

**BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 5, 2020
10:00 AM**

REMOTE ACCESS INFORMATION

Date: Tuesday, May 5, 2020
Time: 10:00am*
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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.

4. Roll Call

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

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

Students from the MAPS 7th grade were also in attendance via Zoom, along with teachers Julie Crawford and Kara Kelly.

5. Tax and Utility Report for the Month of March 2020

Total Tax Collections: \$213,443.58
Total Utility Collections: \$95,194.70

6. Finance Report for the Month of March 2020

Receipts: \$939,289.25
Disbursements: \$1,995,468.33

7. Approval of Minutes

- April 7, 2020 7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting

Motion to Approve: Council President Delaney

Second: Councilman Loughridge

Council Discussion: None

Roll Call:

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

OPPOSED: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion Approved

8. Presentations

While a slideshow of the students and the different projects, programs and activities they are involved in was played in the background, Mrs. Crawford read a speech (see attached copy) regarding what the students have been learning and doing. She goes on to recognize individual students in each of the groups presented.

The Mayor thanks Mrs. Crawford for the presentation and her continued good work with the students of MAPS. The Mayor also takes a moment to recognize School Superintendent Monica Rowland and Principal Grillo, who are in attendance, for the outstanding work they do, and thanks them both for giving the children of Mount Arlington a great education.

The Mayor takes a moment to introduce Stan Puszcz, the Borough Engineer, as he joined the Zoom meeting. Mr. Puszcz commended the students for their work and studies in STEM projects, and gave a brief overview of what his job as Borough Engineer entails.

9. Appointments

None

10. Mayor's Report

The Mayor shares that he has been hearing from residents that are having trouble getting in contact with anyone at Unemployment, and understands their concerns and frustration. Mayor Stanzilis states that individuals in this situation should contact Assemblywoman Ora Dunn, Assemblyman Brian Bergen, and Senator Bucco, and then call him so he can contact those officials as well on the individual's behalf.

11. Borough Administrator's Report

Administrator Rinaldi had no report, but welcomes the 7th graders to the meeting and thanks them for joining.

12. Council Committee Reports

Councilman Loughridge

The councilman had no report, but makes note that today is National Teachers' Day.

Councilwoman Fostle

The councilwoman had no report.

Councilwoman Farris

The councilwoman states that a great job is being done in helping seniors and high-risk residents of the community with grocery shopping needs. She also welcomes the 7th graders to the meeting.

Councilwoman Galate

The councilwoman thanks the Borough's first responders, Police and Fire, for doing an incredible job, particularly during this pandemic. She also thanks the Fire Department for bringing the Easter Bunny through town for the holiday, and remarks how much that was appreciated by the community. Councilwoman Galate also takes a moment to thank all the members of the Borough's Fire Department, which is made up entirely of volunteers, for all their hard work.

Councilwoman Galate also shares she recently attended the Board of Education's meeting where they adopted their budget. She praises the Board and the school teachers for their work, and for taking it upon themselves to donate their PPE once it became known that schools would be closing.

The councilwoman states that she is proud to be a resident of Mount Arlington, and proud of all those working hard to get the Borough through this difficult time.

Council President Delaney

The Council President welcomes everyone to the meeting, particularly the 7th graders, stating that "this is one of the highlights of the year."

Before going to the Public Comment portion of the meeting, the Mayor formally introduces all members of the Governing Body, Borough staff, and professionals to the students, and asks that each person provide a brief description of what they do.

The Mayor introduces the Borough's new Chief of Police, Ed LaBruno, to the students as he arrived to the Zoom meeting.

13. Chief of Police Report

Chief LaBruno welcomes the students to the meeting. He takes a moment to wish former Chief Keith Licata all the best for the future. Chief LaBruno continues on to report that all employees/staff of the Police Department are doing well, and that the officers are continuing

to use alternative protocols to help limit the spread of COVID-19 should someone contract the virus.

Chief LaBruno ends by thanking the Mayor, Council, and Borough Administrator for the opportunity to serve as Chief of Police, and stating that he looks forward to working with them going forward.

14. Public Comment

Principal Grillo takes a moment to thank the Mayor and Council for inviting the students to attend the virtual council meeting, as it is such an “authentic learning experience”. He also thanks everyone for the hard work the Borough is doing, and congratulates Chief LaBruno on his promotion and wishes well to Former Chief Licata.

The Mayor opened the floor to the 7th grade students for any questions they might have.

The students posed primarily questions regarding the current pandemic and how it is impacting the Borough now, and how it might in the future. A student also asked about the status of Lake Hopatcong this year in terms of Harmful Algal Bloom (HAB), to which the Mayor responded that so far all looks well.

15. Ordinance – Introduction

None

16. Ordinance – Second Reading

None

17. Resolutions

2020-71 Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Re-Appointing Lizbeth Dwyer as Acting Borough Clerk

Motion to Approve: Council President Delaney

Second: Councilwoman Farris

Council Discussion: The Mayor thanks Mrs. Dwyer for her work and the great job she has done as Acting Borough Clerk, stating that she has made it a “seamless transition.”

Roll Call:

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

OPPOSED: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion Approved

2020-72 Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, for Refund of Duplicate Tax Payment on Property Known as Block 98 Lot 12

Motion to Approve: Council President Delaney

Second: Councilman Loughridge

Council Discussion: None

Roll Call:

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

OPPOSED: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion Approved

18. Motion – Vote by Consent

Vendor Permits

- Andy's Roadside Dive, LLC
- Dolly Jingles Ice Cream, LLC

Motion to Approve: Council President Delaney

Second: Councilwoman Farris

Council Discussion: None

Roll Call:

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

OPPOSED: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion Approved

19. Executive Session

None

20. Adjourn

Before adjourning, the Mayor thanks the 7th graders for attending this virtual meeting. The council members also express their gratitude. Councilwoman Galate emphasizes to the students that, though the meeting might seem brief, there is a lot of work (days, months, years) that go into the decisions being made by the municipality.

The Mayor reiterates his thanks to Superintendent Rowland, Principal Grillo, and teachers Julie Crawford and Kara Kelly, for the amazing education they are provided to the students of the Borough.

Motion to Adjourn: Council President Delaney

Second: Councilman Loughridge

Council Discussion: None

Roll Call:

ALL IN FAVOR: Aye

OPPOSED: None

Motion Approved


Kayleen Knight
Acting Borough Clerk

CC: Website

