



**MEETING MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MOUNTAIN LAKES
APRIL 24, 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 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"/>			

FLAG

Mayor Holmberg led the salute to the flag.

EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION

R-, 94-17, 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 Litigation, Assessment Appeals,

Motion: Happer

Second: Horst

Vote: All ayes

Motion to come back to open session: Barnett

Second: Happer

Vote: All ayes

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Holmberg stated that an informational meeting will be held tomorrow evening regarding the Sunset Dam. A meeting for the beach renovation project will be held May 15th. The Woods and Lakes run will be held this weekend. Ms. Horst reported on Eco weekend taking place this weekend. Mr. Happer stated that the Shredding and Blood donation events took place this past weekend.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Holmberg opened the meeting to the public

No one from the public wished to comment.

BOROUGH COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS

Adoption of the 2017 Municipal Budget

Mr. Sheola reviewed the budget summary.

Resolution 95-17, Budget to be Read by Title

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Public Hearing and Adoption of the Budget

Mayor Holmberg opened the meeting to the public.

Junze Lin, 11 Crestview Road, asked about construction on Lake Drive.

The meeting was closed to the public.

Adoption of the Budget

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Discussion regarding Operating models for Committee and Commissions

There was a discussion regarding committees and commissions and how the Open Public Meetings Act relates to each body. Ms. Horst read a prepared statement regarding this matter. It was her suggestion that all bodies be required to keep simple minutes and allow the meetings to be open to the public. Mr. Oostdyk explained the legal requirements for committee and commission meetings. The matter was further discussed by Council. It was decided that a chart with all of the Borough's committees/commissions be drafted that lists each body and what type of group they are; Commission, Advisory Committee or Council Sub Committee and their requirements as to minutes and allowing the public to attend.

Beach Renovation Project Update

Mr. Sheola presented an update of the plans for the beach projects. He pointed out the differences from former plans. (Eliminating a volleyball court and moving showers for Birchwood). DEP permits are required for this project. This process has been started. There was a question regarding the fall zone material for the swing set area. This will be looked into. The updated plans for Island Beach were reviewed. Mayor Holmberg asked about repairs for walls at both beaches. The walls will be addressed. A DEP permit is also required for the Island Beach renovations.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

No report

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Sheola reviewed his report. He updated everyone on the Lake Drive paving project. There was a discussion regarding issuing a summons to the sub-contractor working on Lake Drive who staged his equipment and material inappropriately on borough property.

Ms. Korman asked about the process of having a path behind the YMCA maintained.



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ORDINANCES

Introduction of Ordinance 5-17, Bond Ordinance

BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$712,300, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$673,435 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

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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**

R96-17, Authorization to pay bills

***APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Regular Minutes of April 12, 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

***BOARD, COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS**

None

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

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COUNCIL REPORTS

Ms. Korman reported on the Environmental Commission. There will be a new member on the next Council agenda for appointment to the Commission. They are looking for a student member. Affordable Housing will be meeting in May. Ms. Horst stated that the Public Works committee met regarding the beach projects. Mr. Happer reported on the Historic Preservation Committee. The dynamite shed project is finished. Ms. Barnett commented on the Communications committee. They are looking into website analytics. They are looking into building a section on the website for borough construction projects. Mayor Holmberg suggested that this be on the front page. She commented on Shade Tree. They are reviewing the tree pruning list. They discussed the Emerald Ash Borer problem. Mayor Holmberg spoke about the Memorial Day celebration. He asked all of Council to march in the parade. He spoke about Mountain Lakes Day. He asked the council to suggest to their committees that they have a table at the event. Mayor Holmberg asked everyone to think about how the agenda process can be improved.

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. Fred Kanter, 81 Hanover Road, made comment regarding the parking ordinance. He stated that the reasoning behind passing the ordinance was not in the minutes. He commented on Cove Park and the lack of ADA compliance. He made comments regarding the meeting minutes and how they misrepresent what he says.

Ken Adams, 388 Morris Ave., thanked the council for the information regarding the Lake Drive project and the equipment staging problem. He stated that if the Borough does not do anything about the effected trees and they fall on his house, he will sue the town. He suggested that the town get money in escrow regarding this problem. He made comment regarding the Council going into Executive session. He asked what topic could be discussed that the public cannot hear. He commented on transparency and that the council needs to stay transparent.

Rich Grebe, 4 Roberts Drive, stated that during his term on the Finance Committee there were only two people from the public that attended meetings. He did not think there would too many residents who would like to attend committee meetings. He stated that if members of the public have questions they should contact the council or the council liaisons. He suggested that someone on the borough staff reach out to the committees to ask for their minutes so that they can be put up on the website.

NEXT STEPS AND PRIORITIES

Mayor Holmberg reviewed the following next steps and priorities:

Next Step	To be completed by	Completion date
Name committees	Mr. Sheola	Next meeting
Work towards getting summons to sub-contractor regarding equipment and material damaging trees	Mr. Sheola	TBD
Dam meeting on the website	Cara Fox	April 25 th
Volunteer meeting	Ms. Korman	May 20 th
Update on tax appeals	Mr. Sheola	Next meeting



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ADJOURNMENT at 10:20 P.M.

Motion made by Councilmember, Happer second by Councilmember Horst to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 p.m., with all members in favor signifying by "Aye".

Respectfully Submitted

Valerie A Egan Borough Clerk