

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

The Regular Meeting of the Borough of Mount Arlington was held on Tuesday, March 2, 2021. 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 2nd day of March, 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 reflect on the upcoming one-year anniversary since the COVID-19 pandemic began. March 13th was when President Trump issued an Executive Order Declaring a National Emergency Concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID– 19) Outbreak, and everything started closing as of March 16th. Over a half a million people had lost their lives due to the deadly virus. Mayor Stanzilis asked everyone to share a moment of silence.

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: Borough Attorney Mr. Jessup, Borough Engineer Mr. Puszcz, Borough Planner Ms. Caldwell, Assistant Borough Clerk Ms. Dwyer

Absent from Administration: Administrator/CFO Ms. Rinaldi

Presentations:

Marty Kane & Colleen Lyons from Lake Hopatcong Commission (LHC)

- **LHC Application for National Fish & Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) Grant & Request for In-Kind Match & Assistance from the Borough**

Ms. Lyons and Mr. Kane gave a presentation on a NFWF Grant for which the Lake Hopatcong Commission was currently applying for. The Grant was to go towards improvements at three locations around Lake Hopatcong; one which was located at the Glen Brook in Memorial Park, with the goal of reducing nutrients and sedimentation at the stormwater inlet. Ms. Lyons noted they were aware the Borough had also identified this as a priority and were currently working with Princeton Hydro, LLC to develop a restoration plan for Memorial Park and the Mount Arlington Beach. They felt this was consistent with, and also advanced, the Borough's goals.

The NFWF Grant required a 50% match to any funds awarded through the Grant. The Lake Hopatcong Commission sought the Borough Council's approval for a \$60,000 match, utilizing \$60,000 in funds the Borough had been awarded in 2020 through a Highlands Council Grant. In addition, the Lake Hopatcong Commission also sought Council approval to offer in-kind assistance through the following:

- Department of Public Works for earthwork and project oversight
- Administrative time for quarterly update meetings and correspondence related to the project
- Volunteer time for plantings

Mr. Kane added that there were currently not many sources for funding, and the Lake Hopatcong Commission and the Lake Hopatcong Foundation had to get creative to secure funds.

Ms. Lyons referenced a Mayor's Letter of Support, which the Lake Hopatcong Commission had drafted for Borough Council approval, and requested the Mayor to sign the letter before the April 1, 2021 grant application deadline.

Councilwoman Galate questioned the total amount of the grant. Ms. Lyons replied they were still in the process of applying for the grant and they did not have a definitive amount. Mr. Kane replied the total grant would be approximately \$400,000 spread out amongst the three locations around Lake Hopatcong. Mr. Kane emphasized there would be no requests for cash from the Borough; it would only come from the Borough's \$60,000 Highlands Council Grant as a match, plus in-kind assistance from the Borough.

Borough Attorney Mr. Jessup advised that the Mayor sign the letter before April 1st, and for there to be a Resolution to memorialize the signing of the letter at the next Council Meeting on April 6th.

A straw poll was taken to approve having the Mayor sign the Letter of Support with a \$60,000 match coming from its Highlands Council Grant funds. There was unanimous approval.

Ms. Lyons clarified that the Mayor's Letter of Support also included in-kind assistance from the Borough, as previously stated in her presentation and detailed in the Mayor's Letter of Support. There were no objections from the Borough Council.

Appointments:

None

Tax and Utility Report for the Month of January

Total Tax Collections: \$1,316,333.47
Total Utility Collections: \$1,847,406.82

Finance Report for the Month of January

Receipts \$2,075,280.21
Disbursements \$1,852,682.91

Approval of Minutes

February 2, 2021 - Regular Council 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: None
Motion carries.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Stanzilis reported the Land Use Board did a great job working with a lakefront property that installed an extra-large rain garden, which effectively decreased its impervious coverage. The recent Library Board of Trustees meeting went very well.

Chief of Police Report

Chief LaBruno reported the PD had been very busy working with the Prosecutor's Office and Attorney General's Office on standardizing how to handle the State's recent sweeping changes involving the decriminalization of marijuana; the legalization of recreational marijuana; and juvenile justice reform. Chief LaBruno announced Patrolman Gregory Shallop was retiring March 31st after a 30-year career.

Council Committee Reports

Councilwoman Farris

Councilwoman Farris was looking forward to businesses slowly starting to reopen soon.

Councilwoman Galate

Councilwoman Galate thanked the Fire Department for clearing snow from around fire hydrants. She reminded Borough residents to clear out snow from around any fire hydrants on their properties. At the most recent Board of Education meeting, Superintendent Monica Rowland gave a great PowerPoint presentation on the COVID-19 pandemic's effect on the schools. Impressively, there had not been a single case of transmission of the virus in the Mount Arlington schools. The schools were still operating on a hybrid learning schedule and parents were anxious to get the children back into physical classrooms. Parents were encouraged to write Governor Murphy, the

NJ Department of Health and the NJ Department of Education with their requests and concerns. Councilman Galate wished to thank and honor Liz Cangiano from the Board of Education who had recently stepped down, leaving a vacancy on the Board of Education. Councilwoman Galate encouraged anyone interested to view the position requirements on the Board of Education's website. The schools were doing a great job throughout the entire COVID-19 pandemic.

Councilwoman Fostle

Councilwoman Fostle had nothing to report.

Councilman Loughridge

Councilman Loughridge reported Recreation was currently slow due to the snow. The next scheduled event was the Memorial Day Parade.

Councilman Cangiano

Councilman Cangiano congratulated Patrolman Gregory Shallop on his retirement after 30 years. He had nothing but great experiences whenever dealing with Mr. Shallop. He was a great person and Police Officer. Regarding his wife, Liz Cangiano's retirement from the Board of Education, she felt it was time to move on and pass the torch to someone else. Regarding Water & Sewer, there were two Ordinances on the agenda, 05-2021 and 06-2021. The Water & Sewer Committee had thoroughly reviewed these Ordinances and recommended their approval.

Council President Delaney

Council President Delaney acknowledged many parents were eager to get their kids back in school. Teachers needed to be acknowledged for doing such an amazing job throughout the entire pandemic to do everything they could to educate the children and help create a safe environment for the kids to hopefully return to soon.

Public Comment

There was no one present from the public.

Ordinance – Introduction

04-2021 An Ordinance of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey Appropriating \$105,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund for the Acquisition of In-Vehicle and Body Cameras for the Police Department

The Mayor opened the Hearing to the Public and read Ordinance 04-2021 by Title.

There was no public comment.

The Mayor closed the Hearing to the Public.

Motion: Councilman Cangiano stated: "I make the motion that Ordinance 04-2021 be introduced, and will be further considered after a public hearing held on April 6, 2021 at the Municipal Building at 7:00PM."

Second: Councilwoman Galate

There was no Council discussion.

Roll Call:

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

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Approved

05-2021 An Ordinance of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey Providing for the Windemere 2 Water Main Extension Project in and by the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Appropriating \$290,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$290,000 Bonds or Notes of the Borough to Finance the Cost Thereof

The Mayor opened the Hearing to the Public and read Ordinance 05-2021 by Title.

There was no public comment.

The Mayor closed the Hearing to the Public.

Motion: Councilman Cangiano stated: "I make the motion that Ordinance 05-2021 be introduced, and will be further considered after a public hearing held on April 6, 2021 at the Municipal Building at 7:00PM."

Second: Councilwoman Fostle

There was no Council discussion.

Roll Call:

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

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Approved

06-2021 An Ordinance of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey Appropriating \$21,000 From the Capital Improvement Fund for the Feasibility Study of Water and Sewer Service to Hover Drive and Floyd Drive in and by the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey

The Mayor opened the Hearing to the Public and read Ordinance 06-2021 by Title.

There was no public comment.

The Mayor closed the Hearing to the Public.

Motion: Councilman Cangiano stated: "I make the motion that Ordinance 06-2021 be introduced, and will be further considered after a public hearing held on April 6, 2021 at the Municipal Building at 7:00PM."

Second: Councilwoman Galate

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

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 move for adoption and final passage of Ordinance 02-2021"

Second: Councilwoman Galate

There was no Council discussion.

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

The Mayor opened the Hearing to the Public and read Ordinance 03-2021 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 03-2021”

Second: Council Farris

There was no Council discussion.

Roll Call:

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

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Approved

Resolutions – All Vote by Consent

- 2021-40 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 March 2, 2021

- 2021-41 Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Committing to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to Provide Funds Necessary to Monitor and Maintain the Mount Arlington Landfill in Accordance with the Approved Closure and Post-Closure Plan, in Each Borough Municipal Budget, Until the End of the Post-Closure Period

- 2021-42 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 100% Tax-Exempt Property Known as Block 49.01 Lot 21

- 2021-43 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# 18-00030 for Property Known as Block 122 Lot 19

- 2021-44 Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Execution of a Service Agreement by and Between the Borough of Mount Arlington and iWorQ Systems Inc. for Community Development and Public Works Software

- 2021-45 Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Execution of a Subscription Agreement by and Between the Borough of Mount Arlington and TextMyGov For Community Communication Services and Applications

- 2021-46 Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with Princeton Hydro, LLC

2021-47 Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Place-To-Place Transfer of Alcoholic Beverage Hotel/Motel License #1426-36-011-006 for OHFII Rockaway LLC, DBA Courtyard by Marriot

Motion to Approve: Councilwoman Galate

Second: Councilwoman Fostle

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

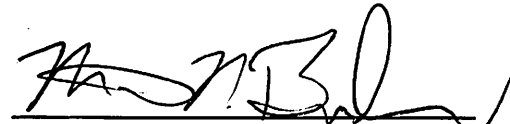
Roll Call:

All in Favor: Aye

Opposed: None

Motion Approved

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.



Matthew N. Bansch, Borough Clerk

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