

Township of Mount Laurel
Regular Council Meeting
March 21, 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 – present, Councilman Richard Van Noord – present, Councilman Dennis Riley – present, Deputy Mayor Irwin Edelson – present, Tyler Prime, Township Solicitor – present, Maureen Mitchell, Township Manager – present, Meredith Tomczyk, 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 \$230,952.86

Motion to Move: Councilman Riley, 2nd Councilman Keenan
Roll Call 5 yes votes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to Move: Councilman Van Noord, 2nd Councilman Riley
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #69-2016: PROCLAIMING APRIL 25TH HEADS UP EYES FORWARD DAY

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.
Motion to Move Resolution #69-2016: Councilman Keenan, 2nd Councilman Van Noord
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #70-2016: RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PERSON-TO-PERSON TRANSFER OF HOTEL/MOTEL LIQUOR LICENSE #0324-36-018-007 HOTEL RECOVERY MANAGEMENT LLC TO NJ BEVERAGE SERVICES, INC.

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.
Motion to Move Resolution #70-2016: Councilman Van Noord, 2nd Councilman Riley
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #71-2016: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PLACING OF LIENS AGTAINST CERTAIN PROPERTIES PER CHAPTER 65 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #71-2016: Councilman Keenan, 2nd Councilman Riley
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #72-2016: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF
PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE FOR 130 GAITHER DRIVE, BLOCK 1201.07, LOT
1.04, SP#6818B

Township Clerk read Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #72-2016: Councilman Riley, 2nd Councilman Van Noord
Roll Call 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION #73-2016: 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 #73-2016: Councilman Van Noord, 2nd Councilman Riley
Roll Call 4 yes votes; Councilman Keenan abstained.

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE #2-2016: AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT
LAUREL, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING
AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 154 ("ZONING") OF THE MOUNT LAUREL
TOWNSHIP CODE

Clerk read Ordinance as entitled.

Mayor opened public participation.

None.

Mayor closed public participation.

Motion to move Ordinance #2-2016: Councilman Keenan, 2nd Councilman Riley
Roll Call 5 yes votes with Planning Board changes.

NEW ITEMS

- A. OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT- Mayor had manager send letter to current OEM coordinator as his time is expiring. Rice Notice given to Rich Tremper. Mr. Tremper chose for this to be out in the public. It was explained the funding for the grant was cut in half that was used for OEM. Councilman Keenan asked the Manager if they wanted to keep current salary could they just budget for the salary in the 2016 budget. Mayor Bobo stated OEM is a difficult job that Fran made look easy. The Mayor expressed she feels his social media posts inappropriate. Mayor Bobo wants someone else appointed. Facebook comments posted about manager inappropriate. Mr. Prime read the policy in handbook

about social media. Councilman Keenan wants to know about performance. Councilman Keenan asked Mr. Tremper multiple questions. Mr. Tremper requested laptop and was never provided one. He was told to use desktop computer. Mr. Tremper explained about phones being down in the OEM center. Mr. Tremper also explained that he did not take online training by deadline because he wanted to attend the in person training. The snow storm and OEM was discussed. Mr. Tremper explained he was the only person in the OEM center during the storm.

- B. CROSS RIVER FIBER – Attorney Prime explained public right of way. Will have resolution ready for next meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Pat Halbe, 2101 Denham Court - Manager for 12 years. Department heads are being driven out because of micro management. No support wasn't wanted by manager. Tremper is qualified.

Fran Pagurek, 11 Victoria Court – Need to guide employees to make them better.

Rich Tremper, 3905 Saxony Drive – No evaluation 17 & 18 in handbook. No 30 or 60 day review. Not allowed to do anything. No cooperation. All notices must go through Police Department. Does not have vehicle for emergencies. No township shirt or business cards. Salary cut. Not asked to attend department head meetings. No feedback from Zoning Board or Planning Board. Runs EMT training on Monday nights. Thanked everyone who supports him.

Aaron, 46 Chaucer Lane, Medford – Mr. Tremper is a lead instructor. He is obligated to EMT training.

Edward Bennett, 44 Allegany Lane, Bordentown Township – Oldest student in Mr. Tremper's Class. He goes above and beyond. Give Tremper a shot.

Brian Robertson, former resident, Delran – supports Tremper. Consider his qualifications. There is a learning curve on both sides.

Annete Tremper, 3905 Saxony Drive – Supports husband. He should not be judged by facebook. Five months frustrated with job but loves his job. He needs another chance and consider his background.

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL

Councilman Keenan – Thanked everyone for coming out. First time having Rice Notice in public. Did not see facebook posting and will not judge Rich Tremper on that. He will be judged by his credentials. Three year appointment. Impressed by people who came out. Happy Easter and/or Passover.

Councilman Van Noord – Will give Rich every consideration. Enjoy Easter.

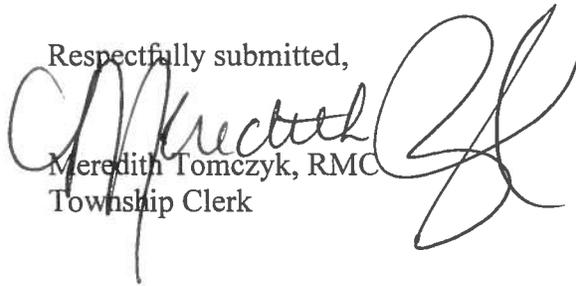
Deputy Mayor Edelson – Wants to see rules and regulations of OEM office and handbook of employees. Learned a lot tonight. Have a good Easter.

Councilman Riley – Personally thanks everyone who spoke tonight on Rich's behalf. Thanked first responders. Everyone makes mistakes. All human. Happy Easter.

Mayor Bobo – Thanked everyone for coming out. No easy to do evaluations.

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

Respectfully submitted,


Meredith Tomczyk, RMC
Township Clerk