

**TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL
AGENDA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 12, 2023
MOUNT LAUREL TOWNSHIP COURT ROOM
7:00 P.M.**

ITEM

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & TRADITIONAL MOMENT OF SILENCE
3. ROLL CALL
4. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL TO BE MADE AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF EVERY MEETING
5. APPROVAL OF BILL LIST
Moved by: Seconded by:
6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Moved by: Seconded by:
7. SWEARING IN:
CAPTAIN MICHAEL CRESONG
8. RESOLUTIONS
 - 23-R-170 PROCLAIMING AARON KLINE AS THE 2023 CHILDHOOD CANCER AMBASSADOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL
 - 23-R-171 PROCLAMATION HONORING KATE AND CHARLES TWEEDY FOR THEIR LIFETIME DEDICATION TO PAWS FARM NATURE CENTER
 - 23-R-172 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OR CANCELLATION OF PROPERTY TAXES BLOCK 1302.03 LOT 9
 - 23-R-173 RESOLUTION DECLARING REDEVELOPER CATALYST/L&P HOLDING COMPANY NJ LLC IN DEFAULT
 - 23-R-174 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FUNDING OF TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL'S SHARE OF THE MACCS CONTRACT
 - 23-R-175 AUTHORIZATION TO INSTALL A FENCE WITHIN TWO 15' WIDE DRAINAGE EASEMENT AREAS FOR BLOCK 302.05, LOT 16
 - 23-R-176 AUTHORIZATION TO INSTALL A FENCE WITHIN A 30' WIDE EMERGENCY ACCESS AND UTILITY EASEMENT AREA FOR BLOCK 803.07, LOT 14.13
 - 23-R-177 RESOLUTION OF CERTIFICATION OF REVIEW OF THE ANNUAL REPORT OF AUDIT FOR 2022 BY MOUNT LAUREL TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
 - 23-R-178 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF SECURITY SYSTEMS AND WIRING THROUGH THE INTERLOCAL PURCHASING SYSTEM (TIPS)
 - 23-R-179 MOUNT LAUREL TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE FOR JOSE TEJAS, INC.
 - 23-R-180 AWARD BID FOR BACK 40 PROPERTY CLEARING
9. ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE 2023-12 REPEALING CHAPTER 4-87.6 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE AS INCONSISTENT WITH
STATE LAW

Moved by:

Seconded by:

ORDINANCE 2023-13 ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL TO ENTER INTO A RECREATION
AND CONSERVATION LEASE AGREEMENT WITH ROWAN UNIVERSITY FOR THE USE
OF PROPERTY FORMERLY KNOWN AS PAWS FARM

Moved by:

Seconded by:

10. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

11. COMMENTS BY COUNCIL

12. RESOLUTION

23-R-181 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CLOSED SESSION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL TO DISCUSS
PENDING OR ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS AND/OR PERSONNEL MATTERS

13. RETURN TO OPEN

14. ADJOURNMENT

**NEXT MEETING IS MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2023

**Township of Mount Laurel
Regular Council Meeting
August 15, 2023
Mount Laurel Municipal Center**

Deputy Mayor Janjua called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance & Traditional Moment of Silence

ROLL CALL

Councilwoman Karen Cohen – present, Councilman Kareem Pritchett – present, Councilman Nick Moustakas – present, Deputy Mayor Fozia Janjua - present, Mayor Stephen Steglik - absent, Township Solicitor – present, Meredith Riculfy, 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 \$4,870,236.41

Motion to Move: Councilman Moustakas, 2nd Councilman Pritchett
Roll Call 4 yes votes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to Move: Councilwoman Cohen, 2nd Councilman Moustakas
Roll Call 4 yes votes

RESOLUTION #146-2023: PROCLAMATION HONORING MARY JANE MULLEN

Deputy Mayor Janjua read Resolution.

Motion to Move Resolution #146-2023: Councilwoman Cohen, 2nd Councilman Moustakas
Roll Call 4 yes votes

RESOLUTION #147-2023: PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2023 AS PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Councilman Moustakas read Resolution.

Motion to Move Resolution #147-2023: Councilman Pritchett, 2nd Councilman Moustakas
Roll Call 4 yes votes

RESOLUTION #148-2023: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OR CANCELLATION OF PROPERTY TAXES BLOCK 301.19 LOT 1 C3408

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #148-2023: Councilwoman Cohen, 2nd Councilman
Moustakas

Roll Call 4 yes votes

RESOLUTION #149-2023: MOUNT LAUREL TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE FOR THE NEW
LAUREL CREEK COUNTRY CLUB, INC. BLOCK 216, LOT 1, SP #2486A

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #149-2023: Councilwoman Cohen, 2nd Councilman
Moustakas

Roll Call 4 yes votes

RESOLUTION #150-2023: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF
POLICE CHAPLAIN FOR THE MOUNT LAUREL POLICE DEPARTMENT

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #150-2023: Councilwoman Cohen, 2nd Councilman
Moustakas

Roll Call 4 yes votes

RESOLUTION #151-2023: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF
HOTEL/MOTEL CONSUMPTION LIQUOR LICENSE #0324-36-039-001

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #151-2023: Councilwoman Cohen, 2nd Councilman
Moustakas

Roll Call 4 yes votes

RESOLUTION #152-2023: AUTHORIZATION TO INSTALL A FENCE WITHIN A
10' WIDE UTILITY EASEMENT AREA FOR BLOCK 302.16, LOT 5

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #152-2023: Councilwoman Cohen, 2nd Councilman
Moustakas

Roll Call 4 yes votes

RESOLUTION #153-2023: AUTHORIZATION TO INSTALL A FENCE WITHIN A
20' WIDE LANDSCAPE EASEMENT & 15' WIDE SANITARY EASEMENT FOR
BLOCK 402.02, LOT 49

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #153-2023: Councilwoman Cohen, 2nd Councilman
Moustakas

Roll Call 4 yes votes

RESOLUTION #154-2023: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR A CHEVROLET TAHOE THROUGH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #154-2023: Councilwoman Cohen, 2nd Councilman Moustakas

Roll Call 4 yes votes

RESOLUTION #155-2023: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR A LAUREL ACRES BASKETBALL COURT THROUGH THE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF NEW JERSEY, NEW JERSEY COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #155-2023: Councilwoman Cohen, 2nd Councilman Moustakas

Roll Call 4 yes votes

RESOLUTION #156-2023: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR ABATEMENT OF CONTAMINATED SOILS AND AN ATHLETIC TURF FIELD THROUGH THE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF NEW JERSEY, NEW JERSEY COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #156-2023: Councilwoman Cohen, 2nd Councilman Moustakas

Roll Call 4 yes votes

RESOLUTION #157-2023: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR A BACKHOE LOADER THROUGH SOURCEWELL (FORMERLY NJPA), NEW JERSEY COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #157-2023: Councilwoman Cohen, 2nd Councilman Moustakas

Roll Call 4 yes votes

RESOLUTION #158-2023: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR A JOHN DEERE TRACTOR THROUGH SOURCEWELL (FORMERLY NJPA), NEW JERSEY COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #158-2023: Councilwoman Cohen, 2nd Councilman
Moustakas
Roll Call 4 yes votes

RESOLUTION #159-2023: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A
CONTRACT FOR A Z MASTER AND SAND PRO THROUGH SOURCEWELL
(FORMERLY NJPA), NEW JERSEY COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.
Motion to Move Resolution #159-2023: Councilwoman Cohen, 2nd Councilman
Moustakas
Roll Call 4 yes votes

RESOLUTION #160-2023: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A
CONTRACT FOR FURNITURE THROUGH OMNIA PARTNERS COOPERATIVE
PRICING SYSTEM

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.
Motion to Move Resolution #160-2023: Councilwoman Cohen, 2nd Councilman
Moustakas
Roll Call 4 yes votes

RESOLUTION #161-2023: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN
AN AMENDED AGREEMENT

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.
Motion to Move Resolution #160-2023: Councilwoman Cohen, 2nd Councilman
Moustakas
Roll Call 4 yes votes

RESOLUTION #162-2023: AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER TO
EXECUTE A CERTIFICATION OF MUNICIPAL CONSENT FOR MOUNT LAUREL
ANIMAL HOSPITAL'S SUBMISSION OF A NJDEP TREATMENT WORKS
APPROVAL (TWA) APPLICATION

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.
Motion to Move Resolution #162-2023: Councilwoman Cohen, 2nd Councilman
Moustakas
Roll Call 4 yes votes

RESOLUTION #163-2023: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT
LAUREL ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING BOARD
AND DESIGNATING BLOCK 101.15, LOTS 60, 61, AND 62, AND BLOCK 205.01,
LOTS 24 AND 25, AS A NON-CONDEMNATION AREA IN NEED OF
REDEVELOPMENT AS DEFINED IN THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND
HOUSING LAW

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #163-2023: Councilwoman Cohen, 2nd Councilman
Moustakas

Roll Call 4 yes votes

RESOLUTION #164-2023: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SIGNING OF A
PRE-EMPTION AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #164-2023: Councilwoman Cohen, 2nd Councilman
Moustakas

Roll Call 4 yes votes

RESOLUTION #165-2023: MOUNT LAUREL TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE FOR TOPGOLF
USA MOUNT LAUREL, LLC, BLOCK 503.01, LOT 2 SP #7910

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #165-2023: Councilwoman Cohen, 2nd Councilman
Moustakas

Roll Call 4 yes votes

RESOLUTION #166-2023: A RESOLUTION REQUESTING PERMISSION FOR THE
DEDICATION BY RIDER FOR EQUIPMENT FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT TRUST
FUND REQUIRED BY N.J.S.A. 40A:5-29

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #166-2023: Councilwoman Cohen, 2nd Councilman
Moustakas

Roll Call 4 yes votes

RESOLUTION #167-2023: A RESOLUTION REQUESTING PERMISSION FOR THE
DEDICATION BY RIDER FOR POLICE SPONSORED EVENTS TRUST FUND
REQUIRED BY N.J.S.A. 40A:5-29

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #167-2023: Councilwoman Cohen, 2nd Councilman
Moustakas

Roll Call 4 yes votes

RESOLUTION #168-2023: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF
MOUNT LAUREL'S APPLICATION TO THE IT PAY\$ TO PLUG IN GRANT

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #168-2023: Councilwoman Cohen, 2nd Councilman Moustakas
Roll Call 4 yes votes

ORDINANCE FOR FIRST READING

ORDINANCE #10-2023: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL CHAPTERS 121 "REGISTRATION OF RENTAL PROPERTY," 124 "SITE PLAN REVIEW," 138 "SUBDIVISION OF LAND," AND 154 "ZONING" TO MODERNIZE THE CODE AND STREAMLINE REVIEW PROCEDURES

Clerk read Ordinance as entitled.

Motion to move Ordinance #10-2023: Councilman Moustakas, 2nd Councilman Pritchett
Roll Call 4 yes votes

ORDINANCE #11-2023: AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL, BURLINGTON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, ADOPTING A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE RANOCAS WOODS REDEVELOPMENT AREA

Clerk read Ordinance as entitled.

Motion to move Ordinance #11-2023: Councilman Pritchett, 2nd Councilwoman Cohen
Roll Call 4 yes votes

ORDINANCE #12-2023: REPEALING CHAPTER 4-87.6 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE AS INCONSISTENT WITH STATE LAW

Clerk read Ordinance as entitled.

Motion to move Ordinance #12-2023: Councilman Moustakas, 2nd Councilman Pritchett
Roll Call 4 yes votes

ORDINANCE #13-2023: ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL TO ENTER INTO A RECREATION AND CONSERVATION LEASE AGREEMENT WITH ROWAN UNIVERSITY FOR THE USE OF PROPERTY FORMERLY KNOWN AS PAWS FARM

Clerk read Ordinance as entitled.

Motion to move Ordinance #13-2023: Councilman Pritchett, 2nd Councilwoman Cohen
Roll Call 3 yes votes

ORDINANCE FOR SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE #7-2023: 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 AT CHAPTER

154 “ZONING” TO REZONE CERTAIN PARCELS FROM THE ‘O-2’ OFFICE DISTRICT TO BE PLACED IN THE ‘I’ INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT

Clerk read Ordinance as entitled.

Deputy Mayor opened public participation.

None.

Deputy Mayor closed public participation.

Motion to move Ordinance #7-2023: Councilwoman Cohen, 2nd Councilman Moustakas
Roll Call 4 yes votes

ORDINANCE #9-2023: AMENDING CHAPTER 148-41, OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE, SCHEDULE XII BUS STOPS, TO APPROVE AND ADD ONE (1) BUS STOP TO SERVE HADDON POINT

Clerk read Ordinance as entitled.

Deputy Mayor opened public participation.

None.

Deputy Mayor closed public participation.

Motion to move Ordinance #9-2023: Councilman Pritchett, 2nd Councilwoman Cohen
Roll Call 4 yes votes

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Meghan Forzani, 2 Naples Lane – Gave an update on the issues she is having with Signature Place. She mentioned exposed wires, dead and diseased trees, and lack of grass growth. Stated that Metro sent their subcontractor out to repair portions of the sidewalk and did not tell residents about it. She also said that the shared entrances with Briggs and Union do not look like they are being maintained and the wetlands area is overgrown.

Township Manager stated that they asked the engineers handling the landscaping to look at the neighborhood and provide a punch list to the developer to fix any issues.

Township Engineer explained that they are looking to schedule the final walk through inspection for August 30th. He also explained that you cannot touch the wetlands but you can fix the buffer area.

Rene Baker, Turin Way – Questioned how the berms in Signature Place were approved. Complained about issues with mosquitos, dirt, rocks, and lack of grass growing in the neighborhood.

Steven Carreras, 25 Turin Way – Stated that he attempted to seed his own grass multiple times and has not had any luck. Requested that the developer's bond not be released.

Township Manager stated that the bond will not be released, and she will also contact the County to see if they can spray for the mosquito issue.

Peggy Iannuzzi, 3052 Fostertown Road – Stated that Delco is putting a development behind her house and the flooding is bad and getting worse. Said that trees were removed, leaving holes and flooding her property. Asked if there is any way it could be fixed. Also mentioned that down the street is getting flooded with murky water.

Township Engineer responded that he has been attempting to get in touch with the developer, and he will address the issue with the trees. Explained that the Township is working with the County on the street flooding to see if they will approve their plan to fix that street flooding issue.

Kim Leiby, 24 Stratford Lane – Expressed concern about the location of a school bus stop.

Township Manager explained that that is a school board issue and referred her to who to contact.

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL

Meredith Riculfy, Township Manager/Clerk – No comment.

Township Attorney – Stated that she is sitting in for George Morris and is happy to see the public participation.

Councilman Moustakas – Thanked everyone for coming out. Thanked Meredith and Bill Long. Wished everyone a happy Labor Day. Mentioned that he has family members in Greece with prostate cancer so he appreciates that we are recognizing Prostate Cancer Awareness Month. Wished everyone a good school year coming up.

Councilman Pritchett – Thanked everyone for coming and letting the Council know their concerns. Announced that October 1st is the Food Truck Festival.

Councilwoman Cohen – Thanked everyone for their comments. Stated that National Night Out was a great event. Announced that the Alice Paul Institute will be hosting a Women's Equality Day Event on August 26th. Expressed how happy she was that Mary Jane was honored. Acknowledged the passing of Lt. Governor Sheila Oliver.

Deputy Mayor Janjua – Thanked the residents for coming out. Thanked Bill Long for attending the meeting. Acknowledged the proclamations and wished everyone a good rest of their summer.

RESOLUTION #169-2023: 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 #169-2023: Councilman Moustakas, 2nd Councilman Pritchett

Roll Call 4 yes votes

Return to open: Councilwoman Cohen, 2nd Councilman Pritchett

All in favor.

Motion to adjourn: Councilman Moustakas, 2nd Councilman Pritchett

All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Riculfy, RMC
Township Clerk



**TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
MOUNT LAUREL MUNICIPAL CENTER**

Distribution _____

Resolution No. 23-R-170

REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 12, 2023

**PROCLAIMING AARON KLINE AS THE 2023 CHILDHOOD CANCER
AMBASSADOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL**

WHEREAS, in 2012 President Obama proclaimed the month of September be National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, to bring awareness to pediatric cancer, the leading cause of death by disease post-infancy for children in the United States; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey State Resolution 49 unanimously passed on March 16, 2016 designating September as "Go Gold for Childhood Cancer Awareness Month."

WHEREAS, 43 children in the United States are diagnosed with childhood cancer every day and one in 285 children in the United States will be diagnosed with cancer before their 20th birthday. Worldwide, approximately 400,000 children and adolescents are diagnosed with cancer each year. 20% of children with cancer in the United States will not survive it; and

WHEREAS, about 438,000 childhood cancer survivors live in the United States and more than 95% of childhood cancer survivors have significant treatment related health issues; and

WHEREAS, Aaron Kline lives with his family in Mount Laurel township. He loves spending time with his siblings, Mari, Caleb, and Joshua, and his dog Luna. Aaron's journey with cancer started shortly after he turned four. Since then, he has undergone intensive chemotherapies and three stem cell transplants. Aaron is very excited to be returning to his elementary school this fall.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Mayor, Township Council and Township Manager of the Township of Mount Laurel, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey do hereby proclaim the month of September 2023 as "Childhood Cancer Awareness Month" in support of our childhood cancer little warriors, and further proclaim Aaron Kline as the "2023 Childhood Cancer Ambassador" for the Township of Mount Laurel.

This resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Township Council held on September 12, 2023 and shall take effect immediately.

A CERTIFIED COPY

Meredith Riculfy, Municipal Clerk

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Cohen						
Janjua						
Moustakas						
Pritchett						
Steglik						



**TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
MOUNT LAUREL MUNICIPAL CENTER**

Distribution _____

Resolution No. 23-R-171

REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 12, 2023

**PROCLAMATION HONORING KATE AND CHARLES TWEEDY
FOR THEIR LIFETIME DEDICATION TO PAWS FARM NATURE CENTER**

WHEREAS, Kate Hutton Tweedy and Charles Tweedy were instrumental in the formation of PAWS Farm in 1979 and oversaw its operational success for more than 25 years; and

WHEREAS, PAWS became a not-so-hidden treasure in Mount Laurel attracting families and school-age children to the Darnell Farm to learn about animals, nature and farm life; and

WHEREAS, under Kate and Charles Tweedy's supervision and guidance, they were also able to restore the farmhouse, blacksmith's work area, the smoke house and the ice house of the historic Darnell Homestead; and

WHEREAS, during the course of their tenure as Chairs of the Board, PAWS became mobile bringing animals to groups throughout South Jersey expanding nature and animal education; and

WHEREAS, once believed to be left in good hands, Charles and Kate asked that others take over operation of the facility and carrying its mission forward; and

WHEREAS, after a failed management by a third-party contractor, PAWS was forced to close its doors in January 2020 and the onset of Covid-19 in America in March 2020 placed PAWS on permanent closure until the Township could find a willing and able partner; and

WHEREAS, once again, Kate and Charles Tweedy would not let the mission of PAWS fail and organized a new non-profit to help prepare PAWS for a re-opening; and

WHEREAS, Kate and Charles Tweedy invested additional significant funds and worked countless hours with many volunteers to refurbish and clean the property and provide opportunities for the public to enjoy it all the while; and

WHEREAS, Kate and Charles were excited that Rowan University became interested in the property and continuing a mission of animal welfare and education through its Schreiber School of Veterinary Medicine; and

WHEREAS, when some thought it could not be accomplished, Kate and Charles Tweedy successfully led the fight to "Save Paws Farm" and the Township, its employees and the public are forever grateful to them for the massive time, talent and treasure that they put forth to organize and effectively implement a game plan to ensure the future of PAWS Farm;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, by the Township Council of the Township of Mount Laurel that Kate and Charles Tweedy are to be recognized, honored and sincerely thanked for their amazing efforts to establish and operate PAWS Farm and then to again step in and return to save the farm from closure bringing nature and animal education to generations of Mount Laurel residents and visitors.

This resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Township Council held on September 12, 2023 and shall take effect immediately.

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Meredith Riculfy, Municipal Clerk

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TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
MOUNT LAUREL MUNICIPAL CENTER

Distribution _____

Resolution No. 23-R-172

REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 12, 2023

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE
REFUND or CANCELLATION OF PROPERTY TAXES

Block 1302.03 Lot 9

121 Glenbrook Drive

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 and,

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Veteran Affairs has classified the veteran, Josue Omar Rodriguez as 100% Totally and Permanently Disabled and,

WHEREAS, this status grants the veteran the right to be exempt from 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. Additionally, the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel 2024 Preliminary Taxes.

<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>Date of Exemption</u>	<u>Amount¹</u>
1302.03	9	Josue Omar Rodriguez	August 15, 2023	\$2736.54

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 2023 taxes due on the above noted property have been cancelled.

This resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Township Council held on September 12, 2023 and shall take effect immediately.

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Meredith Riculfy, Municipal Clerk

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¹ Calculation: 2023 Taxes \$7239.55 / 365 = \$19.83 per day x 138 days exempt = \$2736.54



**TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
MOUNT LAUREL MUNICIPAL CENTER**

Distribution _____

Resolution No. 23-R-173

REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 12, 2023

**RESOLUTION DECLARING REDEVELOPER
CATALYST/L&P HOLDING COMPANY NJ LLC IN DEFAULT**

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey directed Mount Laurel Township to relocate its EMS services from the Church Street EMS Station; and

WHEREAS, in November 2018, the Township met with Catalyst Experiential ("Catalyst") to develop a concept whereby Catalyst would purchase appropriate lands within the Township identified on the Tax Maps of the Township of Mount Laurel as Block 1301, Lot 2.01 ("EMS Property") and construct a new state-of-the-art EMS facility in exchange for the right to install a digital display system within the building structure to sell digital advertising (the "EMS Project"); and

WHEREAS, the construction cost of the EMS building was estimated by Catalyst at Four Million Dollars, in return for which Catalyst believed it would realize profit from the digital display advertising system; and

WHEREAS, Catalyst also agreed to rent property from the Township at Route 38 and Midlantic Drive identified on the Tax Maps of the Township of Mount Laurel as Block 501.24, Lots 1 through 7, and Block 501.24, Lots 1 through 4 ("Midlantic Property") and to construct a stand-alone digital display structure with gardens and a cascading infinity pool welcoming residents and visitors to Mount Laurel, and providing a source of income for the Township beyond ad valorem taxes (the "Midlantic Project"); and

WHEREAS, Catalyst also agreed to purchase private property along Route 295 identified on the Tax Maps of the Township of Mount Laurel as Block 902, Lots 1, 1.01 and 1.02 ("295 Property" and together with the EMS Property and the Midlantic Property, the "Properties"), in Mount Laurel and to construct a third display similar to the Midlantic Project (the "295 Project" and together with the EMS Project and Midlantic Project, the "Projects"); and

WHEREAS, Mount Laurel Township does not regularly permit the construction of billboards and/or digital displays in any zone in the Township; and

WHEREAS, the 2018 governing body determined that working with Catalyst as a redeveloper pursuant to the New Jersey Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq., ("Redevelopment Law") would allow the Township to advance and benefit from a redevelopment plan specific to these Properties; and

WHEREAS, Catalyst formed L&P Holding Company NJ LLC ("L&P" or "Redeveloper"), a single purpose entity, to undertake the redevelopment of the Properties with the Projects; and

WHEREAS, in order to stimulate redevelopment, the Township Council of the Township ("Township Council"), by Resolution adopted June 24, 2019, designated property within the Township, identified as Block 902, Lots 1, 1.01 and 1.02; Block 501.24, Lots 1 through 7 inclusive; Block 501.25, Lots 1 through 4 inclusive; and Block 1301, Lot 2.01, to be areas in need of redevelopment in accordance with the Redevelopment Law and pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5; and

WHEREAS, on July 22, 2019, pursuant to its plans for the revitalization of the Properties, the Township Council adopted redevelopment plans providing for the redevelopment of each of the Properties; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, via Resolution 19-R-149, the Township designated L&P as the Redeveloper of the Properties based upon Catalyst's representations that it had the experience and team in place to complete the Projects; and

WHEREAS, the Redeveloper represented that it and each of its consultants, professionals, affiliates, employees, agents and any contractors engaged by Redeveloper and any of their subcontractors to perform the work provided for or contemplated under this Agreement, are and will be fully experienced and properly qualified to undertake the responsibilities and perform the work provided for in or contemplated under this Agreement and that it and they are and will be properly equipped, organized and financed to perform all such work and undertake all such responsibilities hereunder; and

WHEREAS, on November 26, 2019, the Township and L&P executed a Redevelopment Agreement to implement the redevelopment of the Properties consistent with the Projects described herein. And

WHEREAS, L&P appeared before the Planning Board and obtained final site plan approval for each of the Projects; and

WHEREAS, L&P was responsible to develop the Projects consistent with the Redevelopment Plan and final site plan approval for each Project and to perform all aspects of the development, administration and maintenance of the Projects; and

WHEREAS, L&P was required to engage reputable contractors to perform the Project work; and

WHEREAS, L&P was required to post a surety in the amount of \$100,000 for the EMS Project; and

WHEREAS, L&P was required to begin work on the Projects within 150 days after the last legally required governmental approval was obtained for each Project; and

WHEREAS, the Redevelopment Agreement states that the Redeveloper's failure to perform any of its obligations within 45 days of receipt of written notice from the Township specifying the default, shall be a default by the Redeveloper; and

WHEREAS, if the Redeveloper does not cure a default, the Township has the right to all remedies permitted in law and equity; and

WHEREAS, once permits were released, L&P was required to mobilize and construct the Projects; and

WHEREAS, considerable delay, caused by the Redeveloper team, occurred between the time of Planning Board approval and the release of Project permits; and

WHEREAS, additional considerable delay occurred on the part of the Redeveloper following the release of permits and the mobilization of the EMS Project; and

WHEREAS, after considerable delay, the EMS Project finally began construction, making minimal progress, and then sat as a framed shell for months, for so long a period that rust began to form on the steel structure; and

WHEREAS, after the Township expressed dissatisfaction with the progress of the Project, the Redeveloper made another commitment to the Township that the EMS building would be enclosed and finished, but the Redeveloper has failed to deliver on that promise; and

WHEREAS, similarly, the 295 Project began with site clearing only to grind to a complete halt without further action for several years; and

WHEREAS, the Midlantic Project saw no activity for years, but in 2023 the Redeveloper broke ground, began site work, stopped all work and left another eyesore rather than a finished project, again creating further questions as to the developer's true capabilities and competencies; and

WHEREAS, work is now non-existent at all three Projects and the contractor has demobilized again, leaving no realistic expectation of project completion; and

WHEREAS, numerous unsuccessful requests have been made to obtain updated construction schedules, and remobilization dates have come and gone with no further activity; and

WHEREAS, the Redeveloper continues to use the pandemic, alleged supply chain delay and cost overruns as excuses for not performing their obligations; and

WHEREAS, the Redeveloper's actions, as set forth above, have had the exact opposite purpose of the Redevelopment Law – instead of returning the property to a viable use, they have created even worse blight, and an eyesore on the Township's major thoroughfare; and

WHEREAS, the Redeveloper's actions, and frankly, inaction, have created considerable damage to the reputation of the Township and Catalyst's own reputation as a capable redeveloper; and

WHEREAS, upon information and belief, the Redeveloper faces mechanic's liens put into place by its contractor well in excess of \$1 million as evidenced by litigation pending in Superior Court (BUR-L-567-23); and

WHEREAS, the Redeveloper refinanced its project in 2022 through W.P. Carey, a real estate investment company recognized for financing projects of proportions well greater than Mount Laurel's Projects; and

WHEREAS, W.P. Carey continues to withhold the funds necessary to complete the Projects and upon information and belief, is re-evaluating whether it will continue to fund L&P's Mount Laurel Projects as well as other projects for the Redeveloper as W.P. Carey appears to face similar apprehensions as the contractors and the Township that dealing with the Redeveloper no longer remains a viable financial option; and

WHEREAS, the Projects remains completely stalled and lifeless, and all the while the taxpayers and visitors are stuck viewing unfinished projects, and the EMS squad still awaits its long overdue facility; and

WHEREAS, Catalyst/L&P and their sub-companies have the not displayed the ability, resources and commitment to complete these projects; and

WHEREAS, the Township no longer possesses the confidence that Catalyst and/or L&P are capable of serving as the Redeveloper; and

WHEREAS, Catalyst and L&P have placed the Township in this unwanted position of declaring the Redeveloper in default and seeking judicial intervention to deliver the EMS building for the volunteer EMS Squad; and

WHEREAS, these delays have caused the Township to consider other alternatives to house EMS operations;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Mount Laurel, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey that the Council directs the Township Manager and Township Solicitor to take the following actions:

1. Issue the Redeveloper Notice of Default pursuant to Section 7 of the Redevelopment Agreement;
2. If not timely cured in forty five (45) days, begin all actions, including but not limited to seeking legal remedies, to void the redevelopment designation, the redevelopment plan, terminate the redevelopment agreement seek money damages; and
3. Continue negotiations as necessary for an alternative location to house EMS services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Manager and Solicitor may continue to work with the Redeveloper to complete the EMS Project and the Midlantic Project should the

redeveloper and financier demonstrate significant and immediate actions that gives reassurances that the redeveloper will complete the EMS Project on or before December 31, 2023.

This resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Township Council held on September 12, 2023 and shall take effect immediately.

A CERTIFIED COPY

Meredith Riculfy, Municipal Clerk

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MOUNT LAUREL MUNICIPAL CENTER**

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Resolution No. 23-R-174

REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 12, 2023

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FUNDING OF
TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL'S
SHARE OF THE MACCS CONTRACT**

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Township of Mount Laurel, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, agreed to participate in a Joint Purchasing Program for the provision and performance of goods and services, more specifically, for the Contract Administrator of the MACCS Program for apartments and condominiums within the municipality; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Mount Laurel entered into a Joint Purchasing Agreement for the program known as "Municipal Apartment and Condominium Collection Services" ("MACCS") which agreement designates Maple Shade Township as the Lead agency for the program; and

WHEREAS, AVR Resource Group, Inc. dba TrashPro was awarded a contract to provide contract administrator services for the MACCS program beginning April 1, 2023 for a three-year term and further providing for two one-year renewal options for contract administrator services, based on current number of units in an amount not to exceed \$271,958.40 for the initial 3-year term and \$189,399.60 for the two one-year renewal options; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 et seq. and the regulations promulgated there under, more specifically, N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.14, prior to the award of contract, each member of a joint purchasing system must issue a purchase order and certification of funds for its share of the contract amount; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of Township of Mount Laurel to fund its portion of the contract with AVR Resource Group, Inc. dba TrashPro, for the period from April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$89,034.00 and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of Township of Mount Laurel, as required by N.J.A.C. 5:30-1, has certified that there are sufficient funds for this purpose for the period said, certification being attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, there are sufficient funds to provide for this purpose in the 2023 budget (April 2023 – December 2023) in an amount not to exceed \$66,775.50 as indicated in the attached Certification of Funds; and

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

1. Township of Mount Laurel hereby authorizes the payment of \$89,034.00 subject to adjustment for changes in level of service for contract year 1 (April 1, 2023 – March 31, 2024), for Contract Administrator services provided by AVR Resource Group, Inc. dba TrashPro.
2. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to issue the purchase order funding Township of Mount Laurel's year 1 portion of the MACCS Contract Administrator contract.

This resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Township Council held on September 12, 2023 and shall take effect immediately.

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Meredith Riculfy, Municipal Clerk

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Resolution No. 23-R-175

REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 12, 2023

**AUTHORIZATION TO INSTALL A FENCE WITHIN TWO 15' WIDE
DRAINAGE EASEMENT AREAS FOR BLOCK 302.05, LOT 16
111 Charing Way**

WHEREAS, the Township of Mount Laurel is the grantee of easements contiguous to Block 302.05, Lot 16, 111 Charing Way; and

WHEREAS, the property owner for Block 302.05, Lot 16, 111 Charing Way, has requested permission to install a fence within two 15' wide drainage easements; 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 two 15' wide drainage 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 easement 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 September 12, 2023 and shall take effect immediately.

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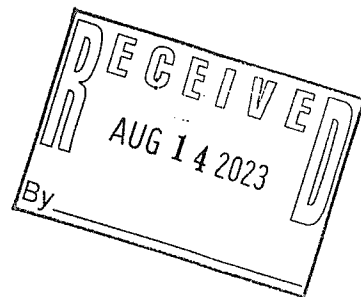
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August 7, 2023



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

RE: Mount Laurel Township
Larchmont Village I
Block 302.05, Lot 16
111 Charing Way
Smith 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 Larchmont Village I. The parcel contains a 2-story attached frame and brick dwelling with associated improvements. A shared fifteen foot (15') wide drainage easement with adjoining Lot 15 is offset seven and a half feet (7.5') from the applicant's northwesterly side yard property line. There is another fifteen foot (15') wide drainage easement, shared with Lot 27, that is offset seven and a half feet (7.5') from the applicant's southwesterly property line.

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

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

1. Our review of the storm as-built plans shows two 15" RCP storm pipes and an "E" inlet installed in the drainage easements. The pipes and inlet should be located prior to fence installation. No fence posts are permitted over the pipe. The fence is not permitted over the "E" inlet. The inlet must be accessible. A removable section of the fence should be installed over the inlet. The fence should be installed to allow stormwater to run under the fence unobstructed.
2. Our review of the sanitary sewer and water as-builts show no MUA piping in the easements.

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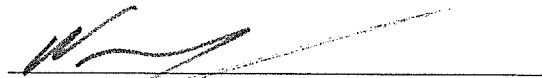
3. As the proposed fence location may not be concurrent with the applicant's property lines, the applicant is notified that the maintenance responsibilities exist within the property as surveyed and not solely within the rear yard area created by the fence line.
4. The application notes the height of 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

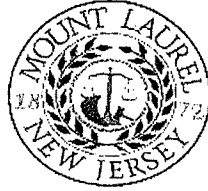


William R. Long, PE
Senior Associate

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cc: Erin Chavis, Zoning Officer, Mount Laurel Township
Shoewana Smith (111 Charing Way, Mount Laurel, NJ 08054)

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Resolution No. 23-R-176

REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 12, 2023

**AUTHORIZATION TO INSTALL A FENCE WITHIN A 30' WIDE EMERGENCY
ACCESS AND UTILITY EASEMENT AREA FOR BLOCK 803.07, LOT 14.13
18 Springville Way**

WHEREAS, the Township of Mount Laurel is the grantee of an easement contiguous to Block 803.07, Lot 14.13, 18 Springville Way; and

WHEREAS, the property owner for Block 803.07, Lot 14.13, 18 Springville Way, has requested permission to install a fence within a 30' wide emergency access and utility 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 30' wide emergency access and utility easement subject to the recommendations of the Township Engineer and Township Planner; and

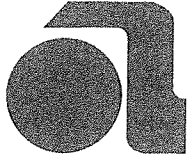
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that after review and approval of said easement by the Township Solicitor that the Township Council hereby directs the Township Mayor and Clerk to execute any and all contract documents which are necessary to effectuate the terms of this resolution.

This resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Township Council held on September 12, 2023 and shall take effect immediately.

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Meredith Riculfy, Municipal Clerk

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August 30, 2023

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

RE: Mount Laurel Township
Springville Estates
Block 803.07, Lot 14.13
18 Springville Way
Singh 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 Springville Estates. The parcel contains a 2-story single-family residential dwelling with associated improvements. A shared 30' wide emergency access and utility easement with Lot 14.12 is offset 15' from the applicant's western property line.

The applicant is proposing to install a fence to enclose the rear yard. The proposed fence location is shown along the rear yard and side property lines. Since the proposed fence location infringes upon the aforementioned 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 water, sewer, and storm sewer as-built plans show no piping within the easements.
2. The emergency access easement provides access from Springville Way to Block 802.01, Lot 1 to the rear of the subject property. Springville Elementary School is located on Block 802.01, Lot 1. Access to Springville Elementary School is mandatory, therefore no fencing is permitted within the easement. Fencing is permitted outside of the easement. The submitted survey has been marked in red to indicate where the fence can be installed.

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3. As the proposed fence location may not be 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.
4. The application does not note the height of the proposed fence. It should be noted that the maximum fence height permitted without obtaining a variance is 6'.
5. The fence should be installed to allow stormwater to run under the fence unobstructed.

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 Homeowners' 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
Arjun Singh



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Resolution No. 23-R-177

REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 12, 2023

**RESOLUTION OF CERTIFICATION OF REVIEW OF THE ANNUAL
REPORT OF AUDIT FOR 2022 BY MOUNT LAUREL TOWNSHIP COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-4 requires the governing body of every local unit to have made an annual audit of its books, accounts and financial transactions; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Report of Audit for the year 2022 has been filed by a Registered Municipal Accountant with the Mount Laurel Township Clerk as per the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:5-6, and a copy has been received by each member of the governing body;

WHEREAS, R.S. 52:27BB-34 authorizes the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey to prescribe reports pertaining to the local fiscal affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board has promulgated N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5 a regulation requiring that the governing body of each municipality shall by resolution certify to the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey that all members of the governing body have reviewed, as a minimum, the sections of the annual audit entitled "Findings and Questioned Costs" or "Findings and Recommendations"; and

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have personally reviewed as a minimum the Annual Report of Audit, and specifically the sections of the Annual Report of Audit entitled "Findings and Questioned Costs" or "Findings and Recommendations" as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, such resolution of certification shall be adopted by the governing body no later than forty-five days after the receipt of the annual audit, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5; and

WHEREAS, all members of the governing body have received and have familiarized themselves with, at least, the minimum requirements of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey, as stated aforesaid and have subscribed to the affidavit, as provided by the Local Finance Board; and

WHEREAS, failure to comply with the regulations of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey may subject the members of the governing body to the penalty provisions of R.S. 52:27BB-52 to wit:

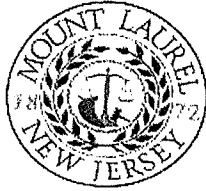
R.S. 52:27BB-52- "A local officer or member of a local governing body who, after a date fixed for compliance, fails or refuses to obey an order of the director (Director of Local Government Services), under the provisions of this Article shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be fined no more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both in addition shall forfeit this office."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Council of Mount Laurel Township, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey hereby states that it has complied with N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5 and does hereby submit a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to said Board to show evidence of said compliance.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE COPY OF THE RESOLUTION PASSED AT THE MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2023.

Meredith Riculfy, Municipal Clerk

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MOUNT LAUREL MUNICIPAL CENTER**

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Resolution No. 23-R-178

REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 12, 2023

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR THE
PURCHASE OF SECURITY SYSTEMS AND WIRING THROUGH THE INTERLOCAL
PURCHASING SYSTEM (TIPS)**

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

WHEREAS, TIPS, 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, Rivell LLC, 123 Egg Harbor Rd., Suite 507, Sewell, NJ 08080, has been awarded a contract for Audio Visual Equipment, Supplies and Services for the period October 1, 2022 through November 30, 2023 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 of security systems and wiring from the aforesaid vendor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

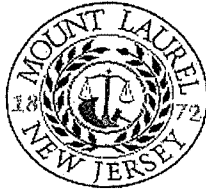
1. That the Township of Mount Laurel is authorized to participate with the Lead Agency in the Cooperative Purchasing for Security Systems and Wiring from Rivell LLC, 123 Egg Harbor Rd., Suite 507, Sewell, NJ 08080, for an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00.
2. This is an open-ended contract and the Township 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.

This resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Township Council held on September 12, 2023 and shall take effect immediately.

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Meredith Riculfy, Municipal Clerk

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Resolution No. 23-R-179

REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 12, 2023

**MOUNT LAUREL TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE
GUARANTEE FOR JOSE TEJAS, INC.
BLOCK 1300.09, LOT 2, SP #971B**

WHEREAS, the Township has received a request for the release of the performance guarantee that was previously posted in connection with the above-referenced project; and

WHEREAS, by report dated August 28, 2023, attached hereto and made a part hereof, the Township Engineer has advised that the required improvements for the project were installed and are in satisfactory condition and has recommended that the performance guarantee in place for the project be released; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer has further advised that since the project involves a private site, a maintenance bond is not required; and

WHEREAS, developer is required to pay all taxes, fees and required escrow deposits, which may be due and owing prior to the release of the performance guarantee.

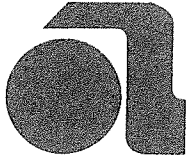
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on this 12th day of September, 2023, by the Township Council of the Township of Mount Laurel, County of Burlington, and State of New Jersey, that, as recommended by the Township Engineer, the performance guarantee in place for Jose Tejas, Inc., Block 1300.09, Lot 2, SP #971B is released.

This resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Township Council held on September 12, 2023 and shall take effect immediately.

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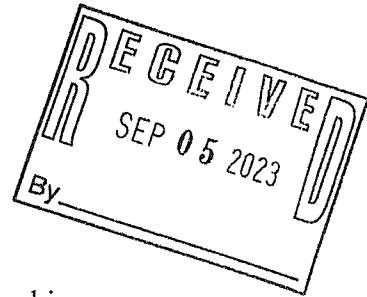


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August 28, 2023

Ms. Meredith Riculfy, Township Manager/Clerk
Mount Laurel Township
100 Mount Laurel Road
Mount Laurel, NJ 08054



RE: SP #971B
Mount Laurel Township
Jose Tejas, Inc.
1310 Route 73
Block 1300.09, Lot 2
Performance Guarantee
Release Recommendation
Our File No. M-0171-0971-00B

Dear Meredith:

At the request of the developer, we have evaluated the status of the required improvements associated with the performance guarantee in place for the referenced project. We found that all the required improvements installed by the developer are in satisfactory condition.


Based on the above, we recommend that the performance guarantee in place for this project be released. A copy of the performance guarantee is enclosed for your information. The developer shall pay all taxes, fees, and required escrow deposits which may be due and owing prior to release of the Performance Guarantee. Since this is a private site, a maintenance bond is not required.

Please advise Council to pass a resolution authorizing the same for the next meeting.

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: Carol Modugno, Deputy Clerk, Mount Laurel Township
Trish Hochreiter, Secretary, Mount Laurel Township Planning Board
Jose Tejas, Inc.
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THE ALAIMO GROUP 200 High Street Mount Holly, NJ 08060	IMPROVEMENT BOND ESTIMATE
MUNICIPALITY Mount Laurel Township 100 N. Mount Laurel Road, Mount Laurel, NJ 08054	PROJECT INFO: Name: Jose Tejas, Inc. Proj. No.: M-0171-0971-00B
APPLICANT Jose Tejas, Inc. 8 North Liberty Street P.O. Box 1898 Middleburg, VA 20118	Date: 8/31/18 Estimated by: BEE Checked by: WRL Recommended Bond Amount: \$6,530.28

(1) ITEM NO	(2) DESCRIPTION	(3) QTY	(4) UNIT PRICE	(5) COST OF INSTALLATION
1	PAVING			
a.	Hot Mix Asphalt Surface Course, Mix I-4, 2" Thick	85 SY	\$9.60	\$816.00
b.	Bituminous Stabilized Base Course (I-2), 3" Thick	85 SY	\$16.40	\$1,394.00
c.	Dense Graded Aggregate, 6" Thick	85 SY	\$12.70	\$1,079.50
2	CONCRETE			
a.	Concrete Curb (New) (6"x 8"x18")	370 LF	\$29.50	\$10,915.00
b.	Concrete Sidewalk (New), 4" Thick	115 SF	\$7.70	\$885.50
c.	Bollards, Steel, 6" Diameter, 6' Long	11 UN	\$104.00	\$1,144.00
d.	Brick Sidewalk, 4" Thick Concrete Bed	1505 SF	\$18.80	\$28,294.00
e.	Repair Concrete Crack	1 LS	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
3	SLAB			
a.	12" Thick Reinforced Concrete	925 SF	\$17.20	\$15,910.00
b.	Dense Graded Aggregate, 12" Thick	105 SY	\$21.60	\$2,268.00
4	PATIO			
a.	6" Thick Reinforced Concrete	585 SF	\$9.70	\$5,674.50
5	STRIPING & SIGNAGE			
a.	Striping, Parking Lot, 4" Wide	1180 LF	\$0.80	\$944.00
b.	Traffic Arrow - Painted	10 UN	\$129.00	\$1,290.00
c.	Handicapped Parking, Painting and Sign	5 UN	\$166.20	\$831.00
d.	Reinstall Existing Sign	1 UN	\$95.00	\$95.00
6	STORM SYSTEM			
a.	Underdrain	155 LF	\$20.20	\$3,131.00
b.	6" HDPE	150 LF	\$17.00	\$2,550.00
7	MISCELLANEOUS STORM SEWER			
a.	Cleanout (In Grass)	4 UN	\$319.00	\$1,276.00
b.	Cleanout (In Pavement./Bolted Casting)	3 UN	\$521.00	\$1,563.00
c.	Replace Existing Inlets/W. N-ECO Curb Pieces	2 UN	\$362.00	\$724.00
8	LANDSCAPING			
a.	Deciduous Trees	10 UN	\$486.00	\$4,860.00
b.	Shrubs	29 UN	\$73.00	\$2,117.00
c.	Topsoil, Fertilize, and Seed	705 SY	\$6.10	\$4,300.50
9	LIGHTING			
a.	Single, Watt/210.9, 30' High Pole Mounted	3 UN	\$1,370.00	\$4,110.00
b.	Single, Watt/211.2, 30' High Pole Mounted	1 UN	\$1,370.00	\$1,370.00
c.	Double, Watt/223.5, 30' High Pole Mounted	1 UN	\$3,475.00	\$3,475.00
d.	Double, Watt/211, 30' High Pole Mounted	1 UN	\$3,437.00	\$3,437.00
e.	Double, Watt/270.2, 30' High Pole Mounted	1 UN	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
f.	Wall Mounted, Watt/15.2	2 UN	\$184.00	\$368.00
g.	Wall Mounted, Watt/28.5	4 UN	\$350.00	\$1,400.00
h.	Wall Mounted, Watt/44.6	5 UN	\$470.00	\$2,350.00
i.	New Fixtures on Existing Pole	3 UN	\$700.00	\$2,100.00

THE ALAIMO GROUP 200 High Street Mount Holly, NJ 08060	IMPROVEMENT BOND ESTIMATE
MUNICIPALITY Mount Laurel Township 100 N. Mount Laurel Road, Mount Laurel, NJ 08054	PROJECT INFO: Name: Jose Tejas, Inc. Proj. No.: M-0171-0971-00B
APPLICANT Jose Tejas, Inc. 8 North Liberty Street P.O. Box 1898 Middleburg, VA 20118	Date: 8/31/18 Estimated by: BEE Checked by: WRL Recommended Bond Amount: \$6,530.28

(1) ITEM NO	(2) DESCRIPTION	(3) QTY	(4) UNIT PRICE	(5) COST OF INSTALLATION
10	MISCELLANEOUS STRUCTURES			
a.	Trash Enclosure/Recycling, Masonry Wall	1 UN	\$2,504.00	\$2,504.00
Cost of Installation				\$117,676.00
ASSEMBLY, No. 1425				
11	SAFETY AND STABILIZATION	1 LS	\$5,441.90	\$5,441.90
<i>Cost of Bonded Items (Item 11)</i>				<i>\$5,441.90</i>
<i>Cost of Bonded Improvements (Cost of Bonded Items x 120%)</i>				<i>\$6,530.28</i>
<i>Inspection Escrow (Cost of Installation x5%)</i>				<i>\$5,883.80</i>

NOTES:

- 1 Minimum allowable bond amount after reductions is 30% of original amount (per NJSA 40:55D-53e).
- 2 Applicant must contact our Chief of Field Services Department in writing 48 hours prior to start of construction and by telephone (609/267-8310) 24 hours prior to each restart of construction in order that we may schedule a field services representative for the project.
- 3 The above estimates are given for the purpose of allowing orderly periodic reduction of bond amounts as work progresses. The making of such estimates or the bond reduction based thereon shall not be taken or construed as an approval or acceptance of any work so estimated, even if any individual line item(s) shows 100% completion. Final acceptance does not occur until the release of the maintenance bond.



**TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
MOUNT LAUREL MUNICIPAL CENTER**

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Resolution No. 23-R-180

REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 12, 2023

AWARD BID FOR BACK 40 PROPERTY CLEARING

WHEREAS, the Township Council advertised for bids to be received on Thursday, August 17, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. prevailing time for the Back 40 Property Clearing Project for the Township of Mount Laurel in accordance with specifications prepared for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, bids were received and duly opened and read by the Township Purchasing Agent:

SEE ATTACHMENT A

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Mount Laurel, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey that the bid for the Back 40 Property Clearing Project be awarded to Jerrell's Landscapes & Nurseries, 600 Creek Road, Moorestown, NJ 08057, in the amount of \$151,525.55.

This resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Township Council held on September 12, 2023 and shall take effect immediately.

A CERTIFIED COPY

Meredith Riculfy, Municipal Clerk

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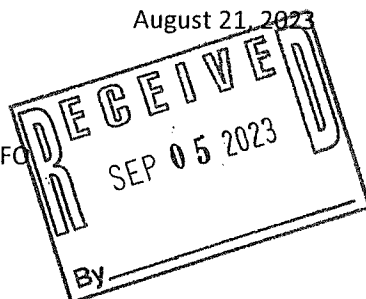


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Meredith Riculfy, RMC & CMFO
Township Manager/Clerk
100 Mount Laurel Road
Mount Laurel NJ 08054



Sent Via Email
mriculfy@mountlaurel.com

RE: MOUNT LAUREL BACK 40 PROPERTY CLEARING, MOUNT LAUREL TOWNSHIP, NJ
BID RECOMMENDATION

Dear Ms. Riculfy,

On August 17, 2023 the Township received bids on the above referenced project. A total of six (6) contractors submitted proposals for the Base Bid. The Base Bid included Item 1 to 22.

The bids ranged from \$151,525.55 to \$427,726.20 for the Base Bid. The bid tabulation is enclosed. It should be noted that Pennoni's Engineers Estimate was \$187,215.60.

Jerrell's Landscapes & Nurseries of Moorestown, NJ submitted the lowest qualifying bid at \$151,525.55. Their bid included the appropriate bid surety and required affidavit. Jerrell's Landscapes & Nurseries has completed similar projects in the past.

However, like all other bids submitted we found a mathematical error on Jerrell's bid.

Item No. 17. 500 Gallon, Liquid Fuel Removal and Disposal: Written Unit Price Per Gallon is Five Hundred Dollars and Zero Cents. Unit Price: \$500.00, Total Price: \$500.00.

Error: Unit Price Per Gallon \$500.00 times 500 Gallons, equals \$250,000.00

TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL BACK 40 PROPERTY CLEARING CONTRACT NO. MLRLT 22017			
ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
17.	500 Gallon Liquid Fuel Removal and Disposal		
	Unit Price per Gallon Five Hundred Dollars		
	and Zero Cents	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00

As stated in Section I – Proposal, Page I-2:

It is understood that the Total Price for the entire contract stated by the undersigned in the Schedule is based on the estimated quantities and will control in the awarding of the contract. It is further understood that the quantities stated in this Schedule of Prices for the various items are estimated only and may be increased or decreased. Payment will be made only for the actual quantity of authorized work done under each scheduled item.

It is further understood that the following procedure will be used to correct numerical discrepancies found in the Schedule of Prices following:

1. All Unit Prices and the Total Price for the entire contract shall be expressed in both words and figures, and in case of discrepancy, the written price shall govern over the price stated in figures.
2. If based on the above, it is found that the written Total Price for the entire contract is found to have been incorrectly computed, then changes will be made in any or all unit prices so as to attain conformity with said Total Price before the contract is executed.

In accordance with item 2. above the unit price is changed to One Dollar and Zero Cents, (\$1.00)

TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL BACK 40 PROPERTY CLEARING CONTRACT NO. MLRLT 22017			
ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
17.	500 Gallon Liquid Fuel Removal and Disposal		
	Unit Price per Gallon Five Hundred ONE Dollars	1.00	
	and Zero Cents	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00

TOTAL BASE BID (BASE BID SUB TOTAL + 10% ALLOWABLE, CONTINGENCY)	
ITEM NOS. 1 - 22 Contract MLRLT 22017	
One Hundred Fifty One Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Five Dollars	
and Fifty Five Cents	\$ 151,525.55

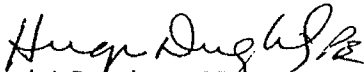
Jerrell's verbally agreed to this change on August 17, 2023. With this adjustment the base bid price is \$151,525.55.

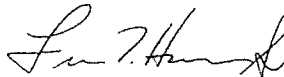
We recommend that the Mount Laurel Township Solicitor review the bid submitted before an award is made.
I have attached all bids submitted for your review and file.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

Sincerely,

PENNONI ASSOCIATES INC.


Hugh J. Dougherty, PE, CME
Township Engineer


Frank T. Harris, Sr.
Project Manager

cc's via Email

Jerry Mascia, C.P.W.M, Superintendent of Public Works jmascia@mountlaurel.com

Tara Krueger, CFO/Treasurer tkrueger@mountlaurel.com

Bidders List
Back 40 Property Clearing - MLRLT22017
Township of Mount Laurel
Thursday 17, 2023 @ 1:00 P.M.

Contractor

Base Bid

Engineer's Estimate:

P 1	Winzinger, Inc. 1704 Marne Highway, Hainesport, NJ 08036	169,400. ⁰⁰
2	Plymouth Environmental 923 Haws Avenue, Norristown, PA 19401	
3	Neri's Construction & Rental, Inc 849 Clayton Road, Williamstown, NJ 08094	175,885.16
P 4	All J's Services PO Box 384, Medford NJ 08055	182,707.80
P 5	Ricco Demolition 1749 Delsea Dr, Deptford Township, NJ 08096	427,726.20
P 6	W. Hargrove Demolition 1507 State Street, Camden, NJ	255,074.55
P 7	Jerrell's Landscapes & Nurseries 600 Creek Rd, Moorestown, NJ 08057	151,525.55 ^{MG MCINTIRE} _{NJ DEP # 11867}
8	Trich Tree Service 333 Bergen Street, South Plainfield, NJ 07080	
9	The Ambient Group, LLC 2515 Glassboro Cross Keys Road, Williamstown, NJ 08094	
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TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL

ORDINANCE 2023-12

**REPEALING CHAPTER 4-87.6 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE AS
INCONSISTENT WITH STATE LAW**

WHEREAS, the voters of the Township adopted an ordinance codified as Chapter 4-87.6 entitled "Prohibition on Awarding Public Contracts to Certain Contributors"; and

WHEREAS, counties and municipalities are creatures of the State and may only act through means specifically authorized by the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Election Transparency Act, P.L. 2023, c. 30 included a provision that voided all local laws regarding this topic in an effort to create consistency throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, now no longer effective, it is necessary to repeal this portion of the Township Code to be consistent with State law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED, by the Township Council of the Township of Mount Laurel, County of Burlington and State of New Jersey that the Council repeals Chapter 4-87.6 in its entirety as required by State law.

Introduction Date: August 15, 2023

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

Publication Date: August 22, 2023

Public Hearing Date: September 12, 2023

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TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL

BY:

Stephen Steglik, Mayor

ATTEST:

Meredith Riculfy, Township Clerk

TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL

ORDINANCE 2023-13

**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL TO ENTER INTO A
RECREATION AND CONSERVATION LEASE AGREEMENT WITH ROWAN
UNIVERSITY FOR THE USE OF PROPERTY FORMERLY KNOWN AS PAWS
FARM**

WHEREAS, Township is the owner of property consisting of approximately 8.0 acres of land and improvements located at 1105-07 Hainesport-Mount Laurel Road, Mount Laurel, NJ 08054 designated as Block 402, Lot 2 on the tax map of the Township of Mount Laurel (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, the Property is encumbered with Green Acres restrictions as unfunded parkland pursuant to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (the "Department") rules and regulations (N.J.A.C. 7:36-1.1 et seq.) and its inclusion on the Township's Recreation and Open Space Inventory; and

WHEREAS, the Property consists of a nature educational center which includes, but is not limited to, a welcome and activity center, animal paddocks and cages, an activity barn and nature trail, various outbuildings and the lands surrounding these structures and also includes a historic residential home and its historic outbuildings; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 7:36-25.13 allows a local government unit to lease a unfunded property for recreation and conservation purposes and while the regulation speaks only to requirements for leases on funded parkland, the Township is able to demonstrate that the use of the Property will support recreation and conservation purposes by providing a resource for visitors to interact with animals, displays and educators in an indoor and outdoor setting; and

WHEREAS, the property also contains natural wooded areas and nature trails providing opportunity for passive recreation; and

WHEREAS, the use of the property is consistent with the overall use of the property for recreation and conservation purposes pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:36-25.13(b)(2) & (d)(2);

WHEREAS, the operation of the Property requires the assistance of an outside vendor; and

WHEREAS, Rowan University ("Rowan"; together with the Township, the "Parties"), a public research university within the system of higher education of the State of New Jersey, has established a School of Veterinary Medicine ("SVM") designed to shape the future of veterinary medicine and animal healthcare; and

WHEREAS, Rowan has determined that it would be mutually beneficial to Rowan and the Township for the SVM to assume operational control of the Site to: (i) improve the educational opportunities of the students of the SVM; and (ii) ensure the long-term sustainability and availability of the Site to the public beyond the end of calendar year 2023; and

WHEREAS, Rowan will use the Property to educate and train their students while simultaneously encouraging kindergarten through high school students to visit and enjoy the facility, be introduced to veterinary services with the goal of inspiring a future generation of veterinary students; and

WHEREAS, Rowan commits to having the facility open to the public and other educational and animal based education creating a beneficial public purpose;

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to enter into a Lease Agreement ("Lease Agreement") setting forth the terms and conditions under which Rowan, by and through the SVM, will assume operational control of the Site;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED, by the Township Council of the Township of Mount Laurel, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey that the Mayor and the Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into a Lease Agreement with Rowan

University and the School of Veterinary Medicine for the purpose of operating the property located at 1105-1107 Hainesport-Mount Laurel Road, formerly known as Paws Farm, subject to Green Acres approval.

Introduction Date: August 15, 2023

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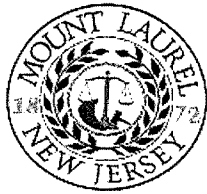
TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL

BY:

Stephen Steglik, Mayor

ATTEST:

Meredith Riculfy, Township Clerk



**TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
MOUNT LAUREL MUNICIPAL CENTER**

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Resolution No. 23-R-181

REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 12, 2023

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CLOSED SESSION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
MOUNT LAUREL TO DISCUSS PENDING OR ANTICIPATED LITIGATION,
CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS AND/OR PERSONNEL MATTERS**

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Mount Laurel is subject to the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et. seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey generally requires that all meetings of public bodies be open to the public; and

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act further provides that a public body may exclude the public from a portion of a meeting at which the public body discusses items enumerated in the Open Public Meetings Act at N.J.S.A 10:4-12b, which items are recognized as requiring confidentiality; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and appropriate for the Township Council of the Township of Mount Laurel to discuss certain matters in a meeting not open to the public consistent with N.J.S.A 10:4-12b.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Mount Laurel, Burlington County, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey that:

1. The Township Council of the Township of Mount Laurel shall hold a closed meeting, from which the public shall be excluded, on September 12, 2023;
2. The general nature of the subject to be discussed at said closed meeting shall be EMS.
3. The minutes of said closed meeting shall be made available of disclosure to the public, consistent with N.J.S.A. 10:4-13, when the items which are subject of the closed session discussion are resolved and a reason for confidentiality no longer exists.

This resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Township Council held on September 12, 2023 and shall take effect immediately.

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Meredith Riculfy, Municipal Clerk

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