

**BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 1, 2022
7:00 PM**

The Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington was held on Tuesday, February 1, 2022. This meeting was held in-person at the Municipal Building at 419 Howard Boulevard, Mount Arlington, New Jersey and commenced at 7:00PM.

Mayor Stanzilis called the meeting to order.

Mr. Bansch 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 13, 2022 and posted on the bulletin board in the main hallway of the Borough Municipal Building, on January 6, 2022; 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. He asked everyone to remain standing for a moment of silence to remember the first responders who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

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. Puszcz

Presentations:

Colleen Lyons, Lake Hopatcong Commission Administrator Monthly Report:

Ms. Lyons was not present as she had recently presented at the January 18th Council Meeting. She planned to present at the next Council Meeting on March 1st.

Melissa Eckert, Board of Education Liaison Monthly Report:

Ms. Eckert was not able to attend, but provided some updates which Ms. Rinaldi read aloud:

The Mount Arlington Board of Education completed their new technology infrastructure upgrade. Kindergarten registration was currently taking place.

Appointments: – None

Tax and Utility Report: – None

Finance Report: – None

Approval of Minutes -

December 7, 2021 - Regular Council Meeting

Motion to Approve: Councilwoman Farris

Second: Councilman Loughridge

Council Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Aye: Farris, Loughridge, Council President Delaney

Opposed: None

Abstain: Fostle

Motion Approved

December 21, 2021 - Regular Council Meeting

Motion to Approve: Councilwoman Farris

Second: Councilman Loughridge

Council Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Aye: Farris, Loughridge, Fostle, Council President Delaney

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Approved

January 4, 2022 – Reorganization Meeting

Motion to Approve: Councilwoman Fostle

Second: Councilwoman Farris

Council Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Aye: Farris, Loughridge, Fostle, Council President Delaney

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Approved

January 10, 2022 – Special Council Meeting

Motion to Approve: Councilwoman Fostle

Second: Councilman Loughridge

Council Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Aye: Loughridge, Fostle, Council President Delaney

Opposed: None

Abstain: Farris

Motion Approved

Mayor's Report

Mayor Stanzilis commended Councilman Cangiano, Ms. Rinaldi and Mr. Puszcz for their persistence in keeping public water and sewer line installation projects moving forward around town.

Borough Administrator's Report

Ms. Rinaldi had nothing to report.

Police Chief's Report

Chief LaBruno was absent. There was no report from the Police Department.

Fire Chief's Report

Assistant Chief D'Arco reported the Fire Department had a busy January with 20 calls. 2 were electrical fires which could have been much worse. The other calls were mainly weather-related due to freezing winter and water conditions. They held a required training on Right to Know.

Mayor Stanzilis welcomed Assistant Chief D'Arco to his new role with the Fire Department. He stated Assistant Chief D'Arco was a retired Battalion Commander from Patterson. The Borough was blessed to have him in their ranks.

Assistant Chief D'Arco announced there was an upcoming Ice Rescue training in February. Mayor Stanzilis added this was very important since Mount Arlington was a lake community. Assistant Chief D'Arco advised residents to exercise extreme caution and common sense at all times when on the ice.

Council Committee Reports

Councilwoman Fostle

Councilwoman Fostle recently attended two finance meetings, with the goal of developing a long-range plan to allocate discretionary funds toward future capital improvement projects.

Councilwoman Farris

Councilwoman Farris had nothing to report.

Councilman Loughridge

Councilman Loughridge reported the Recreation Commission Reorganization meeting went well. The Recreation Department was happy with the new members of the Recreation Commission.

Councilman President Delaney

Council President Delaney reported the Board of Health Reorganization Meeting was last night. The Health Department had been extremely busy responding to a record number of COVID-19 cases in November and December. The case numbers were finally starting to decline. Hopefully

this positive trend would continue.

Public Comment - There was no public comment.

Ordinance – Introduction

01-2022 An Ordinance of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Amending Chapter 207, Tattoo & Body Piercing Establishments, of the Code of the Borough of Mount Arlington

The Mayor opened the Hearing to the Public and read Ordinance 01-2022 by Title.

There was no public comment.

The Mayor closed the Hearing to the Public.

Motion: Council President Delaney stated: “I make the motion that Ordinance 01-2022 be introduced, and will be further considered after a public hearing held on March 1, 2022 at the Municipal Building at 7:00PM.”

Second: Councilwoman Farris

Council Discussion: Councilwoman Farris questioned why the Code was being updated. Ms. Rinaldi replied the State required all municipalities to update their Codes regarding requirements of a medical consultation waiver.

Roll Call:

Aye: Farris, Loughridge, Fostle, Council President Delaney

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Approved

02-2022 An Ordinance of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Adoption of a New Chapter 148, Limousines, of the Code of the Borough of Mount Arlington

The Mayor opened the Hearing to the Public and read Ordinance 02-2022 by Title.

There was no public comment.

The Mayor closed the Hearing to the Public.

Motion: Councilwoman Farris stated: “I make the motion that Ordinance 02-2022 be introduced, and will be further considered after a public hearing held on March 1, 2022 at the Municipal Building at 7:00PM.”

Second: Councilman Loughridge

There was no Council discussion.

Roll Call:

Aye: Farris, Loughridge, Fostle, Council President Delaney

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Approved

Ordinance – Second Reading – None

Resolutions – All Vote by Consent

2022-37 A Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey Approving Transfer of Funds

2022-38 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 February 1, 2022

2022-39 A Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Canceling Prior Year Grant Receivable Balance and Reserve for Grant Receivable Balance

2022-40 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# 21-00012 for Property Known as Block 123 Lot 13

Motion to Approve: Councilwoman Fostle

Second: Councilman Loughridge

Council Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Aye: Farris, Loughridge, Fostle, Council President Delaney

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Approved

Executive Session

2022-41 A 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 Litigation and Contract Negotiation Topics in Executive Session:

- Review of Borough Property/Potential Property Negotiations

- Discussion of Executive Meeting Minutes:

o November 9, 2021

o January 10, 2022

Action May or May Not Be Taken

Motion to Enter into Executive Session: Council President Delaney
Second: Councilwoman Fostle
Council Discussion: None

Roll Call:
Aye: Farris, Loughridge, Fostle, Council President Delaney
Opposed: None
Abstain: None
Motion Approved

Executive Session commenced at 7:18PM.

Motion to Return to Open Session: Council President Delaney
Second: Councilwoman Farris
Council Discussion: None

Roll Call:
Aye: Farris, Loughridge, Fostle, Council President Delaney
Opposed: None
Abstain: None
Motion Approved

Open Session commenced at 7:47PM.

*Motion to Approve, but Not Release to Public, Executive Session Minutes of
November 9, 2021:* Council President Delaney
Second: Councilman Loughridge
Council Discussion: None

Roll Call:
Aye: Loughridge, Fostle, Council President Delaney
Opposed: None
Abstain: Farris
Motion Approved

*Motion to Approve, but Not Release to Public, Executive Session Minutes of
January 10, 2022:* Council President Delaney
Second: Councilman Loughridge
Council Discussion: None

Roll Call:
Aye: Loughridge, Fostle, Council President Delaney
Opposed: None
Abstain: Farris
Motion Approved

Add-On Resolution

2022-42 A Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Borough Administrator to Solicit Offers and Conduct a Private Sale of a Certificate of Tax Sale for the Property Located at Block 14, Lot 13.01

Motion to Approve: Councilwoman Farris

Second: Councilwoman Fostle

Council Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Aye: Farris, Loughridge, Fostle, 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 7:52PM.



Matthew N. Bansch, Borough Clerk

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