

Township of Mount Laurel
Agenda
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, April 26, 2021
Via Zoom

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

4. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by: Seconded by:

6. APPROVAL OF BILL LIST

Moved by: Seconded by:

7. RESOLUTIONS

21-R-89: PROCLAMATION EXPRESSING COMMENDATION TO SAVANA LA ROCCA FOR HER ATTAINMENT OF THE GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD

21-R-90: PROCLAMATION EXPRESSING COMMENDATION TO TANYA DAS FOR HER ATTAINMENT OF THE GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD

21-R-91: TRANSFERING OWNERSHIP OF RETIRING POLICE K-9

21-R-92: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF A SOIL REMOVAL PERMIT

8. ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE #2021-10: AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 43, ARTICLE 1, SECTION 43-2 OF THE MOUNT LAUREL TOWNSHIP CODE (“POLICE DEPARTMENT – QUALIFICATIONS FOR EMPLOYMENT”)

Moved by: Seconded by:

ORDINANCE #2021-11: AUTHORIZING A SHORT TERM LEASE WITH VOLUNTEERS FOR PAWS FARM, INC. TO ALLOW VOLUNTEERS TO CLEAN, MAINTAIN AND UPGRADE THE FACILITIES AT BLOCK 402, LOT 2, FORMERLY KNOWN AS DISCOVERY MUSEUM AT PAWS FARM

Moved by: Seconded by:

9. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

10. COMMENTS BY COUNCIL

11. ADJOURNMENT

Township of Mount Laurel
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Mayor Steglik called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance & Traditional Moment of Silence

ROLL CALL

Councilwoman Karen Cohen – present, Councilwoman Fozia Janjua – present, Councilman Nick Moustakas – present, Deputy Mayor Kareem Pritchett - present, Mayor Stephen Steglik - 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: Deputy Mayor Pritchett, 2nd Councilwoman Janjua
Roll Call 5 yes votes

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,347,434.36

Motion to Move: Councilwoman Cohen, 2nd Deputy Mayor Pritchett
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #74-2021: AMENDING 21-R-32 SETTING MEETING LOCATIONS BECAUSE OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #74-2021: Deputy Mayor Pritchett, 2nd Councilwoman Cohen
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #75-2021: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL DECLARING SOLIDARITY WITH THE ASIAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY AND ALL COMMUNITIES, AND REAFFIRMING THE TOWNSHIP’S COMMITMENT TO COMBATING RACISM AND DISCRIMINATION IN ALL FORMS

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #75-2021: Councilman Moustakas, 2nd Councilwoman Janjua
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #76-2021: AUTHORIZATION TO INSTALL A FENCE WITHIN A 30 FOOT WIDE ACCESS EASEMENT AREA FOR BLOCK 1302.01, LOT 9

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #76-2021: Councilman Moustakas, 2nd Councilwoman Cohen

Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #77-2021: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OR CANCELLATION OF PROPERTY TAXES BLOCK 1110.02 LOT 15

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #77-2021: Councilman Moustakas, 2nd Councilwoman Janjua

Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #78-2021: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OR CANCELLATION OF PROPERTY TAXES BLOCK 1003.07 LOT 59

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #78-2021: Councilman Moustakas, 2nd Councilwoman Cohen

Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #79-2021: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE MOUNT LAUREL TOWNSHIP COUNCIL TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT A SUBGRANT AWARD OF THE FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2020 OF DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT PROGRAM FUNDING AND FOR THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO AMEND THE BUDGET AND CERTIFY THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #79-2021: Councilman Moustakas, 2nd Deputy Mayor Pritchett

Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #80-2021: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN MOUNT LAUREL TOWNSHIP AND EVESHAM TOWNSHIP FOR CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER SERVICES

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #80-2021: Deputy Mayor Pritchett, 2nd Councilman Moustakas

Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #81-2021: 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 #81-2021: Deputy Mayor Pritchett, 2nd Councilwoman Cohen

Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #82-2021: RESOLUTION TO ANTICIPATE MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES IN THE 2021 BUDGET USING THE THREE-YEAR AVERAGE OF REALIZED REVENUES FROM THE PRIOR THREE YEARS

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #82-2021: Councilman Moustakas, 2nd Deputy Mayor Pritchett

Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #83-2021: 2021 LOCAL MUNICIPAL BUDGET FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL (Public Hearing on May 10, 2021)

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #83-2021: Councilwoman Cohen, 2nd Councilman Moustakas

Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #84-2021: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OR CANCELLATION OF PROPERTY TAXES BLOCK 1509 LOT 26

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #84-2021: Deputy Mayor Pritchett, 2nd Councilman Moustakas

Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #85-2021: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OR CANCELLATION OF PROPERTY TAXES BLOCK 803.09 LOT 3

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #85-2021: Councilman Moustakas, 2nd Councilwoman Janjua

Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #86-2021: RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE 2021 CLICK IT OR TICKET SEAT BELT MOBILIZATION MAY 24 - JUNE 6, 2021

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #86-2021: Deputy Mayor Pritchett, 2nd Councilwoman
Cohen
Roll Call 5 yes votes

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

ORDINANCE #10-2021: AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 43, ARTICLE 1, SECTION 43-2 OF THE MOUNT LAUREL TOWNSHIP CODE (“POLICE DEPARTMENT – QUALIFICATIONS FOR EMPLOYMENT”)

Clerk read Ordinance as entitled.
Motion to move Ordinance #10-2021: Councilwoman Cohen, 2nd Deputy Mayor
Pritchett
Roll Call 5 yes votes

ORDINANCE #11-2021: AUTHORIZING A SHORT TERM LEASE WITH VOLUNTEERS FOR PAWS FARM, INC. TO ALLOW VOLUNTEERS TO CLEAN, MAINTAIN AND UPGRADE THE FACILITIES AT BLOCK 402, LOT 2, FORMERLY KNOWN AS DISCOVERY MUSEUM AT PAWS FARM

Attorney Morris explained.

Clerk read Ordinance as entitled.
Motion to move Ordinance #11-2021: Deputy Mayor Pritchett, 2nd Councilwoman
Cohen
Roll Call 5 yes votes

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE #7-2021: AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL TO DELETE IN ITS ENTIRETY CHAPTER 22 ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION AND TO REPLACE IT WITH A NEW CHAPTER 22 ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION AS SET FORTH HEREIN PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40:56A-1 ET SEQ.

Attorney Morris explained.

Clerk read Ordinance as entitled.

Gina Cohl, 111 Hartford Road – Supports Ordinance.

Mayor closed public participation.

Motion to move Ordinance #7-2021: Councilwoman Cohen, 2nd Councilman Moustakas

Roll Call 5 yes votes

ORDINANCE #8-2021: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2021-6,
ARTICLE III, CONCERNING CONTINUING CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY

Clerk read Ordinance as entitled.

Mayor opened public participation.

Dawn Hogan, 105 Yorktown Drive – Questioned effective date, list, person performing inspections, application and payment on website. Hardship on residents.

Andrew Gaus, 154 Kettlebrook Drive - Agrees with Dawn Hogan.

Jackie Tsiartas, 169 Memorial Lane – Questioned Section 89-16 Certificate requirement inspections.

Dawn Hogan – Previous owner responsibility was no for permits prior to ownership. Now it is yes. Feels everything should have been finalized before Ordinance was voted on.

Cynthia Astrom, 165 Memorial Lane – How many towns have CO.

Mayor closed public participation.

Motion to move Ordinance #8-2021: Deputy Mayor Pritchett, 2nd Councilwoman Cohen
Roll Call 4 yes votes

ORDINANCE #9-2021: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR STORMWATER
MANAGEMENT

Clerk read Ordinance as entitled.

Mayor opened public participation.

No public participation.

Mayor closed public participation.

Motion to move Ordinance #9-2021: Councilwoman Cohen, 2nd Deputy Mayor Pritchett
Roll Call 5 yes votes

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Andrew Gaus, 154 Kettlebrook Drive – Mr. Gaus asked multiple questions about the construction office and adopted ordinance.

Pat Halbe, 2101 Denham Court – Thanked Council for Ordinance 2021-11.

Harriette Cohen, 10 Alderton Lane – Playgrounds are safer and delightful.

Jackie Tsiartas, 169 Memorial Lane – Ms. Tsiartas expressed her concern with the adopted ordinance.

Sharon Coffman, 290 St. David Drive – Wants to meet with Council regarding opening of Ramblewood pool.

Sharon Kercher, 284 St. David Drive – Issues with stray golf balls. Concerned with well-being and safety of family. Wants buffer of trees.

Nutthinee Marchlik, 212 St. David Drive - Mill Run Development – Shares concern of stray golf balls and swimming pool.

Cynthia Astrom, 165 Memorial Lane – Wants wording changed on 21-R-75 to include “Black lives matter”.

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL

Mayor Steglik – Thanked everyone for joining and for speaking. Rancocas Woods events.

Deputy Mayor Pritchett – Thanked everyone for participating. Continue to be safe.

Councilwoman Cohen – Thanked everyone for input. Be kind to all. Green Team and Rancocas Woods events. April 24th shredding event at Police Garage. May 8th tree saplings distributed.

Councilwoman Janjua – Vaccine events. Thanked everyone for coming. Be safe.

Councilman Moustakas – April 16th library and mental health awareness. Thanked everyone for participation.

RESOLUTION #87-2021: 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 #87-2021: Councilman Moustakas, 2nd Councilwoman
Cohen
Roll Call 5 yes votes

Return to Open

RESOLUTION #88-2021: RESOLUTION AWARDING TRASH BID

Motion to Move Resolution #88-2021: Deputy Mayor Pritchett, 2nd Councilwoman
Janjua
Roll Call 4 yes votes, Councilman Moustakas - absent

Motion to adjourn: Councilwoman Janjua, 2nd Deputy Mayor Pritchett

All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Tomczyk, RMC
Township Clerk



**TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
MOUNT LAUREL MUNICIPAL CENTER**

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Resolution No. 21-R-89

REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 26, 2021

**PROCLAMATION EXPRESSING COMMENDATION TO SAVANA LA ROCCA FOR
HER ATTAINMENT OF THE GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD**

WHEREAS, in Mount Laurel Township we have many active young women involved in various levels of the Girl Scout Program; and

WHEREAS, Savana La Rocca completed a service project to educate her community on the ever-growing issue of childhood obesity. She presented a PowerPoint to her high school, along with the community, about the causes, prevention, and management options surrounding childhood obesity. Additionally, during the Covid-19 pandemic, Savana held a webinar for fellow Girl Scout troops about maintaining healthy eating and exercise habits during quarantine; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor, Township Council and Township Manager to recognize Savana La Rocca for the completion of her project and her outstanding achievement in attaining the Girl Scout Gold Award;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor, Township Council and Township Manager of the Township of Mount Laurel, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey extend their commendation and sincere congratulations.

This resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Township Council held on April 26, 2021 and shall take effect immediately.

A CERTIFIED COPY

Meredith Tomczyk, Municipal Clerk

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Cohen						
Janjua						
Moustakas						
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Resolution No. 21-R-90

REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 26, 2021

**PROCLAMATION EXPRESSING COMMENDATION TO TANYA DAS FOR HER
ATTAINMENT OF THE GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD**

WHEREAS, in Mount Laurel Township we have many active young women involved in various levels of the Girl Scout Program; and

WHEREAS, Tanya Das completed a service project called INSPIRIT, which stands for Innovation and Natural Scientific Pursuit of Independent Research in Technology. With this project, Tanya's goal was to empower underserved students to innovate solutions to clean marine debris. As a result, she designed an experiential curriculum for ocean science and underwater robotics. She piloted her concept in an international workshop attended by over 450 students. The students successfully built and used remotely operated vehicles to remove debris from rivers. In addition, the students continue to actively advocate against single-use plastics. Tanya's curriculum is now incorporated in schools across Odisha and India, and many more remotely operated vehicles have been built by students; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor, Township Council and Township Manager to recognize Tanya Das for the completion of her project and her outstanding achievement in attaining the Girl Scout Gold Award;

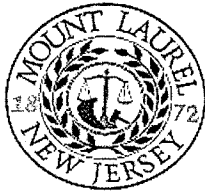
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Resolution No. 21-R-91

REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 26, 2021

TRANSFERING OWNERSHIP OF RETIRING POLICE K-9

WHEREAS, Police K-9 Gunner has faithfully served the Mount Laurel Township Police Department for years; and

WHEREAS, as part of proper training techniques and to allow for expedited response times, Gunner has lived with his handler, Officer Christopher O’Prandy, since the training concluded; and

WHEREAS, the Township has determined that it is time to retire Gunner; and

WHEREAS, Officer O’Prandy, has requested that Gunner be transferred from Township ownership to his personal ownership; and

WHEREAS, it is proper that Officer O’Prandy be granted ownership of his K-9 partner to ease Gunner’s retirement transition;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Mount Laurel, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey that Mount Laurel Township hereby transfers the ownership of retiring K-9 Gunner to Officer Christopher O’Prandy based on the terms and conditions identified in the attached agreement;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mount Laurel Township thanks Gunner for his faithful service to our community.

This resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Township Council held on April 26, 2021 and shall take effect immediately.

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Meredith Tomczyk, Municipal Clerk

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AGREEMENT FOR TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OF POLICE CANINE

THIS AGREEMENT made and entered on the ____ day of _____, 2021, by and between the Township of Mount Laurel, a municipal body politic under the laws of the State of New Jersey (hereinafter "Township") and Christopher O'Prandy, hereinafter referred to as the "Buyer."

WHEREAS, the Mount Laurel Police Department owns K-9 Officer Gunner, a male German Shepherd; and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to retire K-9 Officer Gunner; and

WHEREAS, the Buyer desires to purchase said retired K-9 Officer Gunner;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual benefits to be derived and One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration received by the Township from the Buyer, the parties do mutually agree as follows:

1. **Conveyance.** The Township agrees to assign, convey and transfer all rights, title and interest in the dog known as K-9 Officer Gunner to Buyer.
2. **Acknowledgement of Training and Release of Liability.** In accepting transfer from the Township of the dog known as K-9 Officer Gunner, Buyer recognizes that said animal has received training in police department procedures and tactics and by acceptance of this animal, Buyer, for and in consideration of the transfer to him of K-9 Officer Gunner, agrees to hold harmless the Township of Mount Laurel, the Mount Laurel Police Department and its officers, employees and agents from any and all liability whatsoever that might arise from acts engaged in by the forenamed canine resulting from his training as herein described, as well as any other acts of said canine whether or not attributable to such training.

Buyer further agrees to waive any and all claims of liability insofar as the Township of Mount Laurel, the Mount Laurel Police Department, its officers, employees and agents are concerned that might arise as a result of his use and/or possession of said animal.

It is further understood by Buyer that, in consideration of this transfer, the Township make no representations concerning the health of the animal, which is transferred "as is" and Buyer assumes all responsibility and obligations for the condition, care and acts of said animal.

3. **Indemnification.** Buyer agrees to assume any and all risks from the date first written above and Buyer further agrees to release, indemnify and promises to defend and hold harmless the Township, its officers, employees and agents from and against any and all liability, injuries, loss, damage, expense, actions and claims, including costs and reasonable attorneys' fees incurred by the Township, its officers, employees

and agents in defense thereof, asserting or arising directly or indirectly on account of or out of said canine's activities from date of said transfer; provided, however, this paragraph does not purport to indemnify the Township against liability for any activities of said canine prior to said transfer date.

4. **Governmental Immunity.** Township does not waive governmental immunity by entering into this Agreement and specifically retains immunity and all defenses available to it as a sovereign pursuant to the New Jersey Tort Claims Act, N.J.S.A. 59:1-1 et seq.
5. **Applicable law/venue.** The construction, interpretation and enforcement of this Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of New Jersey regardless of whether the Buyer and the canine remain residents of the State of New Jersey. The Courts of New Jersey shall have jurisdiction over this Agreement and the parties, and the venue shall be Burlington County Superior Court, New Jersey.
6. **Severability.** If any part of this Agreement is found to be in conflict with applicable laws, such part shall be inoperative, null and void, insofar as it is in conflict with said laws, the remainder of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.
7. **Entire Agreement.** This two page document shall be the entire Agreement. Any modification, changes or amendments must be in writing and signed by both parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, parties execute and shall be bound to this Agreement.

TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL

CHRISTOPHER O'PRANDY

Stephen Steglik, Mayor

Christopher O'Prandy

ATTEST:

ATTEST:

Meredith Tomczyk, RMC



**TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
MOUNT LAUREL MUNICIPAL CENTER**

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Resolution No. 21-R-92

REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 26, 2021

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF A SOIL REMOVAL PERMIT

WHEREAS, chapter 132 of Mount Laurel Code requires Mount Laurel Council to review and approve soil removal permits; and

WHEREAS, Esposito Construction, LLC has submitted required application, see attachment A; and

WHEREAS, the required fee has been submitted to the Township Clerk's Office; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Mount Laurel, County of Burlington, and State of New Jersey that the soil removal permit for Esposito Construction, LLC, 24 Merchants Way, Colts Neck, NJ 07722 is approved for Block 215 Lots 15, 15.01, 15.02.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be filed with the Mount Laurel Engineer.

This resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Township Council held on April 26, 2021 and shall take effect immediately.

A CERTIFIED COPY

Meredith Tomczyk, Municipal Clerk

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24 Merchants Way, Ste. 109
Colts Neck, NJ 07722
732-721-4600 - Office
732-862-1123 - Fax

April 15, 2021

Attn: Merideth Tomczyk
Mt. Laurel Municipal Clerk
Mt. Laurel Township
100 Mount Laurel Rd.
Mount Laurel, New Jersey 08054

Esposito Construction is working on a project called The Gables located at 3253 Marne Highway, Mt Laurel, NJ 08054. The following information should satisfy the requirements of Section 132-5 of the Township Ordinance regarding a Soil Removal Permit:

- Property Owner:
 - Marne Developers, LLC
788 Shrewsbury Avenue, Suite 104
Tinton Falls, NJ 07724
- Applicant:
 - Esposito Construction, LLC
24 Merchants Way
Colts Neck, NJ 07722
- Previous Condition of Land: Farm
Future Condition of Land: Housing
Block: 215
Lot: 15, 15.01, 15.02
- 1000 Ton of topsoil to be removed.
- Soil to be removed to the following property:
 - 300 E Oak Ave.
Lawnside, NJ 08045
- The planned start of soil removal is 4/27/21. This is anticipated to take 4 weeks, and is anticipated to finish 5/28/21
- The final condition of the site will be townhomes and apartments, paved streets, and detention basins.
- Grading Plan showing area of removal is attached.

TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL

ORDINANCE 2021-10

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 43, ARTICLE 1, SECTION 43-2 OF THE MOUNT LAUREL TOWNSHIP CODE ("POLICE DEPARTMENT - QUALIFICATIONS FOR EMPLOYMENT")

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Purpose and Intent. The amendment(s) set forth herein shall serve the purposes of revising and clarifying certain regulations relating to the hiring of a person, exempt from the Civil Services Commission requirement to take an examination for an entry-level law enforcement position, pursuant to Title 11A of the New Jersey Statutes.

Section 2. Amendment(s). Chapter 43, Article 1, Section 43-2 is hereby amended:
[New Section]

G. In addition to the foregoing requirements, and all other state and local regulations concerning the hiring of an entry-level law enforcement officer, the Township of Mount Laurel Police Department may hire a person, who is exempt from the requirement to take an examination administered by the Civil Services Commission for an entry-level law enforcement position and who has successfully completed a full Basic Course for Police Officers training course at a school approved and authorized by the New Jersey Police Training commission.

The Township of Mount Laurel previously adopted a conflict of interest policy (Chapter 4, Article XV, Section 4-85) and nepotism (Chapter 4, Article XV, Section 4-87.4) policy in accordance with P.L. 2021, c.7.

Section 3. Repealer. Any and all other ordinances inconsistent with any of the terms and provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistencies.

Section 4. Severability. In the event that any section, paragraph, clause, phrase, term, provision or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, such judgment shall not effect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the section, paragraph, clause, term, provision or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in such judgment shall be rendered.

Section 5. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication as provided by law.

Introduction Date: April 12, 2021

	MOTION	AYE	NAY	ABSTAINED	ABSENT	TRANSMITTED
Cohen	1	✓				
Janjua		✓				
Moustakas		✓				
Pritchett	2	✓				
Steglik		✓				

Publication Date: April 15, 2021

Public Hearing Date: April 26, 2021

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TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL

BY:

 Stephen Steglik, Mayor

ATTEST:

 Meredith Tomczyk, Township Clerk
 4830-6358-9080, v. 1

TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL

ORDINANCE 2021-11

AUTHORIZING A SHORT TERM LEASE WITH VOLUNTEERS FOR PAWS FARM, INC. TO ALLOW VOLUNTEERS TO CLEAN, MAINTAIN AND UPGRADE THE FACILITIES AT BLOCK 402, LOT 2, FORMERLY KNOWN AS DISCOVERY MUSEUM AT PAWS FARM

WHEREAS, the Township is the owner of a certain parcel(s) of real property commonly known as Paws Farm, which is located at Block 402, Lot 2 on the Tax Map of the Township of Mount Laurel with a street address of 1105 Hainesport-Mount Laurel Rd, Mount Laurel Township, New Jersey 08054, and consists of approximately eight-plus acres, and is improved by various buildings (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, the Property contains an historic two-story farmhouse, circa 1736, known as the "Darnell Family Farmhouse" (the "Farmhouse") and historic accessory buildings, circa 1700, known as (the "Smokehouse") and (the "Icehouse") and a circa 1950 barn known as (the "Dairy Barn") and various "Outdoor Accessory Structures" and a "Main Exhibits Building"; and

WHEREAS, the Property is bound by New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Green Acres restrictions as an "unfunded" property and its perpetual uses are limited to active or passive recreation uses and historic preservation; and

WHEREAS, after the closure of the Discovery Museum at Paws Farm in January 2020, the Township conducted several rounds of proposals to determine the best and most appropriate future use of the Property understanding the confines of Green Acres restrictions; and

WHEREAS, Discovery Museum's abrupt departure left numerous areas of the property to be cleaned and renovated, including several capital improvement projects for the long-term preservation of the historical portions of the property; and

WHEREAS, during the course of these proposal rounds members of the public have expressed interest to gain access to the Property in a uniform and regulated manner in order to work on preserving the buildings, maintaining the Property and performing necessary upkeep; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Local Lands and Buildings Law, at N.J.S.A. 40A:12-14(c) permits a municipality to enter a lease with a not-for-profit after adoption of an ordinance explaining the terms and conditions of a lease; and

WHEREAS, this lease would serve a public purpose as required by the statute; and

WHEREAS, Volunteers for Paws Farm, Inc., an organization formed as a potential vendor for operating the property, has come forward and expressed an interest in raising funds and performing work on the site and has asked the municipality for a six month lease in order to have access to the site to clean, repair and maintain the property; and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to lease the property to the Volunteers for Paws Farm, Inc. and the volunteer organization desires to lease the property from the Township, upon

the terms and conditions as set forth herein for the purpose of maintenance and upkeep of the Property; and

WHEREAS, the Parties recognize and acknowledge that this Lease does not establish or create any right to operate the facility in any fashion similar to activities that previously occurred on and within the Property and that members of the public shall not be granted access to the Property unless organized and scheduled through the terms of this Lease;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED, by the Township Council in the Township of Mount Laurel, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey and, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-14(c) of the Local Lands and Buildings Law, the Township authorizes a six month lease, with one month, renewal term, to Volunteers for Paws Farm, Inc., a New Jersey nonprofit corporation, for the purpose of maintaining and improving the facilities on the property, according to the terms of the Lease which is attached hereto and incorporated herein.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Mayor and Clerk are authorized to finalize negotiations and execute the Lease upon review and approval by the Township Solicitor.

Introduction Date: April 12, 2021

	MOTION	AYE	NAY	ABSTAINED	ABSENT	TRANSMITTED
Cohen	2	✓				7/5/21
Janjua		✓				
Moustakas		✓				
Pritchett	1	✓				
Steglik		✓				

Publication Date: April 15, 2021

Public Hearing Date: April 26, 2021

	MOTION	AYE	NAY	ABSTAINED	ABSENT	TRANSMITTED
Cohen						
Janjua						
Moustakas						
Pritchett						
Steglik						

TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL

BY:

Stephen Steglik, Mayor

ATTEST:

Meredith Tomczyk, Township Clerk
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