

**BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON**  
**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**October 6, 2020**  
**7:00 PM**

The Regular Meeting of the Borough of Mount Arlington was held on Tuesday, October 6, 2020. This meeting was held remotely/electronically using the platform Zoom and commenced at 7:00PM.

Mayor Stanzilis stated “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.”

The Mayor led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Stanzilis asked for a moment of silence for all men and women in our country, cities and towns, dressed in blue serving our communities in this entire nation.

Roll Call was taken for attendance:

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

**Absent:** Councilwoman Fostle.

**Present from Administration:** Attorney Jessup, Ms. Carolyn Rinaldi, Ms. Laura Adams, Engineer Puszcz and Chief Edward LaBruno.

**Presentations**

None

**Appointments**

None

**Tax and Utility Report for the Months of August & September**

**August**

Total Tax Collections:           \$3,022,791.66

Total Utility Collections: \$132,262.02  
**September**  
Total Tax Collections: \$186,270.98  
Total Utility Collections: \$116,340.34

**Finance Report for the Months of August & September**

**August**

Receipts: \$3,381,057.57  
Disbursements: \$1,959,582.21

**September**

Receipts: \$377,567.47  
Disbursements: \$1,784,092.34

**Approval of Minutes**

**September 1, 2020 – Regular Meeting**

Motion to Approve: Councilman Cangiano  
Second: Councilwoman Galate  
Council Discussion: None

Roll Call was taken.

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

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion carries.

**Mayor's Report**

Mayor Stanzilis reported he had a very busy month. He was on a panel hosted by the Morris County Economic Development Corporation talking about development, redevelopment and economic growth in Morris County. It was very informative for the public. The Fire Department had another successful drive-in movie night. They are a part of our community in so many ways. Make sure to thank our All-Volunteer Fire Department for their service and bravery. The Morris County League of Municipalities had their Annual September Meeting at the Lake Hopatcong Yacht Club and it was very nice. The Parks and Trails Committee and Recreation met and it went very well. He had been on two JCP&L Mayors Meeting calls where people expressed their ideas and concerns. Senator Bucco arranged a call with JCP&L today to discuss how we can further harden our infrastructure and get better with storm management and response. He thanked Council President Delaney for organizing a CERT training that he, Ms. Rinaldi and Chief LaBruno attended. The Borough Library Meeting was outstanding and they are pivoting well during the pandemic. He and Ms. Rinaldi were on a Mayors Meeting Call with all four towns around Lake Hopatcong. They discussed aeration systems being successfully installed and operating effectively in Crescent Cove and other areas to help mitigate the algae bloom. He was happy to report an aeration system is also coming to the Mt. Arlington Beach. Last Saturday was an amazing community morning with two events: the ribbon cutting at Lake Rogerene Trails and the dedication of Roger Rousche way. Freeholder Shaw and Freeholder Krickaus were in

attendance for both events. Thanks to Christina Chismar, Police and Fire for their dedication and hard work. He thanked Council President Delaney for moving the Roger Rousch event forward.

### **Chief of Police Report**

Chief LaBruno reported there was a recent life-saving event involving an unresponsive 34-year old man who was resuscitated thanks to Sergeant Ryan Sherburne and Patrolman James Braun. Kudos to the entire PD for their extensive training to be prepared for situations like these. The PD is in their first round of interviews to hire a new patrol officer. There are some strong candidates thus far. Chief LaBruno shared a number of useful tips for Halloween. The safest ways to give out candy to trick-or-treaters is to:

- Stay local
- Limit your groups to immediate family members
- Wear a mask and don't rely on costumes to serve as masks
- Lay out candy on a folding table
- Have designated homes for trick-or-treating and everybody chips in to buy candy.

There may be a small Trunk-or-Treat event scheduled so stay tuned. The Fire Department is planning on having their next Movie Night on October 30<sup>th</sup>. The PD will be putting out information on what the upcoming General Election Ballot Question regarding cannabis means; cannabis is not as harmless as it may seem.

### **Borough Administrator's Report**

Ms. Rinaldi stated she had recently met with all of the committees. She wanted to publicly thank Jon Reindhardt, Wharton Borough Administrator and Rebecca Muller, Wharton Borough Assistant Court Manager for their help in the interview process for a new Mount Arlington Court Administrator which shares its court with Wharton Borough. She is required to complete Best Practices by November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Ms. Rinaldi wanted to make sure that everyone was ok with the proposed location for a Girl Scout's Little Library at Fireman's Field next to the Buddy Bench. Regarding grants, the Borough did not receive grant funding for the Fire Department's Cascade System which is an auto-air compressor fill system for the Scott Air Packs the firemen wear on their backs. The Borough had previously received grant money for the Scott Air Packs themselves. She recommended introducing an ordinance appropriating \$70,000 for the Cascade System.

### **Council Committee Reports**

#### *Councilman Cangiano*

Councilman Cangiano stated he supported the purchase of the Cascade System. He also approved of the location of the Girl Scout's Little Library at Fireman's Field. The Roger Rousche event went great and was well-attended. He thanked Council President Delaney for moving the event forward. He met with the Borough Engineering group and Ms. Rinaldi to discuss what water and sewer items would be discussed at the next Water and Sewer meeting. One of the agenda items would be upgrading Borough infrastructure to help residents during power outages. It is a step in the right direction.

#### *Councilwoman Farris*

Councilwoman Farris stated she was very sorry that she was unable to attend Saturday's ribbon cutting events. She complimented the Recreation Department for doing a beautiful job. She

really enjoyed the recent Police Department golf outing and hopes they will start hosting them every six months.

*Councilman Loughridge*

Councilman Loughridge commended local Eagle Scout Keyan Rogalsky for building the kiosk sign for Lake Rogerene Trails. There isn't much going on right now with Borough Recreation due to COVID-19. Saturday morning Tee-Ball at the MAPs field was very well-attended. Soccer was cancelled due to low attendance. Softball is limited to one team which it shares with Wharton. The weather was great for the Saturday ribbon cutting events. Roger Rousche was very instrumental with the Senior Club and everyone loved him.

*Councilwoman Galate*

Councilwoman Galate agreed with the location of the Little Library and introducing an ordinance for the Cascade System. She requested that the police officers mentioned in Chief LaBruno's report be honored at next month's Council Meeting. She announced that the Board of Education is currently looking for substitute teachers and food drive donations. The Saturday community events were great. Roger Rousche was a devoted fireman for 50 years in town. It shows the support of our amazing community, Police and the Fire Departments.

*Council President Delaney*

Council President Delany reported that he was on a JCP&L OEM call. The paving of Howard Boulevard came out really nice. He agreed with the ordinance for the Cascade System.

**Public Comment**

**Peter Shoder – 439 Windemere Avenue**

Mr. Shoder typed in a question asking when would Windemere Avenue, between Oneida and Altenbrand, be paved. He also questioned when would Logan Road be paved.

Engineer Puszczyk responded that the southern end of Windemere Avenue was a County Road and had been scheduled for paving; however, due to the upcoming water main extension project in town, the County preferred to do the paving after the Borough completed the water main project. He anticipated the paving of Borough roads to be next year, and the following year would be County Roads including the southern end of Windemere Avenue. Engineer Puszczyk anticipated the paving time for Logan Road would be Spring 2021.

**Ordinance – Introduction**

**Added Ordinance**

**07-2020** Ordinance Appropriating \$70,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund for Purchase and Installation of a Cascade System for the Borough Fire Department in and by the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, New Jersey

Attorney Jessup read Ordinance 07-2020 by Title and stated it would be subject to hearing and final adoption at the November 10, 2020 Council Meeting subject to publication.

*Motion:* Councilwoman Galate

*Second:* Council President Delany

*Council Discussion:* None

*Roll Call:*

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

*Opposed:* None

*Abstain:* None

Motion Approved

**Ordinance – Second Reading**

**06-2020** Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Amending and Supplementing Chapter 123-22 Regarding the Rules for Use of the Municipal Beach in the Borough of Mount Arlington

The Mayor opened the Hearing to the Public and read Ordinance 06-2020 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 06-2020”

*Second:* Councilwoman Farris

*Council Discussion:* None

*Roll Call:*

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

*Opposed:* None

*Abstain:* None

Motion Approved

**Resolutions – All Vote by Consent**

Councilman Cangiano questioned what Resolution 2020-140 was for. Ms. Adams replied it was for an electronic tax sale. It meant the tax sale would be online and would increase the number of lien holders attending, which should result in fewer tax liens. It was also a safer option during the pandemic. Councilman Cangiano added it theoretically may add to the pool of bidders as well.

Mayor Stanzilis commented on Resolution 2020-137 that it was another way to keep taxes the lowest in the region. He thanked Ms. Rinaldi and Chief LaBruno for finding this opportunity to keep costs down.

***2020-127 Clerical Error. Resolution 2020-127 was used twice. Renumbered to 2020-143.***

**2020-128** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Approving the Corrective Action Plan of the Annual Report of Audit for 2019

- 2020-129** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey Hiring Matthew N. Bansch as Municipal Clerk and Registrar
- 2020-130** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey Appointing Matthew N. Bansch as Municipal Registrar of Vital Statistics
- 2020-131** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey Hiring Matthew N. Bansch to Animal Control Secretary
- 2020-132** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey Hiring Ann Marie Bell as Full-Time Court Administrator
- 2020-133** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey Hiring Stephanie Rheinhardt as a Full-Time Tax and Utility Clerk
- 2020-134** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Hiring Part-Time Seasonal Help for DPW
- 2020-135** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Solicitation of Qualifications for Professional Services Pursuant to NJSA 19:44A-20.4, 20.5 et seq. Pursuant to a “Fair and Open” Process
- 2020-136** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey Authorizing the Shared Service Contract to Provide for Transporting and Marketing of Recyclable Material Between the Morris County Municipal Utility Authority and the Borough of Mount Arlington Commencing January 1, 2021 continue for five years until December 31, 2025
- 2020-137** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Participation in a Cooperative Pricing System with Educational Services Commission of New Jersey
- 2020-138** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Execution of a Contract Between Action Data Services and the Borough of Mount Arlington
- 2020-139** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Execution of a Contract Between Digital Strategy Associates, LLC and the Borough of Mount Arlington
- 2020-140** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Tax Collector to Participate in an Electronic Tax Sale

- 2020-141** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, to Cancel Future Property Taxes Due to 100% Disabled Veteran Exemption Approval Block 49.01 Lot 21
- 2020-142** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Establishing a \$25.00 Fee for the Creation, Printing and Mailing of Tax Sale Notices
- 2020-143** 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 October 6, 2020

*Motion to Approve:* Councilwoman Farris

*Second:* Councilwoman Galate

*Council Discussion:* None

*Roll Call:*

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

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Approved

**Executive Session**

None

**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