BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON COUCIL MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 21, 2020 7:00 PM

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 January 9, 2020 and posted on the bulletin board in the main hallway of the Municipal Building on January 3, 2020; notice of this meeting is on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk.

In accordance with the Open Public Meeting 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

The Mayor led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. He then asked for a moment of silence in honor of Doug Zoldak, a former Fire Chief of Mt. Arlington, that recently passed away.

After the moment of silence, the Mayor went on to praise the "incredible group of people" that serve on the Mt. Arlington Fire Department, reminding everyone that this is a group of volunteers.

4. Roll Call

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

William Northgrave Esq., Borough Attorney, Esq., Borough Attorney, and Carolyn Rinaldi, Borough Administrator and CFO, were also present.

5. Presentations

The Mayor read a Proclamation honoring Jennifer Hoffman for her years of service on the Recreation Commission.

6. Appointments

The Mayor asked that a motion be made to appoint Kim Johnson as Alternate 1 to the Recreation Commission.

Motion to Appoint: Council President Delaney

Second: Councilman Cangiano Council Discussion: None

Roll Call:

AYE:

Loughridge, Cangiano, Galate, Council President Delaney

OPPOSED: None ABSTAIN: None

Motion Approved

7. Executive Session

2020-26

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:

Council Vacancy Interviews and Appointment

Action May or May Not Be Taken

Motion to Go Into Executive Session: Council President Delaney

Second: Councilman Cangiano Council Discussion: None

Roll Call:

AYE:

Loughridge, Cangiano, Galate, Council President Delaney

OPPOSED: None ABSTAIN: None

Motion Approved

Motion to Return to Open Session: Council President Delaney

Second: Councilman Cangiano Council Discussion: None

Roll Call:

AYE:

Loughridge, Cangiano, Galate, Council President Delaney

OPPOSED: None ABSTAIN: None

Motion Approved

Motion to Nominate Candidate for Vacant (Unexpired)

Council Member Seat: Councilman Cangiano nominates Melissa Fostle

Second: Council President Delaney

Council Discussion:

Councilwoman Galate remarks that both candidates are great, and are tremendous assets to the Borough. She states that based on the interviews, she believes Ms. Fostle truly wants this position, whereas Mr. Kincaid has interest, but is also very active in many other ways within the Borough.

Councilman Cangiano also states that both candidates are great and bring "a wealth of private sector experience" and show a history of public volunteerism.

Roll Call:

AYE:

Loughridge, Cangiano, Galate, Council President Delaney

OPPOSED:

None

Motion Approved

The Mayor congratulates Melissa Fostle on her nomination and appointment. He also thanks Brian Kincaid for his years of dedication and service, not only as a prior council member, but as a volunteer firefighter.

William Northgrave Esq., Borough Attorney, Esq., administers the Oath of Allegiance to Melissa Fostle.

Councilwoman Fostle takes her seat on the dais.

8. Tax and Utility Report for the Month of December 2019

Total Tax Collections:

\$165,515.84

Total Utility Collections:

\$192,957.73

9. Finance Report for the Month of December 2019

Receipts:

\$540,245.56

Disbursements:

\$1,659,309.32

10. Approval of Minutes

December 17, 2019

7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting

Motion to Approve: Councilman Cangiano

Second: Councilman Loughridge

Council Discussion: None

Roll Call:

AYE:

Loughridge, Cangiano, Galate, Council President Delaney

OPPOSED:

None

ABSTAIN:

None

Motion Approved

11. Mayor's Report

Mayor Stanzilis remarks that not much has happened since the last council meeting earlier in the month. He also states that "it's good to be back" after having been away on vacation.

12. Chief of Police Report

Chief Licata states that at year end there is a lot of administrative work that needs to be done, in terms of annual reporting. He remarks that "by all standards, last year was a successful year."

The Chief also mentions that the department has two new police officers, who are currently in the field with their Borough training officers. In a month or so, the new officers will be on their own, in their own police vehicles, being shadowed.

The Mayor comments that Officer Parichuk is a man of great detail when it comes to training, which is very important, as it keeps bad habits from forming at the start.

Chief Licata replies jokingly that Officer Tumulty would likely agree.

13. Borough Administrator's Report

Administrator Rinaldi reminds Mayor and Council to confirm with Ms. Knight if planning to attend the Morris County League Dinner on February 19th. She also reminds everyone that the Borough is back to a regular schedule with council meetings, the next being February 4th.

14. Council Committee Reports

Councilman Loughridge

There is a new member on the Recreation Commission, Bryan Higgins. Senior yoga continues to be a success, led by Recreation Secretary Christina Chismar. There is also currently a hip-hop dance class being offered, with over twenty people registered. The councilman also mentions that he recently walked the new trails by Lake Rogerene, which he states are "impressive."

Councilwoman Galate

No report regarding police, as Chief Licata has provided all information. The Borough Fire Department has a new volunteer, Kyle N. Morsch. She also mentions again the loss of Former Chief Zoldak.

Councilman Cangiano

The MSA reported that one of their pumps, the one by Mt. Arlington Beach, went down in December. The councilman spoke with the director of the MSA, and confirms that all emergency and repair work has been completed.

Councilman Cangiano, Mayor Stanzilis, and Administrator Rinaldi all remark on how this happened over a weekend, and praise the MSA for their rapid response.

On another note, MCMUA still needs to upgrade water tank at Fireman's Field, which is an ongoing logistical matter for them.

The Mayor asks if residents will see a difference in water pressure when the water tank is out of service. Councilman Cangiano replies that it is possible. The Mayor asks approximately how long this upgrade will take. Councilman Cangiano responds that he does not know yet. Administrator Rinaldi mentions that there will be a meeting later this week.

Council President Delaney

The Council President has been attending all of the re-organization meetings for the Borough's committees. He remarks that it "looks like it's going to be a great year for all the committees."

He also attended the Morris County Freeholders swearing in. The Mayor thanks Council President Delaney for attending.

Before the Mayor closes out the Council Committee Report portion of the meeting, Councilman Loughridge mentions that a few of the seniors have asked about the results of the Howard Blvd. Traffic Study. The Mayor responds that the results of the study are still being reviewed to create recommendations, and should be available in February. Both the Mayor and Administrator state that there will be another public meeting to address the study.

15. Public Comment

John Meehan – 141 Orben Drive

Mr. Meehan states he has come Woodland Trail gate, off of Elizabeth Way. Installed 2-3 months ago. Operated by one side of community, not Lake Rogerene side. Gate was installed at request of Lake Rogerene community to mitigate traffic.

Mr. Meehan would like it considered that this road also be made accessible to the property owners of the Lake Rogerene community.

Mayor Stanzilis clarifies that the concept was to ensure that the road be used only for emergency access, not as a shortcut or thoroughfare. Mr. Meehan replies that it is not emergency access, it is now one-way access.

The Mayor thanks Mr. Meehan for the points he has made, and asks that he leave his contact information with the Borough Clerk.

Councilman Cangiano asks if this is a private road. Both the Mayor and Administrator reply that it is a private road and private gate. Administrator Rinaldi states that the site plan will be reviewed.

16. New Business

None

17. Old Business

None

18. Ordinance – Introduction

None

20. Resolutions - Vote by Consent

Resolutions 2020-27 through 2020-39, Excluding 2020-31 and 2020-33

- 2020-27 A Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Approving Transfer of Funds
- 2020-28 A Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Approving the Check Register Dated January 21, 2020
- 2020-29 A Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Execution of Addendum to MAEC Agreement
- A Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Appointing Carolyn Rinaldi as Public Agency Compliance Officer
- A Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Accepting the Bid and Awarding the Contract for the 2020 Annual Laboratory Sampling and Analysis for the Mount Arlington Sanitary Landfill
- 2020-34 A Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Cancellation of Fees & Overpayment Refund for Block 89 Lot 5
- 2020-35 A Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Resolution for Redemption of TSC #18-00006
- 2020-36 A Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Resolution for Redemption of TSC #18-00011
- 2020-37 A Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Resolution for Redemption of TSC #18-00018
- A Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Resolution for Redemption of TSC #18-00029

2020-39 A Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Resolution Appointing OEM Coordinators

Motion to Approve: Council President Delaney

Second: Councilman Cangiano Council Discussion: None

Roll Call:

AYE:

Loughridge, Cangiano, Galate, Council President Delaney

OPPOSED: None ABSTAIN: None

Motion Approved

2020-33 A Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Advertisement of a Bid Notice and Specifications for Professional Property Revaluation Services

Motion to Approve: Council President Delaney

Second: Councilman Cangiano

Council Discussion: Councilman Cangiano asks Administrator Rinaldi for clarification on what this resolution does. She responds that this resolution is the first step in the process of preparing for the revaluation, and allows for the RFP to be crafted to go out to bid for Professional Property Revaluation Services. *Roll Call*:

AYE:

Loughridge, Cangiano, Galate, Council President Delaney

OPPOSED: None ABSTAIN: Fostle

Motion Approved

2020-31 A Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Appointing Kyle Morsch as Volunteer Fire Fighter

Motion to Approve: Council President Delaney

Second: Councilman Loughridge

Council Discussion: The Mayor congratulates the Fire Department on another great volunteer, and acknowledges the Morsch family's continued service. *Roll Call*:

AYE:

Loughridge, Cangiano, Fostle, Galate, Council President Delaney

OPPOSED:

None

ABSTAIN:

None

Motion Approved

21. Motions

None

22. Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn: Council President Delaney

Second: Councilman Cangiano Council Discussion: None

Roll Call:

ALL IN FAVOR: Aye OPPOSED: None

Motion Approved

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Acting Borough Clerk

CC: Website