

BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 5, 2022
7:00 PM

The Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington was held on Tuesday, April 5, 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 to observe a moment of silence for those who had lost their lives in the war in Ukraine, and to pray for a quick and peaceful ending.

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, Fire Department 1st Lieutenant Martin, Borough Attorney Mr. Jessup, Borough Engineer Mr. Puszc, DPW Supervisors Mr. Hutchins and Mr. Quillinan, Assistant Borough Clerk Ms. Rosone and the writer.

Presentations:

Melissa Eckert, Board of Education Liaison Monthly Report:

Ms. Eckert reported eight students, ranging from kindergarten through 8th grade, had their artwork showcased at the New Jersey Youth Art Month County and State Exhibition. Last week’s Science Fair had a great turnout, followed by a Mad Science Fire and Ice show. The Student Council shared a collection of organizations and missions to which people could donate to help those suffering during the Ukrainian crisis. The next Student Council meeting would focus on Earth Day initiatives

in response to the community service meeting with Mayor Stanzilis. The Student Faculty Volleyball Tournament was a great success. Lastly, the Mount Arlington Concert Band performed "The Avengers," at the Roxbury All District Band Concert.

Colleen Lyons, Lake Hopatcong Commission Administrator; Marty Kane, Board Chairman, Lake Hopatcong Foundation; Kyle Richter, Executive Director, Lake Hopatcong Foundation Annual Report:

Ms. Lyons reported the Lake Hopatcong Commission would begin its weed harvesting program in May. The utilization of a weed harvester would be the only form of weed harvesting performed in 2022 by the Lake Hopatcong Commission. The NJ DEP recently held their 3rd HABs summit, where they shared what other towns around the country and state were doing to combat HABs in their lakes. The aeration system continued to be operational at the Mount Arlington beach. There were treatments available, including alum, ready to go. They were hopeful there would not be another HAB in Lake Hopatcong in 2022.

Mr. Kane reported on advocacy. They were meeting quarterly with the four Mayors of the Lake Hopatcong municipalities and the NJ DEP, which included an annual visit by the DEP Commissioner. Mr. Kane felt these meetings were useful because they allowed for everyone to discuss their issues and improved their relationship with the NJ DEP. Statewide Lakes Funding was their biggest funding opportunity with \$10 million dollars approved for New Jersey lakes. Mr. Kane estimated about \$1 million would go towards Lake Hopatcong. The RFP was expected to be published in the next week or so. The Governor had visited Lake Hopatcong three years in a row. Various other legislators had toured the lake as well.

Mr. Richter reported they were working on educating the community on riparian buffers and raingardens to help combat stormwater pollution into the lake. An added benefit to riparian buffers was that geese would not land on them, therefore reducing fecal matter into the lake. The Lake Hopatcong Commission formed a Goose Management Committee to promote education and awareness to residents around the lake to help reduce geese and improve water quality. They were working to increase police presence on the lake, including busier areas during peak season. They were working with the State Police to increase their presence on the lake during the summer season. The Morris County Sheriff's Office now also had two boats on the lake. Regarding education, their field trip program was finally back after the COVID-19 pandemic. 1,300 students including Mount Arlington public schools would be visiting the State Park this year. They would also be offering public education cruises on the Floating Classroom. There were a number of upcoming events including the Lake Hopatcong Native Plant Sale, Hudson Farm Walk, Lake Hopatcong Block Party, Lake Hopatcong Foundation 10th Anniversary Gala, Lake Loop and various trail improvements.

Mr. Kane reported on historic preservation. Regarding the pavilion at Lee's County Park Marina, construction was due to commence in September. Regarding the fountain at the State Park, the County was working on a restoration plan using historic preservation dollars.

Ms. Lyons reported on State and Federal Grants. In March 2020, Lake Hopatcong was awarded \$500 thousand for 6 HABs prevention projects, including Biochar in Memorial Pond and Aeration at the Municipal Beach. She provided an overview of other various grants for projects around the

lake in including other municipalities. Their next priority project in Mount Arlington was the dredging of Memorial Pond, which was on a 20-year dredge schedule that was approaching soon. They would be identifying funding.

Mayor Stanzilis stated, regarding Christopher's Law, he would be connecting with Senator Bucco to see what could be done concerning continued education and enforcement to educate boaters and help prevent future accidental boating deaths on Lake Hopatcong. The Mayor asked Mr. Richter if he would be willing to present the Goose Committee's findings to the Land Use Board and the benefits of riparian buffer zones. Mr. Richter replied he would be happy to. Mr. Kane added they would be constructing a sample riparian buffer over in Landing.

Lee Moreau, Chair of the 2022 Lake Hopatcong Block Party, provided an overview of the upcoming Block Party event scheduled for Saturday, May 21, 10am to 4pm at Hopatcong State Park. The event was sold out. There would be a Boating Safety demonstration in the parking lot at the event and the public were welcome to attend. Mayor Stanzilis suggested Christopher's Law be included in the demonstration.

Kim Arbolino, manager of Lake Hopatcong Cruises, reported on the upcoming Veteran's Cruise which was scheduled for June 25th aboard Miss Lotta. The Cruise had been extended from 90 minutes to 2 hours. 24 veterans from Mount Arlington and Roxbury would be on the cruise. She encouraged all Mount Arlington residents to cheer on the veterans from the Mount Arlington beach as the boat comes by. There would also be a dinner that evening, at discounted rates, aboard Miss Lotta for veterans and their families.

Appointments: - None

Tax and Utility Report for the Month of February

February Total Tax Collections: \$3,163,120.38
February Total Utility Collections: \$155,305.35

Finance Reports for the Month of February

February Receipts: \$3,806,429.57
February Disbursements: \$2,181,919.96

Approval of Minutes -

March 1, 2022 - Regular Council Meeting

Motion to Approve: Councilman Cangiano

Second: Councilwoman Farris

Council Discussion: None

Roll Call:

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

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Approved

Mayor's Report

Mayor Stanzilis reported the Easter Egg Hunt was very successful with hundreds of children from Mount Arlington and other towns participating. He congratulated Christina Chismar and Kim Johnson for organizing the event. Last week he and Ms. Rinaldi attended a meeting with the Lake Hopatcong Foundation to discuss many of the items that were brought up this evening. He attended a tour and meeting at Picatinny Arsenal with Congresswoman Mikie Sherrill on next generation weaponry. Picatinny was an amazing asset and the largest employer in Morris County. He reported he was working with many small businesses on the Morris County Small Business Grant program for opportunities to receive up to \$15,000. The Leap in the Lake event was a great success with a wonderful turnout that brought the community together.

Borough Administrator's Report

Ms. Rinaldi agreed the Leap in the Lake event was a great success and truly a team effort. She welcomed Ashley Rosone, the new Assistant Borough Clerk, to the Mount Arlington team. Ms. Rosone was in attendance at the meeting. Ms. Rinaldi reported she attended various meetings including Personnel Committee, CERT Team, Water and Sewer Committee and Budget Committee. Regarding the 2022 Municipal Budget, she and Councilwoman Fostle were finalizing the 2022 Budget.

Police Chief's Report

Chief LaBruno also agreed the Leap in the Lake event was a great success. The Easter Egg Hunt was a great turnout, with the Police Department handing out some Junior Police Badges. He congratulated the Fire Department on winning the Student Faculty Volleyball Game. It was a great event and a lot of fun. The Police Department was putting together an Officer for a Day Raffle and would be announcing more information later in the month. The Police were taking proactive measures to patrol the town with more people being outside in the warmer weather. There were various trainings for officers including Defensive Tactics (focus on Police Jiu Jitsu), CPR, Gang Awareness and ICAT (Integrating Communications, Assessment and Tactics).

Fire Chief's Report

1st Lieutenant Martin reported, due to inclement weather, the Fire Department rescheduled the Easter Bunny Fire Truck tour around town to Sunday, April 10th. Mr. Martin gave an overview of the monthly report for the Fire Department. There were 13 calls in March. Year to date there were 46 calls. The average response time was 10 minutes. He projected to have a busy year with potentially over 200 calls. There were ongoing fire truck driver trainings. An ICS (Incident Command System) training was conducted last month with 10 participants. Mr. Martin provided an overview of the various ICS trainings. There was a Confined Space Awareness class with 15 participants. Fit Testing was last month's drill. They would be discontinuing the use of their current software, Power DMS, with an estimated savings of \$4,000. They would be using their existing ERS software instead, which was already in use for calls and reporting, to do much of the same thing. Some of the firefighters saved the Borough hundreds of dollars by picking up a pallet of SpeedDry at a cost of about \$300 from Tractor Supply in Budd Lake instead of having it delivered at a cost of over \$1,200. The Fire Department by-laws were currently being updated. He thanked Ms. Rinaldi, Council President Delaney and Councilwoman Galate for meeting with the Fire Department officers to review the by-laws. There were currently 2 openings secured for EMT school with some people interested but no one committed yet. The Leap in the Lake event was a great success. The Fire Department donated a large batch of outdated

equipment to the 9-1-1 Fund in Argentina. They also donated equipment to Ukraine. He gave credit to the Clifton Fire Department for coordinating donations. The Student Faculty Volleyball Game was a great success. The Fire Department then carried in a Mount Arlington Volleyball trophy they had made for the winners of the event. It was a generic trophy with the intention of being passed on annually at future Student Faculty Volleyball Games. Lastly, 1st Lieutenant Martin stated he believed a brother and sister recently won Fireman for a Day with details to follow in May.

Mayor Stanzilis noted 1st Lieutenant Martin worked at Picatinny Arsenal and was a veteran. He thanked Mr. Martin for his service.

Council Committee Reports

Councilwoman Galate

Councilwoman Galate reported the recent CERT training was success. There would possibly be future CERT programs held at the Mount Arlington Library and School. She thought the Hug a Tree program sounded interesting. The first responders were getting the exposure they deserved.

Councilwoman Fostle

Councilwoman Fostle announced she would be delivering the 2022 Budget Presentation at the May 3rd 7:00PM Council Meeting.

Councilwoman Cangiano

Councilman Cangiano reported he attended a few Water and Sewer Committee meetings to keep projects moving along including the Schmitz Terrace Water Tank Rehab and Windemere II/McGregor Avenue. The gas lines had to be installed first over the summer. Next Spring the water and sewer lines would be installed before a final paving. The anticipated completion date was Spring 2023.

Councilwoman Farris

Councilwoman Farris greatly enjoyed the Leap in the Lake event. She received some complaints that Lake Hopatcong, with its natural beauty, great restaurants and amenities, was not being promoted enough. She suggested a be committee formed between the five towns to promote Lake Hopatcong through organized events such as a restaurant crawl. She welcomed Ms. Rosone to the Borough team.

Councilman Loughridge

Councilman Loughridge reported the Easter Egg Hunt was so successful he wondered if tickets needed to be sold. The Memorial Day Parade was scheduled for May 28th. It was nice to be back to in-person events again after the COVID-19 pandemic.

Council President Delaney

Council President Delaney reported the Mount Arlington Beach was on its way to being ready for the summer season with two truckloads of sand delivered to the beach today. The Leap in the Lake event raised well over \$75,000 to send special needs children to summer camp.

Public Comment - There was no public comment.

Ordinance – Introduction

06-2022 Calendar Year 2022. An Ordinance of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank (N.J.S.A. 40a: 4-45.14)

The Mayor opened the Hearing to the Public and read Ordinance 06-2022 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 06-2022 be introduced, and will be further considered after a public hearing held on May 3, 2022 at the Municipal Building at 7:00PM.”

Second: Councilman Cangiano

Council Discussion: None

Roll Call:

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

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Approved

Ordinance – Second Reading

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 move for adoption and final passage of Ordinance 03-2022”

Second: Councilwoman Fostle

There was no Council discussion.

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 move for adoption and final passage of Ordinance 04-2022"

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

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 move for adoption and final passage of Ordinance 05-2022"

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

Resolutions – All Vote by Consent

- 2022-52 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 April 5, 2022
- 2022-54 A Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Participation in a Cooperative Pricing System with Keystone Purchasing Network (KPN)
- 2022-55 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 Windemere II Water Main Extension
- 2022-56 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 Schmitz Terrace Water Tank Rehabilitation
- 2022-57 A Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Road Closures During the 2022 Memorial Day Parade
- 2022-58 A Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Acceptance of a SFY21 Body-Worn Camera Grant from the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General, Award Number 21-BWC-054
- 2022-59 A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing a Traffic Safety Plan Associated with the Annual 4th Of July Fireworks Display
- 2022-60 A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Hiring Ashley Rosone as Assistant Municipal Clerk and Deputy Registrar
- 2022-61 A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Hiring Ashley Rosone as Board of Health Administrator
- 2022-62 A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Hiring Ashley Rosone as Animal Control Secretary
- 2022-63 A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Recognizing the Month of May Each Year as “Bag Up NJ” Month
- 2022-64 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# 20-00007 for Property Known as Block 41 Lot 6 C0004

- 2022-65 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# 21-00004 for Property Known as Block 24 Lot 1 C0005
- 2022-66 A Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Execution of a Settlement Agreement with Peter Oefelein
- 2022-67 A Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Participation in a Cooperative Pricing System with Sourcewell
- 2022-68 A Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, to Cancel Municipal Tax Lien Certificate of Sale# 20-00002 for Property Known as Block 20 Lot 5.01

Motion to Approve: Councilman Cangiano

Second: Councilwoman Galate

Council Discussion: None

Roll Call:

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

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Approved

- 2022-53 A Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Introducing the 2022 Budget

Motion to Approve: Councilwoman Fostle

Second: Councilwoman Galate

Council Discussion: None

Roll Call:

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

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Approved

Motion

Solicitor/Vendor Permit

- Pristine Management Group – 3rd Party Supplier for Utility Company (Inspire Clean Energy)

Limousine License

- East Coast Drives, LLC – Limousine Services

Mayor Stanzilis read the Solicitor/Vendor Permit and Limousine License into the record to no objections.

Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn: Council President Delaney

Second: Councilwoman Farris

Roll Call:

All in Favor: Aye

Opposed: None

Motion Approved

The meeting adjourned at 8:23PM.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. N. Bansch', is written over a horizontal line.

Matthew N. Bansch, Borough Clerk

CC: Website

Minutes Approved at Council Meeting of May 17, 2022