



**MEETING MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MOUNTAIN LAKES  
 FEBRUARY 11, 2019  
 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 9, 2019 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**

<b>Roll Call</b>	<b><u>Present</u></b>	<b><u>Absent</u></b>		<b><u>Present</u></b>	<b><u>Absent</u></b>
Happer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Menard	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Horst	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Shepherd	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Korman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Barnett	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lane	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			

**FLAG**

Mayor Barnett led the salute to the flag.

**EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION**

R76-19-, 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 Attorney Client Privilege – Grundens Pond**

Motion: Happer  
 Second: Horst  
 Vote: All ayes

Motion to come back to regular session: Shepherd  
 Second: Lane  
 Vote: All ayes

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Barnett stated that the 55+ Club will have a 3D printer demonstration at the Library on Friday. Borough Hall will be closed on Monday February 18th. A nutrition event will be held at the YMCA. The High School musical tickets are going on sale.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Barnett opened the meeting to the public

There was no one who wished to comment.

**BOROUGH COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**2018 Year End Budget Review**

Ms. Goscicki, CFO reviewed the fourth quarter budget. The Current budget was discussed. She stated that most revenue items were either at budget or over budget. The appropriations were discussed. The Sewer Utility budget was reviewed. The revenue was on budget. The appropriations were just under what was budgeted. The Water Utility budget was discussed. Revenues were just over what was expected. The expenses were a little under what was expected.

**2019 Budget Discussion**

Mr. Stern reviewed the Water and Sewer Utility budgets. The Water revenue has a slight increase over last year. Appropriation will increase slightly. The Sewer revenue decreased slightly because there was an additional billing collected in 2018 was actually due from 2017. The appropriation budget has a less than 1% decrease.



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The Current budget was discussed. The Manager's budget was discussed. This budget has a slight decrease. The Communications budget is a zero increase. The Communications budget is for the website which was suggested could be moved into the Manager's budget. The Mayor and Council budget was discussed. The Clerk's budget was discussed. The Clerk's budget has a decrease. The Finance budget was discussed. There is a decrease of a little over 18%. The Audit budget was discussed. There is an increase of a little over 7%. There are added contract services necessary in 2019 that caused the increase. Management information systems budget has a slight increase. Tax Collection budget has an increase for both for salary and for appropriations. The Assessor's budget was discussed. There is a budget increase of approximately 5%. The Legal services budget is flat. The Engineering budget has an increase of about 10%. The Liability Insurance budget has a slight increase. The Group Health Insurance budget has a decrease of approximately 7%. Unemployment insurance is flat. The Health Department budget contract is up slightly. The overall budget increase is .57%. The Animal Control budget has a decrease of approximately 10%. The Accumulated leave budget is flat. The Utilities budget has a slight increase. Reserve for salaries is flat. The PERS budget and PFRS are both increasing. FICA is up slightly. LOSAP is flat. DCRP will decrease. Misc. Grants was discussed. Bond Principle will increase Bond Interest will decrease. Note principle is zero. Deferred Charges has a significant decrease. The Shade Tree budget is up significantly due to the need to take down Ash trees and the replanting of new trees. Solid waste has a slight increase. Recycling tax has an increase. Buildings and Grounds is flat. Vehicle Maintenance has a increase. Environmental Commission is flat. Woodlands increased by \$150. Senior Citizens budget is flat. It was decided that this line item should be included in the Recreation budget. Reserve for Uncollected Taxes is up approximately 3%. Maintenance of Parks has an increase of approximately 13%.

**2019 Borough Council Goals**

This topic was tabled and will be discussed at a future meeting.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

**Minimum wage legislation**

Mr. Oostdyk commented on the minimum wage law. Minimum wage will now apply to local government. Minimum wage did not apply to local government in the past.

**MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Stern reviewed his report. It included the following: Sunset Dam project funding, the beach project current expense update, JCP&L tree removal and FEMA reimbursement.

**ORDINANCES**

None

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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**

*R38-19, Authorization to approve a contract with Anderson Denzler as Borough engineer*

*R77-19, Authorization to pay bills*

*R78-19, Support for current level statewide delivery services*

**\*APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Regular Minutes of January 22, 2019, (all eligible)*

*Regular minutes of January 28, 2019, (Korman not eligible) **this item was pulled from the agenda and will be discussed at the next meeting***

*Executive minutes of January 28, 2019, (Korman not eligible)*

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

Construction Department



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- Department of Public Works
- Finance
- Fire Department
- Health Department
- Police Department
- Recreation Department
- Property maintenance report

**\*BOARD AND COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS**

Kelly Holliday to the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee with a term running through 12/31/19  
 David Shepherd to the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee as Council Liaison with a term running through 12/31/19

**\*Approval of the Consent Agenda**

Council member	M	2nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Happer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Horst	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Menard	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shepherd	<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"/>

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

Mr. Happer stated that the Finance Advisory Committee discussed aspects of the budget. Goals and objectives were discussed. The two new members attended. Mayor Barnett stated that Planning Board discussed the Sunrise Assisted Living development. They are also discussing the proposed daycare center. Mr. Shepherd stated that Economic Development met. A new member was discussed. There was a discussion regarding goals for the year. Ms. Horst suggested purchasing CAD software for Economic Development. Ms. Korman attended the Whippany River Watershed meeting. Recharge of water supplies and aquifers was discussed. A tour of the sewer plant was attended by several council members. Ms. Lane commented on the Board of Education. They will be losing 16 Boonton Township students. The Board is discussing the school budget. Mayor Barnett stated that Shade Tree Commission and the Historic Preservation Committee want to come in to Council to talk about ordinances.

**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.

There was no one present who wished to comment.

**NEXT STEPS AND PRIORITIES**

Mayor Barnett reviewed the following next steps and priorities:

Next Step	Completed by	Completion date
Next budget discussion	Mr. Stern/Mayor Barnett	Next meeting
Revised electronic meeting packet to council	Clerk Valerie Egan	ASAP

**ADJOURNMENT at 10:48 P.M.**



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

Respectfully Submitted

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Valerie A Egan, Borough Clerk