

**FOURTEENTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT LAUREL TOWNSHIP COUNCIL**  
**SEPTEMBER 21, 2009**

The Fourteenth Regular Meeting of the Mount Laurel Township Council was held on Monday, September 21, 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.

**09-M-10 APPROVAL OF MINUTES 6-8-09 TO 7-20-09**

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

**RESOLUTION-FINANCIAL**

**09-R-223 PAYMENT OF BILLS FOR AUGUST, 2009**

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.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**09-R-224 APPOINTING JENNIFER BLUMENTHAL AS MOUNT LAUREL TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL MANAGER**

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-225 RESOLUTION FOR TAX REIMBURSEMENT**

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

**09-R-226 APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #1**  
**BURNAM WOOD DRIVE & BURNAM WOOD COURT**  
**IMPROVEMENTS CONTRACT 2009-1**

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

09-R-227      THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST  
BLOCK 401, LOT 58  
RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE

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.

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09-R-228      CRÈME DE LE CREME  
ON-SITE, BLOCK 509, LOT 1.02  
RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE

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-229      WINGATE INN  
ON-SITE, BLOCK 1301, LOT 1.03  
RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE

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-230      BISHOP'S GATE, BUILDING 200  
BLOCK 510.01, LOT 3  
RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE

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

09-R-231      LEGATO  
BLOCK 801, LOTS 8.05, 8.17 AND 8.18  
RELEASE OF CASH PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE

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-232      HOLIDAY VILLAGE EAST  
SFD – 3 STORM SYSTEM  
RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE

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.

09-R-233      AUTHORIZATION TO INSTALL A FENCE WITHIN A DRAINAGE  
EASEMENT AREA FOR BLOCK 1105.03, LOT 1

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

09-R-234      DOOLEY HOUSE  
AUTHORIZING ON-PREMISE RAFFLE #739 AND CASINO NIGHT  
#740

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-235      AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL BINGO LICENSE FOR THE HOLIDAY  
VILLAGE EAST COMMUNITY SERVICES ASSOCIATION

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.

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09-R-236      AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL BINGO LICENSE FOR THE HOLIDAY  
VILLAGE COMMUNITY SERVICES ASSOCIATION

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-237      AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL BINGO LICENSE FOR THE  
RENAISSANCE CLUB CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION

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-238      AUTHORIZING A PERSON-TO-PERSON AND PLACE-TO-PLACE  
TRANSFER OF A PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LICENSE  
FROM JOHN J. MAHON AND LINDA J. MAHON TO MANDERSON  
LIQUORS LLC

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

**ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING**

2009-15      AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL ,  
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING  
AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 21 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE,  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Ordinance 2009-15 was read as entitled by the Municipal Clerk. It was moved by Deputy Mayor Peter McCaffrey, with a Publication Date of September 24, 2009, and a Public Hearing Date of October 5, 2009. Councilwoman Tracy Riley seconded the motion. Upon a unanimous roll call vote, Ordinance 2009-15 was so ordered on First Reading.

2009-16      AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL ,  
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,  
AMENDING, REPEALING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 142  
OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT  
LAUREL, KNOWN AS TOWING AND STORAGE OF VEHICLES

Ordinance 2009-16 was read as entitled by the Municipal Clerk. It was moved by Councilwoman Tracy Riley, with a Publication Date of September 24, 2009, and a Public Hearing Date of October 5, 2009. Councilman Chris Smith seconded the motion. Upon a unanimous roll call vote, Ordinance 2009-16 was so ordered on First Reading.

2009-17      AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND REVISING FEES FOR  
CERTAIN PERMITS, LICENSES, APPLICATIONS AND OTHER  
SERVICES IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL

Ordinance 2009-17 was read as entitled by the Municipal Clerk. It was moved by Councilman Chris Smith, with a Publication Date of September 24, 2009, and a Public Hearing Date of October 5, 2009. Deputy Mayor Peter McCaffrey seconded the motion. Upon a unanimous roll call vote, Ordinance 2009-17 was so ordered on First Reading.

2009-18      AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL ,  
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, CHANGING  
VARIOUS STREET NAMES ON THE OFFICIAL MAP OF MOUNT  
LAUREL TO REFLECT 9-1-1 CHANGES

Ordinance 2009-18 was read as entitled by the Municipal Clerk. It was moved by Councilwoman Tracy Riley, with a Publication Date of September 24, 2009, and a Public Hearing Date of October 5, 2009. Deputy Councilman Chris Smith seconded the motion. Upon a unanimous roll call vote, Ordinance 2009-18 was so ordered on First Reading.

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**ORDINANCE FOR SECOND READING & PUBLIC HEARING**

2009-14 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL ,  
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING  
AND SUPPLEMENTING ORDINANCE 1988-26 KNOWN AS THE  
MASTER TRAFFIC ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 148 OF THE  
MUNICIPAL CODE) ESTABLISHING THE INTERSECTION OF  
UNION MILL TERRACE AT UNION MILL COURT AS A STOP  
INTERSECTION

Ordinance 2009-14 was read as entitled by the Municipal Clerk. A motion for adoption was made by Deputy Mayor Peter McCaffrey, seconded by Councilwoman Tracy Riley, and enacted on a unanimous roll call vote.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ORDINANCE - None.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

BARBARA O'MALLANE, 175 Knotty Oak Drive – Following up from last week's work session. We had talked about the BPU new regulations and it does not look like they have gone into effect yet. They had asked PSE&G to use restraint and they did not do that. We need to find out what they will and what they won't allow. We also need to follow up with guardrail situation with the executive director of the Turnpike. We want to know if trees can be put there. She feels that the \$1.2 million for new asphalt is not the most effective use of that money and feels they should put up a wall.

MAYOR JAMES KEENAN – Asked the Manager to follow up on the guardrail situation with the Turnpike. The Turnpike Director did indicate twice that there is no benefit to putting up a sound barrier wall.

ATTORNEY CHRIS NORMAN – Had prepared a first draft of a noise ordinance and if it is too subjective it can be abused and can end up being used by neighbor against neighbor.

MAYOR JAMES KEENAN – It was not tested in the public sector and he felt that it could be used by neighbor against neighbor. We only saw a first draft of it.

PATTY BOHINSKI, 41 Broadacre Drive – Is following up concerning Spring Valley walkways. She understands a letter is going out.

MAYOR JAMES KEENAN – No letter has been drafted yet. Will review it at the next work session.

PATTY BOHINSKI – she disagrees with a letter going out. She questions what happened to the sign at the entrance of Broadacre Drive and Hainesport Roads and someone cut it down. There is landscaping there instead of the sign and it would have been nice if the sign was saved. She doesn't agree with having an association and wonders whether the resident had the right to take the sign down.

MAYOR JAMES KEENAN – If sign was on common area, it should not have been taken down. If it is on common ground, an association would take care of it. The township does not put in signs, it is always part of a development approval and they are responsible for the upkeep themselves. She could check to see if a sign package was submitted to Community Development.

CHRIS NORMAN- Normally if a subdivision is approved, there is a sign plan and that becomes part of the approval and an easement is created for it.

HERB DIAMOND, 610 Hartford Road – Is here representing seniors from the Senior Building and he is here to find out procedure to refurbish the pool tables.

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MAYOR JAMES KEENAN –The Manager will contact Director of Parks and Recreation for them to look at it. They were resurfaced approximately last year or late the year before.

DEBBIE REXON, 404 Mulberry Cove & Member of EMS – On behalf of the membership, she congratulated Jennifer on her appointment. It has been a pleasure working with Jennifer during her 90 days as Acting Manager and looks forward to a continued good relationship.

FRED BAUN, 104 Haines Road – Congratulated Jennifer for job well done so far. He was told by solicitor that there will be a hearing on Wednesday regarding Ramblewood Gardens. They already had one hearing about a year ago. If Mr. Holshue cannot keep track of enforcing the zoning laws, maybe we need someone else. I see a serious lack of commitment in him doing his job. He has asked for a copy of complaint but never received it. When you violate the zoning law, it is the same as violating the speeding laws. He feels the Manager should call in the employees and find out why we are not getting the enforcement we should.

### **COMMENTS BY PROFESSIONALS**

JENNIFER BLUMENTHAL – Thanked Mayor and Council for the great opportunity and plans to live up to expectations and is confident she can serve the township well. She has a dedicated Council and staff who want to do what is best for this community.

## **COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

COUNCILWOMAN TRACY RILEY – Congratulated Jennifer on her appointment and her kind comments to Council. This upcoming week is the Fall festival. Today is Alzheimer Awareness Day and a lot of us have been touched by this personally.

COUNCILMAN PETER McCAFFREY – Congratulated Jennifer and looks forward to a long and fruitful relationship. You have a great township to work in and you have fit in very well so far.

COUNCILWOMAN LINDA BOBO – Congratulated Jennifer and looks forward to working with her, especially next budget season.

COUNCILMAN CHRIS SMITH – Welcomes Jennifer as Manager. Looks forward to working with her, she is an incredible professional and she will bring a lot to the job.

MAYOR JAMES KEENAN – Thanked Jennifer for rising to the occasion. She calmed a very heated situation. She is fair-minded and speaks her opinion. She has good plans for township and he looks forward to her input. The Fall Festival is September 26<sup>th</sup>. The Opening ceremony is at 11:00 at Laurel Acres and we will be welcoming back veterans from overseas and a motorcycle group that greets returning veterans. The 5K Run starts at 8:30 a.m. There is a 6 and under fun run at 8:15 a.m. Early registration starts at 7:30 a.m. This past year, Mike Richie and the Mount Laurel Striders took over running the race and they will be doing so again this year. The run is to be dedicated on behalf of a young girl that was killed last year and a friend of the girl, Katie Sletwig, will have an information booth there to give out brochures and help to raise funds. The event will raise some of the proceeds of the sale of tickets to the EMS Training Fund for volunteer training.

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ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Peter McCaffrey to adjourn the Fourteenth Regular Meeting of the Mount Laurel Township Council, seconded by Councilwoman Linda Bobo, and upon concurrence, the meeting was adjourned at 8:51 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

PATRICIA HALBE, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

Transcribed by  
Carol Modugno

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