

BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

December 1, 2020

7:00 PM

The Regular Meeting of the Borough of Mount Arlington was held on Tuesday, December 1, 2020. This meeting was held remotely/electronically using the platform Zoom and commenced at 7:00PM.

Mayor Stanzilis stated “Adequate Notice of this meeting held this 1st day of December 2020, has been provided 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 Borough Municipal Building, on January 3, 2020; notice of this meeting is on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk. Additional notice of this meeting, including without limit setting forth procedures and requirements for public participation therein given the ongoing pandemic, was also transmitted to the Morris County Daily Record and the Roxbury Register, posted on the bulletin board in the main hallway of the Borough Municipal Building, and posted on the Borough’s website. Consistent with that additional notice, public comment may be made during this meeting in any of the following ways:

1. By attending this meeting in person, subject to capacity limits as noted in the special notice due to the pandemic;
2. By attending this meeting via Zoom, using the Attendee Link provided in that notice;
3. By attending this meeting via telephone, using the Phone Number and Event Number/Access Code provided in that notice;
4. By having provided comments in writing via electronic mail prior to 4:00 p.m. on the date of this meeting, as provided in the notice; or,
5. By having provided comments in writing and mailed same for delivery no later than the date of this meeting, as provided in the notice.

Procedures, requirements and standards for making public comment in remote meetings shall be governed by applicable law, including Local Finance and regulatory guidance. In connection with this remote meeting, the Borough will be utilizing an electronic communications platform that utilizes audio muting in connection with the control of this meeting, including the orderly conduct of public comment.”

The Mayor led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Stanzilis asked everyone to share a moment of silence for those who had lost their lives or were currently battling COVID-19 during this pandemic.

Roll Call was taken for attendance:

Present In-Person: Mayor Stanzilis

Present Via-Zoom: Councilwoman Farris, Councilman Loughridge, Council President Delaney and Councilwoman Galate.

Present from Administration In-Person: Ms. Carolyn Rinaldi and the writer

Present from Administration Via-Zoom: Attorney Jessup, Chief Edward LaBruno, Fire Chief Gary Giacobbe, Borough Engineer Puszc and Mount Arlington Board of Health President O’Reilly-Stanzilis

Councilwoman Fostle joined the meeting at 7:05pm.

Presentations

Oath of Office - Swearing in of Police Officer Nicholas Pizzuta

Mayor Stanzilis administered an Oath of Office to Police Officer Nicholas Pizzuta.

2020-158 Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey Hiring Nicholas Pizzuta as Police Officer

Motion to Approve: Council President Delaney

Second: Councilwoman Galate

Council Discussion: None

Roll Call was taken.

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

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion carries.

Appointments

None

Tax and Utility Report for the Month of November

None

Finance Report for the Month of November

None

Approval of Minutes

November 10, 2020 – Regular Meeting

Motion to Approve: Councilwoman Galate

Second: Councilman Loughridge

Council Discussion: None

Roll Call was taken.

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

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion carries.

Councilman Cangiano joined the meeting at 7:10pm.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Stanzilis wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving and thanked the police for working that day, as well as the Council members who went around and gave the police officers food. Mayor Stanzilis recently attended a small business rally in Morristown/Morris Township hosted by a group of citizens and businesses who were concerned that the State of New Jersey was not

helping small businesses during the pandemic. Some of the businesses represented had actually already gone out of business. The Mayor wished to remind Governor Murphy that the cure cannot be worse than the disease; small businesses everywhere in New Jersey were getting crushed. The Mayor recently joined Council President Delaney at The Bagel Place to show their support of this small business that had kept its doors open for the residents during the pandemic. The Mayor also recently attended a meeting with the other mayors from around Lake Hopatcong to discuss stormwater management, clean water, and grants to look into in 2021. The Mayor recently attended the Inaugural Green Infrastructure Committee meeting which was also attended by the Rutgers Cooperative Extension and Council President Delaney amongst others. He thanked Ms. Rinaldi for putting the meeting together. The recent Girl Scouts Little Library event was a great success. The Little Library was like a big doll house/small shed where anyone could go and get a book. He thanked the Girl Scouts for everything that they did and stated they were an integral part of the community.

Chief of Police Report

Chief LaBruno congratulated new Police Officer Nicholas Pizzuto and stated he would be a great asset to the Police Department. Due to the pandemic the agency had returned to a modified schedule so, if there were a positive case of COVID-19 within the agency, they could still continue to serve the community. Chief LaBruno was spending time helping the Jersey City Police Academy by teaching some courses out of the Morris County Training Academy. Chief LaBruno went on to announce the Police Department would continue “No Shave November” by extending it through the end of December to raise donations for the Special Olympics. They were getting local sponsors and the Police Union was matching donations.

Borough Administrator’s Report

Ms. Rinaldi had nothing to report.

Council Committee Reports

Councilwoman Galate

Councilwoman Galate read, as the liaison for the Board of Education, an update from Superintendent Monica Rowland. The update stated that, despite a rising number of COVID-19 cases within the school district, schools were still staying open due in part to the staff and students doing a good job of quarantining when necessary. They had not needed to close or go to remote learning as of yet. Councilwoman Galate announced the Police Department had a donation bin in their main lobby for medication bottles and supplies. The Police Department, Fire Department and Board of Education all commended and supported each other and it was great to see the community coming together.

Councilman Loughridge

Councilman Loughridge announced the outdoor Tree Lighting Ceremony would take place that Friday, December 4th at 7:00pm at Memorial Park.

Update – Tree Lighting was later rescheduled to Sunday, December 6th 7:00pm at Memorial Park

Councilwoman Fostle

Nothing to report.

Councilwoman Farris

Councilwoman Farris stated she had attended the Girl Scouts Little Library Inauguration Ceremony and it was great to see young girls still believing in books.

Councilman Cangiano

Nothing to report.

Council President Delaney

Council President Delany congratulated Councilwoman Galate on being honored by Morris County for her service to the Morris County Historic Preservation Trust Fund Review Board where she served as Chairwoman for years.

Mayor Stanzilis commended Superintendent Monica Roland for her leadership and keeping the schools open. He also looked forward to the Tree Lighting Ceremony.

Public Comment

Ann Judy Walsh – 7 Birch Terrace in Seasons Glen

Ms. Walsh questioned if there was a Health Committee report on COVID-19 cases in Mount Arlington available to view. Ms. O'Reilly-Stanzilis replied it was not available to residents due to HIPPA regulations, but this information was available on the Morris County website. Additionally, Board of Health meetings were held multiple times throughout the year which were open to the public and questions from residents were addressed.

Mayor Stanzilis stated that COVID-19 cases had gone up recently, but compared to other towns of similar size the Borough was in very good shape. Mayor Stanzilis asked everyone to please keep practicing good hygiene, social distancing and to use common sense.

Fire Chief Giacobbe announced their Annual Santa Run would be Saturday, December 19th from 10:30am until 5:00pm. Also, on December 13th at 2:00pm, Santa would also be making a special visit to the Ridgeview condominium community, starting at the Mount Arlington Public Library, and visiting the various condominium buildings up the road over the course of about thirty minutes.

Mayor Stanzilis commended Chief Giacobbe and all of the volunteer firefighters for their service. He looked forward to seeing Santa driving all over town. The rest of the Council also commended the Fire Department for their great work looked forward to the upcoming events.

Ordinance – Introduction

None

Ordinance – Second Reading

08-2020 Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Supplementing and Amending Chapter 169 Respecting the Operation of Engine Brakes on Roads Within the Borough of Mount Arlington

The Mayor opened the Hearing to the Public and read Ordinance 08-2020 by Title.

There was 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 08-2020"

Second: Councilman Loughridge

Council Discussion: Council President Delaney stated it would be a real benefit to the town and would help with traffic noise tremendously.

Roll Call:

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

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Approved

09-2020 Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Amending Chapter 135, Sewers, of the Code of the Borough of Mount Arlington

The Mayor opened the Hearing to the Public and read Ordinance 09-2020 by Title.

There was no public comment.

The Mayor closed the Hearing to the Public.

Motion: Councilwoman Galate stated: "I move for adoption and final passage of Ordinance 09-2020"

Second: Councilwoman Farris

Council Discussion: None

Roll Call:

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

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Approved

10-2020 Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Appropriating \$50,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund for the Borough Funded Portion of the Purchase and Installation of Borough Building Generators

The Mayor opened the Hearing to the Public and read Ordinance 10-2020 by Title.

There was no public comment.

The Mayor closed the Hearing to the Public.

Motion: Councilman Loughridge stated: "I move for adoption and final passage of Ordinance 10-2020"

Second: Councilwoman Galate

Council Discussion: None

Roll Call:

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

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Approved

Resolutions – All Vote by Consent

2020-159 Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Approving Transfer of Funds

2020-160 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 December 1, 2020

2020-161 Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Establishing Holiday Schedule and Closure of Borough Hall Offices for Calendar Year 2021

2020-162 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 2020 Water and Sewer Systems Emergency Repair Services to Tomco Construction, Inc.

2020-163 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 Borough-Wide Landscaping to LTI, Inc.

2020-164 Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, to Cancel Municipal Tax Lien Certificate of Sale #17-00017 For Property Known as Block 57 Lot 1

2020-165 Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, For Refund of Tax Overpayment Made on Property Known as Block 49.02 Lot 33

2020-166 Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, to Redeem a Third-Party Tax Lien Certification of Sale # 19-00010 For Property Known as Block 56 Lot 16

Motion to Approve: Council President Delaney

Second: Councilwoman Galate

Council Discussion: None

Roll Call:

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

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Approved

Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn: Council President Delaney

Second: Councilwoman Galate

Roll Call:

All in Favor: Aye

Opposed: None

Motion Approved



Matthew N. Bansch, Borough Clerk

CC: Website