

**BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 4, 2021
10:00 AM**

The Regular Meeting of the Borough of Mount Arlington was held on Tuesday, May 4, 2021. This meeting was held remotely/electronically using the platform Zoom and commenced at 10:00AM.

Mayor Stanzilis announced it was Teacher Appreciation Week. He thanked the teachers and school administrators for all of their hard work, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mayor Stanzilis stated “adequate notice of this meeting held this 4th day of May, 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 no later than 3:00 p.m. the day before this meeting; 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 to remember those who had lost their lives due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Roll Call was taken for attendance:

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

Absent: Councilman Cangiano, Councilwoman Fostle and Councilwoman Galate

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

7th grade students from the Mount Arlington elementary school were present at the meeting. The Mayor asked each Council Member and Borough Professional to take a few minutes each to briefly describe their roles for Mount Arlington and what inspired them to work for the Borough.

Presentations:

Mayor and Borough Council Recognition of May 2021 Brain Tumor Awareness Month:

Mayor Stanzilis read the proclamation recognizing May 2021 as Brain Tumor Awareness Month.

Mayor and Borough Council Recognition of Julie Crawford from the Mount Arlington Board of Education:

Mayor Stanzilis read the proclamation recognizing and honoring Julie Crawford who recently retired from the Mount Arlington Board of Education.

Ms. Crawford expressed her gratitude to the Mayor, Council and community as a whole. She shared some words of encouragement with the 7th graders who were attending the meeting. Ms. Crawford stated her intentions to collaborate with the schools in the future on various initiatives she was involved in.

Appointments:

None

Tax and Utility Report

None

Finance Report

None

Approval of Minutes

None

Mayor's Report

None

Chief of Police Report

None

Borough Administrator's Report

None

Council Committee Reports

Councilwoman Farris

None

Councilman Loughridge

None

Council President Delaney

None

Public Comment

The Mount Arlington 7th Grade students took turns asking questions:

Jamison asked when would the issues regarding Logan Way be fixed. Mr. Puszcz replied the Borough was currently working to alleviate stormwater runoff, and to restore and repair the Logan Way area. Coincidentally, Resolution 2021-62 would authorize the beginning of the bidding process to hire a contractor to perform the work on Logan Way.

Nicholas asked what sort of lawsuits the Borough Attorney dealt with. Mr. Jessup replied there were not many lawsuits; his law firm worked mostly on contracts. But when there were lawsuits, most were small and dealt with injuries on Borough property.

Sebastian asked how would things be moving forward concerning COVID-19. The Mayor replied the transmission rate of infections was historically low, and all trends were headed in the right direction, which were all incredibly positive statistics. The Mayor was optimistic things were looking positive for the summer.

Joe asked Ms. Rinaldi what she did as the Chief Financial Officer. Ms. Rinaldi replied, by law, every municipality had to have a CFO. As CFO, she managed how the Borough spent the money on behalf of the Borough residents.

Jamison asked why the small beach by Logan Way was not a public beach. The Mayor replied there were some old deeds which had given certain people access to Lake Hopatcong; however, those deeds ended once the Bertram Island Amusement Park closed down. It was only intended as a deeded access point to Lake Hopatcong. Ms. Rinaldi stated the property had always been Borough-owned.

Jack asked if the Yacht Club would be open this year. He also asked when the beach would be open. The Mayor replied the Yacht Club was a private entity, so he could not speak on behalf of the Yacht Club; however, he believed the Yacht Club would be open this season. Ms. Rinaldi replied that Memorial Day weekend was when the beach would open with lifeguards.

Nicholas asked if the algae blooms were still a threat. The Mayor replied that the threat always existed; however, it was a good winter which killed off a lot of algae growth. Currently, there was no risk of an algae bloom. The Mayor added there was a Borough ordinance which required all lawn fertilizers to be lake-friendly.

Liam asked if the Borough had ever been sued. Mr. Jessup explained when a municipality owned as much property as the Borough did, it inevitably got sued from time to time; however, the lawsuits were typically small and not the Borough's fault.

Councilman Loughridge wished to thank the volunteer Fire Department for the great work they always did for the Borough. The Mayor echoed that sentiment.

Ordinance – Introduction

None

Ordinance – Second Reading

None

Resolutions – All Vote by Consent

- 2021-59 A Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Appointing Lifeguards for the 2021 Season
- 2021-60 Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing a Fee Schedule and Capacity Limits for Access to the Municipal Beach Consistent with Municipal Ordinance
- 2021-61 A Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Execution of a Mayor’s Letter of Support for the Lake Hopatcong Commission’s Grant Application for National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) Funding

Motion to Approve: Council President Delaney

Second: Councilman Loughridge

Council Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Aye: Farris, Loughridge, Council President Delaney

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Approved

- 2021-62 A Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Receipt of Bids for Logan Way Restoration

Motion to Approve: Councilwoman Farris

Second: Council President Delaney

Council Discussion:

Roll Call:

Aye: Farris, Loughridge, Council President Delaney

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Approved

The Mayor thanked school superintendent Monica Rowland and elementary school principal Mr. Grillo for their leadership.

Ms. Roland thanked the Mayor and responded that it was all thanks to the students and faculty.

Mr. Grillo thanked the Mayor and Council for extending the invitation to the 7th grade students; it

was something they looked forward to every year. Mr. Grillo stated the timing was perfect for Julie Crawford to be honored and recognized during Teacher Appreciation Week.

Council President Delaney stated he loved hearing the students' questions. He encouraged the students to never stop asking thoughtful questions.

Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn: Council President Delaney

Second: Councilwoman Farris

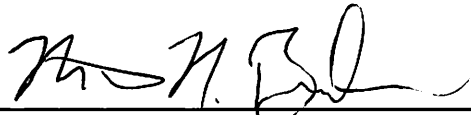
Roll Call:

All in Favor: Aye

Opposed: None

Motion Approved

The meeting adjourned at 11:12 AM.

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

Matthew N. Bansch, Borough Clerk

CC: Website

Minutes Approved at Council Meeting of June 1, 2021