

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

The Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington was held on Tuesday, September 7, 2021. This meeting was held in-person at the Municipal Building at 419 Howard Boulevard, Mount Arlington, New Jersey and commenced at 7:03PM.

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 asked future Eagle Scout Sam Tuneblom, who was in attendance, to lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Mayor then asked everyone to observe a moment of silence to remember the thirteen service members recently lost in the United States’ exit from Afghanistan. These losses were close everyone’s hearts, as some Mount Arlington residents had served in the armed forces in Afghanistan.

Roll Call was taken for attendance:

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

**Absent:** Councilman Cangiano and Councilwoman Galate

**Present from Administration:** Administrator/CFO Ms. Rinaldi, Borough Attorney Mr. Jessup and Borough Engineer Mr. Clark

**Absent:** Police Chief LaBruno

**Presentations:**

**Mayor & Borough Council Recognition of September 2021 Childhood Cancer Awareness Month:**  
Mayor Stanzilis read the proclamation recognizing September 2021 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

**Sam Tuneblom, Eagle Scout Project presentation:**

Mr. Tuneblom provided an overview of his Eagle Scout Project which was to refurbish the walking path at Memorial Park, clean up the general area and install solar lights. He stated the work would be completed before the October 11<sup>th</sup> deadline.

Councilwoman Fostle thought it was a great idea. A lot of people would enjoy the improved trail at Memorial Park.

Ms. Rinaldi added that she and Mr. Tuneblom recently met to go over his project. He would have the support of the DPW, if necessary, while working on his project.

**Colleen Lyons, Lake Hopatcong Commission Administrator Monthly Report:**

Ms. Lyons provided two handouts to each Council Member which she referenced during her presentation:

- The NJDEP recently responded to 11 harmful algal bloom (HAB) reports. 9 came back negative. The other 2 locations sampled and analyzed were in Crescent Cove which both tested at the WATCH advisory level (cell count 23,750). Crescent Cove was typically one of the most challenging locations in the lake due to stagnant water. An aeration system had recently been installed which was showing improvements in that area. The lake still remained open and was swimmable. In comparison, in 2019, the cell counts were as high as 180,000 in the same area. Although not perfect, and still with much work to be done, there were improvements overall. This was thanks to grant funding received and collaborating with the local municipalities, County and NJDEP.
- NJDEP had been conducting weekly flyovers and provided four continuous monitoring buoys to monitor the lake for HABs.
- NJDEP awarded more than \$1.3 million in grants for projects to prevent HABs and address stormwater-related issues on Lake Hopatcong.
- The Lake Hopatcong Commission was having quarterly meetings with the NJDEP and the mayors of the four Lake Hopatcong municipalities. They also were meeting with municipal, State, Federal and County officials to collaborate on all Lake Hopatcong matters.
- The weed harvesting program had not begun. They were hoping to get things off the ground for 2022.
- An aeration unit was installed at the Mount Arlington Municipal Beach. It was not yet operational. Princeton Hydro was working with the manufacturer to address the issue.
- The Commission finalized the agreement for the 319 Grant and would begin some smaller projects, including shoreline stabilization, through plantings at Memorial Pond in Mount Arlington.
- Congresswoman Mikie Sherrill met last week with State and local officials on the Lake Hopatcong Foundation Floating Classroom.
- The Lake Hopatcong Commission and Lake Hopatcong Foundation were going to be meeting with local police and elected officials to discuss safety, boats speeding and other issues on the lake.
- The Lake Hopatcong Commission recently provided a letter of support to the Morris County Park Commission for a grant application to make improvements at Lees County Park Marina. The name of the grant was the National Park Service Land and Water Conservation Fund Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership (ORLP). The letter of support was contingent on the Lake Hopatcong Commission being kept in the loop and seeing the final architectural plans. Mayor Stanzilis and Marty Kane from the Lake Hopatcong Foundation both reached out to the County Commissioners to request they be kept in the loop as well.

**Appointments: Lake Hopatcong Commission - Karen Porfido, Alternate Borough Representative, 2-year unexpired term, expiring 12/31/2022**

Mayor Stanzilis announced Ms. Porfido would be taking Tom Foley's place as Alternate Borough Representative for the Lake Hopatcong Commission. A resident of Lakeshore Village Condos on Bertrand Island, Ms. Porfido was a proponent for Lake Hopatcong.

**Tax and Utility Report for the Months of July & August**

July Total Tax Collections:	\$921,558.94
July Total Utility Collections:	\$394,582.76
August Total Tax Collections:	\$4,164,103.73
August Total Utility Collections:	\$124,486.48

**Finance Report for the Months of July & August**

July Receipts	\$1,789,888.61
July Disbursements	\$2,304,826.16
August Receipts:	\$4,535,924.29
August Disbursements:	\$2,188,816.80

**Approval of Minutes**

**August 3, 2021 - Regular Council Meeting**

Motion to Approve: Councilwoman Fostle  
Second: Councilwoman Farris  
Council Discussion: None  
Roll Call was taken.

**Roll:**

Aye: Farris, Loughridge, Fostle, Council President Delaney  
Opposed: None  
Abstain: None  
Motion carries.

**Mayor's Report**

Mayor Stanzilis reported tomorrow he would be a feature speaker at the New Jersey League of Conservation Voters boat cruise for local officials and environmental commissions, aboard Miss Lotta with Lake Hopatcong Cruises, to discuss stormwater management and related water quality issues and solutions. Former New Jersey Governor Christie Todd Whitman would be introducing the whole event on land before everyone boarded. Councilwoman Fostle was planning on attending the event as well. Mount Arlington was getting an excellent reputation around the State regarding Green Infrastructure. Thanks to the Council and Land Use Board for their support. Thanks to the Recreation Commission and Theresa Blough for organizing the concert on August 26<sup>th</sup> up at Fireman's Field. It was a great night and there was a big turnout. Thanks to the Police Department for sponsoring the ice cream truck at the concert. The Recreation Department may host more concerts come next Spring. Recently, Mayor Stanzilis and other Morris County Mayors were on a conference call with Atlantic Health to discuss the COVID-19 pandemic and how the

hospital was faring. As of that phone call, which was almost two weeks ago, Morristown Memorial Hospital had less than 30 patients with COVID-19. Although numbers had risen since then, both Atlantic Health and Saint Clare's were ready for any resurgence of COVID-19 should it happen. Mayor Stanzilis recently attended a grand opening at the County College of Morris's new Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering Center. It was a beautiful new center for advanced manufacturing, engineering, STEM, robotics, 3D printers and more. It was unbelievable what CCM was doing for a 2-year school in the arena of STEM (Science. Technology. Engineering. Mathematics) where there was currently a huge demand for qualified candidates to fulfill many lucrative jobs in this sector. The Mayor attended the Eagle Scout ceremony for Louis Bacinsky and Andrew Cangiano a couple of Sundays ago. He was hopeful he would one day see Sam Tuneblom at a future Eagle Scout event. Lastly, NJNG was making incredible headway to bring natural gas to Mount Arlington in the next couple of years. The affected streets would be at the northern end of town by McGregor Avenue, James Drive, Cove Road and maybe Parker Road, Circle Drive, Southard Road, Floyd Drive and Hover Drive.

### **Borough Administrator's Report**

Ms. Rinaldi reminded everyone that the Fire Department Fundraiser was Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. October 2<sup>nd</sup> was the Lake Hopatcong Foundation's Annual Block Party. The Borough would have a booth at the event, and she was open to suggestions for what to display or provide to attendees. There were several Borough committees that needed to have meetings such as Finance, Water/Sewer and Personnel. She asked the Mayor to provide her with some available dates when the Green Infrastructure Committee could meet. A pre-construction meeting was scheduled for the end of this week for the Logan Way reconstruction project.

### **Council Committee Reports**

#### *Councilwoman Fostle*

Councilwoman Fostle reported, at the recent Land Use Board meeting, the new redevelopment project was discussed for the new "Station Square" located at 181 Howard Boulevard. The applicant, Orchards at Mt. Arlington Urban Renewal, LLC, gave their presentation. As a whole, the plan was conforming to what the Land Use Board wanted to see. The only hiccup was the Land Use Board asked the applicant to revisit their traffic analysis to ensure there would not be any traffic problems as a result of the new development. The applicant would be coming back to the September 22<sup>nd</sup> Land Use Board meeting to make another presentation. The Land Use Board should then be able to make a final decision.

#### *Councilwoman Farris*

Councilwoman Farris stated she heard good things about the recent concert on August 26<sup>th</sup> at Fireman's Field. The Borough was not currently hiring for any positions. She was happy to see Sam Tuneblom present his Eagle Scout project. She had known Sam since he was six years old. She was looking forward to the upcoming Morris County and New Jersey League of Municipalities events.

#### *Councilman Loughridge*

Councilman Loughridge commended Sam Tuneblom on his Eagle Scout project idea. He knew Sam since he was a child; he was a great kid. Regarding Borough Recreation, the feedback from Tee-ball, Soccer and Kickz was that they were all awesome. Yoga on the Beach was done for the season. Friday Chair Yoga was still running and going well. He heard the concert on August 26<sup>th</sup> at

Fireman's Field was a huge success. The Police brought in the ice cream truck, and Mayor Stanzilis played in the band. Resident Joanne Gardner recently passed away. She was a great person who would be missed. Lastly, the first in-person Mount Arlington Senior Citizens meeting was scheduled for tomorrow, September 8<sup>th</sup> at the Elks Lodge. This was the first in-person meeting of the year due to the pandemic. Close to eighty people were expected to attend.

#### *Council President Delaney*

Council President Delaney also commended those involved with the concert at Fireman's Field. He hoped the Borough would do it again. The DPW had been out scrubbing and painting the light posts all along Howard Boulevard and they were looking really good. Some new members of CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) were starting this Thursday. CERT was finally meeting again in-person at the Civic Center.

#### **Public Comment**

Melissa Eckert, 562 Eric Lane – Ms. Eckert announced she was representing the Mount Arlington Board of Education. After speaking with the Board of Education and Mayor Stanzilis, they felt it would be a good idea for her to begin providing a monthly update at Borough Council meetings. She stated she was very excited for the start of the school year. As of now the schools were planning for a normal, full-day, in-person school year. The teachers started last week where they attended professional development trainings and learned about COVID-19 protocols. The students were starting tomorrow. Some afterschool activities and Fall sports would be resuming.

Mayor Stanzilis thanked Ms. Eckert for starting to do these monthly reports. Ms. Eckert replied it was good to have that connection with the Borough and the Board of Education so that everyone was on the same page to support and help one another. She looked forward to speaking at next month's Council Meeting.

Gail Delaney, 375 Howard Boulevard – Ms. Delaney stated the concert on August 26<sup>th</sup> at Fireman's Field was fantastic. She was a member of the Recreation Commission, but she really wanted to give a shout out to the DPW. The concession stand at Fireman's Field, which the DPW had painted in time for the event, looked like a million dollars.

Mayor Stanzilis stated their relationship with Wharton Borough, with whom Mount Arlington had a shared service agreement for DPW management services, had been nothing but outstanding. All of the improvements, details and little things the DPW did was certainly being noticed.

#### **Ordinance – Introduction**

None

#### **Ordinance – Second Reading**

None

#### **Resolutions – All Vote by Consent**

2021-94 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 September 7, 2021

- 2021-95 A Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Tax Collector to Participate in an Electronic Tax Sale
- 2021-96 A Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Establishing a \$25.00 Fee for the Creation, Printing and Mailing of Tax Sale Notices
- 2021-97 A 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# 19-00016 for Property Known as Block 96 Lot 18
- 2021-98 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 Water and Sewer System's Emergency Repair Services
- 2021-99 A Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Public Sale of a Tax Sale Certificate Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:5-114.2

Motion to Approve: Councilwoman Fostle

Second: Councilman Loughridge

Council Discussion: None

Roll Call was taken.

Aye: Farris, Loughridge, Fostle, Council President Delaney

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion carries.

### **Adjourn**

Motion to Adjourn: Council President Delaney

Second: Councilwoman Farris

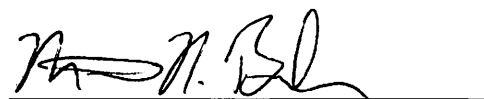
Roll Call:

All in Favor: Aye

Opposed: None

Motion Approved

The meeting adjourned at 7:47PM.



Matthew N. Bansch, Borough Clerk

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