



**MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE MOUNTAIN LAKES BOROUGH COUNCIL  
AND BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD AT THE MOUNTAIN LAKES HIGH SCHOOL,  
POWERVERILLE ROAD, MOUNTAIN LAKES, NJ 07046  
JANUARY 9, 2017**

**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 Mountain Lakes High School.

**ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE**

**FLAG**

Mayor Holmberg led the salute to the flag.

<b>Roll Call</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>		<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Barrett	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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"/>			

**Discussion regarding building improvements**

Mr. John Kaplan made a presentation regarding the school referendum. There was a discussion regarding board office space to be built at the High School which would cost approximately \$1.1 million dollars. The Board of Ed now occupies about 1500 square feet in the Municipal building.

Borough Manager, Richard Sheola presented a power point presentation regarding infrastructure projects for the municipality. There was a discussion regarding the beach projects. The estimate for the beach projects is approximately 1.5 million dollars. The borough also is being required by the NJDEP to repair Sunset Dam at a cost of \$2.1 million dollars. There was a discussion regarding the renovation needs at the Municipal building which includes the Police Department and the Fire Department. Fire Chief Steve Castilucci presented the needs for the Fire Department. Police Chief Shawn Bennett spoke about the needs of the police department. Mr. Sheola discussed options for the municipal building. He discussed three options: 1. Repairs only, 2. Build a new Fire Department by the DPW and claim the garage space and keep the Board of Ed in the building. 3. Build a new Fire Department and claim both that space and the space that the Board of Education now occupies. The estimate for building a new Fire House is \$875,000. The cost for repairs only to the municipal building, (HVAC, roofing etc.) would be approximately \$650,000.

It was stated that the municipality will be scheduling tours of the building.

**Question and answer period**

Fred Kantor, 81 Hanover Road, stated that he enjoyed the presentations tonight. He stated that he knows that the Fire Department needs more space. He stated that there is no doubt that there needs to be compliance in the Police Department and the Fire Department. There should be a base line of what the law says needs to be done. He commented on the meeting space in the municipal building. He stated that the municipal boards should meet in the Library.

Mr. Steve Shaw, 4 Point View Place, asked the Board of Ed if they have the same problems with the HVAC, roof etc. that the municipal space is having. They are. He asked why the new proposed board space at the High School is estimated to be so costly. He made comments regarding the council meeting area. He stated that a review of the space for the municipal building was already done and should not be paid for to be done again. He made mention of combining police departments.

Jim Heisen, 2 Littlewood Court, asked the Board of Ed if there would be any consideration of outsourcing payroll and other services.

Mary Ellen Theel, 8 Center Drive, stated that she did not think the beach projects were a priority. She stated that there is a building for sale by Hapgoods. She suggested moving the Board of Ed and municipal admin offices there and leave the police and fire in the current building.



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Mr. George Jackson, stated that he agreed with Mr. Shaw. He stated that outsourcing and shared services need to be looked into. He stated that meetings could be moved into another building. He stated that the combined projects are \$35 million. He didn't think the community could afford the cost.

Tucker Glaven, Glendale Road, stated that this meeting was terrific. He suggested that holding this type of meeting should be something that gets done twice a year. He suggested that there needs to be priorities. The public needs to know what the financial impact will be to the residents. He suggested that the needs of the Police and Fire Department are more important than the improvements at Island Beach.

Ms. Cindy Shaw, 4 Point View Place, stated that she is an employee of the municipality and is a volunteer member of other groups. She stated that the other spaces that are being suggested for meetings are not readily available. She stated that the sound system in the High School and the Library are horrible. She stated that the schedule at the high school is very active and would be difficult to schedule. She stated that this all needs need to be taken into consideration before giving up the meeting space.

Linda Hyson, 2 Littlewood Court, asked why the school referendum was in September instead of November. November is not one of the approved dates for a school referendum. She asked in regards to the Borough population, what is the break down between adults and children.

**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.

Mr. Steven Shaw, 4 Point View Place, made comment regarding that 80% of households in New Jersey have no children. Mountain Lakes is 50%. He stated that there is a perception of homebuyers that the Mountain Lakes school system ranking has slipped. He stated that there are a lot of wishes going into the school project rather than needs. He stated that he spent a lot of time on the beach project. He said that you can say the same of the school project as the beach project, if only 50% of the people will use it, why do the project.

**ADJOURNMENT at 9:40 P.M.**

Motion made by Councilmember, Shepherd second by Councilmember Korman to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 p.m., with all members in favor signifying by "Aye".

Respectfully Submitted

  
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Valerie A Egan Borough Clerk