

BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 3, 2022
7:00 PM

The Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington was held on Tuesday, May 3, 2022. This meeting was held in-person at the Municipal Building at 419 Howard Boulevard, Mount Arlington, New Jersey and commenced at 7:00PM.

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 to pray for peace around the world; especially in Ukraine.

Roll Call was taken for attendance:

Present: Council President Delaney, Councilman Cangiano, Councilwoman Fostle (attending remotely via Zoom), Councilwoman Galate and Mayor Stanzilis

Absent: Councilwoman Farris, Councilman Loughridge

Present from Administration: Administrator/CFO Ms. Rinaldi, Borough Attorney Mr. Jessup, Police Chief LaBruno and Borough Engineer Mr. Puszc

Presentations:

Mayor and Borough Council Proclamation of NALC (National Association of Letter Carriers) Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive Day

Mayor Stanzilis read the proclamation which proclaimed May 14, 2022 as NALC Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive Day.

Colleen Lyons, Lake Hopatcong Commission Administrator Monthly Report:

Ms. Lyons reported the NJDEP released an RFP for \$10 million in funding for New Jersey lakes. The Lake Hopatcong Commission would be allowed by the State to apply for up to \$1 million. They were working with Princeton Hydro to identify projects for the funding such as alum treatment for 900 acres

of the lake, dredging and Biochar. Weed harvesting was starting in May. Motor Vehicle would be offering boater registrations at the Lake Hopatcong Block Party. The State Police were working on rental boat safety and enforcement. The State Police wished to remind local police departments that issues on docks must be responded to by local police. Issues on Lake Hopatcong were handled by the State Police. The State Park would be waiving all fees again this season.

Melissa Eckert, Board of Education Liaison Monthly Report:

Ms. Eckert reported there was a Student Council-sponsored talent show which raised \$1,136 for the Peak Group which brings awareness to autism. At the last Board of Education meeting on April 6th they honored the Fire and Police departments, as well as Kara Kelly who won "Teacher who Rocks" and Lisa Huber who won "Teacher of the Year." State Testing was coming up for the first time in a couple of years since before the COVID-19 pandemic. Both the Fire and Police departments donated money towards the 8th grade trip to Hershey to help all of the students to be able to attend.

Appointments:

2022-70 A Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Appointing Anthony Gonzalez as a Volunteer Fire Fighter

Resolution 2022-70 was moved to the June 14, 2022 Council Meeting.

Tax and Utility Report for the Month of March

March Total Tax Collections: \$309,698.89

March Total Utility Collections: \$93,336.63

Finance Report for the Month of March

March Receipts: \$510,326.79

March Disbursements: \$2,465,686.64

Approval of Minutes - None

Mayor's Report

Mayor Stanzilis reported he attended a Morris County Chamber of Commerce legislative luncheon that featured Senate Majority Leader Senator M. Teresa Ruiz (D) and Republican Leader Senator Steven V. Oroho (R). He and the Borough professional team were doing a series of Meet and Greet events around town including at Woodmont West, Nolan's Ridge and the Mount Arlington Seniors at the Elk's Lodge. The Meet and Greets were going exceptionally well and was a great opportunity to meet the residents of these communities. Mayor Stanzilis attended an awards presentation for the Morris County Small Business Grants program. Almost \$7 million out of \$10 million had already been allocated to small businesses who applied.

Borough Administrator's Report

Ms. Rinaldi announced some upcoming events: May 15th Summer Concert Series kickoff; May 21st Lake Hopatcong Block Party; May 28th Memorial Day Parade.

Police Chief's Report

Chief LaBruno reported he attended an informative biennial meeting with John Schwartz, J.A. Montgomery Consulting risk assessment manager for the area. The Meet and Greet events around town were great and generated positive feedback. He thanked Mayor Stanzilis for the invitation to the legislative luncheon where Sheriff Gannon was presented with the Chamber of Commerce's Alex DeCroke Leadership Award. It was interesting listening to Senators Ruiz and Oroho debate. They seemed to be on the same page even though they were on different sides of the political aisle. He attended an event by the Morris County Prosecutor's Office in Morristown, in honor of National Crime Victims' Rights Week 2022, where a stepping stone near the victims' tree was dedicated as a symbol for victims taking the first step to healing. The Police Department recently attended trainings on vehicular pursuit and critical stress communication.

Fire Chief's Report - None

Council Committee Reports

Councilwoman Galate

Councilwoman Galate reported the Fire Department was almost done updating its by-laws. The Easter Bunny went around the town and was a great event. It was amazing to see how many people really looked forward to seeing the Easter Bunny come around on the fire truck. The Board of Education was looking to hire aids and custodial help.

Councilwoman Cangiano

Councilman Cangiano reported on the upcoming rehab project of the water tank on Schmitz Terrace. The planning process would commence with Ordinance 07-2022, with a goal of the project commencing 2023.

Councilwoman Fostle

Councilwoman Fostle stated Ms. Rinaldi would be doing the budget presentation since she couldn't be there in person this evening.

Council President Delaney

Council President Delaney reported the Meet and Greets around town were going extremely well. It was a great opportunity for residents to meet the department heads. The 10:00am meeting with the 7th graders was also great.

Public Comment - There was no public comment.

Ordinance – Introduction

07-2022 An Ordinance of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Providing for the Rehabilitation of the Schmitz Terrace Standpipe in and by the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Appropriating \$925,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$925,000 Bonds or Notes of the Borough to Finance the Cost Thereof

The Mayor opened the Hearing to the Public and read Ordinance 07-2022 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 07-2022 be introduced, and will be further considered after a public hearing held on May 17, 2022 at the Municipal Building at 7:00PM."

Second: Councilwoman Galate

Council Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Aye: Cangiano, Fostle, Galate, Council President Delaney

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Approved

08-2022 An Ordinance of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Providing for the Acquisition of a Street Sweeper in and by the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Appropriating \$320,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$320,000 Bonds or Notes of the Borough to Finance the Cost Thereof

The Mayor opened the Hearing to the Public and read Ordinance 08-2022 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 08-2022 be introduced, and will be further considered after a public hearing held on May 17, 2022 at the Municipal Building at 7:00PM."

Second: Councilwoman Galate

Council Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Aye: Cangiano, Fostle, Galate, Council President Delaney

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Approved

Ordinance – Second Reading

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: Council President Delaney stated: "I move for adoption and final passage of Ordinance 06-2022"

Second: Councilman Cangiano

There was no Council discussion.

Roll Call:

Aye: Cangiano, Fostle, Galate, Council President Delaney

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Approved

Budget Resolutions & Public Hearing

2022-71 A Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington,
County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Adopting the Municipal Budget for 2022

Motion to Approve: Councilwoman Galate

Second: Councilwoman Fostle

Council Discussion: None

Public Hearing on Introduced Budget:

Ms. Rinaldi read Resolution 2022-71 into the record, stating, "Be it Resolved by the Council Members of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, that the budget hereinbefore set forth is hereby adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated of the sums therein set forth as appropriations, and authorization of the amount of:

- (a) \$5,916,280.55 (Item 2 below) for municipal purposes, and
- (b) Blank (Item 3 below) for school purposes in Type I School Districts only (N.J.S.A. 18A:9-2) to be raised by taxation and,
- (c) Blank (Item 4 below) to be added to the certificate of amount to be raised by taxation for local school purposes in Type II School Districts only (N.J.S.A. 18A:9-3) and certification to the County Board of Taxation of the following summary of general revenues and appropriations.
(Sheet 43) Open Space, Recreation, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund Levy
- (d) Blank (Sheet 44) Arts and Culture Trust Fund Levy
- (e) \$294,854.24 (Item 5 Below) Minimum Library Tax
- (f) Blank

SUMMARY OF REVENUES

1. General Revenues

Surplus Anticipated	08-100	\$1,220,500.00
Miscellaneous Revenues Anticipated	13-099	\$4,314,132.37

Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	15-499	\$213,000.00
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2. AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES

(Item 6(a), Sheet 11)	07-190	\$5,916,280.55
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3. AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR SCHOOLS IN TYPE I SCHOOL DISTRICTS ONLY:

Item 6, Sheet 42	07-195	Blank
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Item 6(b), Sheet 11 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-14)	07-191	Blank
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TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR SCHOOLS IN TYPE I SCHOOL DISTRICTS ONLY	Blank	
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4. To Be Added TO THE CERTIFICATE FOR THE AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR SCHOOLS IN TYPE II SCHOOL DISTRICTS ONLY:

Item 6(b), Sheet 11 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-14)	07-191	Blank
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5. AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION MINIMUM LIBRARY TAX

	07-192	\$294,854.24
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Total Revenues	13-299	\$11,958,767.16
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I hereby certify this to be a true and correct Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington and adopted on May 3, 2022.”

Ms. Rinaldi then thanked Councilwoman Fostle, Councilman Loughridge, Council President Delaney and Borough Auditor Bud Jones for helping with the 2022 Municipal Budget process.

- The municipal tax rate would remain stable, as it had been for the past six years, with only a slight increase. Last year’s rate was 0.779%, and this year the rate would be 0.804%. This would equate to an increase of approximately \$15 per year in municipal taxes, with an overall approximate annual increase of \$100 in property taxes per household.
- The Council should be proud of their accomplishment, as this was no easy feat. The Borough was able to provide the same level of services, with costs that inherently increased through the years, due to “smart growth.” Some examples of smart growth were:
 - Increased use of PILOT programs.
 - Utilizing anticipated budget surplus by regenerating what they could for future budgets.
 - Creating a healthy balance between “pay as you go” versus long-term financing of projects.
- Kudos to the vision and planning of the Council that would certainly benefit the residents of Mount Arlington.

Mayor Stanzilis commended Ms. Rinaldi, Councilwoman Fostle and the Finance Committee, Nisivoccia, LLP and the entire Borough team for managing the Borough’s vision of a “race to the bottom” through “smart growth,” conservative and prudent fiscal planning and shared services.

Council President Delaney thanked Councilwoman Fostle for all of her hard work on the budget.

There was no public comment.

The Mayor closed the Hearing to the Public.

Roll Call:

Aye: Cangiano, Fostle, Galate, Council President Delaney

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion carries.

2022-72 A Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Requesting the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to Make Corrections in the Budget Year 2022

Motion to Approve: Councilman Cangiano

Second: Councilwoman Galate

Council Discussion: Ms. Rinaldi explained this was a non-self-exam year. This Resolution was required to satisfy the requirements of the DLGS in order to adopt the 2022 Municipal Budget.

Roll Call:

Aye: Cangiano, Fostle, Galate, Council President Delaney

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Approved

Resolutions – All Vote by Consent

2022-73 A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Change of Amount of the Plenary Retail Consumption and Distribution License Fees

2022-74 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# 20-00001 for Property Known as Block 2 Lot 8

2022-75 A Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Requesting Approval of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to Establish a Dedicated Trust by Rider for Self-Insurance Deductible Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-39

Motion to Approve: Council President

Second: Councilwoman Cangiano

Council Discussion: Ms. Rinaldi explained Resolution 2022-75 was also required to satisfy the requirements of the DLGS in order to adopt the 2022 municipal budget.

Roll Call:

Aye: Cangiano, Fostle, Galate, Council President Delaney

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Approved

Mayor Stanzilis wished Council President Delaney a Happy Birthday and brought out a birthday cake to celebrate.

Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn: Council President Delaney

Second: Councilman Cangiano

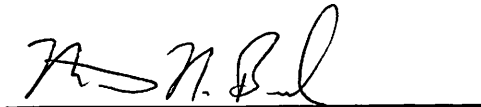
Roll Call:

All in Favor: Aye

Opposed: None

Motion Approved

The meeting adjourned at 7:49 PM.


Matthew N. Bansch, Borough Clerk

CC: Website

Minutes Approved at Council Meeting of May 17, 2022