

**BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JULY 11, 2023
7:00 PM**

The Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington was held on Tuesday, July 11, 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 7:03PM.

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 Mount Arlington Firefighter Paul Bizarro who recently passed away. He also asked everyone to pray for the two Newark City firefighters who lost their lives last week in a fire aboard a cargo ship in Port Newark.

Roll Call was taken for attendance:

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

Absent – None

Present from Administration: Administrator/CFO Ms. Rinaldi, Borough Attorney Mr. Jessup, Fire Chief Lima, Borough Planner Ms. Caldwell, Borough Auditor Brian Ko, and Borough Clerk Mr. Bansch

Presentations – None

Appointments:

2023-110 A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Recognizing Appointments of Volunteer Firefighters

- Myles Chiarello
- Mathew D'Amore
- Michael D'Arco
- Laura DeFelice
- Michael DeFelice
- Tiffany DeFilippis
- Christian Diaz
- Edward Dundon
- Christopher Esposito
- Michael Esposito Jr.
- Jonathan Feinberg
- Eric Fowler
- Stephen Fowler
- Gary Giacobbe
- Tony Hallowich
- Joseph Hubbard
- Jack Hudspith
- Dennis Johnson
- Brian Kincaid
- Matthew Kincaid
- Michael Lima
- Nicholas Lima
- Mario Marcano
- Wesley Martin
- Hunter Meyer
- John Morsch
- Raymond Oakes
- Aitor Ostolaza
- Thomas Perillo
- Colin Santarpia
- Jason Vivian

Motion to Appoint: Galate

Second: Council President Delaney

Council Discussion: None

Roll Call: Galate, Loughridge, Cangiano, Fostle, BaRoss, Council President Delaney

All in Favor: Aye

Opposed: None

Motion Approved

The following five Firefighters were present to be sworn in:

- Jason Vivian
- Brian Kincaid
- Matthew Kincaid
- Stephen Fowler
- Jack Hudspith

Mayor Stanzilis administered Oaths of Office to each of the five firefighters individually.

Regarding the remaining Firefighters on Resolution 2023-110 who were not present to be sworn in, Mr. Bansch gave the remaining Oaths of Office to the Fire Department to take back to the firehouse, collect all necessary signatures, and return the signed Oaths of Office to the Clerk's Office.

Approval of Minutes

June 7, 2023 - Regular Council Meeting

Motion to Approve: Galate

Second: Cangiano

Council Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Aye: Galate, Fostle, BaRoss, Council President Delaney

Opposed: None

Abstain: Loughridge, Cangiano

Motion Approved

Mayor's Report

Mayor Stanzilis thanked the Lake Hopatcong Yacht Club for the beautiful Fourth of July Fireworks on Lake Hopatcong on June 30th. He participated in the recording of several public service announcements which highlighted water and boating safety. The recordings were done aboard Miss Lotta and on the dock. The recordings were attended by the mayors of Lake Hopatcong, State Police Superintendent Colonel Patrick Callahan and various representatives of the State Police Marine Unit. He attended a breakfast with Congresswoman Mikie Sherrill and about thirty mayors from her district. At the breakfast, a common theme that came up from every town was car thefts. Most often, car thefts were occurring because people left their car doors unlocked with their key fobs and garage door openers inside the car. He asked everyone to please lock their car doors and leave their key fobs and garage door openers inside the house. The Annual Veterans' Cruise on Saturday, June 24th was very nice and well-attended. He attended the Morris County League of Municipalities Meeting on June 21st at County College of Morris which went very well. CCM President Dr. Tony Iacono was the guest speaker. CCM has such a great program and is an excellent community college.

Borough Administrator's Report

Ms. Rinaldi provided explanations for Resolutions 2023-115, 2023-116 and 2023-122 which were required in order to move forward with several grant applications. She was actively working with the Morris County Office of Planning and Preservation on amending the Borough Wastewater Management Plan. The goal was to eventually include the Lake Rogerene section in the Borough's sewer service area. There would be an ordinance at the August Council Meeting regarding paving McGregor Avenue. Once adopted, the Borough would go out to bid and be on track to break ground on the project in the Fall.

Police Chief's Report - None

Fire Chief's Report

First Lieutenant Martin gave the monthly report. For the month of June there were 16 calls totaling 49.41 man-hours. Year-to-date they had 73 calls totaling 381.25 man-hours. They were on pace for approximately 150 calls in 2023. Interestingly, most fire calls were Monday daytimes. The Fire Department's average response time was one of the fastest in Morris County at under 5 minutes out the door of the Firehouse. The average arrival time in-town to any scene was 8 minutes. The average

Officer arrival time in-town was under 5 minutes. The stage for the Fourth of July Fireworks worked great. The Fireworks were well-attended and the weather was beautiful. Thanks to everyone who sent kind words, attended the viewing and funeral for Paul Bizarro. He was a 47-year veteran of the Mount Arlington Fire Department. Mr. Bizarro did his last call with the Fire Department in April; he even drove the truck! Mr. Bizarro passed away in June. He would be sorely missed. Lastly, the Fire Department covered the Miss Lotta Veterans' Cruise. He thanked everyone who participated.

Council Committee Reports

Councilwoman Fostle

Councilwoman Fostle reported the public hearing on tonight's agenda for Ordinance 04-2023 was to adopt a Redevelopment Plan for the old Our Lady of the Lake School property located at 61 Rooney Road. She attended the most recent Land Use Board meeting where Ordinance 04-2023 was thoroughly vetted. She was glad to see the Land Use Board supported Ordinance 04-2023. She was also excited to see Resolution 2023-124 on the agenda which would authorize the expenses for professional landscape architectural services. This was the first step to the Memorial Park and Borough Beach Park Master Plan.

Councilman Cangiano

Councilman Cangiano reported Ms. Rinaldi, the Morris County Office of Planning and Preservation and everyone else involved were doing a great job working on amending the Borough Wastewater Management Plan to eventually include the Lake Rogerene section in the Borough's sewer service area. Everyone in that area was currently on well and septic. The McGregor Avenue project was moving forward. It would be a huge benefit to the residents.

Councilwoman Galate

Councilwoman Galate reported the Fire Department continued honoring a "Firefighter of the Week." She read the bio for Firefighter Luke Borowiec who was most recently recognized. She appreciates all of the work the Fire Department does. Regarding the Borough Library, Summer Reading attendance was the highest ever, with almost 50 people enrolled. There were many exciting things going on at the library.

Councilman Loughridge

Councilman Loughridge had no report.

Council President Delaney

Council President Delaney reported the Veterans' Cruise was spectacular. The luncheon at the Elks after the Cruise was also very nice. The Borough was doing great with receiving grant funds. He thanked Ms. Rinaldi for all her hard work securing grant funding for various projects.

Councilman BaRoss

Councilman BaRoss reported, regarding the Veterans' Cruise, he waived the veterans on from his dock on Bertrand Island. It was a fun event. Regarding personnel, there was a resolution on tonight's agenda to appoint Kathy Appleby as the new Zoning Officer since Tom Mahoney retired.

Public Comment – None

Ordinance – Introduction – None

Ordinance – Second Reading

04-2023 An Ordinance of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Adopting a Redevelopment Plan for Block 17, Lot 18 (61 Rooney Road) on the Tax Maps of the Borough

The Mayor opened the Hearing to the Public and read Ordinance 04-2023 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 04-2023”

Second: Councilwoman Fostle

There was no Council discussion.

Roll Call:

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

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Approved

Resolution

2023-111 A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Confirming Receipt and Review of the Annual Report of Audit for 2022

Motion to Approve: Cangiano

Second: Fostle

Council Discussion: Mr. Ko from Nisivoccia & Co. gave an overview of the 2022 Annual Audit. Mr. Ko thanked Ms. Rinaldi and her team who did a wonderful job and were very attentive to their requests. The Borough’s fund balance was in a wholesome position, having increased by approximately 17% during 2022. This was accomplished while maintaining important reserves such as for litigation and pending tax appeals. The Borough had four new capital projects during the year: Schmitz Terrace Standpipe; Street Sweeper Acquisition; Building Generators; and the High-Pressure Booster Station (which would use \$612,000 of ARP grant funds). The Borough made the final payment on the 2014 serial bonds during 2022. Overall, the Borough was in a very healthy financial position.

Mayor Stanzilis thanked Mr. Ko and Nisivoccia for their hard work.

Roll Call:

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

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Approved

Resolutions – All Vote by Consent

- 2023-112 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 July 11, 2023
- 2023-113 A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Appointing Lifeguard for the 2023 Season
- 2023-114 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# 22-00004 for Property Known as Block 61 Lot 3.02
- 2023-115 A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Submission of a Highlands Initial Assessment Grant Application
- 2023-116 A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue and Appropriation NJS 40A:4-87
- 2023-117 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# 21-00011 for Property Known as Block 123 Lot 1.07
- 2023-118 A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, to Cancel Municipal Tax Lien Certificate of Sale # 11-00001 with Respect to Block 39 Lot 84 Within the Borough of Mount Arlington
- 2023-119 A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Appointing Peter Fico and Gerald Scala as Alternate Municipal Court Judges
- 2023-120 A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Appointing Douglass Sclar and John Grey as Alternate Public Defenders
- 2023-121 A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing an Annual Stipend for Lieutenant Matthew Fortunato
- 2023-122 A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Approving Participation Within the State of New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Local Recreational Improvement Grant
- 2023-123 A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Approving the Amended By-Laws of the Mount Arlington Fire and Rescue Company, Version 2

2023-124 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 Professional Landscape Architectural Services

2023-125 A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Appointing Kathy Appleby as Zoning Officer

Motion to Approve: Galate

Second: Cangiano

Council Discussion: None

Roll Call:

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

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Approved

Motion

- Vendor Permit –Trinity Solar Inc. – solar energy products

o Eric Sepulveda

o Kayla Palomino

Motion to Approve: Galate

Second: Cangiano

Council Discussion: None

Roll Call:

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

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Approved

Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn: Council President Delaney

Second: Fostle

Roll Call:

All in Favor: Aye

Opposed: None

Motion Approved

The meeting adjourned at 7:44PM.



Matthew N. Bansch, Borough Clerk

CC: Website

Minutes Approved at Council Meeting of August 1, 2023