

TOWNSHIP OF QUINTON
COUNTY OF SALEM
SPECIAL MEETING
QUINTON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING
February 19, 2025

Call to order by Mayor Sperry at 4:00pm

Pledge of allegiance

Open Public Meetings Act

This meeting is being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Advanced notice of this meeting was given by way of the annual notice which was filed with the Quinton Township Clerk, forwarded to the South Jersey Times, posted on the Township website and bulletin board located in the lobby of the Quinton Township Municipal Building

Roll Call Mayor Sperry, Deputy Mayor Owens, Committeeman Hannagan, Solicitor Vigilante and Clerk Uzdanovics

Lou Joyce gave the committee and overview of what we will need to do going forward to comply with the state on the Housing issue. Solicitor Vigilante asked if he thought we would be able to do this by the next deadline? Mr. Joyce said yes. We may get comments back but that is how the state works. He presented a proposal for his services to the committee to discuss. Mayor Sperry asked how he would bill and Mr. Joyce said probably monthly. Mayor Sperry asked about affordable housing trust do we need one? Solicitor Vigilante said we would have been collecting that money but we do not have one and we do not need one unless we have a lot of development coming in. Mayor Sperry told Mr. Joyce we would let know him how we want to move forward.

Larry Winkels asked if there was a public portion to this and Mayor Sperry said no we are not there yet.

RESOLUTION 2025-37
RESOLUTION APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN THE NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND
THE TOWNSHIP OF QUINTON

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey Office of Emergency Management and the Township of Quinton need to have a Memorandum of Understanding; and

WHEREAS, this memorandum of understanding will give the Township of Quinton the ability to be reimbursed by FEMA for Public Assistance and /or Hazard Mitigation programs for Presidentially declared major disasters; and

WHEREAS, this agreement will make the Township of Quinton a part of the application for Disaster Assistance; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Mayor of the Township of Quinton is hereby authorized to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between New Jersey Office of Emergency Management and the Township of Quinton

Motion Owens

Second Hannagan

3 RCV yes

Mayor Sperry reported on the meeting with the Fire Company about the Fire truck. The Fire Company is going to get the specs to Mayor Sperry by Friday. Solicitor Vigilante said we did have a discussion with the state and Mayor Sperry said yes but the person we spoke to on the call was not able to give us apple to apples for the fire truck. If we had the money we would not have to do this but because we do not we have to go out to bid. Mayor Sperry said are we allowed to say Pierce in the bid spec and the Solicitor said she will look into. Deputy Mayor Owens said we have said before what we want and Solicitor Vigilante said she will go through the bid process and let us know what we can or cannot do.

In regards to the Animal Shelter issue the mayor said she is getting a lot of calls. There is no one who wants to help us. Mayor Sperry said we have empty buildings in the county that could be used. Solicitor Vigilante said it is a state mandate that is not funded. The expense of a shelter is too much for most towns in Salem County. Solicitor Vigilante said maybe demand a meeting with the county and the mayors of each town. Deputy Mayor Owens said did we call Delaware? Solicitor Vigilante said the state can't regulate if it is out of state.

Mr. Rivell asked what Mr. Joyce's position was? Mayor said he is a planner. Mr. Rivell asked if he was with the county. Deputy Mayor Owens said no he is a private contractor.

Motion to open public session

Motion Owens

Second Hannagan

3 RCV yes

Public Session

Larry Winkels asked if Lou Joyce is in touch with Larry Divetro since they may discuss it at the next planning board meeting. Mayor Sperry said every time you call a professional we get billed. We have not hired Lou Joyce yet. The chairs generally hold off on asking their questions until the meeting so we do not get billed.

TOWNSHIP OF QUINTON RESOLUTION 2025-37A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b permits a public body to go into a closed session during a public meeting to discuss certain matters as follows:

(1) Matters Required by law to be confidential: Any matter which by express provision of the 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) Any matter in which the release of information would impair the right to receive federal funding.
- (3) Matters involving individual privacy: Any matter, the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy such as records, data, reports, recommendations or other personal material of any education, 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 .
- (4) Matters pertaining to a collective bargaining agreement: Any matter involving a 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 acquisition of real property or investment of public funds: Any matter involving the lease, purchase 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 of public protection: Any tactic and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public, provided that their disclosure could impair such protection.
- (7) Matters relating to litigation, negotiations and attorney-client privilege: Any matter of pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation other than in (4) above in which the Township is or may become a party. Any matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required for the attorney to exercise 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 of the individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request in writing that such matter or matters be discussed in public.
- (9) Deliberations after public hearing. Deliberations by the Township occurring after a public hearing that may result in a civil penalty or the suspension or loss of a license or permit of a responding party; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has determined that it is necessary to go into a closed session to discuss certain matters relating to the items as permitted by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of Quinton that the Committee will go into closed session to discuss the following, in accordance with

the aforesaid provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, after which it will reconvene in the public:

7. Attorney Client / Contract Negotiations

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the minutes of the closed session will be made available to the public when the need for privacy no longer exists.

Motion to close public session

Motion Owens Second Hannagan 3 RCV yes

Motion to go into closed session

Motion Owens Second Hannagan 3 RCV yes

Motion to go into open session

Motion Owens Second Hannagan 3 RCV yes

RESOLUTION 2025-38

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SOLICITOR VIGILANTE TO APPEAL AG
BOARD DECISION FOR MCCOUCH FARM**

WHEREAS, Quinton Township is authorizing Solicitor Vigilante to appeal the Ag Board decision for the McCouch SSAMP Application, and

WHEREAS, Solicitor Vigilante is a licensed attorney in New Jersey, is qualified to render services for Quinton Township, and specializes in the areas needed, and

WHEREAS, The Township of Quinton has the adequate funds available for Solicitor Vigilante; and

NOW THEREFORE , BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Quinton that the Township Committee is hereby authorized to approve the Ag Board Appeal for McCouch SSAMP Application;

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the clerk certify a copy of this resolution and file it on the public record.

Motion Owens Second Hannagan 3 RCV yes

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-39

**RESOLUTION TO UPDATE THE HOUSING AND FAIR SHARE PLAN FOR 2021
TO ADDRESS REQUIREMENTS FOR 2024 HOUSING LEGISLATION**

WHEREAS, Resolution authorizing Lou Joyce to update the Housing and Fair Share plan; and

WHEREAS, Lou Joyce is a Professional Planner and is qualified to render services for Quinton Township, and specializes in the areas needed, and

WHEREAS, Quinton has the adequate funds available for the Professional Planner, Lou Joyce; and

WHEREAS, the agreement is not to exceed \$2500.00 without committee approval, and

NOW THEREFORE , BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Quinton authorizes the Mayor to execute the Professional Planner Agreement in the form attached hereto on behalf of Quinton Township;

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the clerk certify a copy of this resolution and file it on the public record

Motion Owens Second Hannagan 3 RCV yes

There being no further business **motion to adjourn at 5:24pm by Owens Second Hannagan 3 RCV yes**

Marty Uzdanovics
Clerk