

MONTCLAIR, NEW JERSEY

December 2, 2014

The Council of the Township of Montclair, in the County of Essex, met in the First Floor Council Chamber in the Municipal Building, 205 Claremont Avenue, for a Conference meeting at 6:30 P.M.

STATEMENT OF SUNSHINE NOTICE
ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Jackson, Deputy Mayor Russo, Councilors Baskerville, Hurlock, McMahon, Schlager,
Absent: Spiller

NEW BUSINESS – RESOLUTIONS

On motion made by Deputy Mayor Russo and duly seconded, the resolution was adopted by unanimous vote:

Whereas, the Township of Montclair, is a party to a cooperative purchasing agreement with the Essex County Cooperative Pricing System, a cooperative purchasing program organized pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-10; and

Whereas, The Local Public Contracts Law authorizes a municipality to acquire goods and services through a duly-formed cooperative purchasing system without advertising for bids; and

Whereas, the Township of Montclair intends to enter into contract with Morton Salt, Inc. through this resolution and properly executed contracts, which shall be subject to all the conditions applicable to the current Essex County contracts; and

Whereas, the Essex County Cooperative Pricing System has awarded a contract to Morton Salt, Inc. for the acquisition of Rock Salt; and

Whereas, the procurement of goods and services through a cooperative purchasing program is an “open and fair process” under the New Jersey Pay to Play Law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 et seq.; now therefore

Be It Resolved, by the Council of the Township of Montclair, in the County of Essex, that the Township enter into an agreement with Morton Salt, Inc. for the acquisition of Rock Salt.

Be It Further Resolved, that the funds for this acquisition have been appropriated in the 2014 Operating Budget. **(R-14-179)**

On motion made by Councilor Hurlock and duly seconded, the resolution was adopted by unanimous vote:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Township of Montclair, in the County of Essex, that Timothy F. Stafford, Esq., Township Manager, be and he is hereby authorized to execute Treatment Works Approval Permit Application for the Township of Montclair. **(R-14-180)**

On motion made by Councilor Schlager and duly seconded, the resolution was adopted by unanimous vote:

Whereas, impaired drivers on our nation’s roads kill more than 10,000 people each year and cost our society more than \$37 billion annually; and

Whereas, 22% of motor vehicle fatalities in New Jersey in 2013 were alcohol-related; and

Whereas, an enforcement crackdown is planned to combat impaired driving; and

Whereas, the season at the end of the year is traditionally a time of social gatherings which often include alcohol; and

Whereas, the State of New Jersey, Division of Highway Traffic Safety, has asked law enforcement agencies throughout the state to participate in the *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Year End Holiday Crackdown*; and

Whereas, the project will involve increased impaired driving enforcement from December 5, 2014 through January 2, 2015; and

Whereas, an increase in impaired driving enforcement and a reduction in impaired driving will save lives on our roadways; now therefore

Be It Resolved that the Township of Montclair declares its support for the *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over 2014 Year End Holiday Crackdown* from December 5, 2014 through January 2, 2015 and pledges to increase awareness of the dangers of drinking and driving. **(R-14-181)**

CDBG Hearing:

Janice Talley, Director of Planning and Community Development presented the 2015 Municipal Requests:

Orange Road work: \$155,000

ADA Improvement to Edgemont Shelter House: \$26,000

2015 CDBG Proposals – from outside agencies

Organization	Description	2014 Amount Received	2015 Amount Requested	
Counseling Outreach Prevention Education (COPE)	Families Empowered Program - Specialized Services for children and families to provide counseling program to very low income Montclair residents. 500 Montclair low-income persons served	\$21,000	\$39,500	Bruce Stransky
Succeed2Gether (formerly Blue Wave Public Interest Foundation)		\$21,000	\$65,000	Marcia Marley
Homes of Montclair Ecumenical Corporation (HOMECorp)	Funding for the Housing, Opportunity, Preparation and Education Program (HOPE), a financial literacy program. Expect to serve 583 people.	\$12,500	\$25,000	Beverly Riddick
Montclair Neighborhood Development Corporation (MNDC)	Project Oasis Youth Program, Project Life Entrepreneur Program and Summer Employment Program. Expect to serve 165 Montclair youth.	\$21,000	\$40,660	
Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN)	Home for Good Program – support services to 6 families/26 individuals	\$21,000	\$32,500	Emma Justice and Brenda Myrick
United Way	Family Success Center – Job resource and skill building center. 165 new people served.	\$12,500	\$13,500	Peter Keating
Start Out Fresh Intervention Advocates	Soar to Success Program – self-esteem and motivational empowerment workshops. 150-200 individuals.	\$12,731	\$39,900	Cynthia Walker
Jazz House Kids	Need-based tuition assistance to 13 students	\$0	\$19,500	Melissa Walker
Montclair Child Development Center	Replace carpeting with vinyl flooring and area rugs, upgrade interior doors and replace lighting.	\$0	\$49,202.98	Tonya Poteat
Human Needs Food Pantry	Replace failing EIFS façade with new stucco	\$0	\$87,790	Warren Ross
Total		\$ 121,731	\$ 412,553	

Receive: Surrogate Judge Theodore N. Stephens, II

Judge Stephens explained the role of the Surrogate Court including:

- Probates wills and estates
- Monitors guardianships and guardianship fund
- Processes adoptions
- Monitors power of attorney applications

He noted that individuals can now make appointments to visit his office. A satellite office will open at Codey Arena shortly. Information is available at: www.essexsurrogate.com.

Mayor Jackson thanked Judge Stephens for “making his office come alive.”

PUBLIC COMMENT

Serge Demefack, 5 William Street, reported that his group continues to work on a proposal to create a Frog Hollow Museum and Cultural Center.

William Scott, member of the Montclair Housing Commission spoke in favor of a proposed resolution regarding HOME Corp development of six duplex units at 127 Valley Road at a total cost of \$1.85 million.

Tony Schuman reiterated support for HOME Corp’s program; however he expressed concern regarding the need for a “higher impact” affordable housing plan with the municipality.

Beverly Riddick, HOME Corp Director, explained that these homes will become available to individuals on the Township’s affordable housing waiting list.

Preview December 9, 2014 regular meeting items: Acting Township Manager, Timothy Stafford

1. Proclamation celebrating Matthew G. Carter Apartments’ 35th Anniversary
2. Proclamation commending retired Fire Chief Kevin K. Allen
3. Hearing on Ordinance to amend the Management 2014 Salary Ordinance - non-union personnel (O_14_048)
4. Hearing on Ordinance amending Montclair Code Chapter 341-2 – Water Rates for Fire Lines (O_14_049)
5. Hearing on Ordinance amending Montclair Code Chapter 341-10.1 – Water Connection Fees (O_14_050)
6. Resolution authorizing disbursement of funds from the Montclair Housing Trust Fund of Homes of Montclair Ecumenical Corporation (“HOME Corp”) for the purchase and construction of six affordable units at 127 Valley Road
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8. Resolution declaring an emergency and directing that Ordinance 14_048 take effect immediately
9. Proclamation congratulating Rotary honoree
10. Proclamation authorizing MHS Girls Soccer Team
11. Resolution authorizing transfer of funds
12. Bill Resolution

Linda S. Wanat, Municipal Clerk presented a current Boards, Committees and Commissions list indicating all open positions. She also noted that the New Jersey Senate recently passed the early voting bill. Ms. Wanat noted the passing of John Helms, a lifelong supporter of the Montclair community.

Ira Karasick, Township Attorney, reported that the New Jersey Supreme Court will hear the case of Grabowsky vs. Township of Montclair on December 3rd. A decision should be available in approximately six weeks.

Mayor Jackson recently spoke with members of Montclair High School Civics and Government class who indicated their interest in servicing on Township Boards, Commissions, and Committees.

Councilor Baskerville presented a request from residents of Cambridge Road asking the Police and Fire Department to conduct a survey to determine the safety and accessibility of this thoroughfare.

At 8:32 P.M. on motion made by Mayor Jackson and duly seconded, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote.


LINDA S. WANAT, MUNICIPAL CLERK

ATTEST:



ROBERT JACKSON

MAYOR