

**TWELFTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT LAUREL TOWNSHIP COUNCIL**  
**JULY 20, 2009**

The Twelfth Regular Meeting of the Mount Laurel Township Council was held on Monday, July 20, 2009, in the Meeting Room of the Mount Laurel Municipal Building. The Meeting was called to order by Mayor James Keenan.

The Pledge of Allegiance and traditional moment of silence were observed.

**ROLL CALL**

The Members of Council present were Mayor James Keenan, Deputy Mayor Peter McCaffrey, Councilwoman Linda Bobo, Councilwoman Tracy Riley, and Councilman Chris Smith. Also present were Patricia Halbe, Township Clerk, Jennifer Blumenthal, Acting Township Manager, and Christopher Norman, Esq., Township Solicitor.

**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.

**RESOLUTIONS-FINANCIAL**

09-R-197      **RESOLUTION TO READ BUDGET BY TITLE ONLY**

The Clerk read the Resolution as entitled. A motion for adoption was made by Deputy Mayor Peter McCaffrey, seconded by Councilwoman Linda Bobo, and enacted on a unanimous roll call vote.

**PUBLIC HEARING OF 2009 LOCAL MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

None

09-R-198      **RESOLUTION TO AMEND BUDGET**

The Clerk read the Resolution as entitled. A motion for adoption was made by Councilwoman Linda Bobo, seconded by Councilman Chris Smith, and enacted on a unanimous roll call vote.

09-R-199      **ADOPTION OF THE 2009 LOCAL MUNICIPAL BUDGET FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL**

The Clerk read the Resolution as entitled. A motion for adoption was made by Councilwoman Linda Bobo, seconded by Deputy Mayor Peter McCaffrey, and enacted on a unanimous roll call vote.

09-R-200      **PAYMENT OF BILLS FOR JUNE, 2009**

The Clerk read the Resolution as entitled. A motion for adoption was made by Councilman Chris Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Linda Bobo, and enacted on a unanimous roll call vote.

**RESOLUTIONS**

09-R-201      **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR UNDERDRAIN REPAIR**

The Clerk read the Resolution as entitled. A motion for adoption was made by Councilman Chris Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Tracy Riley, and enacted on a unanimous roll call vote.

09-R-202      **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FUNDING OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL'S SHARE OF THE MACCS CONTRACT WITH AVR RESOURCE GROUP, INC.**

The Clerk read the Resolution as entitled. A motion for adoption was made by Councilman Chris Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Linda Bobo, and enacted on a unanimous roll call vote.

09-R-203      **WAVE DEVELOPMENT, BLOCK 1202, LOTS 4 AND 4.01 RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE**

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The Clerk read the Resolution as entitled. A motion for adoption was made by Councilwoman Tracy Riley, seconded by Councilwoman Linda Bobo, and enacted on a unanimous roll call vote.

09-R-204      APPROVING INITIAL REPORTS BY APPRAISERS PURSUANT TO TOWNSHIP RFQ PROCESS

The Clerk read the Resolution as entitled. A motion for adoption was made by Councilwoman Linda Bobo, seconded by Councilman Chris Smith, and enacted on a roll call vote. Deputy Mayor Peter McCaffrey abstained.

09-R-205      AUTHORIZING A PERSON-TO-PERSON AND PLACE-TO-PLACE TRANSFER OF A PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE FROM STEAK AND ALE OF NEW JERSEY INC. TO MAC ACQUISITION INC.

The Clerk read the Resolution as entitled. A motion for adoption was made by Deputy Mayor Peter McCaffrey, seconded by Councilwoman Tracy Riley, and enacted on a unanimous roll call vote.

**ORDINANCE FOR FIRST READING**

2009-13      AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A NEW MOUNT LAUREL CODE, SECTION 69-1 ET SEQ. FOR THE REGULATION OF THE PLACEMENT AND USE OF CHARITABLE CLOTHING BINS THROUGHOUT THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL

Ordinance 2009-13 was read as entitled by the Municipal Clerk. It was moved by Councilman Chris Smith, with a Publication Date of July 23, 2009, and a Public Hearing Date of August 3, 2009. Councilwoman Tracy Riley seconded the motion. Upon a unanimous roll call vote, Ordinance 2009-12 was so ordered on First Reading.

**ORDINANCE FOR SECOND READING & PUBLIC HEARING**

2009-12      AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL, FOR DETERMINING POSITIONS ELIGIBLE FOR THE DEFINED CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PROGRAM

Ordinance 2009-12 was read as entitled by the Municipal Clerk. A motion for adoption was made by Deputy Mayor Peter McCaffrey, seconded by Councilman Chris Smith, and enacted on a unanimous roll call vote.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ORDINANCE - None.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

PATTY BOHINSKI, 41 Broadacre Drive – Questioned status of Spring Valley Estates.

MAYOR JAMES KEENAN – No decision but will discuss at next work session and draft letter.

ANNETTE PALMER, 161 Memorial Lane – Cynthia was here last time regarding Parkers Creek. Looking for update on turnpike.

COUNCILWOMAN TRACY RILEY – Congressman Adler trying to arrange meeting.

(RESIDENT) Countryside Farms crowded. Some cars cannot get past when driving at night with vehicles parked. Can second right in development be made one way?

JENNIFER BLUMENTHAL - Will do assessment.

FRED BRAUN, 104 Haines Road – Bills to be paid. When do vendors get paid?

LINDA LEWIS – Departments must encumber money first.

FRED BRAUN – Township has reputation for not paying bills.

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DEPUTY MAYOR PETER McCAFFREY – Vendors do not fill out paperwork properly.

DENNIS RILEY, 10 Windflower Court – Could we share services with schools since he sees deck mowers for both township and schools? Need to look for tax efficiencies. All need to make cuts. Township budget is 13.8% of taxes paid.

MAYOR JAMES KEENAN – Looking at shared services with other towns and other entities in town.

DENNIS RILEY – Thanked Council for being proactive.

MAYOR JAMES KEENAN – We have put more forms on line and other suggestions to cut costs.

CHIEF BOB GALLOS – Thanked Councilwoman Riley for contacting Congressman Adler for Fire Station 362. The Bid for mold remediation was awarded and when done, the fire crew will run 6:30AM to 8:30PM. Cannot sleep there without working showers.

NEDO MERCALDO, Oakview Court – Buses in morning have 1-2 children on them. Sent suggestions to school board and got no answer back.

#### **COMMENTS BY PROFESSIONALS**

None.

#### **COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

COUNCILWOMAN TRACY RILEY – Thanked everyone for coming out. Thanked Fire Chief for aggressive approach in saving taxpayer funds. They spent more time on this budget than prior two years. She laid in bed and agonized over choice and she is more worried about next year. This budget included MUA money that will not be there next year.

COUNCILMAN PETER McCAFFREY – Echoed sentiments of Ms. Riley. Toughest budget we ever had to address. Two former Mayors are here who understand what we are going through. Believes we did right thing. We kept taxes at a minimum.

COUNCILWOMAN LINDA BOBO – Also echo sentiments. Attended first meeting in November and worked tirelessly on this budget. Working on future plan. Council receives layoff notices every week and now foreclosure notices. Next year and after will be difficult.

COUNCILMAN CHRIS SMITH – Nothing happens in a vacuum. Initially voted no on school tax deferral because we were maximizing the deferral. The township was hit with 56 tax appeals. Hopefully we have left enough room to move forward. Thanked employees and union representatives for attending meetings.

MAYOR JAMES KEENAN – State has placed many unfunded mandate on us. They cut aid by ½ million dollars and put caps on revenue. We were fortunate to have Jennifer Blumenthal step forward and start dialogue with department heads and talk with union representatives. There is a fluctuation in ratables due to tax appeals. We have a hiring freeze in place. Looking at overtime and there is none without manager's approval. Regarding COAH, the State decided new numbers and increased our obligation drastically. We are fighting it in court. All live here and pay taxes. We will continue to look at things for a two-year plan, then a 3-year plan, then 5-year plan. Looking forward to working with MUA, schools and other municipalities. Would like to have budget completed earlier in year.

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Adjournment

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Peter McCaffrey to adjourn the Twelfth Regular Meeting of the Mount Laurel Township Council, seconded by Councilwoman Linda Bobo, and upon concurrence, the meeting was adjourned at 8:59 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

PATRICIA HALBE, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

Transcribed by  
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The minutes of this meeting are summary minutes. A copy of the tape recording of this meeting will be available in the office of the Municipal Clerk for four years.