



**MEETING MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MOUNTAIN LAKES
SEPTEMBER 28, 2026
HELD AT BOROUGH HALL, 400 BOULEVARD, MOUNTAIN LAKES, NJ**

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, the Morris County Daily Record, and The Star Ledger on January 6, 2026 and posted in the municipal building.

Mayor Muilenburg called the meeting to order at 6:01p.m.

ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

Roll Call	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>		<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	
Barnett	☒	☐		Tsai	☒	☐
Cannon	☒	☐		Menard	☐	☒
Howley	☒	☐		Muilenburg	☒	☐
Sheikh	☒	☐				

Councilmember Sheikh arrived at the meeting at 6:42p.m.

FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Muilenburg led the salute to the flag.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

R26-133, Resolution to Enter an Executive Session – Potential Litigation & Attorney - Client Privilege (Approval of Executive Minutes)

Motion made by Councilmember Barnett, second by Councilmember Howley to go into Executive Session, with all members in favor signifying by "Aye."

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Tsai announced that the Mountain Lakes Library will hold a Diwali Celebration on October 17th at 5:00 p.m. at Island Beach.

Mayor Muilenburg announced that the Recreation Department will host a Goonies-themed scavenger hunt on October 3rd at 2:00 p.m. at Birchwood Lake, followed by a showing of The Goonies movie at 6:00 p.m. She also announced that Fall Fest will be held on October 11th at 1:00 p.m. at Birchwood Lake. Volunteers are needed for both events, and interested residents should contact Recreation Director Laurie Stepper.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

REPORTS OF BOROUGH ESTABLISHED BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

There were no reports.

BOROUGH COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS

Second Quarter 2026 Current Budget Report; Second Quarter 2026 Water Budget Report & Second Quarter 2026; Sewer Budget Report; Trust Balances; Capital Account Balances

Chief Financial Officer Jennifer Semler provided a detailed memo on the second quarter current fund budget, second quarter water and sewer budgets, trust balances and capital account balances. The reports were thoroughly reviewed by the Finance Advisory Committee.

Borough Manager Stern advised that Moody's Ratings is currently conducting a review of the Borough's bond rating.



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PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Muilenburg opened the meeting to the public.

There was no one from the public wishing to speak.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Oostdyk had nothing to report.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Borough Manager Stern provided his report (attached). The Council asked Mr. Stern questions, and he answered them.

RESOLUTIONS

There were no non-consent agenda 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. *R26-128, Cancelling Taxes for Total Disabled Veteran (Block 33 Lot 42)*
- b. *R26-129, Cancelling Taxes for Total Disabled Veteran (Block 78 Lot 14)*
- c. *R26-130, Cancelling Taxes for Total Disabled Veteran (Block 127.05 Lot 14)*
- d. *R26-131, Authorizing the Payment of Bills*
- e. *R26-132, Appointing Andrea Tarantula to the Position of Part-Time Tax Collector of the Borough of Mountain Lakes*

***APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

6/22/26 (Executive)

9/14/26 (Regular)

***BOARD, COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS**

***Approval of the Consent Agenda**

Council member	M	2nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Barnett	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐
Cannon	☐	☒	☒	☐	☐	☐
Howley	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐
Sheikh	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐
Tsai	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Menard	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒
Muilenburg	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐



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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
- ☒ Tax Collector

COUNCIL REPORTS

Woodlands Committee – Mayor Muilenburg reported the following: the goat pilot project was successful; a September 19th cleanup event was conducted with Boy Scouts, committee members, and DPW support; the committee is conducting a pocket park inventory; reconstruction of the Mountain Lakes portion of the Red Trail is nearly complete; the committee is evaluating a slight relocation of the Blue Trail to reduce confusion with the old Red Trail; and the committee is scheduled to attend the October 12 Council meeting to provide an update on its activities.

Environmental Commission – Mayor Muilenburg reported that the Commission has expressed concerns regarding the potential development of data centers within the Borough and also discussed Montclair's ordinance banning gas-powered leaf blowers. Borough Attorney Oostdyk advised that data centers are not currently viewed as an imminent possibility, as they would only be permitted in the Borough's industrial zones and would be subject to setback requirements.

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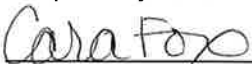
NEXT STEPS AND PRIORITIES

There were no next steps or priorities.

ADJOURNMENT at 7:15P.M.

Motion made by Councilmember Howley, second by Councilmember Cannon to adjourn the meeting at 7:15p.m., with all members in favor signifying by "Aye".

Respectfully Submitted,



Cara Fox, Borough Clerk



BOROUGH OF MOUNTAIN LAKES

LISTED IN NATIONAL AND STATE REGISTERS OF HISTORIC PLACES

Mitchell Stern
Borough Manager
mstern@mtnlakes.org

400 Boulevard
Mountain Lakes, NJ 07046
P -973-334-3131 ext. 2006

TO: Honorable Mayor and Borough Council
SUBJ: Manager's Report for the Borough Council meeting of September 28, 2026
CC: Robert Oostdyk, Borough Attorney

Appointment of Tax Collector – While our tax and utility collector completes the certification process to become a licensed tax collector, we are required to maintain a licensed collector in the role. Our retired collector has served in this capacity on a part-time basis; however, her recent relocation out of state means she can no longer assist us.

The agenda for our meeting includes a resolution appointing Andrea Tarantula as a part-time tax collector. Some of you may recognize Andrea's name, as she is also assisting us with our water billing audit. In addition to her expertise in utility collection, Andrea has extensive experience as a tax collector.

As always, feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Mitchell

**BOROUGH OF MOUNTAIN LAKES
COUNTY OF MORRIS, NJ**

RESOLUTION 26-128

**RESOLUTION CANCELLING TAXES FOR TOTAL DISABLED VETERAN (DEAN CHRISTIAN AND JULIANA
MARIE CARAVELA, 12 OVERLOOK ROAD BLOCK 33 LOT 42)**

WHEREAS, The Borough has received a complete application for an exemption to real property taxes pursuant to N.J.S.A.54:4-3.30 for a 100% permanent and total disabled veteran and the Tax Assessor has granted the application for exemption on June 22nd, 2026; and

WHEREAS the date of the determination of full disability by the Department of Veterans Affairs was May 29th, 2026 and, consistent with Borough policy, taxes paid after June 5th, 2026 (the date the claim for exemption was filed) shall be refunded; and

WHEREAS the Tax Collector certifies that the following property has no overpayment of 3rd quarter, 2026.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Mountain Lakes, County of Morris, State of New Jersey authorizes the Tax Collector to issue a refund in the amount of \$ 1,743.00 representing the overpayment of 2nd quarter 2026 taxes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Tax Collector.

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CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Borough Council of Mountain Lakes, New Jersey, at a meeting held on September 28, 2026.



Cara Fox, Borough Clerk

Name	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Barnett	X		X			
Cannon		X	X			
Howley			X			
Sheikh			X			
Tsai			X			
Menard					X	
Muilenburg			X			

**BOROUGH OF MOUNTAIN LAKES
COUNTY OF MORRIS, NJ**

RESOLUTION 26-129

**RESOLUTION CANCELLING TAXES FOR TOTAL DISABLED VETERAN (ANNE STEHLIN, 17 BRIARCLIFF
ROCK, BLOCK 78 LOT 14)**

WHEREAS, The Borough has received a complete application for an exemption to real property taxes pursuant to N.J.S.A.54:4-3.30 for a 100% permanent and total disabled veteran and the Tax Assessor has granted the application for exemption on June 22nd, 2026; and

WHEREAS the date of the determination of full disability by the Department of Veterans Affairs was August 1st, 2024 and, consistent with Borough policy, taxes paid after June 8th, 2026 (the date the claim for exemption was filed) shall be refunded; and

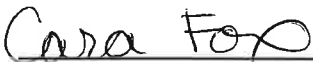
WHEREAS the Tax Collector certifies that the following property has no overpayment of 3rd quarter, 2026.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Mountain Lakes, County of Morris, State of New Jersey authorizes the Tax Collector to issue a refund in the amount of \$ 2,236.74 representing the overpayment of 2nd quarter 2026 taxes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Tax Collector.

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Cannon		X	X			
Howley			X			
Sheikh			X			
Tsai			X			
Menard					X	
Muilenburg			X			

**BOROUGH OF MOUNTAIN LAKES
COUNTY OF MORRIS, NJ**

RESOLUTION 26-130

RESOLUTION CANCELLING TAXES FOR TOTAL DISABLED VETERAN (BLOCK 127.05 LOT 14)

WHEREAS, The Borough has received a complete application for an exemption to real property taxes pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30 for a 100% permanent and total disabled veteran and the Tax Assessor has granted the application for exemption on August 10th, 2026; and

WHEREAS the date of the determination of full disability by the Department of Veterans Affairs was May 17th, 2026, and consistent with Borough policy, taxes paid after July 27th, 2026 (the date the claim for exemption was filed) shall be refunded; and

WHEREAS the Tax Collector certifies that the following property has no overpayment of 4th quarter, 2026.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Mountain Lakes, County of Morris, State of New Jersey authorizes the Tax Collector to issue a refund in the amount of \$ 2,777.04 representing the overpayment of 3rd quarter 2026 taxes

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Tax Collector.

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Cannon		X	X			
Howley			X			
Sheikh			X			
Tsai			X			
Menard					X	
Muilenburg			X			

**BOROUGH OF MOUNTAIN LAKES
COUNTY OF MORRIS, NJ**

RESOLUTION 26-131

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF BILLS

WHEREAS, the Borough Manager has reviewed and approved purchase orders requested by the Department Heads; and

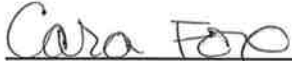
WHEREAS, the Finance Office has certified that funds are available in the proper account; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Treasurer has approved payment, upon certification from the Borough Department Heads that the goods and/or services have been rendered to the Borough.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Mountain Lakes, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that the current bills, dated **September 28, 2026** and on file and available for public inspection in the Office of the Treasurer and approved by him for payment, be paid.

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Cannon		X	X			
Howley			X			
Sheikh			X			
Tsai			X			
Menard					X	
Muilenburg			X			

List of Bills - Claims/Clearing Checking Account

Meeting Date: 09/28/2026 For bills from 09/11/2026 to 09/24/2026

Vendor	Description	Payment	Check Total
4772 - ALDEN BAILEY RESTORATION CORP	PO 31445 MOUNTAIN LAKES TRAIN STATION EXTERIOR	48,435.41	48,435.41
3861 - AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	PO 33088 ADMIN: ORDER# 111-1821582-3130626	27.99	
	PO 33098 DPW IMPROVEMENTS: ORDER# 111-6484290-597	282.15	
	PO 33113 FINANCE: ORDER# 111-8482863-0117860	129.99	440.13
ACH 102 - ANDERSON & DENZLER ASSOC., INC	PO 33120 AUGUST 2026 RUSSELL SPEEDERS PROFESSIONA	194.50	194.50
ACH 4785 - BATTAGLIA ASSOCIATES LLC	PO 33125 TAX/UTILITY ASSISTANCE - AUGUST 2026	750.00	750.00
ACH 3860 - CARNER BROS.	PO 33137 WATER DEPT - 44 HANOVER ROAD	1,518.79	1,518.79
ACH 4135 - CGP&H, LLC	PO 33119 AUGUST 2026 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	2,200.00	2,200.00
ACH 2196 - CHRISTINA WHITAKER	PO 31965 2026 QUATERLY HEALTH BENEFITS REIMBURSEM	919.01	919.01
ACH 4884 - COSTELLO'S ACE HARDWARE	PO 33162 FIRE DEPT: SEPT HARDWARE SUPPLIES: ACCT#	449.79	449.79
2344 - CWC CONTINUING EDUCATION	PO 33127 WATER DEPT: COURSES FOR RYAN SUDOL	1,800.00	1,800.00
ACH 506 - DAN COMO & SONS, INC	PO 33116 SOLID WASTE: LEAF/BRUSH REMOVAL - BLANKE	2,100.00	2,100.00
3480 - FASTSIGNS	PO 33020 BIRCHWOOD LAKE PICNIC AREA SIGN	40.89	40.89
ACH 876 - GARDEN STATE LABORATORIES, INC	PO 33150 WATER OPERATING - TREATMENT OF WELLS - A	3,269.00	3,269.00
ACH 4209 - HUNTER CARRIER SERVICES	PO 32560 ADMIN: 2026 PHONES - ACCT: 159-21438 - B	1,101.52	1,101.52
ACH 4521 - INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF TEAMSTERS L	PO 33140 DPW UNION DUES - SEPTEMBER 2026	302.00	302.00
859 - JCP&L	PO 33142 MAST ACCT# 200 000 021 275 / BILL DATE:	7,823.09	7,823.09
859 - JCP&L	PO 33159 MASTER ACCT# 200 000 053 658/ BILL DATE	2,666.09	2,666.09
859 - JCP&L	PO 33160 STREET LIGHTING - 148/163 - AUT to SEPT	4,201.82	4,201.82
859 - JCP&L	PO 33163 M/A #200 000 020 764: BILL DATE: SEPT 11	466.09	466.09
ACH 4826 - LENTIC ECOLOGICAL LLC	PO 32440 LAKES MANAGEMENT: 2026 APRIL-DECEMBER SE	7,517.00	7,517.00
4529 - MAG ELECTRIC AND LIGHTING DESIGN, LLC	PO 33011 THE STATION RESTORATION HVAC - BLANKET	1,825.00	1,825.00
1338 - MGL PRINTING SOLUTIONS, LLC	PO 32706 CLERK: 2027 DOG/CAT LICENSES	503.00	503.00
1295 - MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	PO 33141 SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL - AUGUST 2026	13,572.46	13,572.46
1311 - MORRIS CTY TREASURER	PO 32546 2-4Q2026 - MORRIS COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS	26,447.42	26,447.42
ACH 2766 - MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC.	PO 33149 POLICE: SUBSCRIPTION RENEWALS	750.00	750.00
ACH 1394 - MTN. LAKES PUBLIC LIBRARY	PO 32415 2026 MAY - DEC MTN LAKES PUBLIC LIBRARY	34,798.83	34,798.83
ACH 1472 - MURPHY MCKEON P.C.	PO 33118 AUGUST 2026 LEGAL SERVICES - TAX APPEAL/	1,290.00	1,290.00
ACH 4235 - NET2PHONE INC	PO 31936 2026 DEDICATED EFAX LINE - ACCT# 954962	32.67	32.67
ACH 2595 - NORTH JERSEY MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	PO 33164 DENTAL: OCTOBER 2026 COVERAGE - GROUP 16	2,873.00	2,873.00
ACH 1754 - NORTHEAST COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	PO 33153 FIRE DEPT: Pager repair	210.00	210.00
1800 - ROMA PIZZERIA	PO 33114 PIZZA FOR TRACK PARTY	410.00	410.00
ACH 417 - RONALD CARROLL	PO 31972 2026 QUARTERLY HEALTH BENEFITS REIMBURSE	2,702.79	2,702.79
3330 - RUTGERS UNIVERSITY	PO 33133 PB/ZBOA: 2026 FALL COURSE - JERELYN RUT	243.00	243.00
ACH 4863 - SK PAPER SHRED	PO 32861 ADMIN: 2026 SHREDDING SERVICES BLANKET	170.00	170.00
ACH 2470 - SKYLANDS AREA FIRE EQUIP & TRAINING	PO 33106 FIRE DEPT: GLOVES	600.00	600.00
ACH 2774 - STAPLES CONTRACT & COMMERCIAL, LLC	PO 33082 ADMIN: ORDER# 7686789426	441.33	441.33
1945 - SUMMIT SOUNDZ ENTERTAINMENT, LLC	PO 33117 SPECIAL EVENT - GOONIES	1,200.00	1,200.00
ACH 434 - THE COMMUNITY CHURCH OF ML	PO 33124 RENTAL SPACE FOR HPC - OCT 2026	500.00	500.00
ACH 4890 - TOP PONDS LLC	PO 33115 FILMING BOND REFUND	500.00	500.00
603 - TOWNSHIP OF DENVILLE	PO 32704 2026 SHARED MUNICIPAL COURT SERVICES 2-4	16,562.00	16,562.00
603 - TOWNSHIP OF DENVILLE	PO 33146 ANIMAL CONTROL CHARGES - 2nd QUARTER 202	3,502.07	3,502.07
ACH 4088 - TURN OUT UNIFORMS, INC	PO 32834 POLICE: UNIFORM PURCHASES - BENNETT	609.94	609.94
ACH 1736 - TWP OF PARSIPPANY - TROY HILLS	PO 32290 2026 SEWER MAINTENANCE CHARGES - APR - D	42,929.05	42,929.05
ACH 1062 - UNITED SITE SERVICES	PO 33156 PORTA JOHNS: AUG to SEPT 2026 - CUST ID#	573.78	573.78
4481 - VERIZON	PO 32384 DPW: 2026 INTERNET SERVICES ACCT 457-158	45.78	
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	PO 32384 DPW: 2026 INTERNET SERVICES ACCT 457-158	31.61	109.00
4480 - VERIZON	PO 32551 BOROWIDE: 2026 INTERNET SERVICES: ACCT 3	222.65	222.65
2135 - VERIZON WIRELESS	PO 33136 POLICE: PHONE/ ACCT# 882388054-00001	536.02	536.02
832 - W.W. GRAINGER, INC	PO 33062 FIRE DEPT: FIRE HELMET	494.53	494.53
4095 - WEATHERWORKS, LLC	PO 33145 2026-27 ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION	2,185.00	2,185.00
152 - WHITE CAP, LP	PO 32928 DPW BLDG IMPROVEMENTS	374.32	374.32
TOTAL			243,362.99

Summary By Account

ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	CURRENT YR	APPROP. YEAR	NON-BUDGETARY	CREDIT
01-192-20-200-040	MRNA - Filming Maintenance Bond			500.00	
01-201-20-100-020	General Administration - Other Expenses	303.63			
01-201-20-130-020	Finance Department - Other Expenses	144.78			
01-201-20-140-020	Computer Services - Other Expenses	222.65			
01-201-20-145-020	Tax Collector - Other Expenses	317.37			
01-201-20-155-020	Legal Services - Other Expenses	1,290.00			
01-201-21-180-020	Planning Board - Other Expenses	243.00			
01-201-21-181-020	Historic Preservation Committee - OE	500.00			
01-201-22-195-020	Uniform Construction Code - Other Expens	3.53			

ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	CURRENT YR	APPROP. YEAR	NON-BUDGETARY	CREDIT
01-201-23-220-020	Group Insurance Plans - Employee	6,494.80			
01-201-25-240-020	Police Department - Other Expenses	1,359.94			
01-201-25-250-020	Interlocal Svcs - MC Dispatch - OE	26,447.42			
01-201-25-251-020	Interlocal Svcs - Denville Court - OE	16,562.00			
01-201-25-252-020	OEM - Other Expenses	1,092.50			
01-201-25-265-020	Fire Department - Other Expenses	1,754.32			
01-201-26-290-020	Streets & Roads - Other Expenses	1,138.28			
01-201-26-305-020	Solid Waste - Other Expenses	15,316.51			
01-201-26-306-020	Recycling Tax	355.95			
01-201-28-370-020	Parks & Playgrounds - Other Expenses	40.89			
01-201-28-375-020	Maint of Parks (Beaches/Lakes) - OE	8,090.78			
01-201-29-390-020	Aid to Public Library	34,798.83			
01-201-31-435-020	Electricity - All Departments	3,132.18			
01-201-31-436-020	Electricity - Street Lighting	4,201.82			
01-201-31-440-020	Telecommunications	1,670.21			
01-260-05-100	Due to Clearing			0.00	125,981.39
TOTALS FOR	Current Fund	125,481.39	0.00	500.00	125,981.39
02-200-40-700-380	Historic Preservation Grant	50,260.41			
02-260-05-100	Due to Clearing			0.00	50,260.41
TOTALS FOR	Federal and State Grants	50,260.41	0.00	0.00	50,260.41
04-215-56-805-400	26-10 - Properties and Facilities - \$367,491.81			656.47	
04-260-05-100	Due to Clearing			0.00	656.47
TOTALS FOR	General Capital	0.00	0.00	656.47	656.47
05-201-55-520-520	Water Operating - Other Expenses	15,192.49			
05-260-05-100	Due to Clearing			0.00	15,192.49
TOTALS FOR	Water Operating	15,192.49	0.00	0.00	15,192.49
07-201-55-520-520	Sewer Operating - Other Expenses	42,960.66			
07-260-05-100	Due to Clearing			0.00	42,960.66
TOTALS FOR	Sewer Operating	42,960.66	0.00	0.00	42,960.66
12-200-00-000-801	DPW UNION DUES	302.00			
12-260-05-100	DUE to clearing			0.00	302.00
TOTALS FOR	Payroll Agency Account	302.00	0.00	0.00	302.00
13-260-05-100	DUE TO CLEARING			0.00	4,005.07
13-286-56-000-000	RESERVE - ANIMAL LICENSE FUND			4,005.07	
TOTALS FOR	Animal Trust	0.00	0.00	4,005.07	4,005.07
17-260-05-100	Due to Clearing Account			0.00	194.50
17-500-00-091-431	RUSSELL SPEEDER'S CAR WASH OF NJ, LLC.			194.50	
TOTALS FOR	Developer's Escrow	0.00	0.00	194.50	194.50
20-260-05-100	Due to Clearing			0.00	2,200.00
20-300-60-000-000	Reserve for Affordable Housing			2,200.00	
TOTALS FOR	Affordable Housing	0.00	0.00	2,200.00	2,200.00

ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	CURRENT YR	APPROP. YEAR	NON-BUDGETARY	CREDIT
33-260-05-100	Due to Clearing			0.00	1,610.00
33-600-00-090-000	Recreation Trust Reserves			1,610.00	
TOTALS FOR	Recreation Trust	0.00	0.00	1,610.00	1,610.00

Total to be paid from Fund 01 Current Fund	125,981.39
Total to be paid from Fund 02 Federal and State Grants	50,260.41
Total to be paid from Fund 04 General Capital	656.47
Total to be paid from Fund 05 Water Operating	15,192.49
Total to be paid from Fund 07 Sewer Operating	42,960.66
Total to be paid from Fund 12 Payroll Agency Account	302.00
Total to be paid from Fund 13 Animal Trust	4,005.07
Total to be paid from Fund 17 Developer's Escrow	194.50
Total to be paid from Fund 20 Affordable Housing	2,200.00
Total to be paid from Fund 33 Recreation Trust	1,610.00
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	243,362.99



**BOROUGH OF MOUNTAIN LAKES
COUNTY OF MORRIS, NJ**

RESOLUTION 26-132

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING ANDREA TARANTULA TO THE POSITION OF PART-TIME TAX COLLECTOR
OF THE BOROUGH OF MOUNTAIN LAKES**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:9-141 requires each municipality to provide for the appointment of a municipal tax collector; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector who previously was appointed to the position resigned during her term of office; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Mountain Lakes has determined that Andrea Tarantula, who is a certified Tax Collector in the State of New Jersey, has the qualifications and experience to hold the position and perform the duties of Tax Collector; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:9-142 prescribes the term of office of a municipal tax collector and governs appointments made to fill a vacancy; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Clerk has verified that Andrea Tarantula holds a current Tax Collector Certificate (Certificate# T-8629) issued by the New Jersey Division of Local Government Services, as required by law; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountain Lakes, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Borough Council hereby advises and consents to the appointment of Andrea Tarantula as Municipal Tax Collector, effective September 23, 2026.
2. Ms. Tarantula shall serve for the term prescribed by N.J.S.A. 40A:9-142. As this appointment fills a vacancy other than one caused by expiration of a term the appointment shall be for the applicable unexpired term. The term of this appointment shall, therefore, end on December 31, 2028.
3. The appointment is conditioned upon Ms. Tarantula maintaining a valid Tax Collector Certificate, taking and filing the required oath of office, and satisfying all other prerequisites imposed by law.
4. Compensation and other terms of employment are as provided by the Borough's salary ordinance, adopted budget, personnel policies, and any applicable employment agreement, as amended from time to time.
5. The Borough Clerk is authorized and directed to provide a certified copy of this Resolution to Andrea Tarantula and the appropriate Borough officials.

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CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Borough Council of Mountain Lakes, New Jersey, at a meeting held on September 28, 2026.



Cara Fox, Borough Clerk

Name	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Cannon	X		X			
Howley		X	X			
Menard			X			
Sheikh			X			
Tsai			X			
Muilenburg					X	
Barnett			X			

**BOROUGH OF MOUNTAIN LAKES
COUNTY OF MORRIS, NJ**

RESOLUTION 26-133

RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq. permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body wishes to discuss:

- ☐ Matters made confidential by state, federal law or rule by court
- ☐ Matters in which the release of information would impair the right to receive funds from the Government
- ☐ Matters involving individual privacy
- ☐ Collective bargaining
- ☒ Purchase or lease of property, setting of bank rates, investment of public funds if disclosure would harm the public interest
- ☐ Public safety
- ☒ Pending, ongoing or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation
- ☐ Personnel matters
- ☐ Civil penalty or loss of license
- ☒ Attorney – Client Privilege (Approval of Executive Minutes)

Minutes will be kept and once the matter involving the confidentiality of the above no longer requires that confidentiality, then the minutes can be made public.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the public be excluded from this meeting.

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