

**BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

December 15, 2020

7:00 PM

The Regular Meeting of the Borough of Mount Arlington was held on Tuesday, December 15, 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 15th 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.

Roll Call was taken for attendance:

Present: Councilwoman Farris, Councilwoman Fostle, Councilman Loughridge, Council President Delaney, Councilwoman Galate and Mayor Stanzilis

Absent: Councilman Cangiano

Present from Administration: Administrator/CFO Ms. Rinaldi, Borough Attorney Mr. Jessup, Police Chief LaBruno and Borough Engineer Mr. Puszc

Presentations

None

Appointments

None

Tax and Utility Report for the Month of November

Total Tax Collections: \$2,925,589.88

Total Utility Collections: \$170,512.28

Finance Report for the Month of November

Receipts \$3,254,044.18

Disbursements \$2,128,002.70

Approval of Minutes

December 1, 2020 – Regular Meeting

Motion to Approve: Councilwoman Galate

Second: Councilwoman Farris

Council Discussion: None

Roll Call was taken.

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

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion carries.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Stanzilis thanked the Borough Council, staff and professionals for their hard work this past year under the leadership of Ms. Rinaldi and Chief LaBruno. Everyone added to the success of the Borough. Keep up the great work.

Chief of Police Report

Chief LaBruno thanked everyone for helping him with a smooth transition to his new role as Chief of Police this year. He thanked Ms. Rinaldi for her guidance and help. He thanked his Police Officers, especially with the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, for their many sacrifices with scheduling and giving up vacation time as they went to modified scheduling. He wished everyone a safe and Happy Holiday Season.

Borough Administrator's Report

Ms. Rinaldi thanked the Mayor and Council for their ongoing support, as well as the entire staff. The team had grown and there were new faces. Everyone was looking forward to 2021. This had been a challenging year like no other. She also thanked the Borough Professionals for their ongoing support. Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all.

Council Committee Reports

Councilwoman Galate

Councilwoman Galate announced the Mount Arlington schools were taking donations for the Morris County Head Start program for Christmas. Donations included gift cards to Shop Rite, Walmart and Target; clothing, hats, mittens, gloves and more. The entire donation wish list, along with drop-off locations, were located on the Head Start website. She announced that Santa would be visiting the Borough on Sunday, December 19th in a Mount Arlington fire truck. Councilwoman Galate ended by thanking the Police, Fire, EMS, Ms. Rinaldi and the rest of the team for their support. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

Councilman Loughridge

Councilman Loughridge wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. He could not be happier with the Council.

Councilwoman Fostle

Councilwoman Fostle supported two Resolutions on the meeting agenda which pertained to her roles with the Land Use Board and Finance Committee. She stated she was happy about Resolution 2020-173 which was for a Shared Service Agreement with Wharton Borough for DPW Administration. She stated that having shared services was a great opportunity to cut costs for the taxpayers. She stated Resolution 2020-174 for the Proposed Redevelopment Plan was also a great opportunity to further improve the town. She wished everyone a Happy Holidays and hoped 2021 would be a better year.

Councilwoman Farris

Councilwoman Farris announced she had successfully moved within town to the Woodmont West Apartments after living on James Drive for fifteen years. She wished everyone a Happy Holidays and a healthy 2021.

Council President Delaney

Council President Delaney wished everyone a Happy Holidays. Although it had been a trying year, next year would be better for everyone.

Public Comment

There was no one present from the public.

Ordinance – Introduction

None

Ordinance – Second Reading

None

Resolutions – All Vote by Consent

2020-167 Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Approving Transfer of Funds

- 2020-168** 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 15, 2020
- 2020-169** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Issuance of Towing Licenses for the Period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021
- 2020-170** 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 Natural Gas Permanent Standby Generators with Automatic Transfer Switch and Wiring Installation to TSUJ Corporation
- 2020-171** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, in Support of New Jersey Senate Bill No. S-2964 and New Jersey Assembly Bill A-4925 Which Establishes a Restricted Alcoholic Beverage License that Allows the Sale of Beer, Wine, and Cider by the Glass on the Premises of a Restaurant with a Full-Service Kitchen
- 2020-172** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Hiring Nadia Flannery as Full – Time Deputy Court Administrator
- 2020-173** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing an Interlocal Services Agreement Between the Borough of Wharton and the Borough of Mount Arlington for the Purpose of Public Works Administration Services
- 2020-174** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Referring the Proposed Redevelopment Plan for Block 61.02, Lots 23.08 and 23.02 on the Tax Maps of the Borough, to the Borough of Mount Arlington Land Use Board
- 2020-175** 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 Certificate of Sale# 19-00006 for Property Known as Block 38 Lot 9.02

Motion to Approve: Councilwoman Galate

Second: Council President Delaney

Council Discussion: None

Mayor Stanzilis stated Resolution 2020-173 for a Shared Service Agreement with Wharton was a great move for the town financially. He also stated Resolution 2020-171 for liquor license reform was Assemblyman Brian Bergen's Bill and a great opportunity for small businesses wanting to offer beer, wine and cider without having to obtain a full liquor license.

Roll Call:

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

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Approved

Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn: Council President Delaney

Second: Councilwoman Farris

Roll Call:

All in Favor: Aye

Opposed: None

Motion Approved

The meeting adjourned at 7:22PM.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. N. Bansch', written over a horizontal line.

Matthew N. Bansch, Borough Clerk

CC: Website