TOWNSHIP OF QUINTON **COUNTY OF SALEM**

SPECIAL MEETING

QUINTON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING

September 17, 2025

Call to order at 4:05 p.m. by Mayor Marjorie Sperry.

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 a notice sent to the South Jersey Times, Elmer Times, was posted on the website and bulletin board located in the lobby of the Quinton Township Municipal Building.

Roll Call

Marjorie Sperry, Mayor Raymond Owens, Deputy Mayor Joseph Hannagan Jr., Committeeman Diane Elwell, CMFO Marty Uzdanovics, Municipal Clerk Emily Thalwitzer, Deputy Clerk

ORDINANCE TO BE INTRODUCED

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-07 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE II, CHAPTER 218 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF QUINTON ENTITLED "STREETS AND SIDEWALKS" PURSUANT TO N.J. REV STAT 40:67-16.7 TO ALLOW FOR THE TEMPORARY CLOSING OF ROBINSON STREET FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS TO SCHOOL

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:67-16.7 authorizes the governing body of a municipality to adopt an ordinance authorizing its Mayor or other chief executive officer of the municipality, upon a finding that a safety problem exists for ingress and egress to any public or private school or for the provision of recreational facilities for children attending such school, or both, due to lack of a suitable area surrounding the school, to close by regulation any portion of any street within the block upon which such school is located, to the use of through traffic during such time as he shall determine, not to exceed 1 hour between 7:30 and 10:00 A.M., 2 hours between 11:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M. and 1 hour between 2:30 and 4:30 P.M., on any days upon which such school is in session and to permit the use of said portion of said street, during said hours, for ingress and egress to such school, and for the use by the pupils of such school for recreational purposes, under proper supervision and to provide adequate police facilities for such supervision and for the control of traffic upon such portion of said street, which ordinance shall provide for the posting of proper warning signs in said street indicating that said street is so closed and the purpose thereof, during the time when the same is so closed and shall provide

penalties for the violation of the terms of such ordinance or of any regulation promulgated thereunder.

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Quinton finds that granting such authority to the Mayor is necessary for the health, safety and benefit of the residents of the Township and it necessary to amend Chapter 218 to authorize the Mayor to close by regulation any portion of any street within the block upon which such school is located, to the use of through traffic during such time as he shall determine, not to exceed 1 hour between 7:30 and 10:00 A.M., 2 hours between 11:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M. and 1 hour between 2:30 and 4:30 P.M., on any days upon which such school is in session and to permit the use of said portion of said street, during said hours, for ingress and egress to such school, and for the use by the pupils of such school for recreational purposes,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Quinton, County of Salem and State of New Jersey, that Chapter 218 of the municipal code of the Township of Quinton is amended to add (addition is underlined):

Section 1: Authority to Close Streets

The Mayor Of Quinton, upon a finding that a safety problem exists for ingress and egress to any public or private school or for the provision of recreational facilities for children attending such school, or both, is authorized to close by regulation any portion of any street within the block upon which such school is located, to the use of through traffic during such time as he or she shall determine, which times shall not to exceed:

1 hour between 7:30 and 10:00 A.M.,

2 hours between 11:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M. and

1 hour between 2:30 and 4:30 P.M.

on any days upon which such school is in session and to permit the use of said portion of said street, during said hours, for ingress and egress to such school, and for the use by the pupils of such school for recreational purposes.

Section 2. Postings

Upon any such road closure authorized in this Ordinance, warning signs shall be posted in said street indicating that said street is so closed and the purpose thereof, during the time when the same is so closed.

Section 3. Penalties

The penalties in Chapter 218-14 shall apply to any person violating a street closure authorized by this Ordinance.

Section 3. Repealed

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistencies.

Section 4. Severability

Each section of this Ordinance is an independent section, and the holding of any section or part thereof to be unconstitutional, void, or ineffective shall not be deemed to affect the validity or constitutionality of any other sections or parts hereof.

Section 5. Effective Date

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication as required by law.

- **M. Sperry:** This is a safety issue, recently brought to our attention. The handicap ramps are they're not conducive for the kids to cross the street, and we can't change where the handicapped crosswalks are because of the sewer grates. Therefore, we need to close the street off.
- **R. Owens:** Reminded the clerk's office to order permanent signage listing the times of closure as Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. -8:30 p.m., and 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Motion: Owens Second: Hannagan RCV: 3

DISCUSSION ITEMS

North Burden Hill Road Surfacing bids

Bids to be opened tomorrow, September 18, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

Waterworks Road Surfacing bids

The committee reviewed an estimate provided by the lowest bidder, South State, for \$83,848.01, and discussed the NJDOT grant for \$83,342, in addition to the \$7,500 due to Fralinger Engineering. The bid specifications will go to the solicitor for review and then go on the agenda to be awarded on October 7, 2025.

Municipal Building Roof Estimate

The committee reviewed an estimate provided by J. Wilhelm Roofing Co., Inc. for \$32,000.00.

- **M. Sperry:** Diane, can we incorporate this with the fire truck loan?
- **D. Elwell**: This will be a different loan than the firetruck; we cannot combine the loans, as they are two different types of funding. The roof has a longer term with a bond anticipation (each year we get a different interest rate), and the firetruck will be a bond with a fixed interest rate over a 10-year period.
- **J. Hannagan:** How much longer do we have on the firehouse roof?
- **D. Elwell:** We have three years left.
- **J. Hannagan:** Would USDA give us the loan?
- **D. Elwell:** Possibly, again, it would still be two separate types of financing. Typically, we would go through bond counsel to prepare the package and advertise to all the banks bidding on municipal loans. I'd estimate it would take 30-60 days for the finance department; the clerk's office would still need to obtain bid specifications and advertise in the paper as well. I am not sure weather-wise when it is the best time to replace the roof. (something else to consider).
- **M.** Uzdanovics: Years ago, when we were considering replacing the roof, we were also going to obtain quotes for the windows/trim, as they are all rotten too.
- **J. Hannagan**: Well, let's do one thing at a time.
- **The committee agreed to move forward with preparing bid specifications for the municipal roof. **

Firehouse Parking Lot Surfacing Estimate

The committee reviewed an estimate provided by 2 Brother Paving LLC for \$50,850.00

- **M. Sperry**: We had looked into whether or not the fire house was a cleaning station for nuclear/ radioactive emergencies, to see if we could get help with funding, but it is no longer a cleaning site, so that fell by the wayside.
- **M. Uzdanovics:** I am still trying to get a hold of the county, regarding the HAVA Grant, and if they would be able to help fund the pavement.
- **The committee encouraged the clerk's office to continue following the chain of command in the election department, hoping to get a response regarding possible funding. **
- **J. Hannagan:** If we go out for bid for the municipal roof and the fire house parking lot and decide we cannot afford to move forward with awarding the contract, are we held accountable?
- M. Uzdanovics: No, I don't think so I will ask Jacci.
- **The committee asked the clerk's office to speak with the solicitor regarding how to obtain the bid specifications for the parking lot and the municipal roof do we need to hire a professional engineer or architect? **

Landfill Well Testing Quote

The committee reviewed an estimate provided by ALS for \$5,738.00 for six wells one one-time testing.

The committee asked for this quote to be added to the October 7, 2025, agenda and would also like to look into how much longer do we need to continue to test.

Committee Annual Education Reminder

Supervisors and Managers Annual Training for Committee members.

Fire Truck Spec Differences

The committee reviewed the missing items (insurance certificate) and the differences between the specifications advertised and listed in the packet prepared by Pierson.

**The committee asked the firehouse members to review the differences and determine whether the proposed changes are acceptable, and for the Clerk's office to obtain the insurance certificate from the Pierson representative. **

CMFO Shared Service Agreement

Diane Elwell proposed a shared service agreement with Oldman's Township and Quinton Township, similar to the agreement with Elsinboro and Quinton Township for the Clerk. This allows efficiency and fluency between the Townships when questions arise and follows best practices for state funding. The agreement would be for five years, and Quinton Township would reimburse Oldman's Township quarterly. The contract was designed by Solicitor Vigilante and would take effect on January 1, 2026.

CMFO has asked the committee to review the contract and be prepared to answer by the end of November 2026

Lawnmower Purchase

CMFO confirmed funds are available in our capital budget and has asked for committeeman Raymond Owens to obtain a new quote for the mower. Next steps would be to introduce a capital ordinance to allow the funds to be moved.

655 Salem Quinton Road

The Clerk's office received notice of interest in purchasing the property lien at 655 Salem Quiton Road; the offer is for \$40,000.00. However, there are two liens on the property, a municipal lien for \$76,580.97 and an outside lien for \$6,771.30.

The committee would like to speak to the solicitor before making any decisions on selling the property

Motion to open to the public

Motion: Owens Second: Hannagan RCV: 3

PUBLIC SESSION

- **D. Perry:** How does the fire truck bond work?
- **D. Elwell:** We would have to determine the final price, then go out for a loan (bond). Since we are getting a grant through the USDA, they are also helping us with the loan (bond). We will get a grant award, then once the truck is ready, the funds will be released to the company.
- **D. Perry:** Inquired about the closure of Robinson Street, asking the clerk's office to inform the fire department of road closures.
- **Once the ordinance is passed, the clerk will forward the ordinance with closure times to the fire department. **
- **D. Perry:** Confirmed, the Election will be held at the firehouse on 11/4/2025.

Motion to close to the public.

Motion: Owens Second: Hannagan RCV: 3

There being no further business motion to adjourn at 5:05 p.m.