

.MONTCLAIR, NEW JERSEY

February 2, 2016

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 7:01 P.M.

STATEMENT OF SUNSHINE NOTICE  
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE  
ROLL CALL

Present: Councilors Baskerville, Hurlock, McMahon, Deputy Mayor Russo, Schlager, Spiller and Mayor Jackson  
Absent: None

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On motion made by Mayor Jackson and duly seconded, the minutes of January 19, 2015, were approved by the following votes:

Ayes: Baskerville, Hurlock, Deputy Mayor Russo, Schlager, Spiller and Mayor Jackson  
Abs: Councilor McMahon

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Rich Galoto, Bloomfield, New Jersey, asked if the Township had lifted the ban on the use of leaf blowers. He challenged the fact that Township employees and/or Township contractors are still allowed to use leaf blowers while private contractors cannot.

Sandy Sorkin, 3 Marquette Road, questioned several bill list items.

Bill Beren, 98 Gordonhurst Avenue congratulated the Township on a successful snow removal effort. However, he emphasized that plowing should be performed “curb to curb.” He also suggested that the municipality develop a strategy when closing streets to provide a practical by-pass solution.

PRESENTATION:

Meadowlink: Guest Dr. Katie York, Lifelong Montclair Project Director

Dr. York presented a proposal for Council consideration OF Meadowlink, a senior transportation service. She outlined the following benefits of this non-profit, public private partnership transportation program.

- Public-Private Partnership
  - Non-profit organization
  - Donations from community organizations could offset costs
  - Essex County, NJ Transit & NJDOT are on the Meadowlink Board
- Experience
  - Transport about 2,000 riders daily
  - Meadowlink will handle customer service and field complaints
  - Analysis of route by transit professionals
  - Prior experience in senior bus operation and oversight
- Safety
  - Onboard cameras
  - GPS
  - Onboard tablet computer
  - How’s my Driving hotline
  - Extensive driver screening and training
  - Insurance of \$5 Million
- Reliability
  - All buses less than 5 years old
  - Backup buses
  - Backup drivers
  - Maintenance – Vehicles are inspected by NJDOT

Councilor Baskerville suggested that the Council liaisons to the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee review the parameters of this proposal with that group and report back to the full Council.

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ORDINANCES – SECOND READING/ADOPTION

The pending ordinance entitled: “ORDINANCE AMENDING MONTCLAIR CODE CHAPTER 327 - EMERGENCY NO PARKING” (O-16-005) passed first reading January 19, 2016 and upon second reading the title thereof was read by the Clerk who then reported that it had been published and posted and copies had been made available to the public as required by law and that an affidavit to that effect was in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

Mayor Jackson asked whether anyone present wished to address the Councilors regarding the proposed ordinance.

Being no one wishing to be heard, Mayor Jackson closed the hearing.

On motion made by Mayor Jackson and duly seconded, the ordinance was adopted by unanimous.

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NEW BUSINESS – RESOLUTIONS

On motion made by Mayor Jackson and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted by unanimous vote.

WHEREAS, on February 2, 2016 the Township Council adopted Ordinance 16-005; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:69A-181(b) provides that the governing body of a municipality may adopt a resolution declaring an emergency and providing for any duly-adopted ordinance to take effect less than twenty days after final passage; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council finds and declares that an emergency exists; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Township of Montclair, in the County of Essex, that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:69A-181(b), Ordinance 16-005 adopted February 2, 2016 shall take effect immediately upon adoption of this Resolution. (R-16-029)

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On motion made by Mayor Jackson and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted by unanimous vote.

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the Township to engage a municipal engineering firm to perform professional engineering services in connection with the Township’s monitoring of its water system for the year 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1) (a) (i), authorizes the Township to enter into contracts for professional services without competitive bidding; and

WHEREAS, this contract is being awarded in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 et seq. applicable to non-fair and open contracts; and

WHEREAS, SUBURBAN CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC. has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification certifying that it has not made any reportable contributions to any political or candidate committee in the Township of Montclair in the previous one year period, and the subject contract will prohibit said corporation from making any reportable contributions during the term of this contract; and

WHEREAS, the funds for this contract have been appropriated in the following budget account:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Consultant & Contractual Services	6-06-55-502-502-236	\$49,500.00

now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Township of Montclair, in the County of Essex, that the Township enter into a Professional Services Agreement with SUBURBAN CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC. to provide professional engineering services in order to prepare an interactive model of the Township’s water system, to facilitate, among other things, the monitoring of unregulated contaminants, for an amount not to exceed \$49,500.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the said Agreement shall be completed at such date as specified in its terms, but no later than December 31, 2016; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Manager is authorized to prepare and execute said Agreement, subject to approval by the Township Attorney; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that notice shall be published in the Montclair Times stating the nature, duration, service and amount of the attached agreement and that copies of this Resolution and the agreement are on file and available for inspection in the office of the Township Clerk. **(R-16-030)**

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On motion made by Mayor Jackson and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted by unanimous vote.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Township of Montclair, in the County of Essex, that subject to compliance by the licensees with the provisions of R.S. 33:1-25, the Municipal Clerk be and she hereby is authorized to issue Plenary Retail Alcoholic Beverage Consumption License, terminating June 30, 2016 to the following:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>LOCATION OF LICENSED PREMISES</u>
RORRY INC. 0713-33-025-008	2 ERIE STREET, MONTCLAIR – INACTIVE

**(R-16-031)**

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On motion made by Mayor Jackson and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted by unanimous vote.

WHEREAS, a sustainable community seeks to optimize quality of life for its residents by ensuring that its environmental, economic and social objectives are balanced and mutually supportive; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Montclair strives to save tax dollars, assure clean land, air and water, improve working and living environments; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Montclair participates in the Sustainable Jersey Program; and

WHEREAS, one of the purposes of the Sustainable Jersey Program is to provide resources to municipalities to make progress on sustainability issues, and they have created a grant program called the Sustainable Jersey Small Grants Program; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Township of Montclair has determined that the Sustainable Montclair Green Team should apply for the aforementioned Grant; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that Township Council of Montclair, State of New Jersey, authorizes the submission of the aforementioned Sustainable Jersey Grant application. **(R-16-032)**

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On motion made by Mayor Jackson and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted by unanimous vote.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Township of Montclair, in the County of Essex, that CAROLYN SIKES - REGULAR MEMBER and KATHI DRAGOS - NUTLEY LIAISON be and they hereby are APPOINTED to serve as a members of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee for a term commencing immediately and terminating December 31, 2018. **(R-16-033)**

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On motion made by Mayor Jackson and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted by unanimous vote.

WHEREAS, the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq. (the “LRHL”) authorizes municipalities to determine whether certain parcels of land in the municipality constitute areas in need of rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the LRHL, the Council of the Township of Montclair (the “Township Council”) has decided to conduct an investigation to determine whether Block 3106, Lot 10 (398-408 Bloomfield Avenue) in the Township of Montclair, in the County of Essex (“the Property”) should be designated as an area in need of rehabilitation in accordance with the criteria set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-14; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-14 provides that prior to the adoption of a resolution designating property as an area in need of rehabilitation, the Township Council must first submit a copy of the proposed resolution to the Planning Board for its review and recommendation; and

WHEREAS, a copy of the proposed resolution designating the Property as an area in need of rehabilitation is attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Township of Montclair, in the County of Essex, as follows:

- 1. Transmittal of Attachment to Planning Board for Review. The Township Council hereby directs that the Township Clerk transmit a copy of this Resolution, the proposed Resolution designating the Property as an area in need of rehabilitation, and the Director of Utilities Memorandum dated May 14, 2014 to the Township Manager and Council for its review and recommendations pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-14.
- 2. Effective Date. This resolution shall take place immediately. **(R-16-034)**

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Township of Montclair, in the County of Essex, that said bills be and they are hereby ordered paid and that warrants be drawn on the Treasurer to the order of such person for the amount respectively as hereinafter stated to wit: **\$907,835.15**

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COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Baskerville expressed concern regarding homeless individuals congregating at the Bay Street Deck. She asked what steps could be taken to address this matter.

Councilor McMahon announced the annual Montclair Ambulance Unit St. Patrick’s Day Benefit celebration which will honor Judy and Josh Weston on March 5.

Councilor Hurlock announced that his First Ward Community meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 3, at the Bellevue Avenue Branch library.

Councilor Schlager reported a “great parking experience” today at a spanking new Township parking meter.

Deputy Mayor Russo and his wife also appreciated the installation of new meters throughout the Township.

Mayor Jackson congratulated the Montclair High School girl’s track team on an outstanding record.

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At 8:40 P.M. on motion made by Mayor Jackson and duly seconded, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote.

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ROBERT JACKSON                      MAYOR

ATTEST:

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LINDA S. WANAT, MUNICIPAL CLERK