

**BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 1, 2021
7:00 PM**

The Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington was held on Tuesday, May 4, 2021. This meeting was held in-person at the Municipal Building at 419 Howard Boulevard, Mount Arlington, New Jersey and commenced at 7:04PM.

Mayor Stanzilis stated “adequate notice of this 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 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. 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. In honor of Memorial Day, he asked everyone to observe a moment of silence to reflect on those who had made the ultimate sacrifice.

Roll Call was taken for attendance:

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

Absent: None

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

Presentations:

None

Appointments:

None

Tax and Utility Report for the Month of April

Total Tax Collections: \$1,670,399.07

Total Utility Collections: \$350,380.82

Finance Report for the Month of April

Receipts: \$2,322,786.23

Disbursements: \$1,473,760.24

Approval of Minutes

May 4, 2021 10:00 AM - Regular Council Meeting

Motion to Approve: Councilwoman Farris

Second: Councilman Loughridge

Council Discussion: None

Roll Call was taken.

Roll:

Aye: Farris, Loughridge, Council President Delaney

Opposed: None

Abstain: Cangiano, Fostle, Galate

Motion carries.

May 4, 2021 7:00 PM - Regular Council Meeting

Motion to Approve: Council President Delaney

Second: Councilwoman Farris

Council Discussion: None

Roll Call was taken.

Roll:

Aye: Farris, Fostle, Loughridge, Council President Delaney

Opposed: None

Abstain: Cangiano, Galate

Motion carries.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Stanzilis announced this Sunday, June 6th was National Trails Day and he would be hosting an event, Walk with the Mayor, at the Lake Rogerene Trail at 11:00am. He stated it would not be a challenging hike; rather, it would be leisurely and would take approximately 45 minutes. Participants were to meet him at the trailhead by the Fire House. The Mayor thanked everyone involved in the Memorial Day Ceremony at the Elks Lodge; it was a great event. One of the veterans who attended was a 96-year-old World War II and Korean War veteran.

Chief of Police Report

Chief LaBruno agreed the Memorial Day Ceremony was a great event. He thanked the veterans for their service. Police officers were out the past few days doing the Click-It-Or-Ticket campaign to promote motor vehicle safety, with a goal of achieving 100% compliance in the Borough. With the weather getting nicer and people spending time outdoors, police officers were actively spreading the word around the community for drivers to be cognizant of their neighbors and drive slowly.

Borough Administrator's Report

Ms. Rinaldi stated it was nice to see everyone again in person. The Borough Beach opened Memorial Day weekend and would be open weekends until schools were finished for the school year. Starting June 28th, the beaches would be open full-time for the summer. The Borough was currently hiring lifeguards, beach attendants and DPW laborers. Ms. Rinaldi had received a request to vacate the unimproved portion of McKay Lane which was located off of Howard Boulevard. As there were no objections from the Council to proceed with the request, she would work with the Borough Professionals to finalize documentation which the Council could expect to see at a future meeting.

Council Committee Reports

Councilwoman Farris

Councilwoman Farris enjoyed participating in the Memorial Day Ceremony. Pastor Ramirez delivered a beautiful speech and prayer. The ceremony at the Fire Department for the passing of Past Chief Daniel Bacinsky was absolutely lovely.

Councilman Loughridge

Councilman Loughridge reported that soccer and tee-ball were ending this weekend. The Community Garden was sold out. The Memorial Day Ceremony was excellent and had been held at the Elks Lodge instead of Memorial Park due to the weather. The Elks were like family, having invited the community in for the ceremony. The DPW did a phenomenal job with the Borough Beach remodel. The next Recreation Commission meeting would be held in-person on June 21st. The Senior Club may be ready to return to in-person meetings soon, too.

Councilwoman Galate

Councilwoman Galate reported on the passing of Past Fire Chief Daniel Bacinsky. He was a member of the Mount Arlington Fire Department from 1975-2007 and served as Chief from 1980-1981. She was unable to attend the memorial ceremony for Mr. Bacinsky, but watched the memorial on YouTube. Mount Arlington Schools were operating on half in-person days with students and faculty wearing masks. The plan was to return to full in-person days come September. The Board of Education was currently looking for substitute teachers. The 8th graders had their Dinner Dance at The Black River Barn restaurant. She thanked Chief LaBruno for giving a speech at Heroes Day.

Councilwoman Fostle

Councilwoman Fostle thanked those involved for organizing the Memorial Day Ceremony. She attended with her family. It was lovely and very much appreciated.

Councilman Cangiano

Councilman Cangiano commended the DPW for having built such a stunning retaining wall and landscaping at the Borough Beach. The Water and Sewer Committee would be meeting later this month. They were going to keep pushing to get the Windemere Water Main Extension project completed and, overall, for a water and sewer system all around town.

Mayor Stanzilis thanked Councilman Cangiano for moving things along with the water and sewer projects. The Mayor added, regarding the retaining wall and landscaping at the Borough Beach, it saved the taxpayers a lot of money by doing the work internally rather than having gone out to bid for a contractor to do the work.

Council President Delaney

Council President Delaney agreed the renovations done to the beach looked phenomenal and there was even more work to be done. The Memorial Day Ceremony was wonderful.

Public Comment

None

Ordinance – Introduction

None

Ordinance – Second Reading

08-2021 An Ordinance of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Appropriating \$20,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund for the Purchase of a Replacement Light Tower for Fire Department Apparatus Rescue 8

The Mayor opened the Hearing to the Public and read Ordinance 08-2021 by Title.

There was no public comment.

The Mayor closed the Hearing to the Public.

Motion: Councilman Cangiano stated: “I move for adoption and final passage of Ordinance 08-2021”

Second: Councilman Loughridge

There was no Council discussion.

Roll Call:

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

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Approved

09-2021 An Ordinance of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Providing for the Logan Way Roadway Restoration in and by the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, Appropriating \$570,000 Therefor, Including \$229,626.35 Reappropriated Proceeds of Obligations Not Needed for Their Original Purposes and \$27,500 from the Capital Improvement Fund, and Authorizing the Issuance of \$542,500 Bonds or Notes of the Borough to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof

The Mayor opened the Hearing to the Public and read Ordinance 09-2021 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 09-2021”

Second: Councilwoman Farris

There was no Council discussion.

Roll Call:

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

Opposed: None

Abstain: None
Motion Approved

Resolutions – All Vote by Consent

- 2021-71 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 June 1, 2021

- 2021-72 Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Delineating Salary Amounts & Rates for the Year 2021

- 2021-73 A Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Renewal of Plenary Retail Consumption/Distribution and Club Licenses for the Licensing Period Commencing July 1, 2021

- 2021-74 A Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Appointing Lifeguard for the 2021 Season

Motion to Approve: Council President Delaney

Second: Councilwoman Galate

Council Discussion: None

Roll Call was taken.

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

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion carries.

Motion

None

Executive Session

2021-75 Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing an Executive Session of the Mayor and Borough Council and Excluding the Public from that Portion of the Meeting

Anticipated Legislation and Contract Negotiation Topics in Executive Session:

- Discussion on Contract Negotiations
- Discussion on New Jersey Cannabis Legislation
- Litigation
- Discussion of Executive Session Meeting Minutes: November 10, 2020

Action May or May Not Be Taken

Motion to Enter into Executive Session: Council President Delaney

Second: Councilman Cangiano

Roll Call:

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

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Approved

Executive Session commenced at 7:30PM.

Motion to Return to Open Session: Councilwoman Fostle

Second: Council President Delaney

Roll Call:

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

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Approved

Open Session commenced at 8:53PM.

Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn: Council President Delaney

Second: Councilman Cangiano

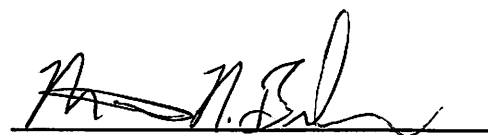
Roll Call:

All in Favor: Aye

Opposed: None

Motion Approved

The meeting adjourned at 8:54PM.



Matthew N. Bansch, Borough Clerk

CC: Website