

**BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 4, 2022  
7:00 PM**

The Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington was held on Tuesday, October 4, 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 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 Meetings 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.”

Council President Delaney led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Stanzilis asked everyone to remain standing to observe a moment of prayer for those who lost their lives in Hurricane Ian.

Roll Call was taken for attendance:

**Present:** Councilman Loughridge, Council President Delaney, Councilman Cangiano (arrived 7:13pm), Councilwoman Fostle, Councilwoman Galate and Mayor Stanzilis (remote via Zoom)

**Absent:** Councilwoman Farris

**Present from Administration:** Administrator/CFO Ms. Rinaldi, Police Chief LaBruno, Fire Chief Lima, Borough Attorney Mr. Jessup, Borough Engineer Mr. Puszcz and the writer.

**Presentations:**

**Colleen Lyons, Lake Hopatcong Commission Administrator Monthly Report:**

Ms. Lyons reported the following:

- Water Level
  - On September 10th outflow at Lake Hopatcong Dam was reduced to 8.2cfs due to the low water levels in the lake. Current lake level was 7.79 feet. Lake Hopatcong’s Annual Drawdown was scheduled to begin in November.

- **Weed Harvesting**
  - Harvesters had been transported back to the Franklin Building for winter storage and maintenance. They were able to save some money in Jefferson Township by dewatering weeds, thus reducing water weight, before transporting them to the MCMUA for disposal.
- **NJDEP Meeting**
  - On September 26<sup>th</sup> the Commission had their end of season review with NJDEP, the LHF and Mayors. They should hear about the Lake's Funding grant awards this Fall. They also discussed HAB treatment requirements, aeration, regulating house boats on Lake Hopatcong and the next HABs summit scheduled for March 2023.
- **Goose Management Meeting**
  - The LHC/LHF joint Goose Management Committee held an information session on September 29<sup>th</sup> with a presentation from a representative from the US Department of Agriculture. The Commission applied for an egg addling program under the Lake's Management Grant.
- **Grants**
  - **NFWF Grant (National Fish and Wildlife Foundation)**
    - Working through the last few requirements before the grant agreement is issued. Princeton Hydro was working with Roxbury and Hopatcong on the planning aspects of their projects. In Mount Arlington this grant would address stream bank stabilization in the Glen Brook.
  - **319 Grant**
    - This year they completed the internal load study and completed freshwater wetland islands in Landing Channel. Additional projects in Hopatcong, Jefferson, and Mount Arlington would be completed next season. This included shoreline stabilization and plantings at Memorial Pond.
  - **HAB Grant (Harmful Algae Bloom)**
    - Closing out this grant over the next couple of months. In Mount Arlington an aeration system was installed at the Municipal Beach. Worked through some installation issues and cycled the pump at times that are better for residents. No beach closure due to HABs this season.

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

**Mayor and Council Recognition of Board of Recreation Commission Member Mark Rinaldi**  
 Mayor Stanzilis recognized Mr. Rinaldi for serving the Board of Recreation Commission and residents of Mount Arlington with the Summer Concert Series. The Mayor also thanked Mr. Rinaldi for helping hang up plants around town.

Mr. Rinaldi thanked the Borough team for their assistance with the Summer Concert Series. He was open to suggestions and looked forward to making it even better next year.

Council President Delaney read a Certificate of Appreciation honoring the work and volunteerism of Board of Recreation Commission Member Mark Rinaldi for his selfless service to the Borough with the Summer Concert Series.

Lastly, Mr. Rinaldi invited everyone to attend the Halloween Bash on October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Appointments:**

**Board of Recreation Commission - Catrina Scaglione, Alternate 2, 5-year term expiring 12/31/26**

Council President Delaney administered an Oath of Office to Board of Recreation Commission

Alternate 2 Member Catrina Scaglione.

**Tax and Utility Report for the Month of August**

August Total Tax Collections: \$3,947,941.20

August Total Utility Collections: \$157,124.13

**Finance Report for the Month of August**

August Receipts: \$4,674,895.80

August Disbursements: \$2,917,980.10

**Approval of Minutes -**

**September 6, 2022 – Regular Council Meeting**

*Motion to Approve:* Councilwoman Galate

*Second:* Councilman Cangiano

*Council Discussion:* None

*Roll Call:*

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

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Approved

**Mayor's Report**

Mayor Stanzilis reported the Community Garden End of Season Open House on September 25<sup>th</sup> was an outstanding event. For those that did not know, the Community Garden was on the site of the old tennis court. The Community Garden was a big success, with all garden plots being sold out year after year. The Morris County League of Municipalities recently held its quarterly meeting at the Lake Hopatcong Yacht Club with guest speakers Brigadier General John T. Reim and Lieutenant Colonel Alexander D. Burgos of Picatinny Arsenal. Mayor Stanzilis emphasized the importance of Picatinny Arsenal to the nation's safety and the local economy. Tied only with Atlantic Health, it was the largest employer in Morris County, employing approximately 6,300 people. At the Land Use Board Meeting on September 28<sup>th</sup> the Morris County Park Commission presented plans for a new pavilion at Lee's County Park Marina. Although it was a good presentation, the Land Use Board had many concerns and questions regarding parking, traffic control and impervious coverage. It was the Land Use Board's hope that the Morris County Park Commission would take the Borough's questions, concerns and recommendations into consideration. Construction of the new pavilion would be commencing soon.

**Borough Administrator's Report**

Ms. Rinaldi reported, in the next week or so, the Board of Education would be moving its offices into the former DPW offices located at 1 Altenbrand Avenue. Around 2018-2019 the Morris County

Business Administrators had begun meeting quarterly. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic these meetings had been on hiatus for the past few years. Thankfully, they were finally set to resume next week. Ms. Rinaldi stated she would provide the Council with an update at the November Council Meeting. She reminded the Council that the end of the year was quickly approaching and to check with their respective Committees to see if any Ordinances needed to be adopted by year-end. Lastly, Ms. Rinaldi received exciting news from the County confirming \$36,000 in funds for a new Dial-a-Ride Bus.

### **Police Chief's Report**

Chief LaBruno reported the Mount Arlington Police Officers would be wearing pink badges throughout October in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Effective 6:00am tomorrow, the new Police Body Worn Cameras would become operational, with the Sergeants using them for approximately one month before the entire department went live. Per the Attorney General's guidelines, a message regarding the new body worn cameras, along with a picture of one, would go out tomorrow via social media and the Mount Arlington website. Additionally, in accordance with the Attorney General's guidelines, all police officers, when approaching people in public, would be notifying people they were being video and audio recorded on every account. Chief LaBruno congratulated Mr. Rinaldi on being recognized for his service to the Borough with the Summer Concert Series. Chief LaBruno attended two golf outings last week. The first was part of a fundraiser for the family of Johnny Kinney, an East Hanover teen battling terminal bone cancer. He also attended the FOP Golf Outing last Friday. On behalf of the FOP Board he wished to thank Mayor Stanzilis and Council President Delaney for sponsoring the event, and to Ms. Rinaldi, Mr. Puszcz and everyone who played and participated in the event. Some recent Police Department trainings were Firearms, Sexual Assault, Internal Affairs, Use of Force, High Risk Vehicle Stops, Rifle Instructor, Command & Leadership and Domestic Violence.

Mayor Stanzilis asked Chief LaBruno if he anticipated an increase in employee overtime due to managing increased OPRA requests for Police Body Camera footage. Chief LaBruno replied it all depended on how many requests for OPRA and Discovery came in. He would keep the Mayor and Council posted.

Councilman Cangiano asked when the police car cameras would be rolled out. Chief LaBruno replied, due to supply chain issues, they were still not sure when they would be ready.

### **Fire Chief's Report**

Chief Lima reported, between January 1<sup>st</sup> and September 30<sup>th</sup> of this year, the Fire Department received 139 calls totaling 707.53 man-hours. In September alone there were 19 calls totaling 67.53 man-hours. There was an upcoming training this Saturday, called Extrication, at Roxbury Auto Wreckers. The Fire Department recently underwent and passed pump testing, hose testing and ladder testing. On September 13<sup>th</sup> the Chief's car was in an accident on Route 80 and was currently being repaired.

### **Council Committee Reports**

#### *Councilwoman Galate*

Councilwoman Galate reported the Mount Arlington schools were back in session and running normally. The Mount Arlington Public Library brought the Peyton Heart Project into the community.

The mission of the Peyton Heart Project was to help raise global awareness about suicide, bullying, and to help end the stigma surrounding mental health issues. As part of the Peyton Heart Project the Library held crochet heart-making events. Each handmade heart represented the heart of a life lost to suicide, had various inspiring quotes attached to them, along with social media information. Anyone could make a donation to the Peyton Heart Project and get a heart for free. The hearts could then be given to others or placed in public places for people to find during their everyday lives.

#### *Councilwoman Fostle*

Councilwoman Fostle reported, at the Land Use Board Meeting on September 28<sup>th</sup>, the Morris County Park Commission presented plans for a new pavilion at Lee's County Park Marina. The project was structured into four different phases. The first phase was the rehabilitation of the pavilion into a rentable catering space for meetings and events. This phase of the project was funded; the other three phases were not. The Land Use Board had concerns regarding parking, impervious coverage and moving the locations of the ingresses and egresses. The Land Use Board also suggested installing pedestrian sidewalks along Howard Boulevard. The County hesitated to the idea of sidewalks, stating they would like to give the Borough sidewalks, but they were not sure about how it would work with maintenance, such as salting and shoveling. Councilwoman Fostle told the County she would follow up with them to see what could be arranged so that the sidewalks could be installed. Overall, the County said they would take everything into consideration. Lees County Park Marina was under the jurisdiction of the County- not Mount Arlington Borough- but the Land Use Board was still concerned, and could only hope, that the County would actually address the Land Use Board's questions, concerns and recommendations.

#### *Councilwoman Cangiano*

Councilman Cangiano agreed sidewalks along Howard Boulevard would be a great addition to Lees County Park Marina and a great benefit to the Borough. If the Borough had any concerns, particularly with traffic by the Marina, the Borough had the right to conduct an independent study and then compare notes with the County's reports and findings. The Water and Sewer Committee had been renamed the DPW Committee. The DPW Committee recently met to discuss the status of water and sewer infrastructure projects including water allocation, Schmitz Terrace Water Tank Rehab, the booster station at the intersection of Howard Boulevard and Kadel Drive and the completion of Windemere 2. There was a long-term goal of getting State and County approval to provide water and sewer service in the Lake Rogerene community; Resolution 2022-131 was a good step forward.

There was group discussion about the status of Windemere 2 and current natural gas installation projects on McGregor Avenue, Hover Drive and Floyd Drive.

#### *Councilman Loughridge*

Councilman Loughridge thanked Mr. Rinaldi for helping at the recent Summer Concert Series event at the Library. The Community Garden End of Season Open House on September 25<sup>th</sup> was excellent. The Halloween Bash was scheduled for October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 4-6pm. The location of Chair Yoga was now Fridays 10am at the Library. He thanked Catrina Scaglione for joining the Recreation Commission.

*Council President Delaney*

Council President Delaney announced the historic Lotta Crabtree house was on the market for \$3.5 million. It was a beautiful house.

**Public Comment** - None

**Ordinance – Introduction** - None

**Ordinance – Second Reading** - None

**Resolutions – All Vote by Consent**

- 2022-125 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 October 4, 2022
- 2022-126 A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Hiring Patricia Palazzola as Temporary Part–Time Deputy Court Administrator
- 2022-127 A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, (A) Authorizing a Second Amendment to the Landfill Solar Project Ground Lease; and, (B) Authorizing a Utility and Access Easement Agreement in Connection with the Landfill Solar Project
- 2022-128 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# 19-00018 for Property Known as Block 111 Lot 13
- 2022-129 A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Refunding Tax Overpayment Made on 100% Tax Exempt Property Known as Block 61 Lot 23.11 Qual C1320
- 2022-130 A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Land Use Board to Investigate Whether the Property Identified on the Tax Maps of the Borough as Block 30, Lot 3 (386 Howard Boulevard) Constitutes a Non-Condemnation Redevelopment Area Pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq.
- 2022-131 A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Execution of a Proposal for Professional Engineering Services with CP Engineers, LLC for Lake Rogerene – Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP) & Wastewater Management Plan (WMP) Amendment, CP Proposal No. 22-093

- 2022-132 A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Temporary Suspension of Parking Restrictions on Seasons Drive as Set Forth in New Jersey Traffic Code 39:4-138
- 2022-133 A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Execution of an Interlocal Health Services Agreement Between the Borough of Mount Arlington and the Township of Mount Olive

*Motion to Approve:* Council President Delaney

*Second:* Councilman Cangiano

*Council Discussion:* Councilman Cangiano suggested, after reviewing Resolution 2022-130, that Block 30, Lot 1 (382 Howard Boulevard) also be included in the Land Use Board's investigation. There was group discussion, and unanimous consent, to adopt Resolution 2022-130 as-is, and to also have a follow-up conversation with Borough Planner Ms. Caldwell to see if it would make sense to include a resolution at next month's Council meeting to include Block 30, Lot 1 (382 Howard Boulevard) in the Land Use Board's investigation.

*Roll Call:*

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

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Approved

**Motion** - None

### **Adjourn**

*Motion to Adjourn:* Council President Delaney

*Second:* Councilwoman

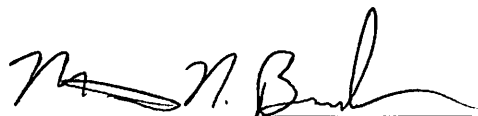
*Roll Call:*

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 November 1, 2022