



**MEETING MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MOUNTAIN LAKES
MAY 14, 2018
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 8, 2018 and posted in the municipal building.

Mayor Barnett called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the municipal building.

ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

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

FLAG

Mayor Barnett led the salute to the flag.

EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION

R-93, 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, Tax Appeals

Motion: Holmberg

Second: Shepherd

Vote: All ayes

Motion to come back to regular session: Holmberg

Second: Shepherd

Vote: All Ayes

Mr. Oostdyk explained why the council went into executive session.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Barnett stated that there will be a bingo this Friday at St. Johns in Boonton to fund the Kiwanis ambulance squad. The Memorial Day celebration will take place on Monday May 28th. Art at the Esplanade will take place June 24th at 11am. Ms. Korman stated that the Medical Needs Foundation will hold their fundraiser on June 2nd. Ms. Horst stated that the Garden Club held their annual plant sale and it was very successful.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Presentation by the Mountain Lakes Club

Mr. Bill Koy, board member of the Mountain Lakes Club came before the Council to do a presentation regarding the Mountain Lakes Club. The long term sustainability of the club was discussed. The history of the club was discussed. There was a discussion as to what would happen if the club files bankruptcy. The club's finances were discussed. Mr. Jeff Cassidy came before the council to discuss property taxes that the club pays. John Zawada spoke about options for the club in the future. He suggested forming a combined board which would include members of the Borough Council.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Barnett opened the meeting to the public

Mr. Fred Kanter, 81 Hanover Road, commented on Mr. Koy's comment on papering the town with signs. He commented on noise ordinances. He stated that they are not enforced. He stated that the Mountain Lakes club's legal status is what is important. He commented on the five minute rule for speaking. He stated that he spoke for less than five minutes at the last meeting. He stated that the woman that spoke after him spoke on and off for eleven minutes. He commented on



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the renovation of Cove Park. He stated that the Borough has ten times the surplus in the budget in 2018 than in past years.

Bill Korman, 53 Pollard Road, commented on the new tax law regarding charitable donation to be credited to property taxes. He stated that the town should make an attempt to consider the law. He offered his help.

Lesley Karczewski, Historic Preservation Committee Chair, commented on the Mountain Lakes Club and that the HPC would like to be involved.

Stefanie Deyo, 46 Dartmouth Road, stated that her family has been in town for 34 years. She stated that she wanted to purchase a house by the club. She stated that younger families are moving in and membership may not be possible. She asked the council to make an effort to work with the club.

Barbara Girz, stated that the club is a great asset. She asked the council to look at the proposals stated this evening.

BOROUGH COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS

Resolution 94-18, Budget to be read by title

Vote:

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

Resolution 95-18, Self-Examination of the Municipal Budget

Vote:

Council member	M	2nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Happer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Holmberg	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Shepherd	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Barrett	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Public Hearing and Adoption of the 2018 Municipal Budget

Motion to open the meeting to the public: Holmberg

Second: Barnett

Vote: All ayes

Mr. Fred Kanter, 81 Hanover Road, commented again that he only can speak for five minutes, the woman at the last meeting spoke for eleven minutes. Mr. Kanter was told that his comments need to be restricted to the municipal budget. Mr. Kanter made comment regarding the surplus. He spoke about the buildup of the surplus over the years. He stated that the council should give a substantial amount of the surplus to the public. He asked how much of the surplus would be used for Cove Park.

Motion to close the meeting to the public: Barrett

Second: Horst

Vote: All ayes



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Vote to adopt the 2018 municipal budget:

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Shepherd	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Barrett	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Barnett	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Discussion regarding the 2017 Municipal Audit

Mr. Ray Sarinelli, Borough Auditor was present to discuss the 2017 municipal audit. He discussed the fund balance. He talked about the billing of the sewer service. He made comment regarding the Comments and Recommendations in the audit. There were significantly less Comments and Recommendations this year over last year.

Discussion regarding the 1st Quarter Budget Review

CFO Monica Goscicki reviewed the First Quarter budget. She reviewed the activity in the current fund, and the water and sewer funds.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Oostdyk spoke about the new tax charitable contribution law.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Stern reviewed his Manager's report. He discussed the Parsippany sewer billing issue. He discussed the Borough Hall renovation and the recommendation of A & I as the architect for the project. He stated that in his research he found that biking is not prohibited on the trails in the borough. All signs that stated no biking were taken down. There is only one section in town by the Tourne restricted to foot traffic only. Mr. Prusina made a presentation regarding the beach project costs that will be outside of costs within the bid.

***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**

- R96-18, Authorization to pay bills
- R97-18, Authorization to cancel outstanding checks (**removed from consent**)
- R98-18, Certifying Requirements of the Municipal Audit
- R99-18, Authorizing a Tax Overpayment Refund
- R100-18, Authorizing a Tax Premium Refund

***APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of April 23, 2018, (Barrett not eligible)

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

- Construction Department
- Department of Public Works
- Finance
- Fire Department
- Health Department
- Police Department



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- Recreation Department
- Property maintenance report

***BOARD AND COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS**

Karen Carolonza as a member of the Communications Committee through 12/31/18 (This item was removed from the agenda and was not voted on.)

***Approval of the Consent Agenda**

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Barnett	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Resolution 97-18, Authorization to cancel outstanding checks

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COUNCIL REPORTS

Mr. Happer stated that the DPW and Facilities Committees are both up to speed. Ms. Horst stated that the Woodlands Committee is doing work around Birchwood Lake. Ms. Korman stated that Shade Tree will have a report to council regarding the cutting and selling of Ash trees that have to come down due to Emerald Ash Borer. The Shade Tree is discussing offering an arborist to private residents to have their property reviewed for ash trees for a fee. Ms. Korman stated that Affordable Housing will be meeting this Wednesday. Mr. Shepherd stated that Economic Development is in the process of gathering information to put together the Borough profile. He stated that there have been several meetings with Tom Dagger of the Historic Preservation Committee to discuss options to facilitate commercial redevelopment. Mr. Holmberg stated that Kiwanis ambulance squad is operating positively.

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 Barnett opened the meeting to the public.

Fred Kanter, 81 Hanover Road, thanked Mr. Happer for his comments regarding the resolution dealing with cancelling the outstanding checks. He made comments regarding the surplus. He asked the council to do what they could do for the Mountain Lakes Club because it is important. He made another comment about letting the woman at the last meeting speak longer than five minutes. He asked why he is treated differently.



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NEXT STEPS AND PRIORITIES

Mayor Barnett reviewed the following next steps and priorities:

Next Step	Completed by	Completion date
Assessment report for filed appeals	Assessor Rick DelGurcio	Next meeting

ADJOURNMENT at 10:48 P.M.

Motion made by Councilmember Barrett, second by Councilmember Happer to adjourn the meeting at 10:48 p.m., with all members in favor signifying by "Aye".

Respectfully Submitted

Valerie A Egan Borough Clerk