

BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
January 21, 2025
7:00 PM

The Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington was held on Tuesday, January 21, 2025. 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 7:05 PM.

Ms. Todd read the "Adequate Notice" into record.

Mayor Stanzilis led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Present- Councilman BaRoss, Council President Delaney, Councilman Fuller, Councilwoman Galate and Mayor Stanzilis

Absent- Councilwoman Fostle; Councilman Cangiano was absent until 7:15pm

Present from Administration- Borough Administrator & CFO Carolyn Rinaldi, Borough Attorney Ted Del Guercio, and Acting Borough Clerk Ashley Todd

Presentations

-None

Appointments

-None

Approval of Minutes

- December 17, 2024 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve: Councilwoman Galate

Second: Councilman BaRoss

Council Discussion- None

Roll Call:

Aye: Councilman BaRoss, Council President Delaney, Councilman Fuller, Councilwoman Galate

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Approved

- January 7, 2025 Reorganization Council Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve: Councilwoman Galate

Second: Council President Delaney
Council Discussion- None

Roll Call:

Aye: Councilman BaRoss, Council President Delaney, Councilman Fuller, Councilwoman Galate

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Approved

Mayor's Report

-None

Borough Administrator's Report

- Borough Administrator Rinaldi stated that the Annual Debt Statement is being created and meetings will begin to discuss the Annual Budget.

Council Committee Reports

- Councilman BaRoss
 - Due to a recent retirement, there is now an opening on the Board of Education.
 - The Board of Education passed the proposal to make up for the unexpected budget shortfall.
 - The PTO had the honor of escorting Mt. Arlington's officers around our schools as students expressed their gratitude, asked questions, and gifted decorated posters, artwork and more.
 - If you have a child who will be five years old on or before October 1, 2025, you are invited to attend a special Kindergarten Registration meeting at the Edith M. Decker School on Wednesday, February 5, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.
- Councilwoman Galate
 - Councilwoman Galate discussed events through the Mayor's Wellness Committee, Board of Health and the Library.
 - A NJSave presentation is scheduled for February 19th at the Civic Center.
 - Councilwoman Galate walked through the information disseminated from the Department of Health with Mount Olive to the Mount Arlington Board of Health.
 - Councilwoman Galate pointed out services that the Prasada Center in Mount Arlington offer, and announced that once a month they will be providing services to the Community at the Library.
 - Hope One has monthly visits to the Library and provide free Narcan as well as additional services.
 - The Library is having an arthritis clay class.
 - The Board of Health landing page on the website is also going to be including additional information.
 - Mayor Stanzilis thanked Councilwoman Galate and Laura Stanzilis for their work looking for synergy between the Board of Health and Mayor's Wellness to bring more health information into the Borough.
 - Councilwoman Galate also wanted to congratulate Borough Administrator Rinaldi and her staff for the \$640,100 grants that the Borough had received in 2024.

- Councilman Cangiano
 - No Report
- Councilman Fuller
 - Councilman Fuller thanked the DPW for their hard work during the latest snow storm and the aftermath.
 - The Mayor discussed a video he filmed with the DPW with Councilman Cangiano which received over 1,400 views on the Borough's social media.
 - Councilman Fuller met with the Police Department discussing the internal operations of the Police Department.
 - Policy and Procedures
 - Equipment
 - Additional services from the County and State available to the Mount Arlington Police Department.
 - Councilman Fuller commended the Police Department for their Community Relations work and their visibility to the Community and discussed events that the Police Department attended in December and are planning for the coming month.
 - Councilman Fuller thanked Borough Administrator Rinaldi and her staff, and the Police staff for their work in hiring a new Administrative Assistant for the Police Department.
 - Det. Braun has begun L.E.A.D in MAPS 5th grade.
 - Councilman Fuller is meeting with Fire Department Chief Mario Marcano prior to next meeting.
 - Mayor Stanzilis thanked Councilman Fuller for his expertise in law enforcement which is beneficial to the Police Department and the Borough. The Mayor also discussed the benefit of Body Worn Cameras, and the difference it makes to the Police Department.
- Council President Delaney
 - The Recreation Commission held their reorganization meeting, and have many great sports and events planned for the coming year.

Public Comment- None

Ordinance – Introduction-

01-2025 An Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Supplementing Borough Ordinance 12-2022 and 02-2023 and Appropriating \$40,250.00 for the High Pressure Booster Station Rehabilitation Project

Motion to Approve: Councilman Cangiano

Second: Councilman BaRoss

Council Discussion- None

Roll Call:

Aye: Councilman BaRoss, Council President Delaney, Councilman Fuller, Councilwoman Galate and Councilman Cangiano

Opposed: None

Abstain: None
Motion Approved

Ordinance – Second Reading- None

Resolutions

- 2025-35 A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Approving Transfer of Funds
- 2025-36 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 21, 2025
- 2025-37 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 Water and Sewer Systems Emergency Repair Services
- 2025-38 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 2025 Senior Citizens Meetings
- 2025-39 A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Hiring Derek Walsh as Full-Time Department of Public Works Laborer
- 2025-40 A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Committing to DCA’s Fourth Round Affordable Housing Present Need and Prospective Need Numbers
- 2025-41 A Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Hiring Edward Labruno as Police Administrative Assistant

Motion for approval: Councilman BaRoss

Second: Councilman Fuller

Council Discussion-

- **Res 2025-39-** Councilman Cangiano asked Borough Administrator Rinaldi to state for the record that the hiring of the new DPW laborer was to replace a recent retirement within the Department.
- **Res 2025-40-** Mayor Stanzilis stated that in comparison to other municipalities, Mount Arlington has done extremely well with the Fourth Round Affordable Housing obligations from the DCA.
- **Res 2025-41-** Councilman BaRoss asked Borough Administrator Rinaldi to discuss the evolution of the scope of work for the “Police Administrative Assistant” position vs. a “Police Secretary and Police Matron” for the record.

Roll Call:

Aye: Councilman BaRoss, Council President Delaney, Councilman Fuller, Councilwoman Galate and Councilman Cangiano

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Approved

Motion- None

Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn: Council President Delaney

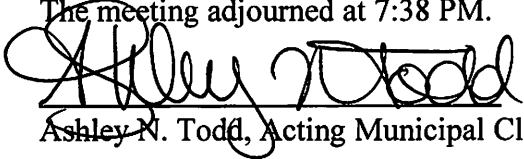
Second: Councilman Fuller

Roll Call:

All in Favor: Aye

Opposed: None

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ashley N. Todd". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ashley N. Todd, Acting Municipal Clerk

CC: Website