



**MEETING MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MOUNTAIN LAKES
DECEMBER 9, 2019
HELD AT THE MOUNTAIN LAKES CLUB, 18 LAKE DR, MOUNTAIN LAKES, NJ 07046**

CALL TO ORDER AND OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT

This meeting is being held in compliance with Public Law 1975, Chapter 231, Sections 4 and 13, as notice of this meeting and the agenda thereof had been reported to The Citizen and the Morris County Daily Record and The Star Ledger on January 9, 2019 and posted in the municipal building.

Mayor Barnett called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Mountain Lakes Club.

ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

Roll Call	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>		<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Happer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Menard	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Horst	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Shepherd	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Korman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Barnett	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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FLAG

Mayor Barnett led the salute to the flag.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Barnett announced that last evening, the annual Christmas Tree lighting was enjoyed by all. The Mayor thanked Mr. Price and the Mountain Lakes High School Chorus for singing carols. Mayor Barnett also thanked the Borough's Recreation Director, the Recreation Commission, the Department of Public Works, the employees, the Police Department and the Volunteer Fire Department and Santa Claus.

Mayor Barnett announced that Thursday, December 12th at 12:45 p.m. the Lakers 55+ Group will have their holiday choral concert at Saint Catherine's Church.

On Saturday, December 14th Santa will visit Mountain Lakes on a fire engine from 11-1:30 p.m. Afterwards Santa will be at the Mountain Lakes fire house from 2-3 p.m.

The Menorah Lighting is scheduled on Saturday, December 22nd at 5:00 p.m. at Kaufmann Park.

The Mountain Lakes Volunteer Appreciation reception is tonight at 7:30 p.m. after the Borough Council meeting.

Council Member Korman announced that Friday, December 13th the Mountain Lakes Garden Club will have their Christmas event.

The Whippany River Watershed Action Committee will be presenting at the Mountain Lakes Garden Club meeting on January 22nd and the topic will be maintaining the health of our waterways.

Mayor Barnett announced that the Borough has received a \$208,000 grant from the NJ Department of Transportation for roadwork and repaving of Condit Road.

Deputy Mayor Shepherd entered the meeting at 6:11 p.m.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Halloween Event Presentation by Lauren Brickner-McDonald

Lauren Brickner-McDonald gave a presentation on the logistics and expenses of the Halloween Safe Zone. Ms. Brickner-McDonald said the event could not happen without the help of everyone involved including the Police Department, Fire Department and the CERT Team. This year the event was successful despite the rainy weather.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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Sandy Batty – 15 Lockley Court, commented on the report from Blair Bravo in reference to the accessory apartments program. Ms. Batty feels the cost to residents will not be nominal because they will be required to have a firewall in the accessory apartments. Ms. Batty requested that the Borough Council consider waiving permit fees if a resident is putting in an accessory apartment.

Ms. Batty said that Lauren Brickner-McDonald worked very hard with the Halloween Safe Zone.

Ms. Batty told the Borough Council that on January 14th there will be a green infrastructure workshop.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Borough Attorney Robert Oostdyk reported that he confirmed with the Borough's Tax Assessor and he will be available for the second meeting in January to discuss tax appeals and the reevaluation process. There will be a closed session and a public session on these matters.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Transfer Funds Resolution

Manager Stern reported that on the agenda tonight is a resolution to transfer funds. Attached to the resolution is an explanation for the transfer request.

Borough Hall / Public Safety Building Renovation Committee

Manager Stern reported that during their last meeting the Borough Hall / Public Safety Building Renovation Committee reviewed the interior space layout along with department programming needs. Conversations about public spaces and the exterior of the building also took place. To streamline efforts, Mr. Stern will be reviewing programming needs with the Borough's department heads, while other members of the committee will begin to focus on the public spaces and exterior of the building.

The next Borough Hall / Public Safety Building Renovation Committee meeting will include the project architect who will present several sketches laying out some ideas for the appearance of the new renovated and expanded Borough Hall. Once the committee begins to coalesce around one idea, it will be presented to the Borough Council.

2020 Budget Workshop Meetings

Manager Stern reported that since last year's budget workshop meetings were well received and very productive, the Borough will continue with the same format. Mr. Stern would like to schedule the first two sessions for January 13th and January 15th, and he will confirm the date for the third budget session in early January.

RESOLUTION

R152-19, Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement for Affordable Housing Administrative Services between the Borough of Mountain Lakes and CGP&H (Community Grants, Planning & Housing)

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***CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

Matters listed as Consent Agenda Items are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion of the Council and one roll call vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council member requests an item be removed for consideration.

***RESOLUTIONS**

- a. R153-19 Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Bills
- b. R154-19 Resolution Authorizing the Redemption of Tax Title Lien 2017-001
- c. R155-19 A Resolution Authorizing the Borough of Mountain Lakes to Enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement and Member Participation in a Cooperative Pricing System
- d. R156-19 Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Appropriations

***APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

11/25/2019 (Regular)

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BOROUGH COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS

Year - End Council Goals Review

The Borough Council discussed their 2019 goals. The discussion included fiscal strength and operational effectiveness to ensure efficient use of resources, openness and responsiveness to inform and engage the community, services and infrastructure to provide high quality services, programs and infrastructure and environmental stewardship and community development to preserve Mountain Lakes environmental resources and foster the unique character of the community.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Deputy Mayor Shepherd reported that the Economic Development Committee met with the company Vision. They discussed potential new commercial growth in Mountain Lakes.

Council Member Happer reported that Lakes Management had their annual update and the Borough Manager will post the report on the Borough's website.

Council Member Horst reported that the Green Team went through all the actions that are identified under Sustainable Jersey and decided which actions are reasonable to pursue and assigned them to committee members.

Council Member Korman reported that the Whippany River Watershed Action Committee is the recipient of a \$2400. grant. They are currently drawing up a proposal to place a rain garden at Birchwood Lake.

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Mayor Barnett announced that a group of Rutgers Students came to the Borough Hall and had a mock Planning Board meeting. The focus was on the area around the Train Station and Hapgoods. The students did a great job and had a lot of unique ideas for the area.

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Sandy Batty – 15 Lockley Court, told the Borough Council that the Shade Tree Commission would like to revisit the tree removal ordinance. The Shade Tree Commission took all the comments seriously and would like to meet some of the people who voiced objections.

Lauren Brickner-McDonald – 7 Center Drive, feels that the new residents in Mountain Lakes are not informed as to what is happening in the Borough. She would like the Borough Council to find a way to reach out to new residents to inform them of the email blast and different events.

ADJOURNMENT at 7:25 P.M.

Motion made by Council Member Lane second by Council Member Menard to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m., with all members in favor signifying by "Aye".

Respectfully Submitted

Marcy Gianattasio, Borough Clerk