

**BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 14, 2022
7:00 PM**

The Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington was held on Tuesday, June 14, 2022. This meeting was held in-person at the Municipal Building at 419 Howard Boulevard, Mount Arlington, New Jersey and commenced at 7:05PM.

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.”

In honor of Flag Day, the Mayor asked Borough resident and veteran Pat Ficchio to lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Mayor then asked everyone to remain standing to observe a moment of silence for first responders who had lost their lives while serving their communities around the country.

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, Fire Chief Lima, Borough Attorney Ms. Almeida, Borough Engineer Mr. Clark and the writer.

Presentations:

Mayor and Borough Council Recognition of Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Chairperson - Terri Domenick:

Council President Delaney read the proclamation recognizing Ms. Domenick for her 10 years of achievements and service as Chairperson of the CERT program. Mayor Stanzilis presented a Challenge Coin to Ms. Domenick for outstanding community service.

Ms. Domenick expressed her gratitude to everyone. She stated she came from a family of volunteer firemen, Ladies Auxiliary and nurses, so serving on CERT felt like the natural thing to do. She felt very honored to be a part of the CERT team.

Melissa Eckert, Board of Education Liaison Monthly Report: - None

Colleen Lyons, Lake Hopatcong Commission Administrator Monthly Report: - None

Appointments: – All Vote by Consent

- 2022-82 A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Appointing Ulysses Rodriguez as Volunteer Fire Fighter
- 2022-83 A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Appointing Daniel Jamieson as Volunteer Fire Fighter
- 2022-84 A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Appointing Sean Whitteaker as Volunteer Fire Fighter
- 2022-85 A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Appointing Matthew Deslonde as Volunteer Fire Fighter

Add-on Resolution:

- 2022-96 A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Appointing Luke Borowiec as Volunteer Fire Fighter

Motion to Appoint: 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

Mayor Stanzilis administered Oaths of Office to each firefighter individually. He expressed gratitude and appreciation to the Borough firefighters for their volunteerism, commitment and bravery.

Chief Lima congratulated the new firefighters. He commended their hard work and expressed his appreciation for their service and dedication.

Tax and Utility Reports for the Months of April & May

April Total Tax Collections: \$3,350,229.38

April Total Utility Collections: \$323,277.92

May Total Tax Collections: \$1,203,521.32

May Total Utility Collections: \$155,030.32

Finance Reports for the Months of April & May

April Receipts: \$3,705,473.25
April Disbursements: \$1,474,552.04

May Receipts: \$1,885,788.90
May Disbursements: \$3,389,141.81

Approval of Minutes -

May 17, 2022 – Special Council Meeting

Motion to Approve: Councilman Cangiano

Second: Councilwoman Galate

Council Discussion: None

Roll Call:

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

Opposed: None

Abstain: Fostle

Motion Approved

Mayor's Report

Mayor Stanzilis congratulated Councilman Loughridge and Councilman Cangiano on their Primary Election victories. He attended a Blue and Gold ceremony where Cub Scouts graduated to Boy Scouts. It was the best-attended Blue and Gold he had seen in 10 years. Between the Cub Scouts and 5 newly-appointed firefighters, it was great to see so many young volunteers and such a promising sign for the future. The Summer Concert Series at the municipal beach was a tremendous success. He thanked the Rinaldi family for all their help in making the concert happen.

Pat Ficcio, a resident of Ridgeview at Mount Arlington 55+ retirement community, thanked the Fire Department for their excellent service time and time again. Mr. Ficcio stated the Fire Department had responded to calls at Ridgeview many times. The residents felt safe and confident in the Mount Arlington Fire Department.

Borough Administrator's Report

Ms. Rinaldi thanked the Fire Department for helping with the Summer Concert Series and supervising firepits on the beach during the concert. The County was currently milling and paving Windemere Avenue with an estimated completion time in the next several days. Currently multiple detours in the northern end of town as New Jersey Natural Gas has undertaken an extensive installation project. The project should be completed in 1.5 - 2 weeks. She thanked the Personnel Committee for their assistance with hiring new DPW laborers, beach attendants and lifeguards. The Solar Ribbon Cutting event at the landfill was scheduled for this Friday, June 17th at 12:00pm. Ms. Lyons of the Lake Hopatcong Commission was unable to attend the meeting and provided Ms. Rinaldi with a copy of her report. Ms. Rinaldi read some highlights from the report:

- The weed harvesting program would begin around June 16th, running Fridays and Mondays.
- They were monitoring buoys around the lake which monitored for HABs.

- They hired Princeton Hydro to handle the installation of an aeration system at the Mount Arlington municipal beach; while there had been some issues with the install process, they were very responsive in addressing. Ms. Rinaldi pointed out that the aeration system was a nanobubble system, so although no one could see it bubbling like other aeration systems around the lake, it was still fully functional.

Police Chief's Report - None

Fire Chief's Report

Chief Lima reported there were 14 calls for the month of May and 75 calls year-to-date. Starting next week, 2 men would begin Firefighter 1 class on a full-time basis, 5 days per week, 8 hours per day for 4 weeks.

Mayor Stanzilis stated any good organization was a reflection of its leader. He thanked Chief Lima for his outstanding leadership, to which Chief Lima replied it was all thanks to his strong team of firefighters.

Council Committee Reports

Councilwoman Galate

Councilwoman Galate reported on behalf of Chief LaBruno who was unable to attend:

- Thanks to Ms. Domenick for her service on CERT. She was a valuable asset to the program.
- Various Borough Police Officers completed trainings in Firearms, Patrol Report Writing, Workplace Harassment and Sammy's Law.
- Detective Caparoni and Patrolman Pizzuta attended and successfully completed Firearms Instructor Training and were now certified instructors; this was a big accomplishment. Chief LaBruno wished to thank them for their dedication to their training and taking on such a big responsibility in instructing and training the officers of this agency in firearms for years to come.
- The Police Department attended the Lake Hopatcong Block Party where they handed out items for the children and provided roughly 200 child photo identification cards which were a big hit with the families.
- Officers were present for the Memorial Day Ceremony at the Elks Lodge to honor those who had sacrificed their lives, and to also express their appreciation for all living veterans.

Councilwoman Galate then provided her report. Regarding the Board of Education, Andy's Roadside Dive donated 50% of their proceeds for one day to the Class of 2023. The school donated crayons to be melted down, used to make new crayons and donated to hospitals.

Congratulations to Mrs. Lisa Huber, 2021-2022 Educator of the Year, and Miss Kara Kelly, WDHA 105.5 Teacher Who Rocks. Congratulations to 8th grade students Colleen Gordon-Mara and Bianca Marotta. Colleen was awarded the Morris County Leadership Award, and Bianca was awarded the Morris County School Board Association "Unsung Hero" Award. Regarding the Fire Department, she thanked them for showing up to Field Day at Decker School on June 3rd and misting the children on a very hot day outside with the fire truck. A Motor Vehicle Commission "Mobile DMV" was scheduled to be at Fireman's Field on Friday, July 8th from 10:00am-2:00pm. A link to schedule an appointment with the Mobile DMV was available on the Borough website. The Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Event Day was May 21st at the Morris County Public

Safety Training Academy, with future dates set for September 24th at the Morris County Public Safety Training Academy and October 22nd at Chatham High School.

Councilwoman Fostle

Councilwoman Fostle thanked the CERT members and new Fire Department members for their service and volunteerism.

Councilwoman Cangiano

Councilman Cangiano congratulated the new Fire Department members. He congratulated Mayor Stanzilis on his Mayoral Primary Election victory. He thanked the Rinaldi family, Borough team and Fire Department for making the Summer Concert Series such a nice event. Regarding the previous pollution spill from the Roxbury construction site into Lake Rogerene, he continued to coordinate with the County, Roxbury Township and contractor. The contractor appeared to be taking legitimate steps to prevent future spills. Lastly, the County Water Tank project was nearing completion.

Councilwoman Farris

Councilwoman Farris reported the Lake Hopatcong Block Party was fantastic and the weather was perfect. The Memorial Day Ceremony at the Elks was a great event. The strong community really made this town great.

Councilman Loughridge

Councilman Loughridge reported the Memorial Day Parade was cancelled due to inclement weather, but thanks to the Elks for allowing the Memorial Day Ceremony to take place at the Elks Lodge. The Senior Club was meeting the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at the Elks Lodge at 1:00pm. Senior Chair Yoga was Fridays at the Municipal Building at 10:00am. The Community Garden was full, as it was last year. The Veteran's Cruise was scheduled for Saturday, June 25th.

Council President Delaney

Council President Delaney stated the flowers around town looked beautiful and classy. He thought the fire pits were excellent and would like to see them at the next Summer Concert Series event. He was looking forward to the Solar Ribbon Cutting event at the landfill; it was a long time coming for the town.

Public Comment - There was no public comment.

Ordinance – Introduction - None

Ordinance – Second Reading

09-2022 An Ordinance of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Amending and Supplementing Chapter IV, Section 15 of the Code of the Borough of Mount Arlington Entitled "Fire Department"

The Mayor opened the Hearing to the Public and read Ordinance 09-2022 by Title.

There was no public comment.
The Mayor closed the Hearing to the Public.

Motion: Councilwoman Galate stated: "I move for adoption and final passage of Ordinance 09-2022"
Second: Councilwoman Farris

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

- 2022-86 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 June 14, 2022
- 2022-87 A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Replacing Resolution 2022-76 to Redeem a Third-Party Tax Lien Certificate of Sale# 19-00019 for Property Known as Block 113 Lot 5
- 2022-88 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# 21-00009 for Property Known as Block 111 Lot 5
- 2022-89 A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Hiring Patrick Esposito as Full-Time Department of Public Works Laborer
- 2022-90 A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Hiring James Hunt as Full-Time Department of Public Works Laborer
- 2022-91 A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Hiring Robert Schalk as Full-Time Department of Public Works Laborer
- 2022-92 A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Renewal of Plenary Retail Consumption/Distribution and Club Licenses for the Licensing Period Commencing July 1, 2022
- 2022-93 A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Appointing Lifeguards for the 2022 Season
- 2022-94 A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Appointing Beach Attendants for the 2022 Season
- 2022-95 A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Delineating Salary Amounts and Rates for the Year 2022

Motion to Approve: Councilwoman Fostle

Second: Councilman Cangiano

Council Discussion: None

Roll Call:

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

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Approved

Motion - None

Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn: Council President Delaney

Second: Councilwoman Farris

Roll Call:

All in Favor: Aye

Opposed: None

Motion Approved

The meeting adjourned at 7:58PM.



Matthew N. Bansch, Borough Clerk

CC: Website

Minutes Approved at Council Meeting of July 5, 2022