

**MOUNT LAUREL TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 14, 2009**

A Special Meeting of the Mount Laurel Township Council was held on Monday, September 14, 2009 in the Courtroom of the Mount Laurel Municipal Building. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Keenan at 9:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The members of Council present were Mayor Keenan, Deputy Mayor McCaffrey, Councilwomen Bobo and Riley and Councilman Smith. Also present were Acting Township Manager, Jennifer Blumenthal, Patricia Halbe, Municipal Clerk and Christopher Norman, Esq.

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.

Resolution 09-R-221

Authorization to sign a Municipal Alliance Grant Application to the Burlington County Board of Chosen Freeholders for participation in the 2010 Burlington County Municipal Alliance Grant Program.

Ms. Blumenthal stated that she has not yet received the application but a resolution is needed in order to sign it when it is approved. She had spoken to the Chairman and was informed we had exceeded the deadline. The deadline had been extended by the County to August 28th.

Councilman Smith indicated that he would reach out to the Municipal Alliance chairman. Mayor Keenan indicated that they needed to reach out to him tomorrow.

Councilwoman Riley questioned if the August 28th date was just for Mount Laurel. Ms. Blumenthal responded that the extension was given by Burlington County to all the municipalities.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor McCaffrey and seconded by Councilwoman Bobo. All were in favor and the resolution was adopted on a unanimous roll call vote.

Public Comment

Fred Braun – 104 Haines Road – questioned how they could approve an application that they have not yet seen. Mayor Keenan responded that it will be reviewed first before signing. Ms. Blumenthal stated that they have never given the Municipal Alliance Chair a stipend. Councilman Smith stated that he wants all money to go into programming.

Lisa Conte – stated that she is a member of the Municipal Alliance and the chair had proposed taking a salary only if the money was not spent so it would not be lost. The committee agreed to spend all monies. They would not recommend paying a salary. They did not have an accounting of any 2009 funds and had asked for one.

Mayor Keenan stated he has not yet seen the 2009 agreement. Ms. Blumenthal stated that it is still be held up at the County.

Ms. Conte indicated that the Alliance does not yet have a vice president, secretary or treasurer.

Mayor Keenan indicated that if it is important for Council to meet with the Chair, we should have him come in prior to a work session prior to the regular meeting.

Councilwoman Riley stated she would like to see an accounting of the grant.

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Closed Session

The Clerk read resolution 09-R-222, Resolution Authorizing Mount Laurel Township Council to go into Closed Session for Discussion of Personnel Matters and Litigation Matters. A motion was made by Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilwoman Bobo. All were in favor and Council went into closed session at 9:25 p.m.

Return to Open Session and Adjournment

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor McCaffrey and seconded by Councilwoman Bobo to return to Open Session and to Adjourn the meeting. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 10:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Halbe, RMC
Municipal Clerk

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