

**BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON
COUCIL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 7, 2020
7:00 PM**

REMOTE ACCESS INFORMATION

Date: Tuesday, April 7, 2020

Time: 7:00pm*

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***NOTE:** *For the purpose of establishing a virtual connection, dial-ins will be accepted starting at 6:50pm.*

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 the resident of Mt. Arlington that passed away yesterday due to COVID-19.

4. Roll Call

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

Matthew Jessup, Esq., Borough Attorney, and Carolyn Rinaldi, Borough Administrator and CFO, were also present.

5. Presentations

None

6. Appointments

None

7. Tax and Utility Report for the Month of February

Total Tax Collections: \$1,402,945.25

Total Utility Collections: \$152,355.31

8. Finance Report for the Month of February

Receipts: \$3,423,771.95

Disbursements: \$2,201,257.06

9. Approval of Minutes – Vote By Consent

- January 21, 2020 7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting
- February 4, 2020 7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting
- March 3, 2020 7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting

Motion to Approve: Council President Delaney

Second: Councilman Cangiano

Council Discussion: Councilwoman Galate states that she was not present for the March 3, 2020 meeting. Councilwoman Fostle states that she was not present for the January 21, 2020 meeting.

Roll Call:

AYE: Farris, Loughridge, Cangiano, Fostle, Galate, Council President Delaney

OPPOSED: None

ABSTAIN: Councilwoman Galate abstained for the March 3, 2020 meeting, and Councilwoman Farris abstained for the January 21, 2020 meeting.

Motion Approved

10. Mayor's Report

The Mayor addresses the current pandemic. He reminds everyone that part of what is key to the residents of the Borough staying health is for everyone to continue adhering to the rules of social distancing, regular handwashing, self-isolating if sick, and wearing a mask when it is necessary to go out.

The Mayor shares that he was on a conference call with Senator Booker, Congresswoman Sherrill, Senator Bucco, other Mayors of Morris County, and some county executives discussing the current pandemic. He informs that some information shared was that there are noticeable differences in municipality effectiveness in taking precautions, which is tracked by hospitals based on patient admissions. Though Mt. Arlington is doing very well in the midst of this, the Mayor reminds everyone that more can always be done.

11. Borough Administrator's Report

None

12. Chief of Police Report

Chief Licata reviewed COVID-19 concerns and enforcement. He then introduced Lieutenant Ed LaBruno as the Borough of Mount Arlington's next Chief of Police effective June 1, 2020.

Mayor Stanzilis acknowledged Chief Licata and thanked him for the great work he has done for the Borough. Councilman Loughridge also thanked Chief Licata for his years of service.

13. Council Committee Reports

Councilwoman Farris

The councilwoman mentions the volunteer program the Borough has in place to assist senior and high-risk residents with grocery shopping. She remarks that she had the pleasure of assisting a couple with their grocery shopping, and that they were very appreciative. She asks everyone to keep up the good work.

Councilman Cangiano

The councilman states that he has no report, but does want to thank and acknowledge Chief Licata for all his years of service. He also welcomes Ed LaBruno as the new Chief of Police.

Councilwoman Fostle

The councilwoman provides an update for the Finance Committee, stating that though the intention was to introduce the Borough budget at this meeting, that has been postponed until the May Council meeting due to the current pandemic. She remarks that postponing the introduction will, however, potentially allow for the public hearing of the budget to be in-person at the Borough Hall in June and provide greater ease of communication with and for residents.

Councilwoman Galate

None

Councilman Loughridge

The councilman states that there is nothing to report for Recreation. As for the Seniors, he mentions that he had a few calls from residents saying they are having trouble getting, or elastic for making masks. He also shares that a resident called stating that they did not receive a call back regarding volunteer grocery pick-up. Administrator Rinaldi clarifies that the resident did receive a call back from the Borough, but was not contacted by the volunteer. She states that the Borough has been in touch with the resident and the matter was resolved today.

Council President Delaney

Council President states that he would like to wish Chief Licata well and thanks him for his service, sharing that it has been a pleasure to work with him.

14. Public Comment

The Mayor opens the public comment portion of the meeting.

There was no public comment.

The Mayor closes the public portion of the meeting.

He then takes a moment to thank the public “for being who they are,” remarking how the community has pulled together, and that though it is a strange thing to say, we couldn’t be in a better town to get through this pandemic.

He then takes a moment to praise School Superintendent Monica Rowland, who is present for the meeting, for her hard work with the school, setting up distance learning and ensuring students continue to get meals. He also thanks the schools and school staff.

15. Ordinance – Introduction

03-2020 Bond Ordinance Providing for the Windemere 1 Water Main Extension Project in and by the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, Appropriating \$1,135,000 Therefore and Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,080,950 Bonds or Notes of the Borough to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof

The Mayor read ordinance 03-2020 by Title.

Motion: Council President Delaney stated that Ordinance 03-2020 be introduced and will be further considered after a public hearing held on May 5, 2020 at the Municipal Building at 7 pm.

Second: Councilman Cangiano

Council Discussion: Councilman Cangiano shares that this project has been a few years in the making, and that it is a great next step to better serve residents.

Roll Call:

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

Opposed: None

Motion Approved

16. Ordinance – Second Reading

02-2020 Ordinance Authorizing a Special Emergency Appropriation in the Amount of \$200,000 for the Preparation and Execution of a Complete Revaluation of Real Property and all Related Expenses in and by the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, New Jersey

The Mayor opened the Hearing to the Public and read Ordinance 02-2020 by Title.

No Public Comment

The Mayor closed the Hearing to the Public.

Motion: Council President Delaney stated: "I move for adoption and final passage of Ordinance 02-2020"

Second: Councilwoman Farris

Council Discussion: None

Roll Call:

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

Opposed: None

Motion Approved

17. Resolutions – Vote by Consent

Resolutions 2020-59 through 2020-70, excluding 2020-60

- 2020-59** 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 April 7, 2020
- 2020-61** Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of \$200,000 Special Emergency Notes for the Preparation and Execution of a Complete Program of Revaluation of Real Property and All Related Expenses in and by the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, New Jersey
- 2020-62** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Execution of a Grant Agreement Between the Borough of Mount Arlington (on behalf of Mount Arlington Fire & Rescue) and NJDEP New Jersey Forest Fire Service
- 2020-63** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Submission of a Grant Application to the Morris County Historic Preservation Trust for the Property at 526 Altenbrand Avenue and Matching of Funds
- 2020-64** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, for Authorizing Submission of a Grant Application to the Morris County Historic Preservation Trust for the Property at 404 Howard Boulevard and Matching of Funds
- 2020-65** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, for Redemption of TSC #19-00003

- 2020-66** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, for Redemption of TSC #19-00005
- 2020-67** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, for Redemption of TSC #19-00009
- 2020-68** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, for Redemption of TSC #19-00011
- 2020-69** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, for Redemption of TSC #19-00007
- 2020-70** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing a Traffic Safety Plan Associated with the Annual Fourth of July Fireworks Display

Motion to Approve: Council President Delaney

Second: Councilman Loughridge

Council Discussion: None

Roll Call:

AYE: Farris, Loughridge, Cangiano, Fostle, Galate, Council President Delaney

OPPOSED: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion Approved

- 2020-60** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Appointing Edward LaBruno as the Chief of Police of the Brough of Mount Arlington

Motion to Approve: Council President Delaney

Second: Councilwoman Farris

Council Discussion: The Mayor states that LaBruno will be a great asset to the Borough, and has shown that he is a team player, a great leader, and is truly committed to the safety and well-being of the residents of Mt. Arlington.

Lt. LaBruno thanks the Mayor & Council, and the Borough Administrator, for entrusting him with this tremendous responsibility. He also praises Chief Licata for the work he has done and for putting Mt. Arlington on the map. He ends by stating that he looks forward to working with everyone, and continuing the great work of the Mt. Arlington Police Department.

Roll Call:

AYE: Farris, Loughridge, Cangiano, Fostle, Galate, Council President Delaney

OPPOSED: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion Approved

18. Motion

None

19. Executive Session

None

20. Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn: Council President Delaney

Second: Councilman Loughridge

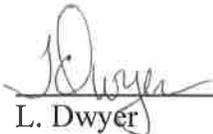
Council Discussion: None

Roll Call:

ALL IN FAVOR: Aye

OPPOSED: None

Motion Approved



L. Dwyer
Acting Borough Clerk

CC: Website

