

**BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
June 5, 2024
7:00 PM**

The Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington was held on Tuesday, June 5, 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 7:07 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, Councilwoman Fostle, Councilwoman Galate, Council President Delaney, and Mayor Stanzilis

Absent- Councilman Cangiano, Councilman Loughridge

Present from Administration- Borough Administrator & CFO Carolyn Rinaldi, Fire Captain Marcano, Borough Attorney Matthew Jessup, and Acting Borough Clerk Ashley Todd

Presentations

- Jessica Caldwell (Planner)- J. Caldwell and Associates
 - o Discussed Round 4 of Affordable Housing legislation, and the Borough’s affordable housing responsibility by July 2025.

Appointments- None

Approval of Minutes

- May 7, 2024 10am Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve: Council President Delaney

Second: Councilwoman Galate

Council Discussion- None

Roll Call:

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

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Approved

- May 7, 2024 7pm Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve: Councilman BaRoss
Second: Councilwoman Fostle
Council Discussion- None

Roll Call:

Aye: Councilman BaRoss, Councilwoman Fostle, Council President Delaney

Opposed: None

Abstain: Councilwoman Galate

Motion Approved

Mayor's Report

- The Mayor showcased small businesses around Mount Arlington for Small Business Week, and is continuing to do the videos spotlighting businesses to be posted on social media and on the Borough Website.
- There will be a PSA video done with the 7th grade regarding speeding and pedestrian safety.
- The Mayor thanked Tina Meyer for her work on the dedication at the Library in memory of former Mayor LePonte
- The Mayor attended the Mayor's Conference and hosted a panel on PILOTS
- Great turn out at the Lake Hopatcong Block Party and the Mayor thanked all of the Borough Staff who helped to organize the Borough's booths.
- The Mayor & Borough Staff attended a meet and greet at the Senior Club meeting, which was well received.
- Assemblyman Barranco bought coffee for residents at The Bagel Place.
- The Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony was a success.
- The Roxbury Planning Board had a meeting on June 7th regarding the warehouse development on Howard Boulevard.
- The Community Garden had a great ribbon cutting on June 7, 2024.

Borough Administrator's Report

- At the Mayor's Conference, Mayor Stanzilis was voted Mayor of the Year for New Jersey.
- Ms. Rinaldi explained Resolution 2024-74 is looking for additional funding for the Reba Road and Eric Lane improvements.
- The Borough got approved for a \$75,000 Recreation Grant.
- The Fire Apparatus study is completed, and meeting are being coordinated with the Mayor, Public Safety Liaison, and the Fire Department.

Police Chief's Report

- None

Fire Chief's Report

- Report was given by Assistant Chief Mario Marcano.
- 11 calls in May resulting 47.9 man hours.
- The doors at the firehouse have been completed by future Eagle Scout Marcano.
- Collaborated with Roxbury on an "After the Fire" programming. The program focuses on High School Seniors who are going off to college to learn dorm fire safety.

- Draft and drill was done at Memorial Park pond.
- The department participated in the Lake Hopatcong Block Party.
- The department participated in a Live Burn Drill at Sussex County Public Safety Academy
- Chief D'Arco participated in the Senior meet and greet.
- The department had a great day at Decker Day.

Council Committee Reports

- Councilman BaRoss
 - Councilman BaRoss read Melissa Eckert's report into record.
 - The band and choir came home with trophies from the High Notes competition.
 - The 2nd graders took a trip up to MAPS for the annual Shadow Day. Peer Mentors lead groups as the 2nd graders toured their new school.
 - Decker had field day last week and MAPS has it this Friday.
 - Benchmark assessments were given to map the growth of learning throughout the school year
 - 8th graders are getting ready for their dance, trip, and especially graduation.
 - Graduation is on June 17 at 6:30, back field at MAPS; rain date is on June 18
 - Board of Health held a meeting this quarter.
 - Project Healthy Bones is beginning in September, registration is happening now. Anyone who is interested should contact Ashley Todd at atodd@mtarlingtonboro.com.
 - Residents are required to license both dogs and cats in Mount Arlington Borough.
 - Recreation
 - The Community Garden had a ribbon cutting on June 5th.
 - The first summer concert for the series was held on May 25th, with a great turn out. The next summer concert is being held on June 13th from 6-8pm at the Mount Arlington Beach.
 - The first kayaking event was successful, the program is hoping to grow more. The kayaking is being held the first Saturday of every month.
 - Fall sports registration will begin the end of June.
 - Sport surveys are going out soon to gage interest in other sport programs for children and adults.
- Councilwoman Fostle
 - Thanked everyone for their work on the Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony.
 - Councilwoman Fostle encourages everyone to visit the Community Garden.
 - Councilwoman Fostle is excited about the grant application on the resolution list and is pleased about the recreation grant.
- Councilwoman Galate
 - Thanked Mayor Stanzilis for his speech at the Memorial Day Ceremony.
 - The DPW planted flowers throughout town. The DPW is also now responsible for all landscaping of Borough Property.
 - Councilwoman Galate expressed gratitude for the work the DPW put in to ready the Library for the LePonte dedication.

- Expressed concern regarding this year's draw down not being effective due to the amount of rain received. Homeowners on the lake were not able to do maintenance on the retaining walls along the lake. Some of which will not make it to the next draw down in 5 years.
 - Mayor Stanzilis wants to discuss the situation with the DEP to see if it is even possible to do another draw down prior to the next 5 year draw down.
- Council President Delaney
 - The senior meet and greet were appreciated by the Senior Club.
 - CERT was appreciative to be able to assist with the parade.
 - When the MAPS 7th grade visited the May 7th 10am Council Meeting, Council President Delaney were impressed with the questions from students.

Public Comment

Gail Delaney (375 Howard Boulevard)- The summer concert was great, and is looking forward to more summer concerts. The seniors were appreciative of the meet and greet. Congratulated Mayor Stanzilis on being named Mayor of the Year. Appreciated the Mayor's speech at the Memorial Day Ceremony.

Charles Torrise (19 Windemere Avenue)- Would like to see Pride Month and Juneteenth represented on the Borough Website.

Ordinance – Introduction

- None

Ordinance – Second Reading

- None

Resolutions

- 2024-71 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 June 5, 2024
- 2024-72 A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing a Fee Schedule and Capacity Limit for Access to the Municipal Beach
- 2024-73 A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Renewal of Plenary Retail Consumption/ Distribution and Club Licenses for the Licensing Period Commencing July 1, 2024
- 2024-74 A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Approving Grant Application and Execute Grant Contract with NJDOT for Reba Road and Eric Lane Improvements-Phase 2
- 2024-75 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

Motion to Approve: Council President Delaney
Second: Councilwoman Galate
Council Discussion- None

Roll Call:

Aye: Councilwoman Fostle, Councilwoman Galate, Council President Delaney

Opposed: None

Abstain: Councilman BaRoss

Motion Approved

2024-76 A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Appointing Beach Attendants for the 2024 Season

2024-77 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# 22-00002 for Property Known as Block 45 Lot 1 Qual C004

Motion to Approve Res 2024-71-74 and Res 2024-76-77 by consent: Council President Delaney
Second: Councilwoman Fostle
Council Discussion- None

Roll Call:

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

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Approved


Motion

- None

Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn: Council President Delaney
Second: Councilwoman Galate
Roll Call:
All in Favor: Aye
Opposed: None

The meeting adjourned at 7:51 PM.



Ashley N. Todd, Acting Municipal Clerk

CC: Website