

**BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

APRIL 4, 2023

7:00 PM

The Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington was held on Tuesday, April 4, 2023. This meeting was held in-person at the Municipal Building at 419 Howard Boulevard, Mount Arlington, New Jersey.

Mayor Stanzilis called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

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 10, 2023 and posted on the bulletin board in the main hallway of the Borough Municipal Building on January 4, 2023; 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."

The Mayor led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. He then asked everyone to remain standing to observe a moment of silence to pray for victims of gun violence and their families.

Roll Call was taken for attendance:

Present: Councilwoman Galate, Council President Delaney, Councilman Cangiano, Councilman BaRoss and Mayor Stanzilis

Absent: Councilman Loughridge, Councilwoman Fostle

Present from Administration: Administrator/CFO Ms. Rinaldi, Police Chief Green, Borough Attorney Mr. Jessup, and the writer.

Appointments - All Vote by Consent

- 2023-63 A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Hiring Joseph Parichuk as Police Sergeant
- 2023-64 A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Hiring Dennis McCoach as Police Sergeant
- 2023-65 A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Hiring Robert Maxwell Crawford as Police Officer

2023-66 A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Hiring Christopher Joseph Fernandez as Police Officer

Motion to Approve: Council President Delaney

Second: Galate

Council Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Aye: Galate, Cangiano, BaRoss, Council President Delaney

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Approved

Mayor Stanzilis administered the Oath of Allegiance individually to Sergeant Parichuk and Sergeant McCoach.

Chief Green administered the Oath of Allegiance individually to Officer Crawford and Officer Fernandez.

Approval of Minutes

March 7, 2023 - Regular Council Meeting

Motion to Approve: Cangiano

Second: Galate

Council Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Aye: Galate, Cangiano, BaRoss, Council President Delaney

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Approved

Police Chief's Report

Chief Green reported Officers Tumulty and Braun completed their Field Training Officer Certifications. Detective Caparoni completed Methods of Instruction. He was thankful for all of the transition-based trainings and promotions in the Police Department. He congratulated the new Sergeants and Police Officers. The entire department was doing a fantastic job.

Mayor Stanzilis thanked the entire Police Department; they were an incredibly professional unit.

Presentations:

Colleen Lyons, Lake Hopatcong Commission Administrator Monthly Report

Ms. Lyons was absent; however, she had prepared her April Report which Ms. Rinaldi touched on in her Borough Administrator's Report.

Melissa Eckert, Board of Education Liaison Monthly Report

Ms. Eckert reported on the following:

- Upcoming events in April and May. More details to follow on the school website:
 - Talent Show on April 27th
 - PTO Kindness Family Night
 - Virtual Parent Workshop (Thrive Alliance Group) on social media, stress and anxiety, and positive parenting
 - The MHA (Mental Health Association) was coming to MAPS to do a SOS (Signs of Suicide) Presentation for all 7th and 8th graders: May 4th (7th grade) and May 15th (8th grade).
 - Mrs. Malakuskie and Mr. Grillo were running an afterschool TREPS Program for the 6th grade students. It was a young entrepreneurs program where students learn about business ownership and have the opportunity to sell their product at the TREPS Marketplace at MAPS in May. They hoped the Mayor and members of the Borough Council could join them at the Marketplace.
 - Autism Awareness Spirit Day was this week.
 - NJSLA assessments would be administered in May.
- Bleu the horse visited the Pre-K and STEPS students at Decker. Bleu was a therapy and lesson horse which was particularly used for children with learning and physical disabilities.
- Two teachers, Mrs. Huber and Ms. Guidak, won a "Top Ten Project Award" from the New Jersey Association of Student Councils for their 2021-2022 "Chain Reaction Project." The project involved student surveys and students working within the school community to encourage each other to appreciate each other's differences, spread kindness, and celebrate diversity.
- The Mount Arlington Class of 2023 Student/Staff/Police/Fire Department Volleyball Tournament was a great event. The Borough Police Department won the event and trophy, beating the 2022 champions, the Borough Fire Department. The event raised about \$1,400.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Stanzilis reported, as a member of the New Jersey League of Municipalities Legislative Committee, an exciting piece of legislation currently under review by the Legislative Committee and the State Legislature was the Energy Tax Receipts Property Tax Relief Act. Over 150 New Jersey Mayors already signed a letter in support of this legislation, with hopefully at least a hundred more signatures to come. He attended the State Chamber of Commerce Meeting where Governor Murphy spoke. He was working directly with Governor Murphy on liquor license reform. He did not expect there to be any liquor license legislation until after the election. The current liquor license laws were antiquated. Any eventual liquor license reform would be good news and mean more business for municipalities. The Lake Hopatcong Elks 13th Annual Leap in the Lake event was a huge success, having raised \$117,000 to go towards needy families in the area. This was the most money the event had ever raised. The Borough was blessed to have the Elks in town.

Borough Administrator's Report

Ms. Rinaldi reported she met with Ms. Lyons and the Lake Hopatcong mayors and administrators for their quarterly meeting. They discussed potential ordinances to address noise and houseboat complaints on the lake. The administrators would be meeting again in a couple of weeks to discuss these ordinances in further detail. She reminded everyone that there were two Council Meetings on

May 2nd at 10:00am and 7:00pm, the former being attended by Mount Arlington 7th graders. She had been working with the County and Councilman Cangiano regarding the WWMP (wastewater management plan) amendment that would be necessary to move forward with a wastewater management plan in Lake Rogerene and other developments. Resolutions 2023-77 through 2023-80 were to authorize reserves for preliminary expenses for professional engineering services for capital projects. She noted the dollar amounts would not change on these resolutions, but the scope of work in the attached proposals would be modified. Lastly, the Easter Egg Hunt was rescheduled for this Saturday.

Fire Chief's Report - None

Council Committee Reports

Councilwoman Galate

Councilwoman Galate reported the Borough Library was selling art and other items made by local artists. One of the artists was new the Library Assistant, Michelle Ellis, who was also a local painter from Lake Hopatcong. Another local artist, Julie Damiano, was creating bookmarks, notebooks, jewelry boxes and more. All proceeds were donated back to the library. Other upcoming library programs included a Pokémon club for kids; children's reading and educational programs; and two adult programs: "Saving at the Supermarket" and "Intuitive and Mindful Eating." The Fire Department continued honoring a "Firefighter of the Week." She read bios for those recognized most recently: Firefighter Laura DeFelice; Firefighter Christian Diaz; Firefighter Brian Kincaid; and Probationary Firefighter Matt Kinkaid.

Councilman BaRoss

Councilman BaRoss reported he was getting up to speed with his new role on the Personnel Committee. Everything was ramping up well.

Councilman Cangiano

Councilman Cangiano reported the Musconetcong Sewerage Authority was in the middle of union contract negotiations. He did not expect there to be any impact to the Borough. There were several resolutions on tonight's agenda regarding capital projects including water and sewer on McGregor Avenue, Hover Drive and Floyd Drive. The Borough was excited to be moving forward. The High Pressure Booster Station bid opening was successful and an award resolution was on tonight's agenda.

Council President Delaney

Council President Delaney reported CERT was looking forward to helping with the Easter Egg Roll.

Public Comment

Charles Alan Torrise, 19 Windemere Avenue #10 – Mr. Torrise was attending on behalf of the Mount Arlington Democratic Committee. Mr. Torrise stated they were looking for places to meet in-person. They were wondering if the Borough would consider allowing them to use Borough-owned property to conduct their meetings.

Mr. Jessup replied Borough-owned property could not be used for partisan political activities. The Mayor and Council suggested the Democratic Committee look into using a private facility like a restaurant or clubhouse.

Ordinance – Introduction

01-2023 Calendar Year 2023. 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 01-2023 by Title.

There was no public comment.

The Mayor closed the Hearing to the Public.

Motion: Councilman BaRoss stated: “I make the motion that Ordinance 01-2023 be introduced, and will be further considered after a public hearing held on May 2, 2023 at the Municipal Building at 7:00PM.”

Second: Galate

Council Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Aye: Galate, Cangiano, BaRoss, Council President Delaney

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Approved

02-2023 Calendar Year 2023. An Ordinance of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Supplementing Borough Ordinance 12-2022 and Appropriating \$127,425.00 for the High Pressure Booster Station Rehabilitation Project

The Mayor opened the Hearing to the Public and read Ordinance 02-2023 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 02-2023 be introduced, and will be further considered after a public hearing held on May 2, 2023 at the Municipal Building at 7:00PM.”

Second: Galate

Council Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Aye: Galate, Cangiano, BaRoss, Council President Delaney

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Approved

03-2023 Calendar Year 2023. An Ordinance of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Execution of a First Amendment to the Financial Agreement with the Orchards at Mount Arlington Urban Renewal, LLC with Respect to Certain Property Identified as Block 61.02, Lot 23.08, Commonly Referred to as 181 Howard Boulevard

The Mayor opened the Hearing to the Public and read Ordinance 03-2023 by Title.

There was no public comment.

The Mayor closed the Hearing to the Public.

Motion: Councilman BaRoss stated: "I make the motion that Ordinance 03-2023 be introduced, and will be further considered after a public hearing held on May 2, 2023 at the Municipal Building at 7:00PM."

Second: Council President Delaney

Council Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Aye: Galate, BaRoss, Council President Delaney

Opposed: Cangiano

Abstain: None

Motion Approved

Ordinance – Second Reading- None

Resolutions – All Vote by Consent

- 2023-67 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 April 4, 2023
- 2023-69 A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Road Closures During the 2023 Memorial Day Parade
- 2023-70 A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Cancellation of Sewer, Water & Solid Waste Fees for Property Known as Block 39 Lot 86
- 2023-71 A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Recognizing NJ Local Government Week, April 16 – 22, 2023; and Encouraging All Citizens to Support the Celebration and Corresponding Activities
- 2023-72 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 Escrow Agreement with Alfa Investments Regarding the Redevelopment of Block 17, Lot 18 on the Official Tax Map of the Borough
- 2023-73 A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Accepting the Bid and Awarding the Contract for the High Pressure Booster Station Rehabilitation Project to DeMaio Electrical Co.
- 2023-74 A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Establishment of a Change Fund for the Board of Recreation Commission

- 2023-75 A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Execution of an Agreement between the Borough and the Borough Chief of Police
- 2023-76 A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Execution of an Agreement between the Borough and the Borough Police Lieutenant
- 2023-77 A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing a Reserve for Preliminary Expenses for the Professional Engineering Services for McGregor Avenue Improvements
- 2023-78 A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing a Reserve for Preliminary Expenses for the Professional Engineering Services for Hover Drive and Floyd Drive Water and Sewer Main Extension Project
- 2023-79 A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing a Reserve for Preliminary Expenses for the Professional Engineering Services for Mountainview Avenue Improvements
- 2023-80 A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing a Reserve for Preliminary Expenses for the Professional Engineering Services for Reba Road and Eric Lane Roadway Improvements

Motion to Approve: Galate

Second: Council President Delaney

Council Discussion: Ms. Rinaldi reiterated, regarding Resolutions 2023-77 through 2023-80, the dollar amounts would not change on these resolutions, but the scope of work in the attached proposals would be modified.

Roll Call:

Aye: Galate, Cangiano, BaRoss, Council President Delaney

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Approved

- 2023-68 A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Introducing the 2023 Budget

The Mayor read Resolution 2023-68 in full.

Motion to Approve: Council President Delaney

Second: BaRoss

Council Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Aye: Galate, Cangiano, BaRoss, Council President Delaney

Opposed: None
Abstain: None
Motion Approved

2023-81 A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing a First Amendment to the Redevelopment Agreement with The Orchards at Mount Arlington Urban Renewal, LLC in Connection with the Redevelopment of Block 61.02, Lot 23.08, Commonly Referred to as 181 Howard Boulevard

Motion to Approve: Council President Delaney
Second: BaRoss
Council Discussion: None

Roll Call:
Aye: Galate, BaRoss, Council President Delaney
Opposed: Cangiano
Abstain: None
Motion Approved

Motion - Vendor Permit - Luis Ponce, Edward Jones Investments – Financial Advising Services

Motion to Approve: Cangiano
Second: Galate
Council Discussion: None

Roll Call:
Aye: Galate, Cangiano, BaRoss, Council President Delaney
Opposed: None
Abstain: None
Motion Approved

Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn: Council President Delaney
Second: Cangiano

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 May 2nd, 2023