

FIFTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT LAUREL TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
APRIL 6, 2009

The Fifth Regular Meeting of the Mount Laurel Township Council was held on Monday, April 6, 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, 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.

RESOLUTIONS-FINANCIAL

09-R-93 **PAYMENT OF BILLS FOR FEBRUARY 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.

09-R-94 **EMERGENCY TEMPORARY BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR 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-95 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF OUTSTANDING CHECKS IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT'S BAIL ACCOUNT #024801377**

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

09-R-96 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF OUTSTANDING CHECKS IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT'S GENERAL ACCOUNT #024801388**

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.

09-R-97 **AUTHORIZE PAYMENT AND CANCELLATION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE #07-00020; BLOCK 401.03, LOT 52 THAT WAS SOLD IN ERROR DURING BANKRUPTCY**

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.

Brenda Kuhn, Tax Collector discussed problem that resulted in need for resolution 09-R-97. The Tax sale certificate was no good due to a bankruptcy that was in effect at time of sale.

09-R-98 **TAX REIMBURSEMENT CERTIFICATION RESOLUTION**

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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.

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09-R-99 RESOLUTION CLARIFYING STATUS OF GERALDINE BUCCI AS HOUSING OFFICER OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL

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-100 RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PARTICIPATION IN THE SUSTAINABLE JERSEY MUNICIPAL CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

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-101 AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN MOUNT LAUREL TOWNSHIP AND COPS HIRING RECOVERY PROGRAM (CHRP)

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.

09-R-102 CRACKER BARREL, BLOCK 1300.05, LOT 6 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-103 ZAGARA'S REALTY, LLC, PHASES 3 & 4, BLOCK 512, LOT 1.06 RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE

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.

09-R-104 AUTHORIZATION TO INSTALL A FENCE WITHIN A DRAINAGE EASEMENT AREA FOR BLOCK 905.04, LOT 13

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.

09-R-105 HILLSIDE SCHOOL PTO AUTHORIZING RAFFLES #730 & #731

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-106 COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES OF BURLINGTON COUNTY AUTHORIZING RAFFLE #732

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.

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09-R-107 ALZHEIMERS DISEASE & RELATED DISORDERS ASSN,
DELAWARE VALLEY CHAPER, AUTHORIZING OFF-PREMISE
RAFFLE #733

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.

ORDINANCE FOR FIRST READING

2009-6 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL,
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING
THE ZONING CODE IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT CHANGES
RECOMMENDED IN THE APRIL 20, 2006 MASTER PLAN
EXAMINATION REPORT, CHAPTER P, LAND USE PLAN,
SECTION N REGARDING MOTOR VEHICLE SERVICES, AND
PROXIMITY CLARIFICATION

Ordinance 2009-6 was read as entitled by the Municipal Clerk. It was moved by Councilman Chris Smith, with a Publication Date of April 9, 2009, and a Public Hearing Date of April 20, 2009. Councilwoman Tracy Riley seconded the motion. Upon a unanimous roll call vote, Ordinance 2009-6 was so ordered on First Reading.

2009-7 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A NEW MOUNT LAUREL CODE
SECTION 154-19.1, FOR THE REGULATION OF PORTABLE HOME
STORAGE UNITS WITHIN RESIDENCE DISTRICTS IN THE
TOWNSHIP CODE OF MOUNT LAUREL

Ordinance 2009-7 was read as entitled by the Municipal Clerk. It was moved by Councilwoman Tracy Riley, with a Publication Date of April 9, 2009, and a Public Hearing Date of April 20, 2009. Deputy Mayor Peter McCaffrey seconded the motion. Upon a unanimous roll call vote, Ordinance 2009-7 was so ordered on First Reading.

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND HEARING & PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

2009-4 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 2009-4 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.

2009-5 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A NEW MOUNT LAUREL CODE
SECTION 154-131.18, DEVELOPMENT FEE ORDINANCE, IN THE
TOWNSHIP CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL, AND
REPEALING THE CURRENT PROVISIONS OF MOUNT LAUREL
SECTION 154-131.18, DEVELOPMENT FEE ORDINANCE, IN THE
TOWNSHIP CODE OF MOUNT LAUREL, TO COMPLY WITH
P.L.2008, c.45, AMDENDMENTS TO THE NEW JERSEY FAIR
HOUSING ACT

Ordinance 2009-5 was read as entitled by the Municipal Clerk. A motion for adoption was made by Councilwoman Tracy Riley, seconded by Councilman Chris Smith, and enacted on a unanimous roll call vote.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ORDINANCE - None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

FRED BRAUN, 104 Haines Road – Stated that the township will have problem every year unless we get rid of expenses or increase taxes. The senior building is a white

elephant and the Cuzzimano house will fall down if not repaired. He feels that maybe we should not cut grass on the open space properties. The Township needs a long-term plan. Why do we buy without looking at what it will cost to keep up? Do we consider cost of open space? Everyone is paying for the turf field and it is not maintenance free. We are not getting a great return on usage.

MAYOR JAMES KEENAN – Stated the Township has a grooming machine for the turf field. We do not need to water turf field and are looking into either well or MUA water for irrigation of the grass field. It is not a priority since we have more pressing items with the budget.

FRED BRAUN – Stated he feels furloughs are a waste of money. He does not want to see Police or EMS go on furlough.

MAYOR JAMES KEENAN – Responded that Council has clearly said we will not have furloughs to the Manager because the cost-efficiency was not there.

FRED BRAUN – He is glad to see furlough issue is off the table.

COMMENTS BY PROFESSIONALS

None.

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

COUNCILWOMAN TRACY RILEY – Thanked everyone for coming and to rest assured that we are still working on the budget.

COUNCILMAN PETER McCAFFREY – Glad to see public in audience because for many years only 1 person was here for the budget participation. Council does not pick the budget numbers out of the air. It is a negotiated situation back and forth. No one wants to see taxes raised and no one wants to see furloughs. Some of these problems were resolved this evening.

COUNCILWOMAN LINDA BOBO – Thanked everyone for coming out and wished everyone a nice holiday.

COUNCILMAN CHRIS SMITH – Thanks everyone for coming out. It is an important process and not something that is entered into lightly. The goal is to give everyone the most responsible budget Council can. Thank you for your patience.

MAYOR JAMES KEENAN – Wishes everyone a Happy Passover and Happy Easter. He apologizes that the budget is dragging on but Council wants to do what is right for the employees and the public. Thanks everyone for coming out.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Peter McCaffrey to adjourn the Fifth Regular Meeting of the Mount Laurel Township Council, seconded by Councilwoman Tracy Riley, and upon concurrence, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 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 tape recording of this meeting will be available in the Office of the Municipal Clerk for four years.