



**MEETING MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MOUNTAIN LAKES
JUNE 13, 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 7:35p.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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sheikh	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Korman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Menard	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lane	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			

Councilmember Happer attended the meeting via telephone.

FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Menard led the salute to the flag.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Menard congratulated the Mountain Lakes High School Boys Lacrosse Team for winning the NJ Tournament of Champions.

Mayor Menard made the following announcements: The Independence Day Fireworks will be held at Island Beach on July 2nd at dusk. Mountain Lakes Day will also be held on July 2nd at the Esplanade from 11am to 3pm.

Councilmember Barnett announced that June is Pride Month and recognized the LGBTQ+ community.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

New Jersey Highlands Council representatives Lisa Plevin (Executive Director), Maryjude Haddock-Weiler (Planning Manager) and Kelly Curran (Science Manager) provided an overview of the Highlands Council and explained the benefits of becoming a member. The Council asked questions of Ms. Plevin, Ms. Haddock-Weiler and Ms. Curran and they answered them.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Menard opened the meeting to the public.

Sandy Batty – 15 Lockely Court, expressed support for the Borough to join the NJ Highlands Council.

REPORTS OF BOROUGH ESTABLISHED BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

There were no reports.

BOROUGH COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS

2021 Annual Audit & Audit Corrective Action Plan

Borough Manager Stern discussed the 2021 Annual Audit and the Corrective Action Plan. The only Auditor recommendation is for an adequate segregation of duties to be maintained with respect to the recording of treasury funds. Mr. Stern advised that this comment is common in smaller municipalities and will not change unless additional employees are hired.



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ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Oostdyk had nothing to report.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Borough Manager Stern provided his report (attached). Mr. Stern reported that an elected official had requested to set up a table at Mountain Lakes Day and Mr. Stern requested direction from the Council. The council had a discussion, and the Council was split on how Mr. Stern should proceed. The Council directed Mr. Stern to allow the elected official to have a table at this year's Mountain Lakes Day and then reevaluate the decision for Mountain Lakes Day in 2023. The council asked questions of Mr. Stern and Mr. Stern and they answered them.

In response to the recent school shooting in Uvalde Texas, Police Chief Bennett reassured the community of the readiness of the Mountain Lakes Police Department of dealing with an active shooter situation. The council asked questions of Police Chief Bennett and he answered them.

RESOLUTIONS

There were no resolutions.

ORDINANCES TO INTRODUCE

There were no ordinances to introduce.

ORDINANCES TO ADOPT

There were no ordinances to adopt.

***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. *R119-22, Authorizing the Payment of Bills*
- b. *R120-22, Authorizing Membership in the Mountain Lakes Volunteer Fire Department*
- c. *R121-22, Renewing Liquor Licenses for 2022-2023 Licensing Term*
- d. *R122-22, Certifying Compliance with Requirements of Audit*
- e. *R123-22, Approving the Corrective Action Plan for the Borough of Mountain Lakes*
- f. *R124-22, Requesting Approval of Item of Revenue & Appropriation Under N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-87 for the American Rescue Plan Grant in the Amount of \$30,000.00*
- g. *R125-22, Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement for Planning Services Between the Borough of Mountain Lakes and Philipps Preiss Grygiel LLC*

***APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

5/23/22 (Regular)

***BOARD, COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS**

- a. Ronald Schornstein to the Green Team as Member with a term expiring 12/31/22



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***Approval of the Consent Agenda**

Council member	M	2nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Barnett	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Happer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Korman	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lane	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Richter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sheikh	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Menard	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Resolution 121-22 was approved with the removal of Hapgood's LLC Liquor License.

Resolution 125-22 was approved with the following correction: The Certification of Funds Account Number is 01-201-21-185-030.

Councilmember Happer was absent at the 5/23/22 Council meeting and abstained from voting on the minutes.

The 5/23/22 minutes were approved with the following correction to the Recreation Commission Report – "Mike and Ginny O'Donnell".

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

COUNCIL REPORTS

Planning Board – Mayor Menard reported that one application was tabled until the board's next meeting.

Finance Advisory Committee – Councilmember Barnett reported that the committee discussed the 2021 audit and reserve for uncollected taxes policy.

Zoning Board – Councilmember Richter reported that the board denied an application for a side yard setback application for 27 Briarcliff Road.

Green Team – Councilmember Barnett reported the following: The committee will be displaying an electric vehicle, blower and lawn mower at Mountain Lakes Day; The committee recommended Ronald Schornstein to Council for appointment.

Lakes Management Committee – Councilmember Richter reported that the June 7th meeting was rescheduled until June 15th.

Affordable Housing Advisory Committee – Councilmember Korman reported the following: The committee is working on having the Borough's Fair Share Housing representative attend one of their meetings to provide feedback on the Borough's accessory apartment program; The committee is reaching out to other municipalities that have accessory apartment programs to find out their experience with implementing the program and what their resident response has been.



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Shade Tree Commission – Councilmember Korman reported the following: The commission will not be meeting over the summer; The commission discussed using Shade Tree funds to grind stumps in the Borough; To keep Borough trees healthy, the commission would like to have vines cut off trees and the commission discussed alternatives to the DPW (being that they don't have the manpower and / or training) to accomplish this task.

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.

Mayor Menard opened the meeting to the public.

Neil Forde – 5 Crestview Road, asked questions about school security and Election Day safety. Mr. Forde stated he had questions for Councilmember Lane (who was absent from the meeting) regarding her husband's lawsuit against the Mountain Lakes Board of Education. Mr. Forde advised that as tree stumps deteriorate, they become a natural fertilizer.

Heidi Dexter – 240 Morris Avenue, is not in support of having politician's set up tables at Mountain Lakes Day, is in support of having schools closed for election day, and is against having a politician running for office be a speaker at the Mountain Lakes Memorial Day Parade.

Police Chief Bennett, Councilmember Barnett and Mayor Menard responded to the public's questions.

NEXT STEPS AND PRIORITIES

Mayor Menard reviewed the following next steps and priorities:

Next Step	Completed by	Completion date
Reach out to Assemblyman regarding Mountain Lakes Day table	Councilmember Richter	
Ferriero Engineering Proposal for Lakes Evaluation	Borough Manager	
Planner Feedback Regarding Highlands Council		
Sunset Lake Dam Project Start Date	Borough Manager	

ADJOURNMENT at 9:51P.M.

Motion made by Councilmember Barnett, second by Mayor Menard to adjourn the meeting at 9:51p.m., with all members in favor signifying by "Aye".

Respectfully Submitted

Mitchell Stern, Acting Borough Clerk