



MINUTES

Mount Holly Township Council Meeting
17 Pine Street, Mount Holly, New Jersey
Monday February 10, 2025
6:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER @ 6:00 p.m.
2. ROLL CALL – **Ms. Astor, Ms. Burkus, Mr. DiFolco and Mr. Banks were present. Mr. Brown was absent.**
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – **The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.**
4. MOMENT OF SILENCE – **A moment of silence was observed.**
5. VERIFICATION OF NOTICE

This meeting is being held pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act of 1974 and all provisions of that Act have been met with adequate notice of this meeting having been published in the Township's two official newspapers on January 12, 2025, published on the Township's website and posted on the official Township bulletin board.

Ms. Marnell read the notice into the record.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

Proclamation for Ted Jalkiewicz - **Mayor Banks presented Mr. Jalkiewicz with a proclamation for his service to the Township.**

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) January 6, 2025 Reorganization Meeting
- b) January 27, 2025 Executive Session
- b) January 27, 2025 Council Meeting

Motion made by **Mr. DiFolco**, seconded by **Ms. Burkus**.

Roll Call: Astor, Brown, Burkus, DiFolco, Banks Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0

8. ORDINANCE(S) – SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

a) Ordinance 2025-3: Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank per N.J.S.A 40:4-45.14

Motion made by Mr. DiFolco, seconded by Ms. Astor.

Roll Call: Astor, Brown, Burkus, DiFolco, Banks Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0

9. MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY PUBLIC

Members of the public are invited to submit comments during the public comment portion of this meeting. The Council, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act will not publicly discuss personnel matters and may choose not to respond to comments made by members of the public during this portion of the meeting; however, the Council will give all comments appropriate consideration and will refer all individual complaints to the Township Manager or appropriate Township Representative for resolution. Each citizen will be allotted up to three (3) minutes to speak, in order to allow everyone an opportunity to express their opinions or concerns.

Luis Lopez of Levis Drive expressed his appreciation for the EMS works who assisted his mother, asked about the Shoestring and asked for the public speaking to be increased from 3 to 5 minutes.

Nick Sodano of Garden Street thanked Council for the microphones. Asked about a truck ban on Garden Street and if eminent domain would be used at the hospital site.

Jeff Eversmyer of Broad St asked about homes in hospital zone and why the historic preservation committee was lost.

Maureen Ford of Branch Street thanked Council for the microphones, asked about incorporating a form on the website with the tax seminar.

David Villava of Rancocas Road asked about his application to the historic commission

Casey Carty of Mill Street expressed her sorrow over Resolution 2025-29.

10. CONSENT AGENDA

"All items listed with an asterisk (*) are considered routine by Council and will be enacted by one motion. Should a Council member wish to discuss a consent agenda item separately, that item can be removed from the consent agenda and considered in its normal sequence.

- a) *Resolution No. 2025-39: Resolution to Transfer Appropriation Reserves
- b) *Resolution No. 2025-40: Resolution Approving Transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 0323-33-009-011 from WDG Holdings (Dempster's Sports Bar) to Gallagher's Taproom, LLC.
- c) *Approval of Bill List
- d) *Approval of Department Head Reports
 - i. Clerk (January)
 - ii. Tax (January)
 - iii. Vital (January)

Motion made by Mr. DiFolco, seconded by Ms. Astor.

Roll Call: Astor, Brown, Burkus, DiFolco, Banks Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0

11. MATTERS TO BE REPORTED BY TOWNSHIP MANAGER - Nothing to report.

12. MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR – Nothing to report.

13. MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY COUNCIL

Ms. Burkus thanked everyone for coming. Asked about an overlay map for the hospital project, a letter about historic commission and thanked Ms. Carty.

Ms. Astor – thanked everyone for coming. Asked Mr. Villava when he submitted his application, inquired about the Historic Preservation Ordinance, thanked Mr. Jalkiewicz for his service and mentioned the St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 1.

Mr. DiFolco stated that all applications already submitted will be considered and applications can be submitted at any time.

Mr. Banks stated that he started meeting with applicants for the Historic Commission and addressed the Resolution with Ms. Carty.

14. ADJOURNMENT @ 6:45 p.m.

Motion made by Mr. DiFolco, seconded by Ms. Astor.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Sherry Marnell
Township Clerk

Chris Banks
Mayor