313.02, LOT 12

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #122-2020: Councilman Pritchett, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Folcher  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #123-2020: APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #1, 2019 ROAD  
PROGRAM – PHASE 1, CONTRACT 2019-1

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #123-2020: Councilman Folcher, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Steglik  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #124-2020: AUTHORIZATION FOR RENEWAL OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSES

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #124-2020: Councilman Folcher, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Steglik  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

ORDINANCE FOR FIRST READING

ORDINANCE #12-2020: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 21 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL ENTITLED "EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES" TO ADD EXTRA DUTY ASSIGNMENTS

Clerk read Ordinance as entitled.

Motion to move Ordinance #12-2020: Councilman Folcher, 2<sup>nd</sup> Deputy Mayor Bobo  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

ORDINANCE FOR SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE #11-2020: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 89 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL ENTITLED "HOUSING STANDARDS"

Clerk read Ordinance as entitled.

Mayor opened public participation.

Cynthia – Questioned if ordinance has to follow international code. She feels it is redundant.

Frank – He feels that it is redundant.

Attorney – Feels it is extra layer of protection for buyer and it is extra step for seller.

Question – Does it include exterior as well as interior.

Bryant Curry – Yes it does.

Frank – Doesn't feel because other towns are doing it that Mt. Laurel should do it. Stated other towns shouldn't do it.

Douglas Cooper – Questioned if exterior inspections will be done on HOAs?

Manager Tomczyk – Yes, same inspections are done for every property.

Karen Cohen – This ordinance was approved in July. Why are there changes now.

Deputy Mayor Bobo – It was introduced in July, not approved.

Manager Tomczyk – We receive complaints of properties needing maintenance.

Deputy Mayor Bobo – Still not on board with this ordinance. Wants it tabled

Mayor closed public participation.

Motion to **TABLE** Ordinance #11-2020: Councilman Steglik, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Folcher  
Roll Call 5 yes votes

#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Douglas Cooper – Camber property. Zoning came out to look at trees that broke his deck and light. Foundations are being destroyed because township is not maintaining township property.

Manager Tomczyk – Will send Jerry Mascia out.

Peter – Questioned flu shots and mandate for small gatherings.

Manager Tomczyk – Mt. Laurel is offering free flu shots for some time in October. We are encouraging all residents to wear masks on township property.

Peter – Could police educate schools.

Ann K. – Liquid Natural Gas – Goes all through Mt. Laurel. Wants resolution to say Mt. Laurel is against this.

Attorney Morris – Explained proposals to bring in rail cars to transport. Mt. Laurel cannot tell them not to use 295.

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Karen Cohen – Questioned what Davis Raceway LLC is.

Attorney Morris explained.

#### COMMENTS BY COUNCIL

Councilman Pritchett – Protect yourself from virus. Keep in mind families who have lost love ones to virus.

Councilman Steglik – Thanked girl scouts.

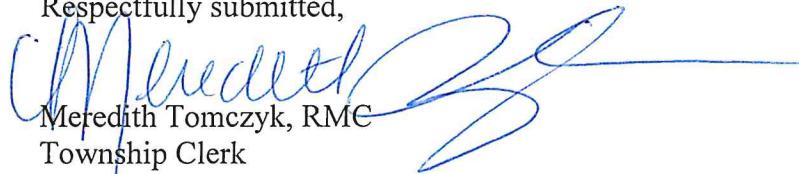
Councilman Folcher – Thanks to Ann. Keep pushing. Thanked police and first responders. Thanked Bryant for answering questions. Stay safe.

Deputy Mayor Bobo – Thanked Ann. Thanked first responders.

Mayor Edelson – Fishing with police and still have movies going on. Stay safe and healthy.

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

Respectfully submitted,

  
Meredith Tomczyk, RMC  
Township Clerk

