

TOWNSHIP OF MOORESTOWN
TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
OFFICIAL ACTION MEETING

March 24, 2025

(This meeting was held in-person and virtually/telephonically)

The Regular Meeting of the Moorestown Township Council was called to order by Mayor Law at 7:01 p.m. at Town Hall, Council Chamber, 111 West Second Street, Moorestown. Attendance was as follows:

Quinton Law, Mayor
Sue Mammarella, Deputy Mayor
James Barry, Councilmember
Nicole Gillespie, Councilmember
Christopher Keating, Councilmember

Kevin E. Aberant, Township Manager
Patricia L. Hunt, Township Clerk
Douglas Heinold, Township Solicitor

CALL TO ORDER: At 7:01 p.m., Mayor Law read the Open Public Meetings Act statement in full, as printed on the agenda.

MAYOR'S STATEMENT

"Notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act" by:

1. Posting a copy of the agenda on the bulletin board at the Municipal Complex.
2. Filing a copy of the agenda in the office of the Township Clerk at the Municipal Complex.
3. Emailing a copy of the agenda to the Burlington County Times and Courier Post.
4. Forwarding written notice to each person who has requested copies of the regular meeting schedule.

All of the above posting, filing and mailing have taken place on March 21, 2025.

MOMENT OF SILENCE AND FLAG SALUTE: The Official Action meeting began with a moment of silence and flag salute.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Hunt took roll call; all were present.

PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS: Proclamation – International Day of Transgender Visibility: Mayor Law, joined by a group of people, thanked the group for bringing this day to Council's attention. He said one of the reasons he ran for Council is for things like this which promote a safe, protected and inclusive community. He read the proclamation aloud. A member of the group thanked all and stated that visibility and education are the tools they use as they combat hatred and bigotry. The member thanked all for standing with them. Mayor Law thanked the members of the Better Together Advisory Committee for being a source that exists to help make Moorestown a more inclusive community.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS every March 31st marks International Day of Transgender Visibility, a day to recognize and center the voices and contributions of our gender diverse community of Transgender, Two Spirit, Non-Binary, and Intersex people in Moorestown, and

WHEREAS all Americans have the right to self-determination, adequate healthcare, and comprehensive free public education so that we all may live our life as our truest selves, and

WHEREAS this day is dedicated to celebrating the accomplishments and victories of our gender expansive community, while raising awareness of the work that still needs to be done to address anti-transgender violence and become a truly equitable community, and

WHEREAS our transgender and gender diverse community members deserve love, respect, and a safe place to not just survive, but to thrive and Moorestown is dedicated to doing its part to make this a reality, and

WHEREAS everyone should use this day to raise awareness around discrimination and violence that trans people still face, while also showcasing the beauty and power of visibility and pride, our work does not stop when March 31st ends; we must continue to uplift positive, authentic voices from the transgender community all year long and do our part to ensure their safety.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Township Council proclaims March 31, 2025 as Transgender Day of Visibility in the Township of Moorestown and with this proclamation affirms that all transgender people in our community are heard, loved, and belong, and the Township will continue its commitment to advocating for transgender expansive rights not just on March 31st but all year long.

Given, under my hand and the Seal of the Township of Moorestown this 24th day of March Two Thousand Twenty Five. Quinton Law, Mayor

Proclamation – Honoring the Heroic Service of First Lieutenant Maryann Perkins: Mayor Law and Deputy Mayor Mammarella presented the following proclamation earlier this evening at 6 p.m. at the library. Mayor Law commended her for her service.

PROCLAMATION
Honoring the Heroic Service of
First Lieutenant Maryann Perkins

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Perkins selflessly gave of herself and displayed dedication and devotion to her family and friends, her country, state and surrounding community; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Perkins served as an army nurse in the Peoples Republic of Vietnam from 1967 to 1969, was a member of the Ninety First Evac Squadron in Tuyhoe, Vietnam, as well as the 36th Evac Squadron in Vungtag, Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, the Evac Squadrons played a critical role in treating and transporting injured soldiers from the frontlines; and

WHEREAS, the dedication and sacrifices which Lieutenant Perkins made will never be forgotten; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Moorestown wishes to convey its respect and recognition to all of those who have faced opposition in the name of freedom not only for our country, but around the world; and

WHEREAS, the significance of what the men and women of the armed forces have provided for the citizens of this nation should never be understated; and

WHEREAS, we will never forget all of the valiant men and women who still are risking their lives, forging their own freedom and happiness, in order to allow us to safely enjoy our liberty.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Moorestown, hereby honors and extends its deepest gratitude for the heroic service of Lieutenant Perkins in recognition of her courageous military service

Given, under my hand and the Seal of the Township of Moorestown this 24th day of March Two Thousand Twenty Five. Quinton Law, Mayor

DISCUSSION:

Reports from Council:

Mr. Barry advised he was unable to attend the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting. He thanked all those that came out to the listening session held by himself and the Mayor.

Mr. Keating advised there have been no meetings. The Low-and-Moderate Income Oversight Committee meets on Wednesday.

Ms. Gillespie advised that the Economic Development Advisory Committee meets tomorrow. The committee appointed a subcommittee to study parking on Main Street. Ms. Gillespie invited all to attend the upcoming Human Library on April 6 at the Library. She commended the event.

Ms. Mammarella advised she could not attend the Appearance Committee meeting. The committee chose the recipient of the Arbor Day Award. She advised of all the happenings with Sustainable Moorestown. She advised that she attended a dark skies event on how to combat light pollution.

Mayor Law advised that he and Mr. Barry held a listening session last Wednesday. He advised that he will be attending the Save the Environment Moorestown (STEM) meeting at the Community House and the Fraternal Order of Police Retirement Dinner. Mayor Law advised that he has been encouraging residents to sign up for the MooreNews(letter) to keep updated on the watermain project. The 1000th person to sign up will receive a gift certificate to Cock-a-doodle-Dans. He complimented Ms. Flynn for maintaining and updating the site.

Upcoming Meeting(s): Mayor Gillespie read the upcoming meetings aloud.
April 7, 2025 – 7:00 p.m. (Official Action)
April 28, 2025 – 7:00 p.m. (Official Action)

Agenda Updates: None.

Adopting Consent Agenda Resolution No. CA 03 24 2025: Mayor Law asked for a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda.

MOTIONED BY: Mr. Keating
SECONDED BY: Ms. Gillespie
ABSENT: None
VOTE: All in favor

RESOLUTION APPROVING CONSENT AGENDA CA 03 24 2025

WHEREAS, Consent Agendas include routine items of business which are not controversial; do not require individual discussion; and are voted upon as one item by the Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, any item may be removed from the Consent Agenda by the request of any Council Member; and

WHEREAS, if so removed, said item(s) will be treated as a separate matter(s); and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has reviewed the Consent Agenda and determined that the matters listed are matters which require official action; but do not require further deliberation or discussion.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Moorestown, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, that it hereby:

- ___x___ a. Approves the Consent Agenda as written on the agenda.
_____ b. Approves the Consent Agenda as written with the exception of the following:
_____ c. Requests that all matters on the Consent Agenda be handled separately.

Confirming Bid Specifications for Proposed Shopping Mall Liquor Licenses: As a follow-up to the last meeting, Mr. Aberant advised that the State has not issued any shopping mall licenses; two towns have gone out to bid; one town received bids (for all four licenses at \$250,000 each); the other town did not receive any bids. He asked Council: what it would like the minimum bid to be (\$250,000 is minimum by statute); does Council want to bid out one or both licenses; what the amount of the good faith deposit will be. A brief discussion ensued. In closing Council advised: \$500,000 minimum bid; sale of one license via historical method; and a twenty-five percent of bid amount good faith deposit.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Mr. Aberant reported:

Striping on Flynn Avenue is complete. A traffic study on Locust Street will be placed on the study list. Discussion on speed humps was held. Mr. Aberant advised that there are a total of seven humps on six streets throughout town; the cost is approximately \$5,000 a hump.

It is expected that authorization to purchase the bandshell for the Town Green will be on the next agenda.

He and Mr. Lloyd attended a meeting regarding the extension of Burlington County trails. He advised that the County is working on the Rancocas Creek greenway trail to include towns not served up to this point. He advised that he would provide Council with a copy of the concept plan later. The project would be a benefit to the Township; it will provide additional connection and recreational opportunities.

Staff has been working on the budget and crunching numbers. There are some costs that are out of the Township's control such as trash collection, PSE&G, health insurance, personnel increases and the library tax, all of which are being increased in cost. He hoped to have something to Council next week. He advised that it is intended that introduction will be on April 28 and adoption on June 2. He asked Council to let him know regarding a budget workshop date.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING: The Township Manager read Ordinance 5-2025, on second reading, by title.

5-2025 AMENDING CHAPTER 46 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOORESTOWN ENTITLED "ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES" TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE AND REGULATION OF SHOPPING MALL LICENSES

Mayor Law opened the public hearing. There were no comments.

Mayor Law asked for a motion to close the public hearing.

MOTIONED BY: Ms. Mammarella
SECONDED BY: Ms. Gillespie
ABSENT: None
VOTE: All in favor

Mayor Law asked for discussion by Council. There was none.

Mayor Law asked for a motion to adopt the ordinance on second reading.

MOTIONED BY: Mr. Keating
SECONDED BY: Ms. Mammarella
ABSENT: None
ROLL CALL VOTE: All in favor

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING: The Township Manager read Ordinance 6-2025, on first reading by title. He provided a brief explanation.

6-2025 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP CODE TO CREATE CHAPTER 96 GOVERNING “HISTORIC PRESERVATION” AND TO AMEND CHAPTER 6-45.1 GOVERNING “APPEARANCE COMMITTEE”

Mayor Law asked for discussion or a motion to introduce the ordinance on first reading and set the public hearing date for April 7, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

MOTIONED BY: Ms. Mammarella
SECONDED BY: Ms. Gillespie
ABSENT: None
ROLL CALL VOTE: All in favor

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS: The Township Manager read the consent agenda resolutions by title. He advised that the minimum bid for the shopping mall liquor license is \$500,000 and Council is only proposing to issue one license.

104-2025 AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF WATER AND SEWER CHARGES DUE TO A MISREAD OR TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR

105-2025 AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL AND REFUND 1ST (PARTIAL) QUARTER PROPERTY TAXES AND CANCEL 2ND, 3RD, AND 4TH QUARTER PROPERTY TAXES FOR A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN EXEMPTION (509 SENTINEL ROAD)

106-2025 ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF PATRICIA MCGLONE FROM THE RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

107-2025 AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FROM THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND FOR SERVICES RECEIVED IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A HOUSING PLAN FOR MOORESTOWN TOWNSHIP, BURLINGTON COUNTY (RAYMOND COLEMAN HEINOLD)

108-2025 AUTHORIZING THE CLOSING OF ROADS IN MOORESTOWN FOR COMMUNITY EVENTS

109-2025 AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF UP TO TWO (2) SHOPPING MALL LICENSES WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF MOORESTOWN AND SETTING FORTH THE CRITERIA FOR APPLICATION FOR SUCH LICENSE

110-2025 AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE 2025 TEMPORARY BUDGET

111-2025 APPROVING A COMMUNITY EVENT FOR “DAFFODIL DAY” ON MAIN STREET (BETWEEN CHURCH STREET AND CHESTER AVENUE) SPONSORED BY THE MOORESTOWN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

112-2025 AWARDING A CONTRACT TO BRIGHTVIEW LANDSCAPES, LLC FOR LAWN MAINTENANCE AND LANDSCAPE SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$79,975

113-2025 AUTHORIZING AN EMERGENCY PURCHASE CONTRACT AND PAYMENT IN THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$256,000 FOR TWO CARBON FILTER EXCHANGES AT THE NORTH CHURCH STREET WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Mayor Law opened the floor for public comment. There were no comments.

Mayor Law asked for discussion by Council. There was none.

Mayor Law asked for a motion to adopt the resolutions.

MOTIONED BY: Ms. Gillespie
SECONDED BY: Mr. Barry
ABSENT: None
ROLL CALL VOTE: All in favor

MINUTES: None.

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES: Mayor Law asked for comment or a motion to approve the bill list.

MOTIONED BY: Ms. Mammarella
SECONDED BY: Mr. Gillespie
ABSENT: None
ROLL CALL VOTE: All in favor

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC (Items listed on and/or off the Agenda):

Eugene Veger, 443 Locust Street, said he contacted the Township last June about the railroad crossing on Locust Street; the issue was fixed quickly. He now has a concern with the stop sign at Locust Street, Church Street and Maple Avenue (poor visibility). He asked if a streetlight could be installed. Discussion was held. In closing, Mayor Law asked Mr. Veger to forward to him the email from the State indicating that the town can initiate the request for a traffic light with State, so that he may forward same to the County to initiate action, since it is a county road.

Erin Gill, 2 West Walnut Avenue, advised that the stormwater pipe in her front yard is still failing; there are sinkholes every several feet beginning at the connection. She provided a history of her communications with the Township over this (still unresolved) matter. She noted the Township's ordinance that dictates property owners are responsible for the water pipes on their property and if they fail to repair any deficiencies in a prescribed timeframe, the Township will fix it, and the property owner will be responsible for the cost.

She stated that she has been waiting for six years for the Township to fix its pipe on her property. She said she has had her driveway repaired and now it is starting to sink again. She asked for a timeframe. Mr. Lloyd advised that the project is scheduled to be completed along with the 2025 Road Overlay Program. Mr. Lloyd explained that scheduling it with the overall project is the most cost-effective way to get the work done. The contractor will be asked to prioritize her property. She advised that the town's stormwater brings trash into her yard; she asked that it be properly maintained. In closing, Ms. Gill agreed with Mr. Veger's concerns about the intersection, noting, same is a worthwhile initiative. Mayor Law agreed and said the Township will reach out to the County.

Joe McGuire, 266 West Third Street, Planning Board member, asked questions about section 96-7 of the Historic Preservation ordinance. He expressed his concerns. The matter was discussed. In closing, Mr. Heinold assured him there would be no conflicts. Mr. McGuire agreed that traffic calming measures should be taken on Locust Street.

CLOSING COMMENTS BY COUNCIL:

Mr. Barry advised that the Recreation Advisory Committee meets in two weeks.

Mr. Keating expressed his concern about the number of accidents that are occurring (based on reports that come out each month). He said he would rather bear the cost for improvements instead of lives. He suggested sending a list of the top three or five problem areas to the County. He thanked all for coming out.

Ms. Gillespie echoed the sentiments on traffic safety; however, she also noted that Council has made a lot of progress on improving traffic safety over the years; and the number of police stops and citations issued have increased dramatically. She commended the Director of Police and Police Department.

Ms. Mammarella thanked all for coming out. She thanked Ms. Gill for her patience and hoped for a quick resolution of the situation. Ms. Mammarella expressed her excitement over having first reading on the historic preservation ordinance. She thanked all for their support.

Mayor Law thanked Ms. Gill for her patience and advocacy. He thanked all for tuning in and coming out. He wished Ms. Mammarella a happy birthday and thanked her for all she does for the Township.

CLOSED SESSION (IF NECESSARY) (RESOLUTION NO. CS 03 24 2025):

At 8:14 p.m. Mayor Law asked for a motion to adopt Resolution CS 03 24 2025 to enter into closed session for purposes of discussing Matters Relating to Collective Bargaining Agreements and Matters Relating to Litigation, Negotiations and the Attorney-Client Privileges (Potential Litigation).

MOTIONED BY: Ms. Gillespie
SECONDED BY: Ms. Mammarella
ABSENT: None
ROLL CALL VOTE: All in favor

**RESOLUTION NO. CS 03 24 2025
AUTHORIZING CLOSED SESSION**

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Moorestown is subject to certain requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J. S. A. 10:4-6, et seq., and

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A 10:4-12, provides that a Closed Session, not open to the public, may be held for certain specified purposes when authorized by Resolution, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Township Council of the Township of Moorestown to discuss in a session not open to the public certain matters relating to the item or items authorized by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b and designated below:

_____(1) Matters Required by Law to be Confidential: Any matter which, by express provision of Federal law or State statute or rule of court shall be rendered confidential or excluded from the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act.

_____(2) Matters Where the Release of Information Would Impair the Right to Receive Funds: Any matter in which the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the Government of the United States.

_____(3) Matters Involving Individual Privacy: Any material, the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy such as any records, data, reports, recommendations, or other personal material of any educational, training, social service, medical, health, custodial, child protection, rehabilitation, legal defense, welfare, housing, relocation, insurance and similar program or institution operated by a public body pertaining to any specific individual admitted to or served by such institution or program, including but not limited to, information relative to the individual's personal and family circumstances, and any material pertaining to admission, discharge, treatment, progress or condition of any individual, unless the individual concerned (or, in the case of a minor or incompetent, his guardian) shall request in writing that the same be disclosed publicly.

___X___ (4) Matters Relating to Collective Bargaining Agreements: Any collective bargaining agreement, or the terms and conditions which are proposed for inclusion in any collective bargaining agreement, including the negotiation of the terms and conditions thereof with employees or representatives of employees of the public body.

_____(5) Matters Relating to the Purchase, Lease or Acquisition of Real Property or the Investment of Public Funds: Any matter involving the purchase, lease or acquisition of real

property with public funds, the setting of banking rates or investment of public funds, where it could adversely affect the public interest if discussion of such matters were disclosed.

_____ (6) Matters Relating to Public Safety and Property: Any tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public, provided that their disclosure could impair such protection. Any investigations of violations or possible violations of the law.

X (7) Matters Relating to Litigation, Negotiations and the Attorney-Client Privileges: Any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation in which the public body is, or may become, a party. Any matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his ethical duties as a lawyer.

_____ (8) Matters Relating to the Employment Relationship: Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance of promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the public body, unless all the individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request in writing that such matter or matters be discussed at a public meeting.

_____ (9) Matters Relating to Potential Imposition of a Penalty: Any deliberations of a public body occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of a specific civil penalty upon the responding party or the suspension or loss of a license or permit belonging to the responding party bears responsibility.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Moorestown, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, assembled in public session, that a Closed Session closed to the public shall be held in the Town Hall, 111 West Second Street, Moorestown, New Jersey, for the discussion of matters relating to the specific items designated above.

It is anticipated that the deliberations conducted in closed session may be disclosed to the public upon the determination of the Township Council that the public interest will no longer be served by such confidentiality.

The Mayor advised that there will be no formal action when Council returns to the public. However, Council will return to the public session to adjourn; the public is welcomed to stay.

At 8:15 p.m., Council entered into closed session.

At 8:54 p.m., Council returned to the public meeting. Due to the sensitivity of the matters, Council had nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:54 p.m., there being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn.

MOTIONED BY: Ms. Gillespie
SECONDED BY: Mr. Barry
ABSENT: None
VOTE: All in favor

PATRICIA L. HUNT, RMC
Township Clerk