

**MOUNT LAUREL TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MEETING
MARCH 16, 2009**

A Work Session Meeting of the Mount Laurel Township Council was held on Monday, March 16, 2009 in Conference Room A of the Mount Laurel Municipal Building. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Keenan at 7:30 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 Patricia Halbe, Municipal Clerk; Debra Fourre, 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.

Open Space RFP's

Ms. Fourre indicated that she has spoken with Tim Kaluhiokalani of ERI but has not heard back from Mr. Miller.

Mayor Keenan indicated that we the ROSI project and we do not want to miss out on spring and fall grants for open space. We also need to move forward with design costs for softball. Mr. Giangiulio has reviewed and approved for two softball fields at Trotters Crossing. The new regulations would not allow them to be built there but since they are on the site plan, the DEP will allow them.

It was requested that the Manager go out for RFP's for an open space engineer.

Ms. Fourre stated that Mr. Noll of ERI could talk to Council about another engineer handling Mt. Laurel. She has a problem with Mr. Miller's management style. We will need to look at this when the RFP's come in.

Council felt that they need more communication between the Open Space Engineer and the Manger. The design was great at Conrow, the building portion went well, only billing was a problem.

Non fair and Open Resolution for Portable Lights

Ms. Fourre stated that bills were submitted in bulk in November and were over \$17,500. Pay-to-Play legislation supersedes the statutes. Mrs. Lewis needed to get form signed from vendor before they could move forward for payment. We were reimbursed for the sports organizations for some of the portable lighting bill so our portion was not over the bidding threshold. We need to adopt the resolution this evening in order to pay the vendor. We went out to bid for 2009.

Council indicated that the number should be able to be reduced now that there is an additional lighted field. They questioned the cost to purchase our own and maintain them vs. renting them. The Manager was asked to find out the locations time frame they are used and who determines the number of lights that are needed.

The Manager indicated that she would get the allocation for each field. The total bill was \$22,000 and we received \$9,000 from the soccer organization.

Closed Session

The Clerk read resolution 09-R-84, authorizing Mount Laurel Township Council to go into closed session for Discussion of 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 7:50 p.m.

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Return to Open Session

A motion was made by Councilwoman Riley and seconded by Councilman Smith to return to Open Session. All were in favor and Council returned to open session at 8:04 p.m.

Mayor Keenan indicated that he had seen an article on the auctioning of abandoned vehicles. It can be found at www.govdeals.com

Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilwoman Riley and seconded by Deputy Mayor McCaffrey to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Transcribed by
Patricia Halbe

Patricia Halbe, RMC
Municipal Clerk

The minutes of this meeting are summary minutes. There is no tape-recording of this meeting due to the machine being out for repairs.

