

**BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON**  
**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**November 10, 2020**  
**7:00 PM**

The Regular Meeting of the Borough of Mount Arlington was held on Tuesday, November 10, 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 10th day of November, 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. Mayor Stanzilis also asked everyone to remember those who had lost their lives in the COVID-19 pandemic, including those in our own community, and to have a moment of silence to pray for the healing of those afflicted by this virus.

Roll Call was taken for attendance:

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

**Present from Administration:** Ms. Carolyn Rinaldi, Attorney Jessup and Chief Edward LaBruno.

### **Presentations**

Police Recognition - Sergeant Ryan Sherburne and Patrolman James Braun of the Mount Arlington Police Department

The Mayor read Proclamations honoring Patrolman James Braun and Sergeant Ryan Sherburne of the Mount Arlington Police Department for resuscitating an unresponsive 34-year old man on Brookside Lane on October 3, 2020. The Mayor thanked the Police Officers, not only for saving this man's life, but for their acts of heroism, professionalism, bravery and dedication to serving all citizens without hesitation. The Mayor stated he had experienced the Mount Arlington Police Department coming to the rescue firsthand in his own living room a couple of times over the years. His family, as well as the entire community, are all very thankful. Mayor Stanzilis also noted that Sergeant Sherburne is a home-grown hero. He started in Mount Arlington's DPW crew, became a Patrolman and moved up to Sergeant in the Police Department.

### **Appointments**

None

### **Tax and Utility Report for the Month of October**

Total Tax Collections:	\$2,058,069.12
Total Utility Collections:	\$370,915.46

### **Finance Report for the Month of October**

Receipts	\$2,838,415.21
Disbursements	\$1,501,948.64

### **Approval of Minutes**

#### **October 6, 2020 – Regular Meeting**

Motion to Approve: Councilman Cangiano  
Second: Councilman Loughridge  
Council Discussion: None

Roll Call was taken.

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

Opposed: None

Abstain: Fostle

Motion carries.

### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Stanzilis reported on the recent event honoring town resident Roger Rousche in a small ceremony at Memorial Park on the 245<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Marine Core. On a different note, he thanked the Council, Administration and Professionals for their teamwork, collaboration, guidance and leadership.

### **Chief of Police Report**

Chief LaBruno thanked the Mayor and Council for recognizing and supporting the Police Department as often as they did; it was uncommon. He had spoken with other police chiefs who

stated they did not receive cooperation or support from their mayors and governing bodies. It made his job a lot easier as Chief to recognize his police officers.

Chief LaBruno went on to announce the Police Department was in the middle of “No Shave November” where they sought out local sponsors to help raise donations. This year’s sponsor was Davey’s Hot Dogs. All donations were matched by the Police Union and went to cancer research. The donation deadline was extended through December and donations would go to cancer research for the Special Olympics.

Chief LaBruno then announced, effective tomorrow, they would begin using new bulletproof vests on a full-time basis. These new bulletproof vests were load-bearing and would take the weight now off the hips and back. Patrolman Ryan Caparoni and Patrolman Joseph Parichuk demonstrated the new vests and allowed the Council to hold a vest to see how heavy they were.

Mayor Stanzilis presented Chief LaBruno with the Community Excellence Award - Challenge Coin for his excellence in leadership as Chief of Police Mt. Arlington. Mayor Stanzilis congratulated Chief LaBruno and stated the success of a team relies on the success of its leader.

#### **Borough Administrator’s Report**

Ms. Rinaldi stated she was required to complete the Best Practices Inventory Worksheet and submit it to the Division of Local Government Services by November 3<sup>rd</sup>. The purpose of the Worksheet was to determine whether some portion of the Borough’s aid would be withheld.

Ms. Rinaldi stated it was determined the Borough was still in compliance and would continue to receive 100% of the aid that was normally dispersed.

Ms. Rinaldi then stated the Borough would be seeking reimbursement in excess of \$40,000 in COVID-19-related expenses from Morris County through a CARES Grant. She thanked Chief LaBruno and Andrea Ramalho from Millennium Strategies for gathering the necessary information for them to apply for this CARES grant.

#### **Council Committee Reports**

##### *Councilwoman Farris*

Councilwoman Farris stated the nation of Italy was in a complete shutdown. She asked everyone to please stay smart, safe, socially distant and to wear a mask.

##### *Councilman Cangiano*

Councilman Cangiano reported on the progress of the Water and Sewer Committee. They were aggressively trying to stay on track and were going to meet that week. They were planning to discuss getting sewer and water utilities to Floyd Drive, Hover Drive, the Lake Rogerene area and other miscellaneous properties. It was a long and arduous process.

Councilman Loughridge questioned the status of the Windemere 1 and Windemere 2 water main extension projects. Councilman Cangiano replied that Windemere 1 was about three-quarters of the way completed and should be done this Fall. Windemere 2 was projected to be begin in the Spring of 2021.

### *Councilwoman Fostle*

Councilwoman Fostle reported she had attended her first two local events as a councilperson which were the recent Roger Rousche Dedication and the Lake Rogerene Trails Ribbon Cutting. Both events were fun and gratifying and she was glad they came to fruition.

### *Councilman Loughridge*

Councilman Loughridge reported that soccer was done for the season. T-Ball was finished and had been well attended. There was no basketball scheduled due to the pandemic. There were two vacant seats on the Recreation Committee. Councilman Loughridge announced DPW Supervisor Paul Nelson would be retiring next month. There would be a retirement celebration at the Elks Lodge for Paul on November 19<sup>th</sup> from 4:30pm-7:30pm. Everyone was invited to the unveiling of the Little Free Library at Firemans Field on Saturday, November 14 at 10:00am. This was the Silver Project of Girl Scout Troops 96119 and 95611. The outside portion of the Tree Lighting Ceremony at Memorial Park would be on December 4<sup>th</sup>. Due to the pandemic, there would not be an indoor tree lighting celebration in the Senior Civic Center. Rogerene Trails walking path and playgrounds were still open.

### *Councilwoman Galate*

Councilwoman Galate stated, regarding No Shave November, there was a \$40 minimum donation and she encouraged everyone donate to this great cause. The Fire Department unfortunately had to cancel their monthly Movie Night due to the weather. This was going to be their third consecutive one and their efforts were still appreciated. The Board of Education was looking to hire the following positions: elementary special education teachers; part-time special education instructor/aid; substitute teachers, secretaries, paraprofessionals, custodians and nurses. The Board of Education is also still collecting food drive donations for their Thanksgiving Baskets until November 12<sup>th</sup>. These baskets would be distributed to residents of Mount Arlington. There was a list on the Board of Education website of items that would be accepted for these baskets. God Bless the Police, Fire and schools for the work they were doing. They are doing an unbelievable job under these COVID-19 circumstances.

Mayor Stanzilis congratulated Council President Delaney and Councilwoman Fostle for both winning reelection at the November General Election. He stated it was a clear tip of the hat what the residents of Mount Arlington thought of them. He thanked Council President Delaney for his leadership and for being very helpful and getting things done for the town.

### *Council President Delaney*

Council President Delany thanked everyone for their support. He noted that both he and Councilwoman Fostle received the exact same number of votes. He stated the Borough had a great Health Department that most people didn't even know about. They were really out there working hard to keep the residents safe. Every month the Health Department put out a report and the Borough was doing very well concerning new COVID-19 cases. Some municipalities had over 1,000 cases of COVID-19 since the beginning of the pandemic, but Mount Arlington only had about 70 new cases since the beginning of the pandemic so far.

Councilwoman Galate pointed out that, although Councilwoman Farris and Councilwoman Fostle were new to the Council, they had many years of experience serving the town.

Councilwoman Fostle had been on the Land Use Board for 15 years and Councilwoman Farris had been with Recreation for years. It gave them all a new perspective to be on the Council. A lot of people have been involved in multiple capacities with the town over the years.

Chief LaBruno said a few words on the recent passing of retired Police Chief Bill Morgan. He enjoyed a thirty-year career with the Borough, was the Chief of Police for nineteen years, had been the Council and retired in 1995. He was the longest tenured Chief of Police for the Borough. He was a lifelong resident of Mount Arlington. Chief Bill Morgan would be missed.

**Public Comment**

None

**Ordinance – Introduction**

**08-2020** Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Supplementing and Amending Chapter 169 Respecting the Operation of Engine Brakes on Roads Within the Borough of Mount Arlington

Mayor Stanzilis read Ordinance 08-2020 by Title and stated it would be subject to hearing and final adoption at the December 1, 2020 Council Meeting subject to publication.

*Motion:* Council President Delany

*Second:* Councilman Cangiano

*Council Discussion:* Council President Delaney stated he had been looking for this Ordinance for a while. The noise of the engine brakes from dump trucks was horrendous for the residents. He had worked with Ms. Rinaldi and Attorney Jessup to get this done. Mayor Stanzilis agreed that it would be a major improvement in the quality of life for Borough residents. Councilman Cangiano agreed it was a great ordinance and was a long time coming.

*Roll Call:*

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

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Approved

**09-2020** Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Amending Chapter 135, Sewers, of the Code of the Borough of Mount Arlington

Mayor Stanzilis read Ordinance 09-2020 by Title and stated it would be subject to hearing and final adoption at the December 1, 2020 Council Meeting subject to publication.

*Motion:* Councilman Cangiano

*Second:* Council President Delany

*Council Discussion:* None

*Roll Call:*

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

Opposed: None

Abstain: None  
Motion Approved

**10-2020** Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Appropriating \$50,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund for the Borough Funded Portion of the Purchase and Installation of Borough Building Generators

Mayor Stanzilis read Ordinance 10-2020 by Title and stated it would be subject to hearing and final adoption at the December 1, 2020 Council Meeting subject to publication.

*Motion:* Council President Delaney

*Second:* Councilman Loughridge

*Council Discussion:* Mayor Stanzilis stated having generators in all of the key buildings was a good thing for business continuity and maintaining quality of life at a certain level when the inevitable power failures occurred. Council President Delaney added this would be great for warming stations during power outages.

*Roll Call:*

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

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Approved

### **Ordinance – Second Reading**

**07-2020** Ordinance Appropriating \$70,000 From the Capital Improvement Fund for Purchase and Installation of a Cascade System for the Borough Fire Department in and by the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, New Jersey

The Mayor opened the Hearing to the Public and read Ordinance 07-2020 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 07-2020”

*Second:* Council President Delaney

*Council Discussion:* Council President Delaney stated a new Cascade System for the Fire Department was another great addition for the town. Mayor Stanzilis provided a brief description that a Cascade System filled the air packs that firefighters wore on their backs so the Borough’s Volunteer Firemen had air to breath while fighting fires. Councilwoman Galate added that all grant monies had been exhausted.

*Roll Call:*

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

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Approved

**Resolutions – All Vote by Consent**

Ms. Rinaldi stated some of these Resolutions were a culmination of grant money received throughout the year and must be recorded via Resolution. Mayor Stanzilis said great job to all involved.

**2020-144** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Approving Transfer of Funds

**2020-145** 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 November 10, 2020

**2020-146** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue and Appropriation NJSA 40A:4-87 from Morris County Historic Preservation Trust Fund

**2020-147** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue and Appropriation NJSA 40A:4-87 from FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant Supplemental COVID-19 Support

**2020-148** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue and Appropriation NJSA 40A:4-87 from NJDEP Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant

**2020-149** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue and Appropriation NJSA 40A:4-87 from U.S. Department of Justice Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program

**2020-150** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Cancellation of Unexpended Balances of Improvement Authorizations

**2020-151** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Submission of a Grant Application to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Local Government Emergency Fund

**2020-152** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Adoption of the 2020 Morris County, New Jersey Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

- 2020-153** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Adopting Standards and Protocols for the Conduct of Public Meetings During Declared Public Health or Similar Emergencies, and Public Participation Therein
- 2020-154** A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey For Refund of Tax Payment Made on Property Known as Block 122 Lot 19
- 2020-155** A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the 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
- 2020-156** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, Amending Resolution 2020-62 Authorizing Execution of a Grant Agreement Between the Borough of Mount Arlington (On Behalf of Mount Arlington Fire and Rescue) and NJDEP New Jersey Forest Fire Service

*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

**Motion to Approve FOP (Fraternal Order of Police) Clothes Bin in DPW Yard**

*Motion to Approve:* Councilwoman Galate

*Second:* Councilwoman Farris

*Council Discussion:* None

*Roll Call:*

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

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Approved

**Executive Session**

- 2020-157** 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

*Attorney/Client Privilege:*

- Review of Borough Property/Potential Property Negotiations

- Approval of Executive Meeting Minutes - September 1, 2020

Action May or May Not Be Taken



*Motion to Enter into Executive Session:* Council President Delaney  
*Second:* Councilwoman Galate

*Roll Call:*

Aye: Farris, Cangiano, Fostle, Loughridge, Galate, Council President Delaney  
Opposed: None  
Abstain: None  
Motion Approved

*Motion to Return to Open Session:* Councilwoman Galate  
*Second:* Councilman Cangiano

*Roll Call:*

Aye: Farris, Cangiano, Fostle, Loughridge, Galate, Council President Delaney  
Opposed: None  
Abstain: None  
Motion Approved

*Motion to Approve Executive Session Minutes of September 1, 2020:* Councilwoman Galate  
*Second:* Councilman Cangiano

*Roll Call:*

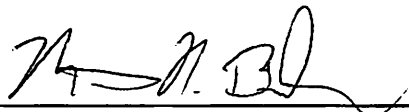
Aye: Farris, Cangiano, Fostle, Loughridge, Galate, Council President Delaney  
Opposed: None  
Abstain: None  
Motion Approved

**Adjourn**

*Motion to Adjourn:* Council President Delaney  
*Second:* Councilwoman Farris

*Roll Call:*

All in Favor: Aye  
Opposed: None  
Motion Approved



Matthew N. Bansch, Borough Clerk

CC: Website