



MEETING MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MOUNTAIN LAKES
APRIL 25, 2022
HELD AT ML HIGH SCHOOL, 96 POWERVILLE ROAD, 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 has been reported to The Citizen and the Morris County Daily Record and The Star Ledger on January 4, 2022 and posted in the municipal building.

Mayor Menard called the meeting to order at 7:31p.m.

ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

Roll Call	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>		<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Barnett	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Richter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Happer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sheikh	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Lane	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			

FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Menard led the salute to the flag.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Richter announced that Trash Day will be held on April 30th.

Councilmember Barnett announced that the Woods and Lakes Run, Shredding Day and Community Cleanup Day will be held on April 30th.

Councilmember Korman made the following announcements: The Arbor Day Celebration will be held on April 29th at Wildwood School; The tree sapling planting will take place on May 1st; The Seed Library at the Mountain Lakes Library is open.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

REPORTS OF BOROUGH ESTABLISHED BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

There were no reports.

BOROUGH COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS

There were no discussion items.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Menard opened the meeting to the public.

Fang Fang - 71 Ball Road, requested that the Council pass a proclamation to recognize World Dafa Day on May 13th.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Oostdyk reported the following: The Sylvester tax appeal for 2021 and the Robins tax appeal for 2020 and 2022 were withdrawn by the homeowners; The Borough Tax Assessor is reviewing a response by the Mountain Lakes Club regarding their tax appeal.



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MANAGER'S REPORT

Police Chief Shawn Bennett was filling in for Borough Manager Stern and provided the report (attached). The council asked questions of Mr. Bennett and Mr. Bennett answered them.

RESOLUTIONS

There were no resolutions.

ORDINANCES TO INTRODUCE

4-22, Ordinance Amending Chapter 26 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Mountain Lakes Regarding the Establishment and Governance of the Department of Police

Ordinance 4-22 was tabled and not voted on.

ORDINANCES TO ADOPT

2-22, Bond Ordinance Appropriating \$1, 293,572, and Authorizing the Issuance of \$992, 724 Bonds or Notes of the Borough, For Various Improvements or Purposes Authorized to Be Undertaken By the Borough of Mountain Lakes, in the County of Morris, New Jersey

PUBLIC COMMENT/HEARING

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3-22 , Ordinance Authorizing the Salary and/or Wages of the Officers and Employees of the Borough of Mountain Lakes, County of Morris, New Jersey



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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. R108-22, Authorizing the Payment of Bills
- b. R109-22, Appointing Special Police Officer

***APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

4/11/22 (Regular)

***BOARD, COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS**

***Approval of the Consent Agenda**

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DEPARTMENT REPORTS SUBMITTED FOR FILING (reports are included only if checked)

- ☒ Construction Department
- ☒ Department of Public Works
- ☒ Fire Department
- ☒ Health Department
- ☒ Police Department
- ☒ Recreation Department
- ☒ Code Enforcement/Property maintenance report

- ☒ Zoning Board of Adjustment Annual Report 2021

COUNCIL REPORTS

Economic Development Advisory Committee – Councilmember Richter reported that the committee discussed rezoning Westbound Route 46, modifying bulk standards in the OL-1 and OL-2 zones of Westbound Route 46 and residential buffering. Councilmember Korman reported that the committee discussed updating the Borough Profile.

Finance Advisory Committee – Councilmember Barnett reported that the committee discussed debt service and the long-term capital plan. Councilmember Richter advised that the committee would like to review the capital plan next year before the capital ordinance is adopted.

Shade Tree Commission – Councilmember Korman reported the following: The commission is preparing for Arbor Day; The commission reviewed the Highview development tree management plan for the Planning Board; The Borough received a seedling from a 500-year-old oak tree from the NJDEP and the committee discussed where the seedling should be planted.

Woodlands Committee – Councilmember Lane reported that committee continued to discuss the illegal dumping in the Borough pocket parks.

DPW Committee – Mayor Menard reported that the committee discussed the following: beach opening, building additional paddle board racks at the Bird Sanctuary, preparations for upcoming paving projects; proposed Eagle Scout project a Kaufmann Park; Trash Day preparations, Island Beach sand replenishment, tennis court repairs, and constructing a pickle ball court.

Historic Preservation Committee – Councilmember Korman reported the following: The committee continued to discuss alternative locations to the library to store the archives; The committee's annual open house will be on May 22nd.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Please state your name and address for the record. Each speaker is limited to one (1) comment of no more than five (5) minutes and no yielding of time to another person.

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NEXT STEPS AND PRIORITIES

Mayor Menard reviewed the following next steps and priorities:

Next Step	Completed by	Completion date
Tennis Court Update	Borough Manager	
Follow Up from 4/11/22 Next Steps	Borough Manager	
Solid Waste Committee Survey Update	Solid Waste Committee	5/9/22 Council Meeting

ADJOURNMENT at 8:43P.M.

Motion made by Councilmember Barnett, second by Mayor Menard to adjourn the meeting at 8:43p.m., with all members in favor signifying by "Aye".

Respectfully Submitted

Cara Fox, Deputy Borough Clerk