

**EIGHTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT LAUREL TOWNSHIP COUNCIL**  
**MAY 18, 2009**

The Eighth Regular Meeting of the Mount Laurel Township Council was held on Monday, May 18, 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. Also present were student representatives from Harrington Middle School as participants in the government day program to represent Council and other professionals.

**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.

**PROCLAMATIONS**

09-R-134      **PROCLAMATION HONORING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS OF MOUNT LAUREL TOWNSHIP**

The Clerk read the Proclamation 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.

AWARDS CEREMONY – MOUNT LAUREL POLICE – Chief Lehmann made presentations of the Police Awards to the recipients.

09-R-135      **PROCLAMATION OF COMMENDATION TO DEPUTY POLICE CHIEF CHRISTOPHER RIDINGS FOR HIS TWENTY-SIX YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO MOUNT LAUREL TOWNSHIP**

The Clerk read the Proclamation 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-M-6      **APPROVAL OF MINUTES 3-19-09 TO 3-30-09**

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 roll call vote. Tracy Riley voted nay.

**RESOLUTION**

09-R-136      **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING "GOVERNMENT DAY" STUDENTS REPRESENTING MAYOR & COUNCIL MEMBERS TO VOTE ON AGENDA MATTERS**

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.

**PROCLAMATIONS**

09-R-137      **PROCLAMATION SUPPORTING THE THOMAS E. HARRINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL "GOVERNMENT DAY" PROGRAM IN MOUNT LAUREL TOWNSHIP**

The Clerk read the Proclamation 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-138      PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF MAY 17-23, 2009 AS EMERGENCY  
MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK IN MOUNT LAUREL TOWNSHIP

The Clerk read the Proclamation 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-139      NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK

The Clerk read the Proclamation 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.

**RESOLUTION-FINANCIAL**

09-R-140      PAYMENT OF BILLS FOR APRIL 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-141      DEVELOPERS DIVERSIFIED REALTY CORPORATION  
LAUREL CORPORATE CENTER II, EMMES, CENTERTON  
SQUARE, BLOCK 503.01, LOT 2  
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 Tracy Riley, and enacted on a unanimous roll call vote.

09-R-142      AWARD OF BID  
2008 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM  
CONTRACT NO. 2009-1  
BURNAM WOOD DRIVE

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-143      RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FROM MOUNT LAUREL TOWNSHIP  
COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE SUSTAINABLE JERSEY GRANT  
FUNDED BY WAL-MART

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-144      2009 CLICK IT OR TICKET SEAT BELT RESOLUTION  
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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-145      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPRAISAL SERVICES FROM  
APPROVED APPRAISER LIST IN CONJUNCTION WITH PENDING  
TAX ASSESSMENT APPEALS

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 roll call vote. Deputy Mayor Peter McCaffrey abstained.

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**ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING**

2009-9 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 2009-9 was read as entitled by the Municipal Clerk. It was moved by Councilman Chris Smith, with a Publication Date of May 21, 2009, and a Public Hearing Date of June 1, 2009. Deputy Mayor Peter McCaffrey seconded the motion. Upon a unanimous roll call vote, Ordinance 2009-9 was so ordered on First Reading.

2009-10 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL,  
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING  
AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 66 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE,  
CONSTRUCTION CODES, UNIFORM

Ordinance 2009-10 was read as entitled by the Municipal Clerk. It was moved by Deputy Mayor Peter McCaffrey, with a Publication Date of May 21, 2009, and a Public Hearing Date of June 1, 2009. Councilwoman Linda Bobo seconded the motion. Upon a unanimous roll call vote, Ordinance 2009-10 was so ordered on First Reading.

2009-11 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND REVISING FEES FOR  
CERTAIN PERMITS, LICENSES, APPLICATIONS AND OTHER SERVICES  
IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL

Ordinance 2009-11 was read as entitled by the Municipal Clerk. It was moved by Councilwoman Linda Bobo, with a Publication Date of May 21, 2009, and a Public Hearing Date of June 1, 2009. Councilman Chris Smith seconded the motion. Upon a unanimous roll call vote, Ordinance 2009-11 was so ordered on First Reading.

**ORDINANCE FOR SECOND READING & PUBLIC HEARING**

2009-8 CALENDAR YEAR 2009  
MODEL ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET  
APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK  
(N.J.S.A.40A:4-45.14)

Ordinance 2009-8 was read as entitled by the Municipal Clerk. 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 PARTICIPATION ON ORDINANCE - None.

Mayor Keenan presented Proclamation for Harrington Middle School to the students and Social studies present. He thanked the students for coming out to do this and indicated that his son had participated in the program when he was in school.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

BILL BROWN, 26 Lower Park Road – Stated he had received the letter to Veterans inviting them to the Memorial Day Ceremony and he is very happy about it. He thanked Mayor and the Township Council for putting this together. It is a wonderful form of gratitude. He is part of a group called Veterans for Education trying to get students an education when they come home for a successful transition. He ran 65 miles to raise funds for scholarships for veterans. He would like to be given the opportunity to speak at the Memorial Day Ceremony to let them know about their advocacy.

MAYOR JAMES KEENAN –Indicated that it is great what they are doing but he does not have the authority as Mayor to authorize that. He will not be at event but Deputy Mayor Council will be there and he is sure will give him time to speak. Council was in agreement.

**COMMENTS BY PROFESSIONALS**

CHRIS NORMAN –Commented that when the students chose the positions, no one wanted to be the attorney which means this generation has a bright future.

**COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

COUNCILWOMAN RILEY – Thanked everyone for coming.

Councilwoman Riley Representative – no comment.

DEPUTY MAYOR PETER McCAFFREY – It is one of his favorite meetings of the year. He sat in the seat when he was a student many years ago so he is warning that this is what happens. They are welcome back any time.

COUNCILWOMAN LINDA BOBO – Thanked everyone for coming out. Thanked her advocate for speaking so eloquently for her. Thanked the Police and EMS for doing a wonderful job. She received another letter this evening from a resident thanking Police and EMS and it is a common practice to receive these letters.

Councilwoman Bobo Representative – Thanked everyone for the experience of learning how our local government works. We have been learning about it in school and it is wonderful to be able to put faces with names and to be able to see and have a greater understanding appreciation of what everyone in Mount Laurel does.

COUNCILMAN CHRIS SMITH – Thanked everyone for participating. He has looked forward to this for some time since this has always seemed a special day for both the governing body and the student participants.

Councilman Smith Representative– Thanked Ms. Dever for inviting him and he had fun.

Mayor Keenan Representative – Thanked Council and the Mayor for allowing them to take part in this and for the school for organizing it. He enjoyed it.

MAYOR JAMES KEENAN – Students did wonderful job. He thanks them for coming and taking an interest in government and thanked the public for coming out. He thanked the police department for their service to the community and especially to Deputy Chief Ridings, who is retiring after over 25 years of service. He also thanked Mr. Brown and the men and women in the services for defending our freedom anywhere in the world and for those that support them. He wishes everyone a safe summer.

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Smith to adjourn the Eighth Regular Meeting of the Mount Laurel Township Council, seconded by Councilwoman Linda Bobo, and upon concurrence, the meeting was adjourned at 9:19 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

PATRICIA HALBE, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

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