

**BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
July 9, 2024
7:00 PM**

The Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington was held on Tuesday, July 9, 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 7:03 PM.

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

Mayor Stanzilis led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance, and a Moment of Silence.

Roll Call

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

Absent- Councilman Loughridge

Present from Administration- Borough Administrator & CFO Carolyn Rinaldi, Fire Chief D'Arco, Police Chief Green, Borough Attorney Matthew Jessup, and Acting Borough Clerk Ashley Todd

Presentations

- Melissa Eckert, Board of Education Liaison Monthly Report
 - o Former Principle Mr. Grillo resigned. The new principal is Mr. Joe Coladarci began on July 1.
 - o ESY has began and will continue through August 1.
 - There is also a learning academy for non special education students that runs the same time (Grades 3-8).
 - The learning academy is paid for through the last of the federal ESSER (COVID) funds.
 - o Kindergarten orientation is set for Thursday, August 29, 2024. There are currently have 46 students registered for Kindergarten.
 - o The Art Ondish Memorial Scholarship application is now open. The application for this \$1,000 scholarship is open to any 2024 high school graduates who will be attending a NJ college in the fall. The application can be found on the Board of Education website under the "Quick Links" tab. All applicants must be residents of Mount Arlington.

Appointments- None

Approval of Minutes

- June 5, 2024 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve: Councilwoman Fostle
Second: Councilwoman Galate
Council Discussion- None

Roll Call:

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

Opposed: None

Abstain: Councilman Cangiano

Motion Approved

Mayor's Report

- The Mayor thanked all involved in the Veteran's Cruise, and those who came down to the Municipal Beach cheer point to support our Veterans.
 - The Mayor also thanked Captain Lee Moreau and the crew at Lake Hopatcong Cruises for their work on the cruise.
 - The Mayor also thanked Wharton Fire Department for their Mutual Aid support to hoist the Borough's Garrison Flag at the Borough's cheer point for the cruise.
- The Lake Hopatcong Fireworks were a great success. The Mayor thanked the Fire and Police Departments for their work that night keeping everyone safe.
- The Mayor has attended numerous Affordable Housing meetings. The Borough is expecting the Round 4 quota in October. The Mayor is confident that the Borough is in a good position to successfully reach the target.
- The New Jersey Conference of Mayors met and the Mayor is keeping an eye on any new legislation that would effect the Borough.
- The MAPS graduation was successful. The Mayor commended the Board of Education for putting it together.
- The Mayor has been in contact with Jefferson and the Govern's office, and Chief Green has been in contact with the State Police, regarding the Route 15 closure.
- The Borough welcomed the "Mayor of the Day" from the school.

Borough Administrator's Report

- This past month the Borough was working with the Auditors to prepare the 2023 Audit.
- McGregor's improvement project is moving along on schedule. Curbing is currently being installed.
- The high-pressure station on Kadel Drive is also on schedule.
- The Park Commission grant application process for the McGregor Trail design project is around 60% completed. That is still being worked on for submission.
- A meeting with Borough officials is being planned with The Canning Group regarding their recent report of the Fire Apparatuses for the Borough. That meeting should take place within the next few weeks.
- Borough Administrator Rinaldi thanked the Department of Public Works for their work during the hot months out in the Borough.

Police Chief's Report

- The Police Department welcomed their “Officer for a Day”
- The Lake Hopatcong Fireworks was successful.
- The Police Department had officers present at the cheer point for the Veteran’s Cruise.
- As drivers are getting more familiar with the new Route 80 traffic pattern, incidents have gone down.

Fire Chief's Report

- There were 20 incidences in June.
 - Most of them were due to the storm on June 26, 2024.
- Attended Lake Rogerene dedication to two past Firefighters with the Mount Arlington Fire Department.
- The Fire Department attended a standpipe training at the County.
- The Lake Hopatcong Firework detail went well.
- The Chief sent Wharton Fire Department a “thank you” for their Mutual Aid for the Veteran’s Cruise.

Council Committee Reports

- Councilman BaRoss
 - Board of Health
 - There are currently 448 Dogs registered and 124 Cats registered with the Borough.
 - Recreation
 - At the last Recreation Commission meeting, Coaches and some members of the public attended to give feedback on the sports programs.
 - Kayaking is the first Saturday of every month until October. July had 11 sign ups.
 - Fall sports registrations will begin later this month.
 - Councilman BaRoss encourages residents to take the Sports Interest Survey.
 - Last month’s summer concert had 200 attendees. The next concert is July 18th from 6-8pm at the municipal beach featuring The Peach Project.
- Councilwoman Fostle
 - Councilwoman Fostle thanked those involved in the Veteran’s Cruise.
 - The Councilwoman also noted that Assemblywoman Aura Dunn also attended the Veteran’s Cruise.
- Councilman Cangiano
 - Councilman Cangiano thanked the Fire Department for their dedication to Lake Rogerene and the revitalization of the Lake Rogerene Firehouse.
- Councilwoman Galate
 - Councilwoman Galate thanked the Department of Public Works for their work on the flowers and all of the in house landscaping now being done by the DPW.
- Council President Delaney
 - Council President Delaney thanked the CERT team for their work during the storm keeping the Civic Center open as a charging and cooling station.

Public Comment

- Joe Rutkoski- 503 Windemere Avenue- Would like an update on the water line project from 513 Windemere Avenue to Bertrand Island.
 - Councilman Cangiano explained that the project had to be split into two phases. The first being the current McGregor project. The second phase cannot begin until after the 5-year moratorium from the County regarding road milling expires.

Ordinance – Introduction

Ord 04-24 An Ordinance of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Amending Chapter 175, Water, of the Code of the Borough of Mount Arlington, By Adding Section 175-5.2, to Permit Installment Payments of Water Connection Fees

Motion to Approve: Councilwoman Galate

Second: Councilman Cangiano

Council Discussion- None

Roll Call:

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

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Approved

Ordinance – Second Reading

- None

Resolutions

- 2024-78 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 9, 2024
- 2024-79 A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Approving Salary Amounts for Beach Attendants for the 2024 Season
- 2024-80 A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Delineating Salary Amounts and Rates for the Year 2024
- 2024-81 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 2023
 - Brian Ko from Nisivoccia, LLC went over the Borough's Audit for 2023.

Motion to Approve: Councilwoman Galate

Second: Councilwoman Fostle
Council Discussion- None

Roll Call:

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

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Approved

2024-82 A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Appointing Douglass Sclar as Public Defender, Amending and Replacing Resolution 2024-75.

Motion to Approve Res 2024-78-80 and Res 2024-82 by consent: Councilman BaRoss

Second: Councilwoman Galate

Council Discussion- None

Roll Call:

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

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Approved

Motion

- None

Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn: Council President Delaney

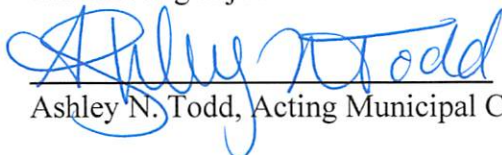
Second: Councilman Cangiano

Roll Call:

All in Favor: Aye

Opposed: None

The meeting adjourned at 7:44 PM.


Ashley N. Todd, Acting Municipal Clerk

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