



**MEETING MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MOUNTAIN LAKES
JANUARY 23, 2017
HELD AT BOROUGH HALL, 400 BOULEVARD, 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 5, 2017 and posted in the municipal building.

Mayor Holmberg called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the municipal building.

ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

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

FLAG

Mayor Holmberg led the salute to the flag.

EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION

R-53-17, Resolution providing for a meeting not open to the public in accordance with the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12

Matters of Contract, Sewer charges from Parsippany

Motion: Barrett
Second: Happer
Vote: All ayes

Motion to come back to regular session: Happer
Second: Barnett
Vote: All ayes

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Holmberg stated that this Thursday's Planning Board meeting will be held at the High School and the King of King's project will be discussed.

Mayor Holmberg recognized former Councilmember Doug McWilliams. Mr. Happer thanked Mr. McWilliams for his volunteer service to the town. Mr. McWilliams was presented with a silver bowl.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Holmberg opened the meeting to the public

Mr. Fred Kanter, 81 Hanover Road, made comment regarding the appointments of the Borough attorney and engineer. He made mentioned that the blue line on Boulevard is not legal.

Jack Renahan, 143 Kenilworth Road, came before the council to discuss a safety issue regarding emergency vehicles being able to get down Kenilworth during the time that children are getting dropped off and picked up from school. There are cars parking along both sides of the street and an emergency vehicle cannot get down the street. He stated that there are cars that park up against the crosswalk which is dangerous. Mayor Holmberg asked the Manager to have the Chief of Police to take a look at this issue.

Vincent DiRicco, Kenilworth Road, asked about the town auction. He asked how it will be advertised. He made a comment regarding fishing. He would like to prevent nonresidents from fishing in Mountain Lakes. He would like to have signs stating this.

Jim Bailey 111 Kenilworth Road, discussed parking issues. He commented on parking off road. Mr. Bailey served on the Traffic and Safety Committee. He stated that parking off the street on private and public property was not recommended



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by the Traffic and Safety Committee. He stated that the property that the Borough has purchased was not meant for people to park on.

Mayor Holmberg closed the meeting to the public.

BOROUGH COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS

Overnight parking issues – findings and recommendations

Mr. Oostdyk commented on parking regulations in the Borough. He stated that when the parking ordinance states that there is no parking, it means no parking on the street and on the right of way. He discussed the regulation regarding parking on the street during a snow storm. There is no parking on the street during a storm. There is no parking on the street overnight from mid-November through mid-April. He commented on people who have stated that they have been parking on public property or in the right of way for many years, so they should be able to continue to do so. Mr. Oostdyk stated that this is not the case.

Mayor Holmberg opened the meeting for public comment

Jack Renahan, 143 Kenilworth stated that there are signs on Kenilworth regarding parking. He stated that allowing anyone to violate the parking laws causes problems.

Erik Borin, 81 Melrose, presented a petition to the council to ask that the current parking ordinances not be amended. He stated the reasons are safety related. He stated that parking in the right of way or on borough property has caused vegetation to be disrupted and damaged.

Fred Kantor, 81 Hanover, stated that the state has many statutes regarding parking. He stated that the state statute on vehicle idling is three minutes.

Jim Bailey, 111 Kenilworth, stated that historically, the reason for parking restrictions has been because of high school students parking on the side streets near the school.

Jane Wilkenstein, Melrose, stated that if people park on the street overnight it causes safety issues. She suggested a speed bump as people tend to drive fast down the street.

Beth Gellert, 15 Melrose, stated that she is against lifting any of the parking restrictions. She stated that cars parked on the side of the roadway causes safety issues for children.

Joe Plonski, Melrose Road, thanked the council for their past considerations regarding the parking issue. He stated he was not looking to change anything. He stated that this is something that has been going on for years. He stated that if a car is parked behind the curb, it does not disturb the plow trucks. He stated that a lot of property owners have paved a parking spot in the right of way.

Lori Roland-Plonski, 25 Melrose Road, stated that the reason she has come before the council regarding parking was safety, in regards to having the room to have an emergency vehicle get down the paved roadway. She stated that parking issues have not been enforced. This is a pattern and practice matter. She stated that not being able to have anyone not be able to park on her street during the day precludes anyone from having visitors or contractors at their homes.

Audrey Lane, 35 Melrose Road, commended the Borough for enforcing the parking ordinances. She stated that the borough now has the personnel that have the time to enforce these issues.

Mayor Holmberg closed the meeting to the public.

It was consensus of the council that there will be no change to the parking ordinances. The ordinances will be enforced. This matter will be communicated via the e-blast, website, bulletin board etc.



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Next Steps post Board of Education meeting

Mayor Holmberg commented on the joint meeting with the Board of Education and the discussion that was had regarding space issues in the municipal building. The next steps going forward were discussed. A subcommittee will be formed to discuss this matter. Mr. Happer stated that there needs to be three council members on the subcommittee. There will also be three residents and representatives from the Fire and Police Departments serving on the committee. Mr. Happer stated that there needs to be someone from the Board of Education on the committee.

Mayor Holmberg opened the meeting to the public.

Fred Kantor, 81 Hanover Road, stated that he attended meetings of the previous committee who discussed renovating the municipal building. He stated that the information that came out of the committee was faulty. He stated that it is time to make sure the process is done right.

Mayor Holmberg closed the meeting to the public

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Oostdyk commented on the recent court decision regarding affordable housing. He stated that he spoke with the Borough Planner. There is no action that the council needs to take at this time.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Sheola commented on his report. Lake Drive was discussed. Temporary repairs will be done in the meantime until the contractor comes back in the spring. He commented on the Midvale and Dartmouth paving. He commented on the police department putting the speed sign on Boulevard. The speed sign will be moved to different locations in town. The blinking traffic signs for Midvale have been ordered and will be shipped tomorrow. The Boonton Kiwanis first aid squad was discuss. Mr. Happer asked for financials and insurance information from the squad. There was a discussion regarding members for the Solid Waste committee. The members suggested are Ina Rose, Mimi Kaplan, Doug McWilliams, William Albergo, Mark Prusina and Dan Happer as council liaison.

Motion to approve the Solid Waste Committee members: Holmberg

Second: Korman

Vote: All ayes

IT support was discussed. A new provider is being sought. A shared service with Madison is being looked into. There was a discussion regarding the upcoming borough online auction for surplus property. Mr. Sheola discussed the status of the budget process so far. Mr. Sheola has been meeting with Mr. Happer regarding the budget. The Finance Advisory Committee is reviewing the draft of the budget. The construction management for the beach project was discussed.

ORDINANCES

None

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 Holmberg opened the meeting to the public.

Fred Kanter, stated that the parking ordinances were put in place so that high school students could not park on the street. The parking signs stated that there was no parking from 8am to 5pm. It was not stated that it was only when school was in session. He had asked for the signs to be changed. It was changed. He suggested that there be two or three hour parking.

Jack Renehan, 143 Kenilworth, stated that he is grateful for the council and all the volunteers. He commented on the Kiwanis first aid squad and their services.

Joe Plonski, 25 Melrose Road, commented on the parking ordinances.



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Laurie Plonsky, 25 Melrose Road, asked about the practice and pattern law and why it does not apply to the parking issue on Melrose.

***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**

- R54-17, Authorizing the payment of bills
- R55-17, Authorizing the County-wide Fire Mutual Aid Agreement
- R56-17, Authorizing a lien on Block 10 Lot 5 for property maintenance violations
- R57-17, Authorizing a lien on Block 7 Lot 4 for property maintenance violations
- R58-17, Authorizing a grant application for Pocono and Midvale Road projects
- R59-17, Authorizing a sale of surplus and abandoned property
- R60-17, Authorizing an agreement for planning services with Phillips Preiss Grygiel LLC

***APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

January 4, 2017

1) APPROVAL OF REPORTS FOR FILING (reports are included only if checked)

- Construction Department
- Department of Public Works
- Finance
- Fire Department
- Health Department
- Police Department
- Recreation Department
- Code Enforcement/Property maintenance report
- Annual Board of Adjustment report

***BOARD AND COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS**

William Albergo to the Memorial Day Committee

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Council member	M	2nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
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Motion to appoint Robert Dewing to the Finance Committee

Ms. Horst asked to have Mr. Robert Dewing appointed to the vacancy on the Finance Committee.

Council member	M	2nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Barrett	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Holmberg	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

COUNCIL REPORTS

Council members reported on their committees.

NEXT STEPS AND PRIORITIES

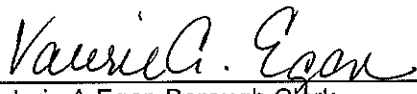
Mayor Holmberg reviewed the following next steps and priorities:

- a) Chief of Police to enforce parking at Glen
- b) Signage and enforcement for borough facilities – Mr. Sheola
- c) Broadcast email regarding the need for committee members – Mr. Sheola
- d) Communications matter - Ms. Barnett
- e) Midvale street sign – Mr. Sheola
- f) Solid Waste Committee – Mr. Sheola
- g) Close out 2016 budget – Mr. Sheola
- h) Council goals – Ms. Barnett
- i) Communicate action for the beach project – Mr. Sheola
- j) Pattern and practice information to the Plonski's, Mr. Oostdyk
- k) HPC ordinance – Committee Chair

ADJOURNMENT at 11:50 P.M.

Motion made by Councilmember Barrett, second by Councilmember Happer to adjourn the meeting at 11:50 p.m., with all members in favor signifying by "Aye".

Respectfully Submitted


 Valerie A Egan Borough Clerk