

## MEETING MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MOUNTAIN LAKES MAY 30, 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 7:30 p.m. in the municipal building.

#### **ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE**

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

#### **FLAG**

Mayor Barnett led the salute to the flag.

#### **EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION**

R-101-18, 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 and Personnel: property assessment appeals, status of private road, and Police grievance.

Motion: Korman Second: Horst Vote: All ayes

Motion to come back to regular session: Holmberg

Second: Happer Vote: All ayes

#### **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Barnett stated that the Memorial Day celebration was held. She stated that the DPW and Police Department did a wonderful job. The PBA Clam and Jam will be held on June 16. Art on the Esplanade will be held on June 24<sup>th</sup>. The Special Needs Foundation will be holding a fundraiser this weekend. Ms. Horst stated that she received the Citizen of the Year award from the YMCA.

#### SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

The presentation by the Borough Hall Renovation committee was removed from the agenda and will be placed on the next agenda.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Barnett opened the meeting to the public

Mr. George Jackson, 20 Sherwood Drive, stated that the Memorial Day ceremony was terrific. He stated that Vince Dougherty needs to be recognized for his work on the event.

Ms. Ellen Emr urged Council members to not discount the municipality purchasing the Mountain Lakes Club. She mentioned the letter she sent to council regarding the lakes and the ordinances that speak to use of the lakes. She stated that there is a lot of misinformation regarding the ownership of the lakes. She gave Mr. Oostdyk information regarding legal precedent.

#### **BOROUGH COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **Discussion regarding the Mountain Lakes Club presentation**

Mayor Barnett stated that during the presentation by the Mountain Lakes Club the Club asked the municipality to consider a joint board. Mr. Oostdyk stated that it is risky for a municipality to become partners with a commercial entity. He



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reminded everyone that the Club is private. He suggested that any committee formed would need to be accountable only to the Council. Mr. Happer suggested a Council subcommittee to focus on this issue. Mayor Barnett asked any council members interested in serving on the subcommittee to email Mr. Stern.

Motion to open to the public: Holmberg

Second: Korman Vote: All aves

George Jackson, 20 Sherwood Drive, stated that this was the first time he heard that the Mountain Lakes club may be going into bankruptcy. He stated that this would be a huge matter for the town. He suggested that the club needs to let the town know what is going on.

Ms. Horst clarified that the council did not have knowledge that the club was in bankruptcy and did not want anyone to think the Borough was disseminating that information.

Joe DePompio, Mountain Lakes Club Member, asked if a committee would be formed.

Ellen Emr stated that the Mountain Lakes Club board that made the presentation to the Council is not the same board that now exists.

#### ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Oostdyk updated the council regarding discussions with the Borough's Conflict Planner for the Sunrise Assisted Living development. The Planner will be presenting a report to the Council. There may be a suggestion of ordinance changes. Mr. Oostdyk mentioned the SALT legislation. He stated that the federal government has made comment that this legislation will be challenged.

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

Mr. Stern reviewed his report. He stated that he contacted the gentleman that contacted Council regarding biking on the trails and let him know of the Borough's regulations regarding this matter. He commended the DPW regarding working on Memorial Day and paving work.

#### **ORDINANCES**

None

#### \*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

R91-18, Authorization to enter into a contract with Laker Ventures LLC for IT review

R102-18, Authorization to pay bills

R103-18, Authorization of a release of redemption penalties and search fees

R104-18. Authorization of a refund for the overpayment of taxes

R105-18, Michael P. Riccardi, membership in the NJ Firemen's Association

#### \*APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular minutes of May 14, 2018 (All eligible) Executive minutes of May 14, 2018 (All eligible)

$\boxtimes$	Construction Department
$\boxtimes$	Department of Public Works
$\boxtimes$	Finance
$\boxtimes$	Fire Department
$\boxtimes$	Health Department



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*BOARD AND COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS Appointment of Ania Hannon to the Lakes Committee through December 31, 2018											
*Approval of the	*Approval of the Consent Agenda										
Council member	Μ	2nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent					
Happer	$\boxtimes$		$\boxtimes$								
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Ms. Horst stated that the Borough received a report stating that there is no e-coli in the lakes. She stated that the Library will be having their quarterly meeting tomorrow. She stated that she is involved with the Community Development Committee at the County level. The County's funding for Community Development was raised by 7% for 2018. Mr. Shepherd stated that Environmental Commission met. Ms. Korman stated that Affordable Housing committee met. She stated that the Shade Tree had an Emerald Ash Borer presentation. She stated that the arborist stated that there is a market for ash trees. Mayor Barnett stated that five of the committees and commissions have decided to participate in the student member program. The program has been publicized to the High School

#### **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.

Debra Dewing, asked which property Sunrise Assisted Living was interested in developing.

Mr. George Jackson, 20 Sherwood Drive, stated he was concerned about the process of approval for the development for Sunrise Assisted Living. He suggested it be given back to the Planning Board. He stated that he thought the Borough's affordable housing plan needed to be re-drafted. He stated that the Borough needs to take ownership of Willow Road.

#### **NEXT STEPS AND PRIORITIES**

Mayor Barnett reviewed the following next steps and priorities:

Next Step	Completed by	Completion date
Bring the Assessor back to Council	Mr. Stern and Mr. Delgurcio	TBD
to discuss assessment appeals	_	
Reschedule the Borough Hall	Mr. Stern, Mayor Barnett and Ms.	Next meeting
Renovation presentation	Egan	-

#### **ADJOURNMENT at 9:04 P.M.**

Motion made by Councilmember, second by Councilmember to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 p.m., with all members in favor signifying by "Aye".



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Respectfully Submitted		
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Valerie A Egan Borough Clerk		