

**Township of Mount Laurel
Regular Council Meeting
December 5, 2016
Mount Laurel Municipal Center
7:00 P.M.**

Mayor Bobo called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance & Traditional Moment of Silence

ROLL CALL

Mayor Linda Bobo – present, Councilman Jim Keenan – absent, Councilman Richard Van Noord – present, Councilman Dennis Riley – present, Deputy Mayor Irwin Edelson – present, Tyler Prime, Township Solicitor – present, Meredith Tomczyk, Acting 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 \$1,587,980.38

Motion to Move: Councilman Riley, 2nd Van Noord

Roll Call 4 yes votes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to Move: Councilman Van Noord, 2nd Councilman Riley

Roll Call 4 yes votes

RESOLUTION #190-2016: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE MOUNT LAUREL TOWNSHIP COUNCIL TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT A SUBGRANT AWARD OF THE FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2016 OF DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT PROGRAM FUNDING AND FOR THE COUNTY CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO AMEND THE BUDGET AND CERTIFY THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #190-2016: Councilman Van Noord, 2nd Councilman Riley

Roll Call 4 yes votes

RESOLUTION #191-2016: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SIGNING OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL AND AFSCME AFL-C10 LOCAL 3263 UNION FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2016 THROUGH 12/31/18

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #191-2016: Councilman Riley, 2nd Councilman Van Noord
Roll Call 4 yes votes

RESOLUTION #192-2016: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT
OF SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS FOR THE MOUNT LAUREL
POLICE DEPARTMENT

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.
Motion to Move Resolution #192-2016: Councilman Van Noord, 2nd Deputy Mayor
Edelson
Roll Call 4 yes votes

RESOLUTION #193-2016: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT
OF POLICE CHAPLAIN FOR THE MOUNT LAUREL POLICE DEPARTMENT

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.
Motion to Move Resolution #193-2016: Councilman Riley, 2nd Councilman Van Noord
Roll Call 4 yes votes

RESOLUTION #194-2016: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OR
CANCELLATION OF PROPERTY TAXES BLOCK 1501, LOT 20

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.
Motion to Move Resolution #194-2016: Deputy Mayor Edelson, 2nd Councilman Van
Noord
Roll Call 4 yes votes

RESOLUTION #195-2016: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OR
CANCELLATION OF PROPERTY TAXES BLOCK 310.04, LOT 23

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.
Motion to Move Resolution #195-2016: Councilman Van Noord, 2nd Councilman Riley
Roll Call 4 yes votes

RESOLUTION #196-2016: ANTICIPATION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN
THE 2016 LOCAL MUNICIPAL BUDGET PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.
Motion to Move Resolution #196-2016: Councilman Riley, 2nd Deputy Mayor Edelson
Roll Call 4 yes votes

RESOLUTION #197-2016: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING 2016 BUDGET
TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #197-2016: Councilman Van Noord, 2nd Deputy Mayor Edelson
Roll Call 4 yes votes

RESOLUTION #198-2016: MOUNT LAUREL TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE FOR BRANDYWINE OPERATING PARTNERSHIP, L.P., SP #22971, BLOCK 515, LOT 1

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.
Motion to Move Resolution #198-2016: Councilman Riley, 2nd Deputy Mayor Edelson
Roll Call 4 yes votes

RESOLUTION #199-2016: MEMORIALIZING EXECUTION OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH FAIR SHARE HOUSING CENTER

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.
Motion to Move Resolution #199-2016: Councilman Van Noord, 2nd Councilman Riley
Roll Call 4 yes votes

NEW BUSINESS

1. Dog Park – all in attendance this evening are opposed to dog park at proposed location on Mt. Laurel Road. Mayor Bobo thinks ideal location would be on Marne Highway. Site needs to be remediated at that location and need grant for site. Also Valerie Scott property on Mt. Laurel Road would be a good location. Motion to appeal existing resolution: Councilman Van Noord, 2nd Councilman Riley
Roll Call 4 yes votes
2. JIF renewal discussion.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Bonnie Haas, 162 Memorial Lane– Not aware of dog park issue. Mayor Bobo explained.

Lori Howard, 2304 Yarmouth Lane –Lives Laurel Green off of Union Mill Road. Wants traffic study done by county. Questioned plans for Union Mill Road. Commented on storage facility project. Avoids Route 73. Too congested.

Patricia Halbe, 2101 Denham Court – Upset that Council is getting rid of street hockey. Questioned Marne Highway remediation.

Margaret Iannuzzi, 3052 Fostertown Road – Questioned development that is going up Briggs Road and Union Mill. Will review plans.

West Durham, 37 Mill Stream – Concerned about wetlands and pushing of water. Will review plans.

Lori Combs, 9 Pheasant Drive– Thanked Council for their time and energy. Opposes dog park. Pheasant Mere has become a major through street. It can take 10 minutes to get out of neighborhood.

Kari Wudarski, 132 Knotty Oak Drive – Concerned about number of units being built. Concerned about traffic. Playground at Timbercrest is a mess.

Mark – Change leaf pickup.

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL

Councilman Van Noord – Thanked everyone for coming and JIF for coming. Congratulated Lenape football and Mt. Laurel football.

Deputy Mayor Edelson – Council is looking at traffic but cannot stop everything. COAH cannot be stopped. Route 73 is slated for revamp but will not get much better. Have had some nice changes. Thanked everyone for coming.

Clerk Tomczyk – Santa is coming to Mt. Laurel on Thursday, December 15 from 4 to 7. There will be crafts for children to do.

Councilman Riley –Thanked everyone for coming. Hope everything is beneficial to all. Thanks to JIF.

RESOLUTION #200-2016: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CLOSED SESSION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL TO DISCUSS PENDING OR ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS AND/OR PERSONNEL MATTERS

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #200-2015: Councilman Van Noord, 2nd Councilman Riley
Roll Call 4 yes votes

Motion to adjourn: Councilman Riley, 2nd Councilman Van Noord
All in favor.

Next Council Meeting is November 28, 2016 at 7PM
Santa coming on Thursday, December 15th

Respectfully submitted,


Meredith Tomczyk, RMC
Township Clerk