

BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 16, 2024
7:00 PM

The Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington was held on Tuesday, January 16, 2024. 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.

Ms. Rinaldi 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 11, 2024 and posted on the bulletin board in the main hallway of the Borough Municipal Building on January 3, 2024; 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."

Mayor Stanzilis led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Stanzilis then asked everyone to remain standing to observe a moment of silence to pray for those serving around the world to protect us all.

Roll Call was taken for attendance:

Present: Councilwoman Galate, Council President Delaney, Councilman Cangiano, Councilwoman Fostle, Councilman BaRoss (arrived 7:02pm) and Mayor Stanzilis

Absent: Councilman Loughridge

Present from Administration: Administrator/CFO Ms. Rinaldi, Police Chief Green, Fire Chief D'Arco and Borough Attorney Ms. Cofoni

Presentations

Melissa Eckert, Board of Education Liaison Monthly Report:

Ms. Eckert was unable to attend the meeting. In her absence, Councilman BaRoss gave the Board of Education report:

- Upcoming Events
 - The Beginner Band and Choir concert is on February 1st at 7:00pm in the MAPS gym.
 - Kindergarten Registration is on February 8th at 6:00pm at Decker School.
 - Winter Carnival will be held at MAPS on February 22nd. This is an 8th grade fundraiser. They will create carnival-like games and prizes will be handed out. Also,

a Mayor for the day raffle will be held. Ms. Eckert will reach out to the Mayor to finalize details.

- The Annual 8th Grade Volleyball Game will be held on March 12th from 5:00pm-9:00pm at Roxbury High School. We are hoping that the police and fire departments will be represented and battle it out in the finals.
- The Next board meeting is tomorrow, January 17th. Meetings will be moved to the Media Center and begin at 7:00pm. Coffee and Chat with the Superintendent will begin at 6:00pm in the Media Center.

Councilman BaRoss added he attended the Board of Education Reorganization Meeting on January 3rd where the Board voted to elect Rachel Byrne and Sheila Studint as President and Vice President respectively for 2024.

Appointments – None

Approval of Minutes

November 8, 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: Cangiano

Motion Approved

December 5, 2023 - Regular Council Meeting

Motion to Approve: Cangiano

Second: BaRoss

Council Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Aye: Cangiano, Fostle, BaRoss, Council President Delaney

Opposed: None

Abstain: Galate

Motion Approved

January 2, 2024 – Council Reorganization Meeting

Motion to Approve: Council President Delaney

Second: Cangiano

Council Discussion: None

Roll Call:

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

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Approved

Mayor's Report

Mayor Stanzilis reported he attended the Library Reorganization Meeting which was an outstanding event. Library Director Tina Mayer, Councilwoman Galate and the entire Library Board were doing a fantastic job taking the library to the next level and keeping up with the times. There were many new upcoming activities and events and he was excited to see what was in store for 2024. He attended a meeting with SSP Architects to discuss the feasibility study for a new Borough public safety building. Police Chief Green, Fire Chief Lima, Council President Delaney, Ms. Rinaldi and Ms. Schaeffner were also present. They discussed the Borough's needs for a new public safety building to include a firehouse and civic community center. SSP Architects would begin surveying the property, collecting information and providing reports to the Governing Body throughout the process.

Borough Administrator's Report

Ms. Rinaldi reported the Borough was busy with several reorganization meetings happening in January. The Borough was working on its budget documents and would be meeting with the Finance Department in the near future.

Police Chief's Report

Chief Green reported there were several trainings and events which occurred in December:

- The second half of the department completed their firearms qualifications for Patrol Rifle in December; the first half completed their qualifications in November.
- He attended the Morris County Police Chiefs Association (MCPCA) Installation Luncheon where the 2024 Officers were announced.
- He attended the Morris County Crimestoppers Dinner.
- He attended the 20-year memorial service for Dover Police Officer Arthur Ohlsen.
- The Borough Christmas Tree Lighting and Menorah Lighting were both very nice events.

On New Year's Eve the Borough Police, Fire Department and Morris County Sheriff's Office K9 Unit successfully located and rescued an 83-year old man who went missing from the Mount Arlington Senior Living and fell into the retention pond by 181 Howard Boulevard. Although the weather was freezing that night, and the man suffered broken bones, he was successfully recovering and his family was beyond happy and grateful. Great job to all involved including Sergeant Sherburne and Patrolman Kaiteris.

The Mayor and Council congratulated the Borough Police, Fire Department and Morris County Sheriff's Office K9 on an outstanding job saving this man's life.

Fire Chief's Report

Fire Chief D'Arco reported for the month of December:

- He attended the monthly meeting for the Morris County Fire Chief's Alliance.
- There were 12 calls totaling 95.06 man-hours.
- There were 170 total calls in 2023 totaling 797.44 man-hours.
- He echoed Chief Green's story of the missing 83-year old man on New Year's Eve and agreed the Police and Fire Departments work very well together. He was looking forward to working with them throughout his term as Chief for 2024.
- The Fire Department did its final department inventory for 2023.

- They stripped the equipment off of the 20-year old quint ladder fire truck which is now permanently out of service. Mutual aid ladder trucks will be provided by Picatinny Arsenal and Roxbury Township in the interim.
- Four new members have begun Morris County Fire Fighter Academy: Adrian Vargas; Christopher Merring Jr.; Nicholas DeFelice; and Jack Hudspith. The Fire Department was looking forward to getting them all on board.
- Lastly, Chief D'Arco stated he was looking forward to working with Councilman Cangiano who was appointed Public Safety Committee Chair for 2024.

Council Committee Reports

Councilman BaRoss

Councilman BaRoss attended the Board of Health Reorganization/Regular meeting on January 8th. At the meeting, Roy Morance was appointed Board of Health President and Rebecca Keenan was appointed Board of Health Vice President for 2024. The next meeting is March 11th at 6:30pm.

Councilwoman Fostle

Councilwoman Fostle reported, at the December Land Use Board meeting, 181 Howard Boulevard redeveloper The Orchards at Mt. Arlington Urban Renewal attended. At the meeting there was discussion about the redevelopment plans for 181 Howard Boulevard including adding a fifth story, meeting Borough aesthetics code standards and landscaping. A more accurate rendering and proposal would be submitted by The Orchards for the next Land Use Board meeting.

Councilman Cangiano

Councilman Cangiano stated there were still issues with polluted water traveling down into Lake Rogerene from the Villages at Roxbury housing development construction project in Roxbury Township. While he appreciated the Borough working with Roxbury Township to try and solve the issue, more was needed to be done.

There was group discussion about what had been done initially two years ago to prevent polluted water traveling into Lake Rogerene from the Villages at Roxbury construction site, which was private property. Mayor Stanzilis stated the health of Lake Rogerene was the health of Mount Arlington. The Borough would resume discussions to address this unacceptable situation.

Councilwoman Galate

Councilwoman Galate reported the DPW was busy taking down Christmas decorations around town and making minor repairs to DPW trucks for salting and plowing. The Borough got a vacuum attachment for the street sweeper which would be helpful for cleaning out basins. The street sweeper has turned out to be an incredible asset to the Borough.

Council President Delaney

Council President Delaney agreed the street sweeper was great for the town and added that he hears residents saying positive things about the street sweeper all the time.

Public Comment – None

Ordinance – Introduction

01-2024 An Ordinance of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Appropriating \$75,000.00 From the Capital Improvement Fund for the Purchase of Landscaping Equipment

The Mayor opened the Hearing to the Public and read Ordinance 01-2024 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 01-2024 be introduced, and will be further considered after a public hearing held on February 6, 2024 at the Municipal Building at 7:00PM.”

Second: Councilwoman Fostle

Council Discussion: None

Roll Call:

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

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Approved

Ordinance – Second Reading – None

Resolutions – All Vote by Consent

- 2024-36 A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Approving Transfer of Funds
- 2024-37 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 January 16, 2024
- 2024-38 A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Receipt of Bids for Solid Waste, Recyclable Materials and Vegetative Waste Collection Service
- 2024-39 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 with the Lake Hopatcong Elks For 2024 Senior Citizens Meetings
- 2024-40 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# 23-00012 for Property Known as Block 121 Lot 48
- 2024-41 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# 22-00007 for Property Known as Block 119 Lot 23

2024-42 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# 23-00004 for Property Known as Block 39 Lot 12 Qual C073

2024-43 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 with Prime Healthcare Services – Saint Clare’s for Emergency Medical Services

Motion to Approve: BaRoss

Second: Cangiano

Council Discussion: Councilman Cangiano asked, regarding Resolution 2024-38, what is the duration of a new solid waste contract. Ms. Rinaldi replied it is typically anywhere from 3-5 years.

Roll Call:

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

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Approved

Motion – None

Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn: Council President Delaney

Second: Cangiano

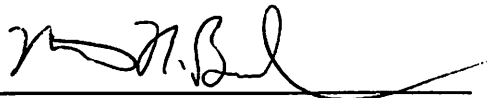
Roll Call:

All in Favor: Aye

Opposed: None

Motion Approved

The meeting adjourned at 7:32PM.



Matthew N. Bansch, Borough Clerk

CC: Website

Minutes Approved at Council Meeting of February 6, 2024