

Township of Mount Laurel
Regular Council Meeting
May 18, 2020
Via Zoom

Mayor Edelson called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance & Traditional Moment of Silence

ROLL CALL

Councilman Kurt Folcher – present, Councilman Kareem Pritchett – present, Councilman Stephen Steglik – present, Deputy Mayor Linda Bobo - present, Mayor Irwin Edelson - present, George Morris, Township Solicitor – present, Meredith Tomczyk, Township Manager/Township Clerk - present

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.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,182,046.22

Motion to Move: Councilman Folcher, 2nd Deputy Mayor Bobo
Roll Call 5 yes votes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to Move: Councilman Pritchett, 2nd Councilman Steglik
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #87-2020: RECOGNIZING FIRST FRIDAY IN JUNE AS NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #87-2020: Councilman Steglik, 2nd Councilman Pritchett
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #88-2020: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OR CANCELLATION OF PROPERTY TAXES BLOCK 803.07, LOT 14.15

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #88-2020: Deputy Mayor Bobo, 2nd Councilman Pritchett
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #89-2020: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OR CANCELLATION OF PROPERTY TAXES BLOCK 903.07, LOT 20

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #89-2020: Councilman Folcher, 2nd Councilman Pritchett
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #90-2020: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OR
CANCELLATION OF PROPERTY TAXES BLOCK 405, LOT 9.17

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #90-2020: Councilman Steglik, 2nd Councilman Pritchett
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #91-2020: ANTICIPATION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN
THE 2020 LOCAL MUNICIPAL BUDGET PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87
(CHAPTER 159)

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #91-2020: Councilman Pritchett, 2nd Councilman Folcher
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #92-2020: STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF LAW &
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION OF CRIMINAL SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES
PROGRAM RESOLUTION OF PARTICIPATION

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #92-2020: Councilman Pritchett, 2nd Councilman Folcher
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #93-2020: RESOLUTION SEEKING TAX IMPACT PROTECTION
FOR MUNICIPALITIES

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #93-2020: Councilman Folcher, 2nd Deputy Mayor Bobo
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #94-2020: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TAX COLLECTOR TO
CANCEL UNCOLLECTIBLE TAXES PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 54:4-91.1

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #94-2020: Councilman Folcher, 2nd Deputy Mayor Bobo
Roll Call 5 yes votes

ORDINANCE FOR SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE #8-2020: AMENDING THE ROUTE 38, ARK ROAD, FOSTERTOWN
ROAD, REDEVELOPMENT PLAN STANDARDS

Clerk read Ordinance as entitled.

Mayor opened public participation.

No public participation.

Mayor closed public participation.

Motion to move Ordinance #8-2020: Councilman Folcher, 2nd Deputy Mayor Bobo
Roll Call 5 yes votes

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Karen Cohen, 15 Winterbury Court - Question on Resolution 93-R-20.

Cynthia Astrom, 165 Memorial Lane – Questioned percentage of people not paying taxes.

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL

Manager Tomczyk – Memorial Day services cancelled. Police Department will lay wreath. Township is working on A/B teams. Back to full capacity by July 1st. Court will be by Zoom. Goal is to have every department behind protective glass. Library will also have protective glass installed at check outs. Manager discussed reasons to cancel camp.

Attorney Morris – Be safe.

Councilman Pritchett – Thanked first responders. Be safe.

Councilman Steglik – Thanked first responders and residents for being responsible and for following guidelines to prevent COVID-19. Thanked food banks for a great job.

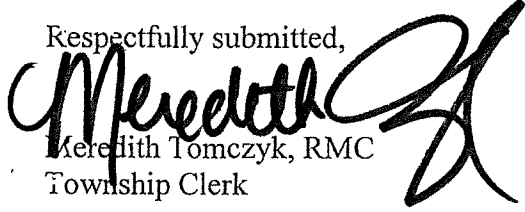
Councilman Folcher – Received news that COVID-19 counts are down in Burlington County. Condolences to families who lost love ones. Thanked employees who go the extra mile to help residents.

Deputy Mayor Bobo – Thanked everyone for coming. Stay safe. Mount Laurel has a good bank located on the Burlington County College Campus.

Mayor Edelson – Food bank also at Jacobs Chapel. Thanked everyone for comments. Thanked first responders.

Motion to adjourn: Deputy Mayor Bobo, 2nd Councilman Folcher
All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Meredith Tomczyk', is written over the typed name and extends to the right.

Meredith Tomczyk, RMC
Township Clerk