

## BOROUGH OF MEDFORD LAKES, NEW JERSEY

### REGULAR MEETING (7:00pm)

June 27, 2012

A scheduled Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Medford Lakes, New Jersey, was held on the above date in Oaks Hall at Municipal Cabin, 1 Cabin Circle, Medford Lakes, NJ 08055 beginning at 7:00pm. Following the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence (Council and the public observed a moment of silence to honor service men and women defending our country). Clerk Mark McIntosh read the Open Public Meetings Act: pursuant to the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this scheduled meeting had been provided to the Central Record, Burlington County Times, Courier Post, posted on the official website and official bulletin board of the Borough of Medford Lakes. Those wishing to be notified for changes to scheduled meetings were notified via email or regular mail.

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### ROLL CALL

Clerk Mark McIntosh called roll. Mayor Gregory C. Lackey, Deputy Mayor Thomas J. Cranston, Councilman Gary A. Miller, Councilman Jeffrey Fitzpatrick and Councilman Robert D. Hanold, Sr. answered in attendance. Also present were Manager Julie Horner – Keizer, Clerk Mark J. McIntosh, Councilman Elect Robert Burton and Solicitor Peter C. Lange, Jr.

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### PUBLIC COMMENT #1

*Mayor Lackey opened the meeting to public comment.*

**Joe Aromando of Shingowack Trail** stated that the Planning Board only had five (5) members attend the June 21, 2012 meeting. He stated that they had a full agenda. He expressed frustration with the newest member not being trained and having only showed up to 50% of the meetings since their appointment and the Mayor's Representative didn't show either. He expressed further frustration that he was a trained and very active member and didn't get reappointed.

**Jim Walker of Chicagami Trail** asked for an update on the drainage concerns around Beach #5 and if the Borough would be picking up the lakebed debris from the Chicagami Trail fire department fill station.

*Mayor Lackey stated that the drainage issue is under review by the Borough Engineer.*

*Manager Horner – Keizer stated that the Public Works crew will collect the debris once it has properly drained.*

**Steve Warren of Onondago Trail** thanked Mayor Lackey for his service to the community. He then asked if the Borough could revisit a longstanding complaint dealing with the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). He stated that there is an accumulation of debris along the fence line and the fence itself appears to be broken. He asked that the Borough develop a landscape plan that addresses both the visual and noise issues coming from the plant.

*Councilman Hanold stated that he would look into both of Mr. Warren's concerns.*

**Robert Burton of Nantucket Trail** stated that he would have the Medford Lakes Athletic Association look into moving the fence to allow for a wider planting area near the WWTP.

**Joe Aromando of Shingowack Trail** stated that a landscape plan for the perimeter of the WWTP had been developed around 2001.

Manager Horner – Keizer said she would search for any previous plans.

**Steve Warren of Onondago Trail** mentioned looking at sound barrier walls along Route 295.

**Jim Walker of Chicagami Trail** asked for a status update on improvements to the intersection of Beach Drive and Chicagami Trail.

Manager Horner – Keizer stated that she would follow-up with the Police Department.

**Joe Aromando of Shingowack Trail** echoed Mr. Walker’s concern with the same intersection.

Mayor Lackey hearing no further comments closed public comment.

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### MINUTES

Councilman Miller motioned for approval/adoption of the June 13, 2012 Executive Session Meeting minutes, seconded by Councilman Fitzpatrick.

Vote to approve/adopt

Yeas –Lackey, Cranston, Miller, Fitzpatrick, Hanold

Nays – None

Minutes approved/adopted

Councilman Miller motioned for approval/adoption of the June 13, 2012 Regular Session Meeting minutes, seconded by Councilman Fitzpatrick.

Vote to approve/adopt

Yeas –Lackey, Cranston, Miller, Fitzpatrick, Hanold

Nays – None

Minutes approved/adopted

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### ORDINANCES

Mayor Lackey clarified the definition of Home Occupation.

**Joe Aromando of Shingowack Trail** questioned the procedure to adopt.

Solicitor Lange stated that the Clerk had advised him that a Section 26 Referral had not been received by Council and thus given the 35 – day Planning Board review time table and given that pending legislation cannot transfer from Council to Council the Ordinance should be withdrawn and re-introduced once the new Council is in session.

Deputy Mayor Cranston motioned to withdraw Ordinance Number 597 in its entirety, seconded by Councilman Miller.

Mayor Lackey called for the vote.

### VOTE TO WITHDRAW ORDINANCE

	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Mayor Gregory C. Lackey			X			
Deputy Mayor Thomas J. Cranston	X		X			
Councilman Gary A. Miller		X	X			
Councilman Robert D. Hanold, Sr.			X			
Councilman Jeffrey Fitzpatrick			X			

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## RESOLUTIONS

*Councilman Fitzpatrick motioned introduction of Resolution Number 95-12, seconded by Councilman Hanold.*

### RESOLUTION NUMBER 95-12

#### A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY TRAFFIC REGULATIONS IN SUPPORT OF A JULY 4, 2012 BLOCK PARTY FOR THE RESIDENTS OF MEESHAWAY TRAIL

**WHEREAS**, on July 4, 2012, the residents of Meeshaway Trail would like to hold a block party; and

**WHEREAS**, said residents would like to close a specified trail within the Borough to enable safe pedestrian passage; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.R.S. 39:4-197.3 provides that “the governing body of any municipality may, upon the adoption of a resolution declaring that an emergency or temporary condition dictates adoption of special traffic regulations within the scope of any of the items listed in subparagraph (1) b through h, (2) and (3) revised Statutes 39:4-197”; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of public safety that special traffic regulations be imposed during the period of time during which the block parties are to be held;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Medford Lakes, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. the Borough Council of the Borough of Medford Lakes does hereby find and declare that a temporary condition dictates adoption of special traffic regulations within the scope of N.J.R.S. 39:4-197(1)e; and
2. pursuant to N.J.R.S. 39:4-197(1)e, the following trail shall be closed to vehicular traffic:

**Meeshaway Trail between Sitting Bull Trail and Piute Trail; and**

3. the aforementioned street closing shall be between 9:00am and 9:00pm on July 4, 2012; and
4. a temporary exemption is granted in accordance with Ordinance Number 562 allowing on public or private property alcoholic beverage consumption at certain events with the written permission of the property owner and approval by this resolution of the Borough Council. Such exemption is limited to the immediate location, day and time of the event and all other State and local alcoholic beverages laws remain in effect.
5. block party contact person #1 is Diane Anderson, 142 Meeshaway Trail, and contact person #2 is Shaun Doyle, 143 Meeshaway Trail, Medford Lakes, NJ, shall be responsible for contacting the Medford Lakes Department of Public Works to obtain and return barricades; and
6. the Chief of Police of the Borough of Medford Lakes is hereby ordered and directed to take all actions appropriate and necessary for the implementation of the foregoing temporary traffic regulations.

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*Mayor Lackey called for the vote.*

**VOTE TO ADOPT**

	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Mayor Gregory C. Lackey			X			
Deputy Mayor Thomas J. Cranston			X			
Councilman Gary A. Miller			X			
Councilman Robert D. Hanold, Sr.		X	X			
Councilman Jeffrey Fitzpatrick	X		X			

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**REPORTS**

*Manager Horner – Keizer stated that while on vacation Deputy Manager McIntosh attended to the Manager duties.*

*Clerk McIntosh submitted a written report and stated that he handled the many daily managerial issues to include employee matters and resident concerns. He also stated that he assumed the role of Zoning Officer and granted/denied various applications. He further noted attending the Safety Committee meeting and also the Todd Memorial Park Committee meeting.*

*Solicitor Lange stated he is following up on the Ballinger Walkway permit.*

*Deputy Mayor Cranston stated that the Fire Chiefs report noted eight employees who respond to daytime fire and/or EMS calls. He expressed his appreciation for their service.*

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**NEW BUSINESS**

*Deputy Mayor Cranston recognized Mayor Lackey's years of service on Council. He appreciated Greg's commitment and heartfelt involvement.*

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**COMMUNICATIONS**

*Mayor Lackey reported on the Country Club request for assistance by the Public Works Department in moving bleachers for the upcoming Canoe Carnival. Council approved the request.*

*Mayor Lackey read a thank you letter from Captain Yara Khalil for the Borough's participation in welcoming her home from her tour of duty in Afghanistan.*

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**BILL LIST (dated June 22, 2012 – Total Line Items 93 – Total List Amount = \$849,121.27 + \$5,223.03 May 2012 Payroll and \$44.00 Group Life Insurance)**

*Deputy Mayor Cranston motioned for approval of the bill list as amended, seconded by Councilman Miller.*

**VOTE TO APPROVE**

	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Mayor Gregory C. Lackey			X			
Deputy Mayor Thomas J. Cranston	X		X			
Councilman Gary A. Miller		X	X			
Councilman Robert D. Hanold, Sr.			X			
Councilman Jeffrey Fitzpatrick			X			

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## MAYOR'S COMMENTS

*Mayor Lackey stated that he had mixed feelings as he oversaw this final meeting of his term. He stated that he was proud to have served the residents and that the opportunity to serve had been an honor. He stated that he is still stopped by residents and thanked for his vote regarding the Police Shared Services matter. He believes that this was the best legislative moment of his term. He recalled his early years on Council and meeting in Demby Annex and the pride he feels of a proper meeting room in the new building. He noted the resilience of the Borough and the ability of the "Lakers" who have always bounced back from hardships and recharged to move forward. He expressed his belief that all Medford Lakes residents are extremely fortunate to live in such a fine community. He stated that we live in paradise compared to other towns, other states and other countries. He also mentioned the importance of preserving the Medford Lakes character with, "No Signs" and "Quiet on Sunday". He thanked the regular meeting attendees, the department heads and staff, the Memorial Park Committee to include John Scullion and Jeff Dyremose. He noted that Clerk McIntosh was the "glue" of the borough, hiring Manager Horner – Keizer was his second best decision. He noted his appreciation to Donna Condo, CMFO for her financial guidance, legal advice from Solicitor Peter Lange and thanked Sherry Rockhill – Smith, Tax Collector for being the face to the community. He concluded by complimenting his fellow Councilman and thanked the residents for the privilege to serve.*

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## ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

*Manager Horner – Keizer thanked Mayor Lackey for his service and noted that she had worked for forty-seven council members during her career but that Medford Lakes has always been a unique place given its non-partisan standing. She said that even when Council has disagreements they are always gentlemen in their conduct. She stated early in her career she was taught that you can change the world most at the local level and that Mayor Lackey had made significant impact in the lives of the residents he served.*

*Solicitor Lange stated that it was a pleasure to serve Mayor Lackey and that the Mayor never shirked his duties and the policy's he supported showed his care of Medford Lakes.*

*Councilman Hanold concluded with stating that it had been a pleasure to work with Mayor Lackey and hoped that he would make himself available to current and future councils.*

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## PUBLIC COMMENT #2

*Mayor Lackey opened the meeting for public comment.*

**Bob McGowan of Cochise Circle** thanked Mayor Lackey for his service and stated that this was the greatest Council in the history of Medford Lakes.

**Rudy Levak of Onondago Trail** thanked Mayor Lackey for his service and noted that Medford Lakes was listed again as being #1 in the County for recycling.

*Hearing no further comment, Mayor Lackey closed public comment.*

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*Mayor Lackey motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Miller.*

### Vote to adjourn

Yeas – Lackey, Cranston, Miller, Fitzpatrick, Hanold

Nays – None

Meeting Adjourned