Township of Mount Laurel Agenda Regular Council Meeting Monday, August 16, 2021 Mount Laurel Municipal Center

- 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 3. ROLL CALL
- 4. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT
- APPROVAL OF MINUTESMoved by: Seconded by:

6. APPROVAL OF BILL LIST

Moved by:

Seconded by:

- 7. RESOLUTIONS
 - **21-R-140:** PROCLAMATION EXPRESSING COMMENDATION TO DOROTHY JOHNSON FOR WINNING THE MS. NEW JERSEY SENIOR AMERICA PAGEANT 2021
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- **21-R-150:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR A PLAYGROUND FENCE AT LAUREL ACRES PARK THROUGH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM
- **21-R-151:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF A 4 POST LIFT THROUGH SOURCEWELL (FORMERLY NJPA), NEW JERSEY COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM
- **21-R-152:** AUTHORIZATION TO INSTALL A FENCE WITHIN A 15' WIDE DRAINAGE EASEMENT AND A 50' WIDE BUFFER EASEMENT AREAS FOR BLOCK 907.01, LOT 36
- 8. NEW BUSINESS
- 9. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
- 10. COMMENTS BY COUNCIL
- 11. ADJOURNMENT

Township of Mount Laurel Regular Council Meeting July 12, 2021 Mount Laurel Municipal Center 7:00 P.M.

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, Scott Miccio, 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 Councilman Moustakas Roll Call 5 yes votes

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,447,411.46 Motion to Move: Councilwoman Cohen, 2nd Deputy Mayor Pritchett Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #130-2021: APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #3 2019 ROAD PROGRAM – PHASE I CONTRACT 2019-1

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #130-2021: Councilwoman Cohen, 2nd Councilman Moustakas

Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #131-2021: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OR CANCELLATION OF PROPERTY TAXES BLOCK 1008.01 LOT 3

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #131-2021: Councilman Moustakas, 2nd Councilwoman Cohen

Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #132-2021: RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE 2021 DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER LABOR DAY HOLIDAY CRACKDOWN AUGUST 18 – SEPTEMBER 6, 2021

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #132-2021: Deputy Mayor Pritchett, 2nd Councilman Moustakas

Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #133-2021: ANTICIPATION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE 2021 LOCAL MUNICIPAL BUDGET PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (CHAPTER 159)

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #133-2021: Deputy Mayor Pritchett, 2nd Councilman Moustakas

Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #134-2021: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASES TO BE MADE UNDER STATE CONTRACT

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #134-2021: Councilman Moustakas, 2^{nd} Councilwoman Cohen

Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #135-2021: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2022 CHEVROLET SILVERADO 2500HD THROUGH SOURCEWELL (FORMERLY NJPA), NEW JERSEY COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #135-2021: Councilman Moustakas, 2nd Councilwoman Cohen

Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #136-2021: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR THE REPLACEMENT AND INSTALLATION OF THE COURTROOM HVAC THROUGH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #136-2021: Councilman Moustakas, 2nd Councilwoman Cohen

Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #137-2021: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR A REMOUNT AMBULANCE THROUGH THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL (H-GAC)

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #137-2021: Councilman Moustakas, 2nd Councilwoman Cohen

Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #138-2021: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SIGNING OF A MEMORANDUM BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL AND CWA, CLERICAL UNION

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #138-2021: Councilman Moustakas, 2nd Deputy Mayor Pritchett

Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #139-2021: RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE HOOTON ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #139-2021: Deputy Mayor Pritchett, 2nd Councilwoman Cohen

Roll Call 5 yes votes

ORDINANCE FOR SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE #2021-17: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2017-2 TO FURTHER AMEND STANDARDS FOR SENIOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Clerk read Ordinance as entitled.

Mayor closed public participation.

Motion to move Ordinance #17-2021: Deputy Mayor Pritchett, 2nd Councilman Moustakas
Roll Call 5 yes votes

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Deputy Mayor Pritchett – Discussed July 2nd incident.

Scott, Attorney for township – Read a speech, updating everyone on the event that occurred.

Stacey Gregg, 40 Sunrise Road, Rockaway, NJ – Stated that she feels intimidated by giving her name and address and does not think anyone should give addresses. She is concerned about the relationship the defendant has with the police. She believes the police should be defunded and receive new training.

Kason Little, 3602 Gramercy Way, Mt. Laurel – Spoke against Mathews and how he has made many residents feel unsafe. Demanded that new legislation be put into place and suggested that a community board be established. Believes this is an unjust system, and justice works for whites but not for color.

Haba Mohammed, Chaucer Road, Mt. Laurel – Questioned why a warrant wasn't issued immediately and why the judge would not allow him to be arrested. Stated that she feels hate speech should be a crime and officers who have several complaints issued against them should receive pay cuts.

Aliyah Robinson – Stated that her daughter was the first victim of Mathews and her car was damaged. Feels that this community is beautiful without racism, but the system has failed her daughter. Said that it should not have taken a violent video to get action and her daughter should have been protected years ago.

Jasmin Cizinski, Willow Turn, Mt. Laurel – Shared her story from 2016 to 2018 about how she was harassed. She was frustrated because no arrest was made and she was not getting solid answers. She also shared a story about a problem with her son's school and how she had to prove she lived here.

Lives in Ethel Lawrence – Stated that she is 13 years old and experienced racism since she was in fourth grade. She believes racism is taught. She shared some stories of racism she has already experienced.

Nicole Yancey, Ethel Lawrence – Questioned if she made the right decision moving here because she never experienced racism like she does here in Mount Laurel.

John Savage, Gramercy Way – Explained that racism is a problem throughout Burlington County and it is only going to get worse. Feels that we need to get creative and need more investigations and leaders in the county.

Tara Patel, South Church Street – Mentioned that she is not a victim, but she is a new resident who cares. Said that she noticed most community events are sponsored by the police and thinks it should be a priority to get police out of community events. Questioned who will be included on the diversity board. She also asked if we will move forward as policing community or progressive community.

Harriett Cohen, 10 Alderton Lane – Said that she never heard what she is hearing tonight and is so sad that neighbors had to live with this for so long. Shared a story that happened a few years ago due to her Jewish faith in a neighboring town where someone told her she should leave town and Hitler was right. Went to police and was told if they didn't threaten her, they could not help her. Feels that laws need to change and we cannot let racism define this town.

George Strand, 306 Stamford Drive – Shared a story of a domestic incident he witnessed from three years ago. Feels that if Mathews had been a black man, he would be cuffed.

David Lipshutz, 1009 B Scotswood Court – Stated that he has been a political activist and volunteer for many years. He thinks the protests are necessary. Also stated that he worked with Councilmembers last year and now that they have been elected, he has faith in this Council.

Shante Smith – Expressed disappointment in the Council, Police department, and all of the complaints that have been made about Mathews.

Colleen Leinbach, 3602 Gramercy Way – Discussed how she has spent 8 years trying to get help from the police department because of being harassed by her neighbors.

Thomas Ballard – Explained his disappointment in law enforcement during this situation, along with the police chief and his statement.

Bo Mattlack, NAACP – Stated that he feels what happened in this town is evil and he is looking to the Council for hope and an investigation.

Patrice Furchesun – Questioned the cost of black lives. She feels that all corners of the community need to be reached and taught about racism and other efforts need to be made for there to be change. Suggested a survey be done.

Giana Bird, Marlton – Explained that she didn't realize racism was out there until she moved to Mount Laurel. Told a story of a student who had her hair cut in a Mt. Laurel school by white girl. She expressed fear for her own daughter in the community.

Shelly Detory, Evesham – Spoke about how Black Lives Matter of New Jersey are on call daily, always show up for their community, and now it is time for the township Council to do the same.

Jessica Dunlap, Aberdeen Drive – Read a statement and expressed that the community needs to feel safe and the police department is lacking in transparency.

Ryan Dunlap, 3602 Gramercy – Spoke about Carol Murphy's voting record and response to the situation. He also discussed how he feels the community has been terrorized by the police and politicians need to start listening to the community.

Emily Crowley, Pitman – Explained that action needs to be taken immediately and urged the Council to start planning tonight.

Germile – Discussed a few suggestions that he had for the Council going forward in regards to the diversity board so that they are actually reaching the people.

Jurdan Salan, Willingboro, NJ – Explained that he is an activist and made calls to the Mayor but the calls were not returned. Questioned what happened to the hot line meeting, why a warrant was not issued to the defendant, and why the township building was closed to the public.

Rebecca Catarus, Greenwich Lane, Mount Laurel – Expressed that there is more racism in the area than just Mathews and the real disturbances were the police blocking the roads, not the protestors.

Lebron Brown – Stated that his family were victims of Mathews. He mentioned that he is the president of the HOA Board. Explained that this has been going on for years and no one should have to go through what they went through.

Secretary of HOA – Explained that she called 911 on Mathews, but the police never came to her house. That is why she went to the police station and filed her own report, but nothing was done until the video went viral.

Denise Brown – Stated that she is the wife of the victim and she hopes that Mathews does not get out of jail.

Brandon Tantum – Expressed that he believes in justice and what happened to him in the video felt surreal. He wonders what would have happened if he was not there to defend the family.

Adrienne Lewis, Essex Lane, Mount Laurel – Stated that she has lived in Mount Laurel for 18 years and has seen many issues in the school system.

Jordan Salan – Spoke about how the officers in the room are acting uninterested and they are being paid to be here.

Stacy Gregg, Rockaway Township – Called the Township Council to action and demanded they make changes in the state in regards to the police and justice system.

Kason Little – Spoke on the hatred and racism that he feels is deeply rooted in Mt. Laurel. Asked the Council to take what he said to heart and really think about it.

Ryan Dunlap – Stated that the protestors did nothing wrong and he wants to see the footage.

Emily Crowley, Pitman – Spoke about mental health, how people are set off by racism, and how mental illness affects the community.

Mandy, Hainesport-Mount Laurel Road, Mount Laurel – Expressed that with a newly diverse Council, she believes the community will see change. She feels that more people need to be the voice and promote change.

Harriett Cohen – Explained that she has heard many other complaints about the town, but not the problem of racism. Said that she would like to hear what the Council has to say.

Jordan Salan – Said he wants answers by Wednesday or there will be another protest.

Edward Kersey, Magnolia Court – Mentioned that he knows some Councilmembers personally and thinks everyone should give them a chance.

Owen McCancy, Fair Share – Stated that he is standing in solidarity with the victims. Let the Council know that they have the ability to restore this town.

Tyler, NAACP – Believes the victims deserve compensation.

Aaliyah – Stated she feels that she cannot protect her daughter, but she does have hope that there will be change; people need to have compassion and take action.

Kason Little – Questioned what the Council will do to remedy the pain of the community.

Shante Smith - Stated that this is a movement of the people and they are not going anywhere until the Council does their job.

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL

Deputy Mayor Pritchett – Said that he appreciates everyone coming and he hears what everyone had to say. Believes there are no excuses for this behavior, but the Council needs a chance to do their jobs since this is the first they are hearing about Mr. Mathews.

Councilwoman Cohen – Welcomes all comments and wants everyone involved. Urged everyone in the room to apply for boards because the Council needs their voices.

Councilman Moustakas – Said that he is appalled at what he saw in the video. Applauded everyone who came out to speak and wants to see people's lives improve. Thanked everyone for coming and said that Council will do everything in their power to help.

Councilwoman Janjua – Explained that she is overwhelmed by what she heard, and she wants everyone to work together to heal from this. Thanked everyone who came out to make changes and make things better.

Mayor Steglik – Gave a speech about the rage he feels for Mathews and how he wants to do anything he can to heal the community. Stated that he believes this Council is well equipped to tackle this issue.

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

All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Tomczyk, RMC Township Clerk



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Resolution No. 21-R-140

REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 16, 2021

PROCLAMATION EXPRESSING COMMENDATION TO DOROTHY JOHNSON FOR WINNING THE MS. NEW JERSEY SENIOR AMERICA PAGEANT 2021

WHEREAS, the Ms. Senior America Pageant began in 1971 to promote the positive aspects of aging. It showcases women aged 60 and older who exemplify the dignity, maturity, and inner beauty of all senior Americans; and

WHEREAS, on June 3, Dorothy Johnson, a resident of Mount Laurel Township, competed for the title of Ms. New Jersey Senior America and ultimately became this year's winner. She was among eight contestants who competed in four judging categories: evening gown, philosophy of life, talent, and a private interview; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy will spend the next year making appearances throughout New Jersey to entertain, educate, and promote the benefits of aging to her peers. She will also go on to represent New Jersey in the National Pageant as she competes for the title of Ms. Senior America.

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 do hereby recognize and congratulate Dorothy Johnson for being named Ms. Senior New Jersey 2021 and wish her the best of luck as she continues on to the National Pageant.

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Resolution No. 21-R-141

REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 16, 2021

PROCLAMATION EXPRESSING COMMENDATION TO IZZY AND PIPPA HINES FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING SERVICE IN THE COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, Mount Laurel residents Izzy and Pippa Hines were ages eight and five when the coronavirus pandemic began in March 2020. Since most of their family lives overseas in Europe, they were disappointed to learn that they might not be able to see their grandparents for a long time due to travel restrictions; and

WHEREAS, after that realization, Izzy and Pippa began talking about how many other lonely grandparents there must be in the world, so they wanted to do something to help them feel less alone. With the help of social media, the girls quickly got to work writing letters and drawing pictures to send to isolated senior citizens.

WHEREAS, Izzy and Pippa wrote over 50 letters during quarantine. When school started again last September, academics took precedence and the letters slowed down. However, as soon as summer vacation began, the girls were eager to start writing and drawing again; and

WHEREAS, their goal this summer has been to write one letter per day each, which will end up totaling 166 letters. They have also expanded their efforts and recipients to include children in hospitals, in hopes of cheering them up too. Izzy and Pippa have dedicated themselves to their very own kindness mission and have been the reason for so many smiles along the way.

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 do hereby commend Izzy and Pippa Hines on their outstanding service to the community.

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Resolution No. 21-R-142

REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 16, 2021

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF INTEREST ON BANKRUPTCY MATTER

WHEREAS, in 2017, the property at Block 1508, Lot 47 was subject to a bankruptcy filing with Docket No. 17-28491; and

WHEREAS, as part of that process, local property taxes are given priority in order of debt to be repaid; and

WHEREAS, the Township, via former counsel, filed a proof of claim to obtain the taxes owed including interest; and

WHEREAS, the proof of claim was filed with an inaccurate calculation resulting in additional interest accruing; and

WHEREAS, as of August 16, 2021, the amount remaining was \$624.42 in interest only; and

WHEREAS, had the proof of claim been filed accurately this interest would not have accrued; and

WHEREAS, the bankruptcy matter is fully closed and there is no possibility to file an amended proof of claim; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services and the Township Tax Collector recognize that recovering this interest is both not possible and not justified but the same needs to be stricken from the records; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mount Laurel Township Council that the \$624.42 interest which still exists based upon a miscalculation by the former counsel in 2017 is hereby cancelled as of August 16, 2021 and shall be stricken from the special charges account maintenance system;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Tax Collector is authorized to take any and all actions necessary to fulfill the purpose of this Resolution.

This resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Township Council held on August 16, 2021 and shall take effect immediately.

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Resolution No. 21-R-143

REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 16, 2021

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND or CANCELLATION OF PROPERTY TAXES Block 803.07 Lot 14.02

3 Springville Way

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

<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	Owner	Date of Exemption	Amount ⁱ
803.07	14.02	Jerrod H. Suber	July 1, 2021	\$7731.75

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 2021 taxes due on the above noted property have been cancelled.

This resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Township Council held on August 16, 2021 and shall take effect immediately.

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¹ Calculation: 2021 Taxes \$15419.49 / 365 = \$42.25 per day x 183 days exempt = \$7731.75



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Resolution No 21-R-144

REGULAR MEETING

August 16, 2021

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF POLICE CHAPLAIN FOR THE MOUNT LAUREL POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Code of the Township of Mount Laurel allows for the appointment of Police Chaplain by the Township governing body for a term not exceeding one year or upon revocation of the appointment; and

WHEREAS, the Mount Laurel Police Department has requested that Police Chaplains be appointed; and

WHEREAS, the following candidates hold the requisite qualifications of Police Chaplain:

Chris Cannatella Erik Jarvis Curtis Green Floyd White Adrienne Lewis

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Mount Laurel, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey does hereby appoint Chaplain Erik Jarvis, Chaplain Christopher Cannatella, Chaplain Floyd White, Chaplain Adrienne Lewis and Chaplain Curtis Green for a one year term with an appointment date of August 16, 2021 and terminating on August 15, 2022; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this appointment may be revoked prior to the termination date if so determined by the governing body and, if revoked, all powers, rights and duties of this position shall immediately cease or shall cease upon the expiration of the term of the appointment.

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Resolution No. 21-R-145

REGULAR MEETING

August 16, 2021

ANTICIPATION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE 2021 LOCAL MUNICIPAL BUDGET PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (CHAPTER 159)

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of a special item of revenue in the budget of a municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for equal amount;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Mount Laurel, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey who respectfully request of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of special items of revenues in the 2021 Local Municipal Budget in the amount of \$6,000.00 which items are now available as revenues:

• Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Grant - \$6,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like amount of \$6,000.00 is hereby appropriated under the captions of:

• Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Grant - \$6,000.00

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that certified copy of this resolution is forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, and one certified copy each to the Township CFO and Township Auditor.

This resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Township Council held on August 16, 2021 and shall take effect immediately.

A CERTIFIED COPY Meredith Tomczyk, Municipal Clerk

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Resolution No. 21-R-146

REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 16, 2021

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL DIRECTING THE TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD TO CONDUCT A PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE WHETHER BLOCK 101.15, LOT 62 IS AN AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT AS DEFINED IN N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-6

WHEREAS, The Township Council seeks to undertake a redevelopment effort within the Township; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-6 authorizes the governing body of any municipality, by Resolution, to have its Planning Board conduct a preliminary investigation to determine whether any area of the municipality is a redevelopment area pursuant to the criteria contained in N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-6; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council considers it to be in the best interest of the Township to have the Township Planning Board conduct an investigation regarding the below listed parcels, which parcels are currently in private ownership, as described and delineated on the official Tax Map of the Township of Mount Laurel as follows:

Block Lot 101.15 62

WHEREAS, the Board will design such preliminary investigation to evaluate the area and determine if designation of these properties as an "area in need of non-condemnation redevelopment" conforms with statutory criteria and the Township's efforts toward redevelopment, pursuant to the Master Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Planning Board is hereby directed to study the aforementioned parcel, to develop a map showing the boundaries of the proposed redevelopment area, to provide public notice and conduct public hearings pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-6 and to draft a report/Resolution containing its findings;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-6, the redevelopment area shall authorize the municipality to use all those powers designated by the Legislature for use in a redevelopment area other than the power of eminent domain ("Non-Condemnation Redevelopment Area") with respect to the following properties:

Block Lot 101.15 62

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the results of such investigation shall be submitted to the Township Council for review and approval in accordance with the provisions of the New Jersey Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that should the Planning Board recommend some or all of the parcels for inclusion in a redevelopment zone, that the Planning Board and its professionals may immediately begin the preparation of a redevelopment plan to present to the governing body; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27BBB-23, the Clerk shall forward a true copy of this Resolution to the State Commissioner of Community Affairs, who shall have ten (10) days from the receipt thereof to veto this Resolution. The Township shall fill any notices of veto in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

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Resolution No. 21-R-147

REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 16, 2021

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR A STRYKER POWER LOAD AND POWER PRO XT THROUGH THE BERGEN COUNTY COOP

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11 authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing Agreement for its administration; and

WHEREAS, the Bergen County CoOp, hereinafter referred to as "Lead Agency," has offered voluntary participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of goods and services; and

WHEREAS, on September 25, 2017, the governing body of the Township of Mount Laurel, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, authorized participation in the aforesaid Cooperative Pricing System for the provision and performance of goods and services.

WHEREAS, Stryker Medical Division, 11811 Willows Road, NE Redmond, WA 98052, has been awarded a contract for First Responder Emergency Medical Equipment and Supplies for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022 by the Lead Agency as part of the Cooperative Purchasing Program; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Mount Laurel is desirous of participating with the Lead Agency for a Power Load and Power Pro XT from the aforesaid vendor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

- That the Township of Mount Laurel is authorized to participate with the Lead Agency in the Cooperative Purchasing for a Power Load and Power Pro XT from Stryker Medical Division, 11811 Willows Road, NE Redmond, WA 98052, per their proposal for \$47,100.00.
- 2. This is an open-ended contract and the Township is not obligated to order, accept or pay for the goods and services hereunder until an order is placed, required certification of available funds shall be made when goods or services are ordered.

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Resolution No. 21-R-148

REGULAR MEETING

August 16, 2021

AUTHORIZATION FOR THE MOUNT LAUREL TOWNSHIP COUNCIL TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR BODY-WORN CAMERAS

WHEREAS, the Township of Mount Laurel has been awarded Body-Worn Camera Grant Program, Award #BFY21-100-066-1020-495 from the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety Office of the Attorney General. The grant, consisting of \$152,850.00 award, is for the purpose of purchasing body-worn cameras for police officers; and

WHEREAS, the grant award incorporates all conditions and representations contained or made in application and notice of award #BFY21-100-066-1020-495 and award date 7/7/2021; and

WHEREAS, the Mount Laurel Township Police Department, has submitted an Application for Grant Award that has been required by the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety Office of the Attorney General; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of Mount Laurel Township hereby accepts the award of the SFY21 Body-Worn Camera Grant Program in the amount of \$152,850.00 from the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety Office of the Attorney General; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mount Laurel Township Manager, Chief Financial Officer and the Police Chief are authorized to sign the appropriate grant award documents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety Office of the Attorney General; the Township Manager Meredith Tomczyk; the Township Chief Financial Officer Tara Krueger and the Police Chief Stephen Riedener.

 Tomczyk, Municipal Clerk

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Resolution No. 21-R-149

REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 16, 2021

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND or CANCELLATION OF PROPERTY TAXES Block 203.03 Lot 10

20 Lancelot Lane

Surviving Spouse of a 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, or their surviving spouse.

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

WHEREAS, this status grants the veteran's surviving spouse 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 2021 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>	Owner	Date of Exemption	Amount ⁱ
203.03	10	Diana M. Benejan	February 12, 2021	

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 2021 taxes due on the above noted property have been cancelled.

This resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Township Council held on August 16, 2021 and shall take effect immediately.

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¹ Calculation: 2021 Taxes \$9331.48 - \$639.98 = \$8691.50 / 365 days = \$23.81 per day x 321 days exempt = \$7643.01



Resolution No. 21-R-150

REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 16, 2021

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR A PLAYGROUND FENCE AT LAUREL ACRES PARK THROUGH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM

WHEREAS, The Township of Mount Laurel wishes to install playground fencing at Laurel Acres Park, from an authorized vendor under contract by the Division of Purchase and Property, Department of Treasury, State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, EB Fence, LLC, 23 Red Fox Trail, Sicklerville, New Jersey 08081 has been awarded New Jersey State Contract Number 88679 for fence: chain link, rock fall, wooden, vinyl and ornamental (install & replace) for the period March 1, 2015 to October 31, 2021.

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Public Works has recommended the award of this contract, price and other factors considered; and

WHEREAS, the cost for this purchase is \$33,761.10; and

WHEREAS, this is an open-ended contract and the Township is not obligated to order, accept or pay for the goods and services hereunder until an order is placed; required certification of available funds shall be made when goods or services are ordered.

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

- 1. EB Fence, LLC, 23 Red Fox Trail, Sicklerville, New Jersey 08081 be awarded a contract for the installation of playground fencing at Laurel Acres Park, as recommended by the Superintendent of Public Works, in the amount of \$33,761.10.
- 2. This is an open-ended contract and the Township is not obligated to order, accept or pay for the goods and services hereunder until an order is placed, required certification of available funds shall be made when goods or services are ordered.

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Resolution No. 21-R-151

REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 16, 2021

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF A 4 POST LIFT THROUGH SOURCEWELL (FORMERLY NJPA), NEW JERSEY COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11 authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing Agreement for its administration; and

WHEREAS, Sourcewell, hereinafter referred to as "Lead Agency," has offered voluntary participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of goods and services; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Township of Mount Laurel, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, authorized participation in the aforesaid Cooperative Pricing System for the provision and performance of goods and services.

WHEREAS, Liftnow, PO Box 972, Yorktown Heights, NY 10598, has been awarded a contract for Vehicle Lifts for the period April 13, 2020 through April 13, 2024 by the Lead Agency as part of the Cooperative Purchasing Program; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Mount Laurel is desirous of participating with the Lead Agency for the purchase and installation of a 4 post lift from the aforesaid vendor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

- 1. That the Township of Mount Laurel is authorized to participate with the Lead Agency in the Cooperative Purchasing for the purchase and installation of a 4 post lift from Liftnow, PO Box 972, Yorktown Heights, NY 10598, per their proposal for \$28,768.60.
- 2. This is an open-ended contract and the Township is not obligated to order, accept or pay for the goods and services hereunder until an order is placed, required certification of available funds shall be made when goods or services are ordered.

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Resolution No. 21-R-152

REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 16, 2021

AUTHORIZATION TO INSTALL A FENCE WITHIN A 15' WIDE DRAINAGE EASEMENT AND A 50' WIDE BUFFER EASEMENT AREAS FOR BLOCK 907.01, LOT 36 32 Ballinger Way

WHEREAS, the Township of Mount Laurel is the grantee of easements contiguous to Block 907.01, Lot 36, 32 Ballinger Way; and

WHEREAS, the property owner for Block 907.01, Lot 36, 32 Ballinger Way, has requested permission to install a fence within a 15' wide drainage easement and a 50' wide buffer easement; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council may give permission to individuals to utilize its easement areas and said request must be reviewed by the Township Solicitor;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Mount Laurel, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey that the Township Council grants a license for the above referenced to utilize a 15' wide drainage easement and a 50' wide buffer easement areas subject to the recommendations of the Township Engineer and Township Planner; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that after review and approval of said easements by the Township Solicitor that the Township Council hereby directs the Township Mayor and Clerk to execute any and all contract documents which are necessary to effectuate the terms of this resolution.

This resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Township Council held on August 16, 2021 and shall take effect immediately.

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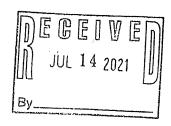
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July 9, 2021



Ms. Carol Modugno, Deputy Clerk Mount Laurel Township 100 North Mount Laurel Road Mount Laurel, NJ 08054

> RE: Mount Laurel Township Stone Gate Block 907.01, Lot 36 32 Ballinger Way Kirshner License Agreement Our File No. M-0170-0326-000

Dear Carol:

We have received the submitted License Agreement application and corresponding survey for the referenced property. The parcel is located within the Stone Gate Development. The parcel contains a 2-story single-family residential dwelling with associated improvements. A shared 15' wide drainage easement with the adjoining rear yard lot is offset varying distances from the applicant's westerly rear yard property line. A 50' wide buffer easement is also offset from the applicant's rear yard property line.

The applicant is proposing to install a six foot (6') high fence to enclose the rear and side yards. The proposed fence is shown along the drainage easement line in the rear yard, and along the side property lines. Since the proposed fence location infringes upon the buffer easement, a License Agreement is necessary.

Based on a site inspection as well as our review of the development plans, tax map information and submitted survey, we offer the following comments:

- 1. Our review of the storm as-built plans show a 36" RCP storm pipe and an "E" inlet installed in the easement. Since the proposed fence is shown on the easement line, the pipe and inlet should not be impacted by the fence installation.
- 2. The existing trees within the buffer easement should be protected to prevent damage or removal during fence construction.

- 2. As the proposed fence location is not concurrent with the applicant's property lines, the applicant is notified that the maintenance responsibilities exist within the property as surveyed and not solely within the rear yard area created by the fence line. The applicant will need to provide access between the fence and rear yard property line.
- 4. The application notes the height of the proposed fence to be six feet (6'). It should be noted that this is the maximum fence height permitted without obtaining a variance.

On this basis and subject to the above conditions, we recommend that a License Agreement be granted for this property. The applicant should however, coordinate with the Township Zoning Officer and governing Homeowner's Association (if applicable) regarding the obtainment of all necessary approvals and/or permits.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact our office.

Very truly yours,

RICHARD A. ALAIMO ASSOCIATES

William R. Long, PE

Senior Associate

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cc: Erin Chavis, Zoning Officer, Mount Laurel Township David Kirshner (32 Ballinger Way, Mount Laurel, NJ 08054)

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