

FOURTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT LAUREL TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
MARCH 15, 2010

The Fourth Regular Meeting of the Mount Laurel Township Council was held on Monday, March 15, 2010, 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 Jim Keenan, Deputy Mayor Peter McCaffrey, Councilwoman Linda Bobo, Councilwoman Tracy Riley and Councilman Chris Smith. Also present were Patricia Halbe, Township Clerk, Jennifer Blumenthal, 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.

SWEARING IN OF CHIEF OF POLICE

Municipal Clerk Patricia Halbe swore in Dennis Cribben as Chief of the Police Department.

Dennis Cribben expressed condolences for the student killed. He thanked Ms. Halbe for having sworn him in each time he has been promoted. He thanked Jennifer Blumenthal, Mayor and Council for his appointment as Police Chief. He indicated that the department strengths he has identified were the officers and the reputation of the department and professionalism and high standards set. We are going to be asked to do more with less and we will be innovative. He thanked his wife Beth and invited everyone for refreshments.

PROCLAMATIONS

10-R-83 **PROCLAMATION OF COMMENDATION TO THE LENAPE HIGH SCHOOL DEBORAH HEART CHALLENGE TEAM ON WINNING THE 12TH ANNUAL DEBORAH HEART CHALLENGE**

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

Mayor Keenan presented the proclamation to the students for their accomplishment.

10-R-84 **PROCLAMATION OF COMMENDATION TO DANIEL SCHAUB ON WINNING "BEST IN SHOW" IN THE DEBORAH "HEART ART" CONTEST FOR HIS SCULPTURE**

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

Mayor Keenan presented the proclamation to Daniel Schaub for his accomplishment.

10-R-85 **PROCLAMATION OF COMMENDATION TO THE LENAPE HIGH SCHOOL CHESS TEAM ON WINNING THE SOUTH JERSEY CHESS TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP**

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

Mayor Keenan presented the proclamation to the students for their accomplishment.

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10-R-86 PROCLAMATION OF COMMENDATION TO THE LENAPE HIGH SCHOOL'S KNOWLEDGE BOWL TEAM ON WINNING THE 21ST ANNUAL BURLINGTON COUNTY NATIONAL ACADEMIC TOURNAMENT

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

As the students were not present, Mayor Keenan presented the proclamation to the Assistant Principal to be given to them for their accomplishment.

10-R-87 PROCLAMATION OF COMMENDATION TO THE LENAPE HIGH SCHOOL DEBATE TEAM ON BEING NAMED SOUTH JERSEY DEBATE LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

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

Mayor Keenan presented the proclamation to the students for their accomplishment.

RESOLUTIONS

10-R-88 AWARD OF BID FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF UNION MILL ROAD AND LARCHMONT BOULEVARD

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

10-R-89 RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A MONITORING SYSTEM FOR PROFESSIONAL FEES WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL

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

10-R-90 AUTHORIZING JOINT APPLICATION WITH TOWNSHIP OF MOORESTOWN FOR GOOGLE REQUEST FOR INFORMATION FOR "GOOGLE FIBER FOR COMMUNITY"

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

10-R-91 AUTHORIZATION TO INSTALL A FENCE WITHIN A LANDSCAPE BUFFER EASEMENT AREA FOR BLOCK 401.07, LOT 21

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

10-R-92 AUTHORIZATION TO INSTALL A FENCE WITHIN A DRAINAGE EASEMENT & UTILITY EASSEMENT AREAS FOR BLOCK 803.07, LOT 14.06

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

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10-R-93 AUTHORIZATION TO INSTALL A FENCE WITHIN A DRAINAGE
EASEMENT AREA FOR BLOCK 1103.10, LOT 1

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

10-R-94 SYDNEY MAE TAYLOR FOUNDATION, INC.
AUTHORIZING CASINO NIGHT #757, ON-PREMISE RAFFLE #758
AND OFF-PREMISE RAFFLE #756

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

10-R-95 YMCA OF BURLINGTON COUNTY
AUTHORIZING OFF-PREMISE RAFFLE #759

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

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

2010-9 AMENDING MOUNT LAUREL TOWNSHIP CODE SECTION 154-
56(D) TO ADD SUPPLEMENTING SUBSECTION (5) TO PROHIBIT
JAILS, HOLDING CELLS, DETENTION CENTERS, AND OTHER
SIMILAR TYPE FACILITIES IN THE I-INDUSTRIAL ZONING
DISTRICT

Ordinance 2010-9 was read as entitled by the Municipal Clerk. It was moved by Councilwoman Riley, with a Publication Date of March 18, 2010, and a Public Hearing Date of April 5, 2010. Deputy Mayor McCaffrey seconded the motion. Upon a unanimous roll call vote, Ordinance 2010-9 was so ordered on First Reading.

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING & PUBLIC HEARING

2010-3 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL,
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING,
REVISING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 34 OF THE CODE OF
THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL, ENTITLED LAND USE
PROCEDURES

Ordinance 2010-3 was read as entitled by the Municipal Clerk. A motion for adoption was made by Deputy Mayor McCaffrey, seconded by Councilman Smith, and enacted on a unanimous roll call vote.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ORDINANCE - None.

2010-4 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL,
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING,
REVISING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 154 OF THE CODE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL

Ordinance 2010-4 was read as entitled by the Municipal Clerk. A motion for adoption was made by Deputy Mayor McCaffrey, seconded by Councilwoman Riley, and enacted on a unanimous roll call vote.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ORDINANCE - None.

2010-5 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL,
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING,
REVISING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 138 OF THE CODE OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL

Ordinance 2010-5 was read as entitled by the Municipal Clerk. A motion for adoption was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Bobo, and enacted on a unanimous roll call vote.

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ORDINANCE - None.

2010-6 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL,
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING,
REVISING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 124 OF THE CODE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL

Ordinance 2010-6 was read as entitled by the Municipal Clerk. A motion for adoption was made by Councilwoman Bobo, seconded by Councilwoman Riley, and enacted on a unanimous roll call vote.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ORDINANCE - None.

2010-7 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL,
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING
AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 66, CONSTRUCTION CODES,
UNIFORM

Ordinance 2010-7 was read as entitled by the Municipal Clerk. A motion for adoption was made by Deputy Mayor McCaffrey, seconded by Councilman Smith, and enacted on a unanimous roll call vote.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ORDINANCE - None.

2010-8 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL,
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING
ORDINANCE 2009-11 TO ESTABLISH A LICENSING AGREEMENT
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Ordinance 2010-8 was read as entitled by the Municipal Clerk. A motion for adoption was made by Councilwoman Riley, seconded by Deputy Mayor McCaffrey, and enacted on a unanimous roll call vote.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ORDINANCE - None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

NEIL MOCALDO –The last time he was here about properties boarded up at Church Road and Beaver, he was told it would be made into some type of main street and he is now hearing it is for affordable housing.

MAYOR KEENAN –It has been reviewed by the Township Planner and presented to the Planning Board for their recommendation as to whether it met the criteria for a Redevelopment Plan. That recommendation has come from the Planning Board back to Council. We did speak about a main street before and as there are four areas there, a redevelopment plan makes it more cohesive.

CHRIS NORMAN – The Planning Board designated a mapped area as the redevelopment area and the next step is that Council will work with the designated re-developer to create redevelopment plan which is essentially an overlay zone. There are two developable portions of the site. The first is along Route 73 which will have commercial-type uses which is appropriate for the site and the second area is along Church Road which will have some affordable housing. The next step is the adoption of the redevelopment plan and ordinance as well as the adoption of a redevelopment agreement to implement the terms.

MAYOR KEENAN – We are in the early stages and have not yet seen a plan. There will be affordable housing on part of the site. We are going to be working with the developer and it must be filed with the court to meet the requirements that the court has placed on Mount Laurel for another 1421 units by 2018. We have been fighting with the courts regarding that number, saying it is too high and we wanted a reduction. We have spent a lot of money fighting this and we have a deadline of March 31st to submit our Fair Share Plan with the court. The proposal is for about 100 units but has to be approved by the court.

NEIL MOCALDO–If people know about it they will fight against it as we do not want low income housing over there. It is not acceptable. I will pass this along to everyone.

CHRIS NORMAN – The Council is trying to minimize the number of units and one of the things that redevelopment affords is that gives us bonus credits which is that it allows us to get credits for more units than we actually provide.

MAYOR KEENAN – We are under a court order to show 1000 units or credits around town but the actual number from June 2008 is 1421 units that we have to show by 2018. There is a review period every 2 years that can conceptually reduce your requirements. In the meantime, we are under a court order to show a plan for 1000 units dispersed throughout the township so it does not impact any one side of town. We are trying to place a balance. This Council and prior Councils have fought this. The Governor has placed an Executive Order, which has been stayed by the court so it does not help us.

CHRIS NORMAN – We filed motion to intervene on the matter.

MAYOR KEENAN – This is a conceptual plan and we have not seen where the units will be or agreed to the plan yet. We have to show where these units will be placed around town. There are a number of sites around town that are designated for affordable housing units and we need to submit it to the court or open ourselves up to a builders remedy.

CHRIS NORMAN – We are not sure yet what is happening with COAH. The Senate Committee voted unanimously to abolish COAH and it is to go to a full vote at the Senate on March 22, 2010. Under this new legislation, if it is not amended, Mount Laurel will be deemed fully compliant since more than 1/3 of its housing stock is already multi-family.

MAYOR KEENAN – If the new legislation goes through, I can guarantee that it will also be challenged in the courts, but not by us.

ANNE MONZO, Holiday Village East – Was appointed by our Board of Trustees as Community Action Representative for Holiday Village East and wanted to introduce herself and will be at each of the meetings to bring back any information that is important to her community. She will also be writing a column for their paper and bringing back any questions that residents have.

MAYOR KEENAN – Asked her to tell Council what Holiday Village East is talking about so Council knows what is going on there. If there are any concerns, she can contact the Township Manager and does not need to wait for a meeting.

COMMENTS BY PROFESSIONALS

None.

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

DEPUTY MAYOR McCAFFREY – Is proud to be participant in seeing the new Police Chief get inducted tonight and knows he will do a great job. He has one of the finest forces in all of New Jersey and the residents can be very proud of them. It is unfortunate about the Lenape student that had a tragic accident today and she should be in our prayers.

MAYOR KEENAN – He would like to offer condolences to the student’s family and friends. It was great to see the five proclamations given this evening for the Lenape student groups. We have a good support system with the parents. He congratulates the new Police Chief and thanks him for accepting the position. He likes that he said about doing more with less and speaking with the governor last week, it was one of his themes. We are once again ahead of the game and we have been saying it for a number of years.

10-R-96 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MOUNT LAUREL TOWNSHIP
COUNCIL TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF
LITIGATION MATTERS**

The Clerk read the Resolution as entitled. A motion for adoption was made by Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilwoman Bobo. All were in favor and Council went into closed session at 8:58 p.m.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

A motion was made by Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilwoman Riley to return to open session. All were in favor and Council returned to open session.

Councilwoman Riley stated that the information she has said that there was no Mount Laurel representative at the County wastewater septic meeting. Ms. Blumenthal responded that Mr. Holshue was there for the township.

Mayor Keenan felt the Manager should send a letter to the State that it is an unfunded mandate. Ms. Blumenthal responded that the State does not say we are required to inspect, it is the County's interpretation. Mayor Keenan stated that they want the township to track pumping and he does not agree. He would like the Manager to write a response to the letter received. Ms. Blumenthal responded that the other towns are sitting on it right now.

Mayor Keenan reported that Governor Christie might be coming to Mount Laurel this weekend. He will contact various groups to invite them.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilwoman Riley to adjourn the Fourth Regular Meeting of the Mount Laurel Township Council, seconded by Councilwoman Bobo, and upon concurrence, the meeting was adjourned at 9:23 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

PATRICIA HALBE, RMC
Municipal Clerk

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Carol Modugno and
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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