

**NINTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT LAUREL TOWNSHIP
COUNCIL
JUNE 1, 2009**

The Ninth Regular Meeting of the Mount Laurel Township Council was held on Monday, June 1, 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, Christopher Norman, Esq., Township Solicitor, and Jennifer Blumenthal, Deputy Manager.

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-148 **RESOLUTION APPOINTING JENNIFER BLUMENTHAL AS
ACTING TOWNSHIP MANAGER OF MOUNT LAUREL TOWNSHIP**

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.

PROCLAMATIONS

09-R-149 **PROCLAMATION OF COMMENDATION TO RICHARD TREMPER
FOR HIS OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER AND CAREER SERVICE
TO MOUNT LAUREL TOWNSHIP**

The Clerk read the Proclamation 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.

Mayor Keenan presented Richard Tremper with the proclamation and a clock for his 25 years of volunteer and career service. He thanked him for his service to Mount Laurel.

09-R-150 **PROCLAMATION OF COMMENDATION TO THE VIRTUA
PARAMEDIC TEAM ON WINNING A BRONZE MEDAL AT THE
2009 JEMS EMS CONFERENCE**

The Clerk read the Proclamation 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.

Mayor Keenan presented the Virtua Paramedic Team with the Proclamation and thanked them for their service to our community.

RESOLUTION-FINANCIAL

09-R-151 **EMERGENCY TEMPORARY BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR
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.

**SPECIAL HEARING - TABLED
LAUREL KNOLL WATER AND SEWER PROJECT**

RESOLUTIONS

09-R-152 **SPECIAL ASSESSMENT INSTALLMENT PLAN RESOLUTION**

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

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09-R-153 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACTING TOWNSHIP
MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT
ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION BLOCK GRANT
FUNDING TO CONDUCT AN ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND
CONSERVATION STRATEGY

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-154 APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE
A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT
OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION AND
DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS TO UNION MILL ROAD (BETWEEN
ARK ROAD AND APPROXIMATELY 300 FEET WEST) PROJECT

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-155 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PREPARATION AND
DELIVERY OF ESTIMATED 2009-3RD QUARTER TAX BILLING

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

09-R- 156 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT
APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF
COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR
INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES (ROID)

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-157 AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF TOWNSHIP PROPERTY NO
LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES PURSUANT TO
STATUTE 40A:11-36

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-158 SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY FOUND OR RECOVERED
IN TOWNSHIP PURSUANT TO STATUTE 40A:14-157

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-159 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SIGNING OF AN APPLICATION
FOR THE OBEY THE SIGNS OR PAY THE FINES 2009 SPEED
ENFORCEMENT GRANT

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-160 WHITESSELL CONSTRUCTION CO., INC.
LAUREL CREEK, BUILDING 4 AND 5
BLOCK 204, LOTS 1 AND 1.06
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.

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09-R-161 AMERICAN RED CROSS BURLINGTON COUNTY CHAPTER
AUTHORIZING ON-PREMISE RAFFLES #736 AND #737

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-162 AUTHORIZATION TO INSTALL A FENCE WITHIN A LANDSCAPE
BUFFER EASEMENT AREA FOR BLOCK 402.02, LOT 52

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.

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING & PUBLIC HEARING

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. 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.

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. 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.

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. A motion for adoption was made by Councilwoman Linda Bobo, seconded by Deputy Mayor Peter McCaffrey, and enacted on a unanimous roll call vote.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ORDINANCE - None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

ROBERT BOHINSKI, 41 Broadacre Drive –He is here regarding sidewalks in his development. He had attended a meeting in November 2008 and received a letter from former Township Manager, Ms. Fourre stating they would be installed. He has now received an email from her that they will not be installed.

MAYOR JAMES KEENAN – Stated that they had talked about various options and decided it should not be installed. The Manager and the department head felt there was a liability issue. He has concerns about installing and the required maintenance. The Township has installed signage at the lake and will look into the Settlement Agreement with the developer.

ATTORNEY CHRIS NORMAN – Stated that most developments have an Association and it would be their responsibility to maintain the sidewalks.

ROBERT BOHINSKI – Commented that there was never to be a homeowners association. There is more of a liability now at the bridge with the step up.

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DEPUTY MAYOR PETER McCAFFREY – The bridge would need to be handicapped accessible.

MAYOR JAMES KEENAN – Asked Public Works to look at access.

PATTY BOHINSKI – There are three acres for walkways and other areas have accesses that do not have an Association. The money was set-aside since 2002 and she was told several times it would happen.

SHRUTI BHANKHARIA, 54 Broadacre Drive – One side of the property is sidewalk and she was told trees would be planted for privacy. A sign should be placed on both sides stating that it is at your “Own Risk”. Kids bike across the property. She has maintained the area for 18 years.

BARBARA O’MALLANE, 175 Knotty Oak Drive – Questions who is going to step in to arrange the meeting with the Turnpike Authority?

JENNIFER BLUMENTHAL, ACTING TWP MANAGER – Said she has read the correspondence and can follow up. She will go through everything and will get up to speed with it.

BARBARA O’MALLANE – Stated she is still looking at and hearing the Turnpike from her home.

COUNCILMAN CHRIS SMITH – Stated he spoke with the Commissioner at a meeting held on various projects.

BARBARA O’MALLANE – Stated she was told Congressman Adler was arranging the meeting.

MAYOR JAMES KEENAN – If Congressman Adler can help, fine.

MICHAEL NITTI, 9 Lavender Lane – Is here to discuss use of soccer fields in Mt. Laurel by Mt. Laurel residents. He has 6 teams composed of 10 members each and wants to discuss use of fields. The teams were stopped by the police and told they can only play on the practice fields at Laurel Acres. They also told cannot play at the schools. The turf field is also being used. He called the Township and Ralph Giangiulio is on vacation. Gerry Bucci told him he needs a certificate of liability. He would like to know if there are other soccer fields available for public use in Mt. Laurel Township.

MAYOR JAMES KEENAN – The concern is the insurance issue for clubs and leagues. The permission to use must come from Parks and Recreation as the Township assigns the use of fields. He can talk to Jennifer Blumenthal tomorrow about help. He will get the phone number of the President of Mt. Laurel United Soccer for them to contact.

MICHAEL NITTI – Their games are set for Sundays for the next 10 weeks.

COMMENTS BY PROFESSIONALS

JENNIFER BLUMENTHAL – Thanked Mayor and Council for the opportunity.

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

MAYOR JAMES KEENAN – Thanked Jennifer Blumenthal for stepping up. Thanked everyone for coming out.

09-R-163 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MOUNT LAUREL TOWNSHIP
COUNCIL TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF
LITIGATION MATTERS**

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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.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Smith and seconded by Councilwoman Bobo to return to open Session. All were in favor and Council returned to Open Session at 9:44 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilwoman Bobo to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 9:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

PATRICIA HALBE, RMC
Municipal Clerk

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