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BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON
COUNCIL MEETING Minutes
September 3, 2019
7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order

- 2. Adequate notice** of this meeting of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington was given as required by the Open Public Meetings Act as follows: Notice was published in the Daily Record and the Roxbury Register on December 13, 2018 and posted on the bulletin board in the main hallway of the Municipal Building on December 6, 2018; notice of this meeting is on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk.

In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-1 et seq.), the Borough Council opens every public meeting for comments of the public. However, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-12: "Nothing in this Act shall be construed to limit the discretion of a public body to permit, prohibit or regulate the active participation at any meeting....."

Speakers at Borough meetings shall have five minutes to present their comments to the Borough Council so as not to consume time that would otherwise be allotted to other persons who wish to speak.

3. Flag Salute

Mayor Stanzilis asked Eagle Scout Omar Abdallah to lead the flag salute. The Mayor then asked all to remain standing for a moment of silence for the many tragedies in our country and around the world in the last week and a half.

4. Roll Call

Councilman Loughridge, Councilwoman Farris, Council President Delaney, Councilman Sadow, Councilwoman Galate, Councilman Cangiano, and Mayor Stanzilis were present.

Elizabeth Valandingham, Esq., Borough Attorney, and Carolyn Rinalid, Borough Administrator and CFO, were also present.

The Mayor welcomed Councilwoman Farris to her first Borough meeting as Councilwoman.

5. Presentations

- *Eagle Scout Omar Abdallah – Eagle Scout Project*

Eagle Scout Abdallah proposes the construction of a rain garden, to be placed between the retaining wall next to the flagpoles and the pond. A handout was provided to the Governing Body, Administrator, and Assistant Clerk, depicting the proposed design and layout of the rain garden. Eagle Scout Abdallah states he met with a specialist that has worked on similar projects previously, and that he was advised that this would be the best location in the park for the rain garden due to the decline of the hill and the nearby storm drain. Eagle Scout Abdallah then gave a brief description of the purpose of rain gardens, then went on to describe the work necessary for building the rain garden. Estimated fundraising, per Eagle Scout Abdallah, would be \$250-350 dollars, and he states he is currently working on fundraising. It was then asked if the Governing Body had any questions.

Councilman Cangiano asked if Eagle Scout Abdallah had met with anyone from the Borough regarding this project. Eagle Scout Abdallah stated that he had met with Julie Crawford of MAPS, as well as a specialist from Rutgers, Kyle Richter.

Administrator Rinaldi stated that the Eagle Scout had reached out to her for a possible project, which prompted the discussion of a rain garden, at which point she advised he contact Julie Crawford due to her work on the MAPS rain garden.

Mayor Stanzilis praised Eagle Scout Abdallah for his choice of project, as it is on "the cutting edge" of what the Borough is currently doing to further address stormwater and green infrastructure through its new committee. He went on to state that rain gardens are a big part of green infrastructure, and that he hopes future Eagle Scout projects will be steered towards stormwater management and green infrastructure, to create future generations of green infrastructure "fanatics." The Mayor goes on to state he believes we can do a lot with the information acquired recently, particularly in relation to HABs (harmful algal blooms), which are now being seen throughout the country.

Councilwoman Galate asked if a diagram would be provided of what is planted, as a resource for others interested in duplicating the rain garden. Eagle Scout Abdallah states that that can certainly be provided.

Mayor Stanzilis thanked Eagle Scout Abdallah for his presentation and the Council wished him luck on his project.

The Mayor also announced, as a point of order, that Fire Chief Gary Giacobbe had arrived to the meeting.

-Proclamation for James Matthews

The Mayor made a Proclamation for James Matthews of the Recreation Commission, thanking him for his many years of service, as he is retiring from the commission.

Mayor Stanzilis goes on to state that the recreational activities in Mt. Arlington "are just amazing" and the volunteers of the recreation commission have done so much to make it a success. The Mayor expresses his appreciation to Mr. Matthews once again for his work and service.

6. Tax and Utility Report

- *June 2019*
Total Tax Collections: \$121,366.40
Total Utility Collections: \$81,488.97
- *July 2019*
Total Tax Collections: \$573,953.57
Total Utility Collections: \$326,967.24

7. Finance Report

- *June 2019*
Receipts: \$359,805.74
Disbursements: \$1,929,227.33
- *July 2019*
Receipts: \$1,094,256.35
Disbursements: \$2,283,064.03

8. Approval of Minutes

None

9. Mayor's Report

Mayor Stanzilis remarked on the fatality of the young man from Mt. Arlington due to a boating accident, which had "really rocked the lake and the town." He then went on to say that the Borough would be looking to work with the Chief of Police, Chris DeMico, Senator Bucco and Assemblyman Bucco, who sponsored Christopher's Law, to add some items to the legislation; also to work next season with the State Police Marine Unit to create a strong awareness campaign to ensure individuals understand the dangers of riding on the bow of a boat, particularly pontoon boats.

The Mayor also shared that he attended a meeting at Lake Mohawk Country Club regarding HABs (harmful algal blooms), with over 200 people in attendance from various lake communities in the region. The Mayor remarked on the helpful presentations provided which gave more information on causes and mitigation of HABs. He continued to say that with the new Borough Stormwater/Green Infrastructure Committee, they will be looking to use some of the resources provided through the meetings/presentations on HABs, such as the Rutgers extension program, to further address green infrastructure at a reasonable cost but with a large impact.

10. Chief of Police Report

Chief Licata expressed his gratitude that the Governing Body allowed him the opportunity to go to Scotland and attend this special police training. Chief Licata wanted to share more detail on the experience and training, and gave a PowerPoint presentation. Before starting the presentation, Chief Licata reminded the Governing Body that this was ultimately beneficial to the Borough, as he won the spot in a scholarship raffle, so there was no cost to the municipality. Chief Licata then went into an overview of the experience and training he received, which was outlined in his PowerPoint presentation. He made particular note that one of the main differences between US and Scottish law enforcement is the Use of Force policy, which in Scotland is a 3-tier approach, whereas in the US it is a ladder approach. Chief Licata also remarked on the amount of police available and the large areas covered, sharing that the Parliament building only had five police officers guarding it. He also stated that Scottish law enforcement do not take a "what if" approach to calls, but treat all calls according to statistics on how the majority of all calls unfold.

Councilman Loughridge asked if using that method would require hiring more police, to which Chief Licata said no because they would not "play backup" but that there is a line where there can be some crossover.

Councilwoman Galate asked about gun control in Scotland. Chief Licata informed that only shotguns are allowed for sport, no rifles or handguns.

Councilman Cangiano asked if they got into detective procedures during the training. Chief Licata stated that it was touched on, but not delved into. He also remarked that there is a huge closed-circuit tv system, which is heavily relied on.

Chief Licata ended his report going over cybersecurity and ransomware e-mails, reminding the Governing Body of the incidents in Texas where several agencies were hit. He encouraged everyone to stay on top of training offered and to remain vigilant.

Councilwoman Farris added to what Chief Licata shared, stating that whenever an individual is unsure of the source of an e-mail, always call in and speak with the person directly. The Chief agreed, saying it is better to be cautious than to play catchup after the fact.

11. Borough Administrator's Report

Administrator Rinaldi deferred to Risk Manager Matthew Struck, as there were two resolutions on for the meeting that he would address, one being the renewal of the Borough's membership with the MCMJIF, and the second memorializing the Borough's technology policy.

Mr. Struck thanked Mayor & Council for allowing him to speak a few minutes on the successful year the Borough had with regard to risk management, as well as what is currently being worked on. Mr. Struck went on to explain the benefit of being a part of the JIF, not only in the collaboration with other municipalities in the fund, but also in terms of risk management and loss control services available to the Borough.

Highlights of 2019, increase total limits of liability coverage \$20 million dollars. In addition to that, employment practices liability and public officials liability at \$10 million dollar limit "which is extremely competitive and even better than some of the other programs that are out there in the State of New Jersey."

With regard to cyber-liability and cyber attacks, the JIF has a stringent Cyber Hygiene program with two levels. Borough qualified at both levels, and as such has the lowest possible deductible, should there be a cyber attack. Two Safety Committee meetings have been held at Borough Hall, which include claims review, safety education, and notification of policy updates and changes. Mr. Struck would like to "tip the cap" to Administrator Rinaldi, who continues to serve as chair for Executive Safety Committee of the Joint Insurance Fund, which does have a strong impact on how the JIF operates, as they provide feedback and new ideas on safety and loss control initiatives.

Mr. Struck also informed that Treadstone is currently going through and updating schedules of insurance for the Borough, to include buildings, vehicles, and equipment, which is information reported to the JIF, and as such we are prepared for 2020.

Mayor Stanzilis asked Mr. Struck what the standard frequency of the drills performed was when the Cyber Safety campaign was first started. Mr. Struck states he cannot speak as to Mt. Arlington, as he was not with the Borough at time the campaign was started, but on average the frequency of drills prior to the Cyber Safety campaign for most municipalities throughout Morris County was zero or close to zero. Mr. Struck expresses his opinion that this campaign has been a big step forward in combatting cyber attacks, and where previously municipalities have outsourced for cyber security training, doing it through the JIF allows for centralized service and a tool to measure and compare with other municipalities in the JIF. He also comments that as this is a statewide program, the Borough is also able to determine compliance and make comparisons to municipalities throughout the State.

Mayor Stanzilis remarks that, so long as the cost is not too prohibitive, it would be advisable that we perform regular drills as "preventative maintenance." Administrator Rinaldi then explained that the Borough is currently doing this, as part of the minimum requirements of the insurance policy, but also mentions that the Borough has exceeded the requirements. She continues on to state the Borough has incorporated its IT professionals as part of its efforts.

Mayor Stanzilis stated that he is very happy with the level of professionalism, knowledge and intelligence that Mr. Struck brings to the Borough, and thanked Mr. Struck for his good work.

12. Council Committee Reports

Councilman Cangiano

Good news, in that the assessment management inventory for water and sewer has been completed. It is something the Borough has looked to accomplish for a long time, so good to have it accomplished. He continues on to say he believes 2020 will be a big year for water and sewer with analyzing rates and costs, and so forth, with the information now available.

Councilwoman Galate

Nothing to report.

Councilman Sadow

A wonderful Senior Ice Cream social was held, and well attended. Nothing further to report.

Councilman Loughridge

The Gaga Ball has arrived and it is being determined where to place and assemble it, and if it can be left out. Senior yoga continues at the library on Fridays, and is always very well attended. Also beach yoga is being held Sunday mornings, and once the weather cools it will be moved to the log cabin (civic center). Also informs that there will be a small end-of-season ceremony at the Community Garden on Saturday, September 7th at 11am. Soccer has started in town, and is well attended. Finally, there's the Halloween Bash coming up on Saturday, October 19th.

Councilwoman Farris

Just a few things as a proud resident... The Borough is part of Sustainable Jersey, and twice she has received newsletters with Mt. Arlington mentioned, one for turning the old tennis courts into a community garden, and the other showing the students of MAPS working on electric savings for the school. Whatever we are doing, if we are making the news this way, we are doing a pretty good job.

Council President Delaney

Council President Delaney, Mayor Stanzilis, and Councilwoman Farris attended the Roxbury council meeting where a resolution was adopted requesting that the Roxbury-Mt.Arlington Consolidation committee not be granted an extensions. There was some contention, but Mayor Stanzilis spoke on behalf of Mt. Arlington and did an excellent job for the Borough. "The town can be proud of what the Mayor said."

Before public comment, Administrator Rinaldi remarked as a reminder to the public that there will be a public meeting for the Howard Blvd. Traffic Study on Thursday, September 5th at 6pm at MAPS. Members of the Governing Body, County Elected Officials, County Engineers, and the traffic consultant hired to do the study will be in attendance.

13. Public Comment**Stan Forik – 16 Sherwood Way, Landing**

Speaking on behalf of Lake Rogerene Civic Association, which would like to make the Borough and others interested aware of the problems being faced by the Lake Rogerene community, and what's needed/expected of the Borough. Lake Rogerene, like Lake Hopatcong, has HABs. This lead to beach closure, an appearance "like a bowl of pea soup", and has impacted the wildlife of the lake. Mr. Forik states that though the Association owns Lake Rogerene and the property surrounding it, the State of New Jersey owns the water.

When the HAB appeared, the Association educated itself on the matter, and confirmed issues that are contributing factors to HABs, such as run-off, leaky septic, stormwater, heat, excess rain, nutrient-loading from phosphorous, etc. The Association wants it known that it is doing it's part and addressing issues where it can, and being part of "green revolution" by adding rain gardens and ensuring storm sewers and catch basins are cleaned out.

Mr. Forik goes on to address concerns about matters which the Association would need help resolving. He states he has not been able to find a single resident of Lake Rogerene, some who have lived there over 60 years, that has seen the catch basins cleaned out. Mr. Forik goes on to say that there have also been issues with new developments around Lake Rogerene, and additional run-off from those communities, and the Association requests that the Borough Engineer inspect the drainage in those communities to ensure it is in working order.

As to what the Lake Rogerene Civic Association has already done, they have already raised, over the course of a month, \$50k to aerate and biometrically treat Lake Rogerene themselves. The Association is waiting for its permit from DEP to begin treatment. The equipment purchased gives Lake Rogerene approximately 3 more years. The Association has also visited other lake

communities, such as Lake Harmony, PA, to research methods of treatment and review results. Many lakes are using SIS Bio, an international company from Australia that treats lakes around the world and around the States. Lake Rogerene will be using their services, and if all is successful in a couple of years, they would like to open their doors and share this information with others.

Mr. Forik ends with a quick summary of his talking points, and states that he hopes the Borough is on board with what the Association is doing, and that the work the Borough is already doing to address HABs is also "extended to our neck of the woods", as sometimes the community feels a bit forgotten.

The Mayor asks if anyone has any questions. Councilman Cangiano clarifies that though Lake Rogerene is a private lake, it is open to people of that area that would like to become members, and it is considered private because taxpayers of the Borough do not pay for the lake, the Association does. Councilman Cangiano does make note that he is a member of the Association. The option of membership has also been extended to the Fieldstone and Woodmont communities.

Mayor Stanzilis acknowledges that Mr. Forik has made some great points. The Borough will have its Engineers check the fire lane, and is currently reviewing areas where stormwater goes into the lake to determine areas that need work. The Mayor states that the Borough is on board with the Association 100%, and that he appreciates Mr. Forik coming out and sharing this information with the Governing Body.

Andrew Danchuk – 44 Rogerene Way & 50 Elizabeth Way

Mr. Danchuk would like to reinforce some of the points made by Mr. Forik, as a fellow member of the Lake Rogerene Civic Association, regarding the state of Lake Rogerene. The Association has asked "How did it get this way?" and Mr. Danchuk states the "elephant in the room" is the new developments near the lake, and how the run-off has impacted the fire lane. He states that swales have been added along the fire lane and that seems to have helped, but the sewer grate at the top of Trailwood is missing and the basin is not catching any water.

Mr. Danchuk also states his concern that the new development communities are using lawn fertilizers/chemicals that are not allowed by Borough ordinance, and wonders what can be done to address this if it is occurring; who reviews this and who enforces.

Mayor Stanzilis states that we do have an ordinance in place, but do not have people everywhere all the time, so what Mr. Danchuk has done by making the Borough aware is great. The Mayor also stated that the Borough is unable to enforce if not made aware of issues, so the best thing residents can do is notify the Governing Body/Administration.

Mr. Danchuk then goes back to Mr. Forik's presentation, saying that the visits to other lake communities was very helpful and showed promising results.

The Mayor thanked both Mr. Forik and Mr. Danchuk for taking the time to come out, and reiterated that the Borough is on board with the work being done by the Lake Rogerene Association. He went on to state that all of Mt. Arlington must work together as one community to lead the way in green infrastructure and stormwater management.

Paula Danchuk – 50 Elizabeth Way

Mrs. Danchuk wanted to clarify a point regarding those invited to be member of the Association. She states that where Councilman Cangiano said Woodmont apartments had been invited, only the townhomes and houses of the new developments (Shadow Woods, etc.) had been invited.

Mrs. Danchuk then goes on to propose that perhaps the Borough send notices to the lawn/fertilizer care companies that service the municipality, making them aware of our ordinance and the

restrictions on phosphorous. Administrator Rinaldi makes the point that a notice did go out with tax bills to contact every single owner in Mt. Arlington of the ordinance and the restrictions.

Rick Andrews - 38 Rogerene Way

Mr. Andrews states he is a relatively new resident, and he's concerned about Lake Rogerene. He asks the Governing Body what the process is when a resident a resident brings up a concern, and what the timeline and follow-up is like.

Mayor Stanzilis replies that the timeline and method of follow-up varies depending upon the issue. He goes on to reiterate what is being done with regard to the situation, not just at Lake Rogerene, but for Lake Hopatcong as well, and that the Borough is eager to continue moving forward with creating a "clean green town."

Sheila Studint – 88 Ridgeview Lane

Mrs. Studint shares, as a member of the Board of Education, about the large construction project that is wrapping up, to include work on a sally-port and restructuring of offices, and new locks. She also shares there has been an increase in enrollment, and makes note of a visit by NJ First Lady Murphy earlier in the year to the school and to see the MAPS rain garden and the Memorial Park pond.

14. New Business

None

15. Old Business

None

16. Ordinances – Introduction

12-19 Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Amending Chapter 72 of the Borough Code

The Mayor read ordinance 12-19 by Title

Motion: Councilman Cangiano stated that Ordinance 12-19 be introduced and will be further considered after a public hearing held on October 1, 2019 at the Municipal Building at 7 pm.

Second: Councilman Sadow

No Council Discussion

Roll Call:

Aye: Loughridge, Farris, Sadow, Galate, Cangiano, Council President Delaney

Opposed: None

Motion Approved

13-19 Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Amending Chapter 169 of the Borough Code

Administrator Rinaldi informs that introduction of Ordinance 13-19 is being postponed until the

October 1, 2019 council meeting.

17. Ordinances – Second Reading

None

18. Resolutions - Vote By Consent

Resolution 2019-133 through 2019-142

- 2019-133** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Approving the Check Register Dated September 3, 2019
- 2019-134** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, For Renewal of Membership in the Morris County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund
- 2019-135** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Memorializing a Technology Practice Policy
- 2019-136** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Accepting Bid & Awarding 2018/2019 NJDOT Roadway Restoration Contract to Riverview Paving, Inc.
- 2019-137** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Removal of Item from Fixed Asset Ledger
- 2019-138** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Appointing Laura Adams Full-Time Tax & Utility Collector
- 2019-139** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Temporary Suspension of Parking Restrictions on One Side of Seasons Drive
- 2019-140** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Approving Appointment for Dog and Cat Census
- 2019-141** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Cancelling Disallowed Senior Deduction Fees
- 2019-142** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Refunding Duplicate Payment

Motion to Approve: Councilman Sadow
Second: Loughridge

Councilman Cangiano asked if Resolution Number 2019-148 for Professional Services is the standard resolution released each year; Administrator Rinaldi said yes.

Roll Call:

Aye: Loughridge, Farris, Sadow, Galate, Cangiano, Council President
Delaney

Opposed: None

Motion Approved

19. Motions

None

20. Executive Session

2019-143 Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing An Executive Session of the Mayor and Borough Council and Excluding the Public from that Portion of the Meeting

Attorney/Client Privilege:

- Approval of Executive Minutes: June 11, 2019
June 20, 2019
July 9, 2019

Action May or May Not Be Taken

Executive Session was struck as there was nothing for review.

21. Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn: Council President Delaney

Second: Councilman Cangiano

Roll Call:

All in Favor: Aye

Opposed: None

Motion Approved



Kayleen Knight
Assistant Borough Clerk

CC: Website