

**BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 2, 2021
7:00 PM**

The Regular Meeting of the Borough of Mount Arlington was held on Tuesday, February 2, 2021. This meeting was held remotely/electronically using the platform Zoom and commenced at 7:00PM.

Mayor Stanzilis stated “adequate of this meeting held this 2nd day of February, 2021, 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 12, 2021 and posted on the bulletin board in the main hallway of the Borough Municipal Building, on January 6, 2021; 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 via Zoom, using the Attendee Link provided in that notice;
2. By attending this meeting via telephone, using the Phone Number and Event Number/Access Code provided in that notice;
3. 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,
4. 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 observe a moment of silence for those sickened by the COVID-19 pandemic and for those who had lost loved ones during the pandemic.

Roll Call was taken for attendance:

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

Absent: None

Present from Administration: Administrator/CFO Ms. Rinaldi, Borough Attorney Mr. Jessup, Borough Engineer Mr. Puszcz, Borough Planner Ms. Caldwell, Director of Public Works Mr. Hutchins and Licensed Water and Wastewater Operator Mr. Quillinan.

Presentations:

None

Appointments:

None

Tax and Utility Report for the Month of December

Total Tax Collections: \$210,706.25

Total Utility Collections: \$104,179.95

Finance Report for the Month of January

None

Approval of Minutes

January 5, 2021 - Reorganization Meeting

Motion to Approve: Councilman Cangiano

Second: Councilwoman Farris

Council Discussion: None

Roll Call was taken.

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

Opposed: None

Abstain:

Motion carries.

January 19, 2021 - Regular Council Meeting

Motion to Approve: Councilwoman Galate

Second: Councilman Loughridge

Council Discussion: None

Roll Call was taken.

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

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion carries.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Stanzilis announced there were two new DPW supervisors, Scott Hutchins and Tom Quillinan, who were attending the meeting and doing exceptional work for the Borough. They were from Wharton DPW as part of the new shared services agreement between Wharton and Mount Arlington. Mayor Stanzilis wished to publicly thank Scott, Tom and the men of the DPW for working so hard through the recent brutal and difficult snow storm.

Police and Council Committee Report

Councilwoman Galate

Councilwoman Galate reported on behalf of Chief LaBruno who was absent from the meeting.

She also gave her Council Committee Report at that time. She announced this year's Independence Day Fireworks would be held on the actual Fourth of July holiday, Sunday, July 4th, 2021. The State had mandated the use of body cameras on police officers by June 1, 2021. There was pending legislation for the State to allocate \$58 million to assist municipalities with purchasing body cameras on a reimbursement cost basis. The Police Department was currently getting quotes for body cameras. The Borough's fire tanker had been used to help combat a bad house fire in Passaic this past weekend. Fires were especially brutal during bad snow storms. The firefighters did an incredible job, and Councilwoman Galate strongly emphasized the fact that all Borough firefighters were volunteers. The Board of Education recently honored Julie Crawford who had just retired from teaching. Councilwoman Galate emphasized that the Board of Education was a separate entity from Mount Arlington Borough, but she liked to share information regarding the Board of Education should residents take interest and wish to go to Board of Education meetings or get involved. She encouraged residents to check out the Board of Education's website photo gallery, which included many videos and pictures, to see what was going on in the schools. The Board of Education was looking to hire numerous positions: substitute teachers for Pre-K to 8; gifted and talented basic skills math teacher; maternity leave position for a general vocal skills teacher; and a part-time special ed instructional aid teacher.

Borough Administrator's Report

Ms. Rinaldi congratulated Julie Crawford on her recent retirement and announced that Ms. Crawford had been invited to the May 4, 2021 Borough Council Meeting at 10:00am which was attended annually by the 7th graders; many whom were students of Ms. Crawford. Ms. Rinaldi stated the Borough was waiting for financials regarding the Police body cameras. The Council could expect to see a funding ordinance for body cameras in the near future. Ms. Rinaldi recognized Melissa Eckert as the liaison for the Board of Education and acknowledged Ms. Eckert's attendance at this Council Meeting. Ms. Rinaldi then introduced Mr. Scott Hutchins, Director of Public Works, and Mr. Tom Quillinan, Licensed Water and Wastewater Operator, who were asked to introduce themselves and provide a brief report.

Director of Public Work's Report

Mr. Hutchins thanked the Council for the opportunity to meet everyone. They were about five weeks into the new Shared Services Agreement with Mount Arlington and Wharton Borough. They were currently assessing the status of the Mount Arlington DPW, including the facilities, equipment and personnel, to see how everything operated, and to begin strategizing the future direction for the DPW. Mr. Hutchins reported they saw little downside, and tons of upside, to working with Mount Arlington. Mr. Hutchins stated there were mandatory certifications that he and Mr. Quillinan currently possessed, but ultimately needed to be fulfilled by Mount Arlington employees. Those certifications were Certified Public Works Manager, Licensed Water and Wastewater Operator. They met recently with Council President Delaney to address some of the short term needs of the Borough. Over time they expected to present more big-picture items to the Council. New uniforms were coming. They wanted the DPW to meet the standards of what the Council envisioned.

Licensed Water and Wastewater Operator's Report

Mr. Quillinan thanked the Council and Mount Arlington for their new partnership and was excited to work with everyone. One of the first items he wanted to address was the fire hydrants. He stated he would like to inspect and paint them all as well as install reflectors and check the flows. Mr. Quillinan suggested, since hydrants could be painted almost any color, that the Council may wish to vote on a particular color.

Council Committee Reports

Councilwoman Farris

Councilwoman Farris recently attended the NJLM Orientation for Elected Officials. It was a long training, but was very educational. She received her certification and was looking forward to future trainings.

Councilman Loughridge

Councilman Loughridge reported Recreation was hopeful to get soccer, yoga on the beach, tee-ball and other activities to resume this year.

Councilman Cangiano

Councilman Cangiano stated that having Mr. Hutchins and Mr. Quillinan on the team were a real win for the Borough. Their knowledge and expertise were welcome.

Councilwoman Fostle

Councilwoman Fostle welcomed Mr. Hutchins and Mr. Quillinan. She announced that the Introduction for Ordinance 02-2021 was for the Redevelopment Plan by the old Quick Check Plaza. She was looking forward to hearing Borough Planner Ms. Caldwell's thoughts regarding this Ordinance.

Council President Delaney

Council President Delaney reported he had recently met with Mr. Hutchins and Mr. Quillinan regarding some short-term projects. He then followed up with the Council Members and Ms. Rinaldi. Some very good ideas and conversations arose that would be on future Council Meetings agendas.

Mayor Stanzilis welcomed Melissa Eckert from the Board of Education and thanked Melissa for her years of hard work.

Public Comment

None

Ordinance – Introduction

02-2021 An Ordinance of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey Adopting a Redevelopment Plan for Block 61.02, Lots 23.08 and 23.02 on the Tax Maps of the Borough

The Mayor opened the Hearing to the Public and read Ordinance 02-2021 by Title.

There was no public comment.

The Mayor closed the Hearing to the Public.

Motion: Council President Delaney stated: "I make the motion that Ordinance 02-2021 be introduced, and will be further considered after a public hearing held on March 2, 2021 at the Municipal Building at 7:00PM."

Second: Councilwoman Galate

Borough Planner Ms. Caldwell provided an overview of Ordinance 02-2021.

There was Council discussion regarding the locations, height and setback requirements affecting properties located in the Redevelopment Zone.

The Council agreed to include the following three proposed amendments to Ordinance 02-2021:

1. Block 61.02, Lot 23.02 would have a height restriction of 4 stories or 50 ft which was standard for multifamily properties.
2. Block 61.02, Lot 23.08 would have a height restriction of 5 stories or 60 ft.
3. Developers would be required to receive Borough approval, regarding the location and appearance, of any proposed structures in relation to Howard Boulevard.

Attorney Jessup stated the three proposed amendments would not need to go back to Land Use Board for review and approval.

Roll Call:

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

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Approved

03-2021 An Ordinance of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey Adopting a Revised Stormwater Management Plan

Motion: Council President Delaney stated: "I make the motion that Ordinance 03-2021 be introduced, and will be further considered after a public hearing held on March 2, 2021 at the Municipal Building at 7:00PM."

Second: Councilwoman Galate

Borough Engineer Mr. Puszcz provided an overview of Ordinance 03-2021.

There was no Council discussion.

Roll Call:

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

Opposed: None

Abstain: None
Motion Approved

Ordinance – Second Reading

None

Resolutions – All Vote by Consent

- 2021-37 A 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 February 2, 2021
- 2021-38 A Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Entering into a National Purchasing Cooperative Interlocal Participation Agreement with National Purchasing Cooperative, d/b/a BuyBoard
- 2021-39 A Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Release of the Site and Improvement Bonds for Shadow Woods Development

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 Farris

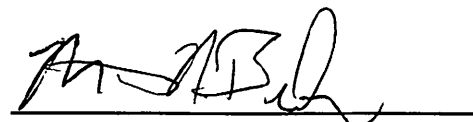
Roll Call:

All in Favor: Aye

Opposed: None

Motion Approved

The meeting adjourned at 8:18PM.



Matthew N. Bansch, Borough Clerk

CC: Website