

## MEETING MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MOUNTAIN LAKES DECEMBER 11, 2017

## HELD AT MOUNTAIN LAKES HIGH SCHOOL, 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 and the agenda thereof had been reported to <u>The Citizen</u> and the <u>Morris County Daily Record</u> and <u>The Star Ledger</u> on January 5, 2017 and posted in the municipal building.

Mayor Holmberg called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. at the High School Auditorium

#### **ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE**

| Roll Call | <u>Present</u>         | <u>Absent</u> |          | <b>Present</b> | <u>Absent</u> |
|-----------|------------------------|---------------|----------|----------------|---------------|
| Barrett   | $\overline{\boxtimes}$ |               | Shepherd |                |               |
| Happer    |                        | $\boxtimes$   | Barnett  | $\boxtimes$    |               |
| Horst     | $\boxtimes$            |               | Holmberg |                |               |
| Korman    | $\boxtimes$            |               | •        |                |               |

#### **FLAG**

Mayor Holmberg led the salute to the flag.

#### **EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION**

R189-17, Resolution providing for a meeting not open to the public in accordance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12

Matters of potential litigation, (Kanter issue)

Motion to enter into an executive session: Barnett

Second: Shepherd Vote: All ayes

Motion to come back to regular session: Holmberg

Second: Shepherd Vote: All ayes

(Mr. Barrett arrived at 6:24)

#### **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Holmberg stated that the volunteer recognition program will be held this evening. He stated that Santa will be in town this Saturday driving through town from 11:30 to 1 and at the Fire House from 2-3. The Menorah lighting will be held on Sunday at 5pm at Kaufman Park.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Holmberg opened the meeting to the public

Motion to limit each speaker to one comment of no more than 5 minutes as has been past practice: Horst

Second: Holmberg Vote: All ayes

Mr. Fred Kanter, 81 Hanover Road, stated that at the last few meetings he needed more than five minutes to ask questions. He stated that if his questions were answered he would not need to take more time. He commented that the Mayor did not want to answer his questions. He stated that if the Mayor does not answer the questions that someone from the Council should. He asked if the Council was aware that ADA compliance was ignored at the Cove. He stated that he used civil disobedience to make his point. He stated that this is a country of laws. He commented on the sign ordinance. He stated that the signs will be limited to one in the new ordinance. He mentioned that during elections one sign is not enough.

Mayor Holmberg closed the meeting to the public.



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Mayor Holmberg stated that he was not aware that Cove Park was not in compliance with ADA when it was being constructed. Ms. Barnett stated that the DPW is working on making the park more ADA compliant and it is something that the municipality cares about. Mr. Korman asked about the sign ordinance in regard to political signs.

#### **ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

No report

#### **MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Sheola stated that the walk through for the architect RFP for municipal building took place. There is a meeting for the dam project tomorrow night. He stated that there is a resolution on the agenda to allow an extra personal day for employees. He stated that that the Personnel Committee discussed the salary structure. He hoped that this will be further discussed in 2018. There was a discussion regarding the beach project. There was a discussion regarding if having the DPW perform work for the beach project would be beneficial. Local contractors need to be contacted for pricing. Ms. Horst made mention regarding the RFP for the Architect services for the municipal building renovations and stated that the RFP does not include a 3-D rendering.

#### **ORDINANCES**

#### Final Hearing of Ordinance 9-17, Amending the date for water and sewer billing

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTERS 237 AND 191 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF MOUNTAIN LAKES AND PROVIDING THAT WATER AND SEWER BILLING SHALL BE SET ON A SCHEDULE TO BE ESTABLISHED BY THE BOROUGH MANAGER

Mayor Holmberg opened the meeting to the public No one wished to comment

| Introduced: Nov | embe        | r 27, 2             | 2017        |    |         |             |
|-----------------|-------------|---------------------|-------------|----|---------|-------------|
| Council member  | M           | 2nd                 | Yes         | No | Abstain | Absent      |
| Barrett         |             | $\boxtimes$         | $\boxtimes$ |    |         |             |
| Happer          | $\boxtimes$ |                     | $\boxtimes$ |    |         |             |
| Horst           |             |                     | $\boxtimes$ |    |         |             |
| Korman          |             |                     | $\boxtimes$ |    |         |             |
| Shepherd        |             |                     | $\boxtimes$ |    |         |             |
| Barnett         |             |                     | $\boxtimes$ |    |         |             |
| Holmberg        |             |                     | $\boxtimes$ |    |         |             |
| Adopted: Decer  | nber 1      | 11, 20 <sup>-</sup> | 17          |    |         |             |
| Council member  | M           | 2nd                 | Yes         | No | Abstain | Absent      |
| Barrett         |             |                     | $\boxtimes$ |    |         |             |
| Happer          |             |                     |             |    |         | $\boxtimes$ |
| Horst           |             | $\boxtimes$         | $\boxtimes$ |    |         |             |
| Korman          |             |                     | $\boxtimes$ |    |         |             |
| Shepherd        | $\boxtimes$ |                     | $\boxtimes$ |    |         |             |
| Barnett         |             |                     | $\boxtimes$ |    |         |             |
| Holmberg        |             |                     | $\boxtimes$ |    |         |             |

#### Final Hearing of Ordinance 10-17, Amendment of the Fee Ordinance

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 111 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF MOUNTAIN LAKES AND REVISING THE FEE SCHEDULE

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No one from the public wished to comment.



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| Introduced: November 27, 2017   |
|---|
| Council member M 2nd Yes No Abstain Absent  Barrett   |
| Adopted: December 11, 2017  |
| Council member M 2nd Yes No Abstain Absent Barrett  |
| *CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS  Matters listed as Consent Agenda Items are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion of the Council and or roll call vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council member requests an item be removed for consideration. |
| *RESOLUTIONS R185-17, Authorization to pay bills R186-17, Hiring of new Borough Manager (pulled from consent) R187-17, Amendment to the Personnel Policy R188-17, Cancelling Unused Balance of Emergency Appropriations – Water Main Break R161-16, Overpayment of taxes                |
| *APPROVAL OF MINUTES Regular minutes of November 27, 2017 (All eligible) Executive minutes of November 27, 2017 (Happer not eligible)   |
| 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                      |



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None

| Approval of the Conse  | ent Age | enda |     |    |         |        |
|--|---------|------|-----|----|---------|--------|
| Council member Barrett Happer Horst Korman Shepherd Barnett Holmberg   | M       | 2nd  | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent |
| Resolution 187-17, Hi<br>Council member<br>Barrett<br>Happer<br>Horst<br>Korman<br>Shepherd<br>Barnett<br>Holmberg | M       | 2nd  | Yes | No |         | Absent |

#### **COUNCIL REPORTS**

Ms. Korman stated that the Environmental Commission is asking for a professional to do a study regarding water usage. They would like to put an amount in the 2018 budget for this purpose. Ms. Horst stated that she will be meeting with Chief Bennett and another resident regarding the traffic concerns for when the Whole Foods opens.

#### **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, stated that he wanted to close 2017 on a positive note. He mentioned a court case in NY. He stated that if people talk to each other law suits would not be necessary. He stated again that no one has answered his questions regarding the Cove. He made mention regarding a law suit about a man in Florida that was arrested at a Council meeting. He stated that the problems with the Cove are because of the engineer. He wanted to know if the town was going to try to recoup money from the town engineer.

Steve Shaw, 4 Point View Place, mentioned the variances at the Mansion. The owners did extend the variance. He stated that NJ has drafted a New Jersey water plan. He welcomed the new Borough Manager. He thanked Mr. Sheola for his service. He stated that Mr. Sheola was very professional and knowledgeable. He commented that Mr. Sheola's biggest accomplishment was the hiring of the new staff.

#### ADJOURNMENT at 7:26 P.M.

Motion made by Councilmember Barrett, second by Councilmember Korman to adjourn the meeting at 7:26p.m., with all members in favor signifying by "Aye".



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| Respectfully Submitted       |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Valerie A Egan Borough Clerk |  |  |  |  |  |  |