

**Township of Mount Laurel
Regular Council Meeting
September 27, 2021
Via Zoom**

Mayor Steglik called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance & Traditional Moment of Silence

ROLL CALL

Councilwoman Karen Cohen – present, Councilwoman Fozia Janjua – present,
Councilman Nick Moustakas – present, Deputy Mayor Kareem Pritchett - present, Mayor
Stephen Steglik - present, George Morris, Township Solicitor – present, Meredith
Tomczyk, Township Manager/Township Clerk - present

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

The Public Announcement, which is required by the “Open Public Meetings Act” of the
State of New Jersey and read at every meeting of the Township Council was read by the
Municipal Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 671,609.17

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

**21-R-172: AMENDING 21-R-32 SETTING MEETING LOCATIONS BECAUSE OF
THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #172-2021: Deputy Mayor Pritchett, 2nd Councilwoman
Cohen
Roll Call 5 yes votes

**21-R-173: PROCLAMATION EXPRESSING COMMENDATION TO MICHELLE POOLAW FOR
BEING NAMED BURLINGTON COUNTY TEACHER OF THE YEAR 2021-2022**

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #173-2021: Councilman Moustakas, 2nd Councilwoman
Janjua
Roll Call 5 yes votes

21-R-174: PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE OUT OF THE DARKNESS COMMUNITY WALK

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #174-2021: Councilwoman Cohen, 2nd Councilman Moustakas

Roll Call 5 yes votes

21-R-175: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR EMS EPOXY FLOORING THROUGH THE CAMDEN COUNTY EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM #66CCEPS

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #175-2021: Deputy Mayor Pritchett, 2nd Councilwoman Cohen

Roll Call 5 yes votes

21-R-176: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF A LEAF TRUCK THROUGH SOURCEWELL (FORMERLY NJPA), NEW JERSEY COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #176-2021: Deputy Mayor Pritchett, 2nd Councilwoman Cohen

Roll Call 5 yes votes

21-R-177: RESOLUTION OF CERTIFICATION OF REVIEW OF THE ANNUAL REPORT OF AUDIT FOR 2020 BY MOUNT LAUREL TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #177-2021: Councilwoman Janjua, 2nd Councilwoman Cohen

Roll Call 5 yes votes

21-R-178: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXTENDING LEASE WITH VOLUNTEERS FOR PAWS FARM, INC. TO ALLOW VOLUNTEERS TO CONTINUE TO CLEAN, MAINTAIN AND UPGRADE THE FACILITIES AT BLOCK 402, LOT 2, FORMERLY KNOWN AS DISCOVERY MUSEUM AT PAWS FARM

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #178-2021: Deputy Mayor Pritchett, 2nd Councilman Moustakas

Roll Call 5 yes votes

ORDINANCE FOR SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE #2021-18: ESTABLISHING A DIVERSITY & INCLUSION BOARD

Clerk read Ordinance as entitled.

Mayor opened public participation

Aliya Robinson – Received racist handwritten letter.

Mayor closed public participation.

Motion to move Ordinance #18-2021: Deputy Mayor Pritchett, 2nd Councilwoman
Janjua
Roll Call 5 yes votes

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Kay Weeder – Thanked Council for cooperation with PAWS Inc. Extended invitation for Council to come to PAWS Farms to view facility. Sent list to solicitor for items that have been completed. Farm house looks fantastic.

Pat Halbe, 2101 Denham Court – Thanked Council for approving extension. Any plans for 150th anniversary of Mount Laurel Township.

James Petruzzi – Status report on Pay to Play. George Morris gave update.

Andrew Gaus, 145 Kettlebrook Drive – Is Council aware of dates of statute for Pay to Play.

Daniel Rosenbaum – Why wasn't this Pay to Play discussed.

Randall Hines, 192 Knotty Oak Drive – Council should make this important.

Kelly Kiefner – Echoed sentiments of previous comments. Council needs to vote on this.

Lauren Grosspeter, 6 Raven Court – Echoes feelings. Disappointed.

Allan – Thanked everyone for traffic light.

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL

George Morris – Ohio State Football fan. Quarterback from Mount Laurel.

Meredith Tomczyk – Reminder movie in park this Friday night. Coco.

Mayor Steglik – Food truck event was a huge success. Well run. Clothing drive and shredding event this weekend. Would love to visit PAWS Farm. Honor 150 years of Mount Laurel.

Deputy Mayor Pritchett – Amazing time at food truck event. Thanked everyone for all their help. Love to tour PAWS Farm.

Councilwoman Janjua – Come see Coco. Hispanic month. Great food truck event. Excited about seeing PAWS Farm. Thanked volunteers. Thanked everyone for coming and speaking..

Councilwoman Cohen – Echoed statements. Coco. Last clean up on Saturday at 10AM. 9AM shred event. Trunk or treat event. Suicide Walk. Looking forward to touring PAWS Farm. Food truck huge success. Thanked everyone for helping during event.

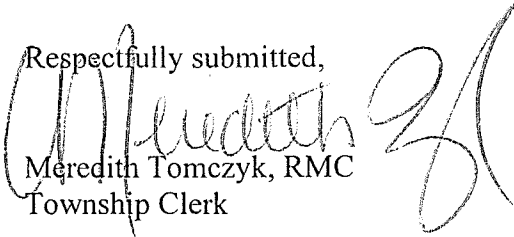
Councilman Moustakas – Thanked Carol Murphy for coming to food truck event. Thanked Council for coming out and meeting everyone..

Motion to adjourn: Councilman Moustakas, 2nd Deputy Mayor Pritchett

All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Tomczyk, RMC
Township Clerk

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Meredith Tomczyk', is written over the typed name and title.