

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

The Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington was held on Tuesday, March 1, 2022. This meeting was held in-person at the Municipal Building at 419 Howard Boulevard, Mount Arlington, New Jersey and commenced at 7:06PM.

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 to observe a moment of silence for those affected by the Ukraine/Russia conflict and for peace soon.

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:

Colleen Lyons, Lake Hopatcong Commission Administrator Monthly Report:

Ms. Lyons thanked the Borough for its letter of support for the 319 Grant for 2023. Per the DEP, “Management of Stormwater Devices” were not eligible under the 319 Grant, so the projects applied for were in Roxbury and Jefferson. The Commission would continue to seek funding for projects in Mount Arlington and Hopatcong. Regarding the weed harvesting program, the transfer of employees had been completed, and the hiring process for seasonal employees would begin soon. The targeted start date was mid-May. Earlier today, Ms. Lyons attended a meeting with Mayors from around Lake Hopatcong where they discussed potential projects for the \$10 million lakes funding bill. Signed into law by Governor Murphy last year, this bill was for aiding lakes affected by harmful algae blooms. An announcement of a lakes funding RFP was expected in the next month or so. Although they did not know what types of projects would be funded, they at least wanted to start a list of proposed projects.

Lee's County Park was moving forward with restoration of its pavilion. Construction was planned for September 2022.

Councilwoman Galate asked if the Lake Hopatcong Commission worked with Lake Musconetcong in any capacity. Ms. Lyons replied the Commission worked with the Musconetcong Watershed Association a couple of years ago with a Watershed Implementation Plan which included the Lake Musconetcong Watershed. There was also a recently-formed Public Lakes Alliance of New Jersey, where both the Commission and Lake Musconetcong would be attending quarterly meetings to discuss issues that affected public lakes.

Mayor Stanzilis questioned how much alum would be applied in Lake Hopatcong. Ms. Lyons replied 900 acres of the lake that was anoxic during the summer would be treated with alum or aeration. The Commission had preliminary pricing and was working on identifying funding. Mayor Stanzilis then questioned where dredging around Lake Hopatcong would occur. Ms. Lyons replied maintenance dredging would occur in areas where stormwater outfalls had carried sediment out of catch basins into the lake, resulting in sediment deltas.

Melissa Eckert, Board of Education Liaison Monthly Report:

Ms. Eckert reported the band and choir groups performed live at the Mount Arlington Public School Winter Concerts. Love of Reading Week began this week at both schools with a Harry Potter theme. The 8th grade fundraiser, Beach Carnival, was scheduled for March 3rd. The 6th through 8th grade Science Fair was scheduled for March 9th. A Student Faculty Volleyball Game at Roxbury High School was scheduled for March 15th. It would consist of Mount Arlington faculty versus 8th graders. On February 8th, Mayor Stanzilis met with the School and Community Service Committee to discuss how they could make a positive impact on the environment and senior citizen population in Mount Arlington. A School Spirit Committee made over 500 messages for Valentine's Day and all students in both schools received a positive message on their desk or locker. Laker Girls and Boys Basketball both earned post season action. Baseball and softball were beginning. 8th grader Charlie Bacinsky qualified for the wrestling State Championships in Trenton in March.

Appointments: - None

Tax and Utility Report for the Month of January

January Total Tax Collections: \$1,647,034.58

January Total Utility Collections: \$499,309.48

Finance Reports for the Month of January

January Receipts: \$2,025,647.54

January Disbursements: \$1,703,944.86

Approval of Minutes -

January 18, 2022 - Regular Council Meeting

Motion to Approve: Councilman Cangiano

Second: Councilwoman Fostle

Council Discussion: None

Roll Call:

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

Opposed: None
Abstain: None
Motion Approved

February 1, 2022 - Regular Council Meeting

Motion to Approve: Councilwoman Fostle

Second: Councilwoman Farris

Council Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Aye: Farris, Loughridge, Fostle, Council President Delaney

Opposed: None

Abstain: Cangiano, Galate

Motion Approved

Mayor's Report

Mayor Stanzilis wished to remind everyone about the Small Business Grants being offered by Morris County. These Small Business Grants, which were for nonprofits and small businesses with less than 25 employees and \$5 million in revenue, were eligible to receive up to \$15,000 for COVID-related expenses. Out of the \$9.5 million the County received from the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act), \$4.5 million had already been earmarked for grant recipients, with another \$5 million yet to be awarded. He asked everyone to please spread the word. Mayor Stanzilis stated he had been a panelist for a town hall meeting with Congresswoman Mikie Sherrill a couple of weeks ago about what was going on in the region and County from a small business standpoint. He enjoyed meeting with the School and Community Service Committee to discuss how they could make a positive impact around town. They discussed cleaning up around the municipal beach, shoreline and green infrastructure. They were a very motivated group of kids. Lastly, the Mayor had the good fortune of meeting with the new General at Picatinny Arsenal to welcome him to the region. The General seemed very interested in community outreach. The Mayor noted Picatinny Arsenal was the largest employer in Morris County with 7,000 employees, many who were Borough residents.

Borough Administrator's Report

Ms. Rinaldi stated the 2022 Municipal Budget would be introduced at the next Council Meeting. She provided the Mayor and Council with explanations for an updated version of Resolution 2022-43, as well as add-on Resolutions 2022-50 and 2022-51. Ms. Rinaldi stated the Elk's Annual Leap in the Lake event was this Saturday, March 5th at Hopatcong State Park. Many Borough staff, Police and Fire Department personnel were going. It was a great event for a worthy cause and brought the departments together.

Police Chief's Report

Chief LaBruno reported the Police Department was invited to participate in the Student Faculty Volleyball Game at Roxbury High School on March 15th. There was a recent burglary at Super Saver Liquor and an arrest had been made. The individual responsible was a career criminal, having committed burglaries in many other municipalities. So far, ten other agencies were involved. Good work by Detective Caparoni working with the other agencies. With the COVID-19 pandemic starting to wind down, officer trainings were finally ramping up such as firearms, self-defense tactics, supervisory, liability and more. The Fire Department graciously offered the Police Department spots to train with them in their Ice Rescue training. To take it a step further, Fire Chief Lima showed up earlier today to donate an Ice Rescue Suit to the Police

Department. Chief LaBruno thanked the entire Fire Department. He stated the Police and Fire Departments worked very well together to serve the community and do the best job they possibly could.

Mayor Stanzilis read a letter from Robin Hughes, Crisis Response Team Manager for the Jersey Battered Women's Shelter, to Officer Dennis McCoach, which thanked him for his excellence in police work and commitment to meeting the needs of victims of domestic violence in the community.

Fire Chief's Report

Captain Marcano reported the Fire Department donated an Ice Rescue Suit to the Police Department. The Ice Rescue Training at Lee's County Park went very well. It was attended by 4 police officers and many firefighters. The relationship the Fire and Police Departments had with one another was phenomenal. The Fire Department donated a truckload of old fire department equipment to the 9/11 Fund such as old, expired helmets, gloves, coats and more which went to 3rd world countries. The Fire Department also donated an old set of jaws to Roxbury Fire Company 2. The Fire Department would be doing its annual fit testing this month to make sure their SCBA (self-contained breathing apparatus) masks fit properly. They would be looking into getting a grant to purchase their own fit testing equipment and offer fit testing to other fire departments in the area. Fire Department trainings were scheduled out for the remainder of the year. They were also invited to participate in the Student Faculty Volleyball Game at Roxbury High School. 10 firefighters were planning on participating in the Leap in the Lake event, along with the Boy Scouts. The Bunny Run was scheduled for April 3rd. Captain Marcano thanked the Borough for the mutual aid tender.

Council Committee Reports

Councilwoman Galate

Councilwoman Galate thanked the Fire Department, Police Department and Board of Education for all their great work.

Councilwoman Fostle

Councilwoman Fostle reported she would be working on the 2022 Municipal Budget. She recently took a short course on NJ Transit planning around train stations. She would be looking into planning options around the Mount Arlington Train Station since the 181 Howard Boulevard Redevelopment Plan was coming soon.

Councilwoman Cangiano

Councilman Cangiano reported the engineering and administration teams were working hard to get water and sewer lines throughout town. Add-on Resolution 2022-50 was a water allocation agreement with the MCMUA to be compliant with the State. It would allow adequate water supply for the Borough and all projects including the beach, Hover, Floyd, Windemere I, Windemere II and future Lake Rogerene project. The Windemere II water main project was moving along, with hopes to hear about iBank funding in May or June. The County was going to be rehabbing its water tank at Fireman's Field with no impact to residents.

Councilwoman Farris

Councilwoman Farris congratulated Mayor Stanzilis on his appointment to President of the MCLOM.

Councilman Loughridge

Councilman Loughridge reported Recreation was running Tee Ball/Coach Pitch and Munchkin Soccer which were both very popular. Recreation was planning to run its Summer Camp for ages 9-11. Summer

concerts were going to be scheduled at Fireman's Field soon. The Easter Egg Hunt was scheduled for Saturday, April 2nd at 11:00am. The Community Garden was selling plots and would probably fill up again like last year. Senior meetings were slowly filling back up, with over 70 members in attendance at the most recent meeting. Senior Chair Yoga was Fridays at 10:00am at Borough Hall. The Memorial Day Parade was scheduled for Saturday, May 28th. Lastly, the Veteran's Cruise was scheduled for June 25th.

Council President Delaney

Council President Delaney announced Assistant Borough Clerk and Board of Health Administrator Beth Dwyer had retired as after 10 years. He reported COVID-19 cases were finally going down, with no new cases currently. Hopefully it would stay that way. Lastly, he announced Mayor Stanzilis was voted in as the Morris County League of Municipality's new President for a 2-year appointment.

Public Comment - There was no public comment.

Ordinance – Introduction

03-2022 An Ordinance of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Amending Chapter 53 of the Code of the Borough of Mount Arlington, to Remove Responsibility from the Borough to Remove Any and All Uncured Chapter 53 Violations Relating to Trees, and Instead Providing the Property Maintenance Officer, or Other Authorized Officer or Employee of the Borough, the Authority to Issue a Complaint in Municipal Court with Respect to Such Code Violations

The Mayor opened the Hearing to the Public and read Ordinance 03-2022 by Title.

There was no public comment.

The Mayor closed the Hearing to the Public.

Motion: Councilman Cangiano stated: "I make the motion that Ordinance 03-2022 be introduced, and will be further considered after a public hearing held on April 5, 2022 at the Municipal Building at 7:00PM."

Second: Councilwoman Galate

Council Discussion: Ms. Rinaldi provided a brief overview of Ordinances 03-2022 and 04-2022. Councilman Cangiano stated both Ordinances would serve as important tools for the Borough to effectively enforce Property Maintenance.

Roll Call:

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

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Approved

04-2022 An Ordinance of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Amending Chapter 133, Section 27 of the Code of the Borough of Mount Arlington, to Reduce the Required Number of Violations Before the Borough Code Official May Issue a Complaint in Municipal Court

The Mayor opened the Hearing to the Public and read Ordinance 04-2022 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 04-2022 be introduced, and will be further considered after a public hearing held on April 5, 2022 at the Municipal Building at 7:00PM."

Second: Councilman Cangiano

Council discussion: Council President Delaney stated it was a much-needed Ordinance.

Roll Call:

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

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Approved

05-2022 An Ordinance of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Approving an Application for a Long-Term Tax Exemption and Authorizing the Execution of a Financial Agreement with the Orchards at Mount Arlington Urban Renewal, LLC

The Mayor opened the Hearing to the Public and read Ordinance 05-2022 by Title.

There was no public comment.

The Mayor closed the Hearing to the Public.

Motion: Councilwoman Fostle stated: "I make the motion that Ordinance 05-2022 be introduced, and will be further considered after a public hearing held on April 5, 2022 at the Municipal Building at 7:00PM."

Second: Councilwoman Galate

There was no Council discussion.

Roll Call:

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

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Approved

Ordinance – Second Reading

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: Councilman Loughridge stated: "I move for adoption and final passage of Ordinance 01-2022"

Second: Councilman Cangiano

There was no Council discussion.

Roll Call:

Aye: Farris, Loughridge, Cangiano, Fostle, Galate, 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 move for adoption and final passage of Ordinance 02-2022"

Second: Councilman Cangiano

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

2022-43 A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey Approving Transfer of Funds

2022-44 A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Approving the Check Register Dated March 1, 2022

2022-45 A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Supporting Senate Bill S4136 Requiring an Establishment that Requires Proof of Vaccination for Employment, Entrance, and/or the Participation in Activities, to Also Accept Proof of a Prior SARS-CoV-2 Infection or a Protective Immune Response

2022-46 A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Hiring Adrianna Saldarriaga as a Part-Time Custodian for Municipal Buildings

- 2022-47 A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Urging the Swift Passage of S-330 which Restores Energy Tax Receipts
- 2022-48 A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Temporary Appropriations for Operating Purposes
- 2022-49 A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, to Redeem a Third-Party Tax Lien Certificate of Sale# 21-00005 for Property Known as Block 24 Lot 15
- 2022-50 A Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Signature and Execution of the Updated MCMUA Contract with the Borough of Mount Arlington
- 2022-51 A Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Per Diem Mutual Aid Agreement for Water Emergency Standbys with Morris County Fire Coordinator

Motion to Approve: Council President Delaney

Second: Councilwoman Farris

Council Discussion: None

Roll Call:

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

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Approved

Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn: Council President Delaney

Second: Councilman Cangiano

Roll Call:

All in Favor: Aye

Opposed: None

Motion Approved

The meeting adjourned at 8:05PM.



Matthew N. Bansch, Borough Clerk

CC: Website