

**BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
July 9, 2020
7:00 PM**

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Date: Tuesday, July 9, 2020

Time: 7:00pm

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1. Call to Order

- 2. Adequate Notice** of this regular 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. Mayor Stanzilis asked for a moment of silence for all those who have perished from the pandemic. He asked for thoughts and prayers for their families.

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.

5. Presentations

None

6. Appointments

None

7. Tax and Utility Report for the Month of May

Total Tax Collections: \$3,121,048.22

Total Utility Collections: \$ 154,661.34

8. Finance Report for the Months of May and June

May

Receipts: \$3,734,528.86

Disbursements: \$2,781,758.08

June

Receipts: \$ 449,307.92

Disbursements: \$2,049,826.12

9. Approval of Minutes

- Meeting Minutes from June 2, 2020

Motion to Approve: Council President Delaney

Second: Councilwoman Fostle

Council Discussion: None

Roll Call:

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

OPPOSED: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion Approved

10. Mayor's Report

Mayor Stanzilis reported that the Independence Day Fireworks celebration was outstanding and the Mayor thanked the Lake Hopatcong Yacht Club for putting them on. He went on to say that the fireworks seemed more spectacular this year possibly because we all have cabin fever, but noted that it was a great celebration of the independence of our great country.

The Mayor went on to recognize and congratulate the graduating class of 2020 at both the high school and the eighth-grade level. The Mayor also congratulated members of the Borough staff who had graduates this past year.

The Mayor reported he is on the Small Business Recovery Task Force as well as the Commercial Real Estate Recover Task Force. The Mayor will keep the Council informed on how these efforts progress.

The Mayor reported that he was on a conference call with Trish O’Keeffe, CEO of Morristown Medical Center/Atlantic Health Systems. Ms. O’Keeffe said the hospital is very well prepared if we do have a comeback of the COVID pandemic. The Mayor also said Ms. O’Keeffe wants to make sure all residents know that the hospital is open for normal business. People should not be afraid to go to the hospital or their doctor during the pandemic. The unintended consequence is a diagnosis could be missed. The hospitals are very safe with quarantines set up and their sterilization techniques and protocols are top shelf.

On a sad note the Mayor said we just passed the fifth anniversary of the passing of Chris D’Amico Jr. from a boating accident on Lake Hopatcong. Laura and Chris D’Amico, Chris’ parents are residents of Mount Arlington. The Mayor said Chris’ passing was a very sad and tragic day; one we don’t want to forget.

Mayor Stanzilis thanked both our Police Department and Fire Department for the great job they are doing during the pandemic. He specifically thanked Chief LaBruno and Fire Chief Giacobbe and their teams and noted that their weekly conference calls have continued and are very productive.

11. Chief of Police Report

Chief LaBruno reported his Police Officers continue to work on alternate protocols in an effort to keep the staff separated during the COVID pandemic. The objective is to continue continuity of service in the event an officer comes down with COVID requiring quarantine of a squad. As of July 2, 2020, the Police Department will be back to full staffing. Protocols are still in place, but all squads are on full staff.

The Chief also noted the Fireworks were a great event and went very well. There were multiple locations set up meeting the Governor’s Executive Order of gathering of no more than 250 people.

Our new police officer, Paul Riboldi, is completing the Police Academy on July 16, 2020. He will be starting work on July 18, 2020. He will be sworn in during the August Council Meeting.

Chief LaBruno reported that Sergeant Sherburne from the Borough Police Department as well as Sergeant Rocco and Corporal Henriksen, both from Roxbury Police Department, were able to save the life of a woman who was severely injured. The Chief would like to honor these officers at a future Council meeting.

The Police department is now wearing new patches which contain the Officer’s Memorial Flag in honor of those who sacrifice their lives in service. The police department wanted to honor Police Officer Joe Wargo who passed away in 2011. The patch represents the group as well as the community, but also represents something near and dear to the Mount Arlington Police Department.

Mayor Stanzilis thanked Chief LaBruno for creating the patch noting how thoughtful it is.

12. Borough Administrator's Report

Administrator Rinaldi reported that the McGregor Trails application letter of intent was just submitted for approval. In addition, the historic preservation trust application was submitted for approve for 404 Howard Boulevard which is the former Police Station.

The audit will be on the August meeting agenda for Mayor and Council review. The Girl Scout have a silver award project which they will be presenting at the August meeting.

Administrator Rinaldi went on the thank the Governing Body for making themselves available through Zoom, phone calls, and even in person keeping the Borough functions moving during the pandemic.

13. Council Committee Reports

Councilwoman Farris

Councilwoman Farris reported that today is her one-year anniversary as a Councilwoman. She went on to say that it is a pleasure being with the group and hopes to contribute more as she continues to learn about the function of the job.

Councilwoman Galate

Councilwoman Galate opened by saying she attended the Board of Education meeting. The Board of Education recognized teachers and volunteers during their meeting. WDHA radio station spotlighted Andrea Danysh as Teacher Who Rocks. Mrs. Meyers received the Teacher of the Year award and receiving 20-year awards were Mrs. Andrea Danysh, Laura Waterfield and Stacy Miller. During the meeting the Board of Education thanked the Fire and Police Departments for the raffle they held. One third and one fourth grader won and both were a fireperson for the day. Councilwoman Galate went on to report how there was a strong sense of community during the meeting noting how everyone is in tune with one another. She went on to thank the Board of Education for their great work. Also, Councilwoman Galate mentioned how many volunteers were recognized during the meeting and went on to say that volunteers are a big part of the Borough community.

Councilwoman Galate reported that Andy Patin from Andy's Road Side Dive donated some of his Fourth of July proceeds to the Mount Arlington Fire Department. She went on to thank the fire department for their hard work and noted that if you are 16 years of age you can volunteer to become a fire fighter.

Councilman Loughridge

Councilman Loughridge congratulated Christina Chismar on her full-time position as the Head of Recreation as well as the Admirative Assistant. Recreation met but the programs are very slow because of the Board of Health COVID guidelines, however Councilman Loughridge reported that more recreation activities should open up in August including volleyball and yoga on the beach.

Councilwoman Fostle

Councilwoman Fostle reported that she has no new financial information to report, but did note that on tonight's agenda is Resolution 2020-109 which is the adoption of the

Designation of Areas in Need of Redevelopment. Councilwoman Fostle sits on the Land Use Board and reported that Jessica Caldwell gave a very through overview of the areas in need in the last Land Use meeting. She thanks Ms. Caldwell for a very straightforward presentation.

Council President Delaney

Council President Delaney reported that we have a new treasurer Lauren Schaeffner. He went on to thank all the residents who voted in the Primary Election.

14. Public Comment

None

15. Ordinance – Introduction

None

16. Ordinance – Second Reading

None

17. Resolutions 2020-94 through 2020-109 Vote By Consent

2020-94 Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Change of Amount in 2020 Budget

2020-95 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 July 9, 2020

2020-96 Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Execution of an Agreement between the Borough and the Borough Chief of Police

2020-97 Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing an Annual Stipend for Chief Edward LaBruno

2020-98 Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Execution of an Agreement between the Borough and the Borough Police Lieutenant

2020-99 Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Hiring Patricia Palazzola as Interim Part-Time Deputy Court Administrator

2020-100 Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Hiring Lauren Schaeffner as Treasurer

- 2020-101** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Appointing Lauren Schaeffner as Pension Certifying Officer
- 2020-102** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Hiring Christina Chismar as Full-Time Administrative Assistant and Recreation Clerk
- 2020-103** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Appointing Lifeguards for the 2020 Season
- 2020-104** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Receipt of Bids for Water and Sewer System's Emergency Repair Services
- 2020-105** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Receipt of Bids for Landscaping Services
- 2020-106** 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 Windemere, Altenbrand, and Park Water Main Extension Project to Shauger Property Services, Inc.
- 2020-107** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, In Support of Senate Joint Resolution No. 85 Designating August 31st of Each Year as Overdose Awareness Day
- 2020-108** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Removal of Item from Fixed Asset Ledger
- 2020-109** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Designating All or a Portion of Certain Properties Identified on the Tax Maps of the Borough as Block 10, Lots 77 & 78; Block 17, Lot 18; Block 20, Lot 5; Block 28, Lots 1, 3 & 4; Block 30, Lots 7, 15 & 16; Block 33, Lots 1 & 4; and Block 61.02, Lots 23.02 & 23.08 Be Designated as a Non-Condensation Area in Need of Redevelopment

Motion to Approve: Council President Delaney

Second: Councilwoman Galate

Council Discussion: None

Roll Call:

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

OPPOSED: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion Approved

18. Motion

None

19. Executive Session

None

20. Adjourn

Motion to Approve: Council President Delaney

Second: Councilwoman Farris

Roll Call:

All in Favor: Aye

Opposed: None

Motion Approved



Lizbeth Dwyer
Acting Borough Clerk
CC: Website

