



**MEETING MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MOUNTAIN LAKES
MARCH 25, 2019
HELD AT MOUNTAIN LAKES HIGH SCHOOL, 96 POWERVILLE ROAD, MOUNTAIN LAKES, NJ**

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 7:00 p.m. in the Mountain Lakes High School..

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"/>	Menard	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Horst	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Shepherd	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Korman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Barnett	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lane	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			

In attendance from the Board of Education: Mr. Smith, Dr. Mucci, Mrs. Barkauskas, Dr. Gentul, Mrs. Collins, Ms. Smith, Mr. Chang, Mr. Mancuso, Mrs. Scarpati, Dr. Hirshfeld, Ms. Cipriani-Spoto, Dr. Campbell

FLAG

Mayor Barnett led the salute to the flag.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT

Mayor Barnett introduced the new Borough Clerk, Marcy Gianattasio and welcomed her to Mountain Lakes.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Proclamation recognizing Mark Prusina

Dr. Anne Mucci, School Superintendent read a Mountain Lakes Board of Education Resolution to honor of Mark Prusina. Mayor Lauren Barnett read a Mountain Lakes Borough Council Proclamation to honor Mark Prusina. Mark is the Director of the Mountain Lakes Department of Public Works and the Director of Educational Facilities Management. Mark is retiring after working for the Borough for 34 years. Dr. Mucci, Mayor Barnett and many of Mark's colleagues spoke about how deep his knowledge of the Borough is. They spoke about all of the special projects Mark has overseen and at the same time managed the everyday work needed to be done in the Borough and at the schools. Mark has done this with good humor and a positive spirit and a true caring for the employees and citizens of Mountain Lakes. It was mentioned that Mark helped build, and has been the heart of a successful shared service between the Borough and the School District. Mark will truly be missed by all of the employees and citizens of Mountain Lakes. It will be very hard for anyone to follow in Mark's footsteps.

A motion was made by Council Member Happer to take a brief recess, and seconded by Board of Education Member Cipriani-Spoto. All were in favor

A motion was made by Council Member Menard to open the meeting after the recess, and seconded by Board of Education Member Cipriani-Spoto. All were in favor.

SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF MOUNTAIN LAKES AND THE MOUNTAIN LAKES BOARD OF EDUCATION

Shared Services Agreement between the Borough and the Board of Education

Mitchell Stern, Mountain Lakes Manager, gave a Power Point presentation explaining that with the upcoming retirement of Mark Pursina, our current Director of the DPW and Director of Educational Facilities Management, the Borough Manager, the School Superintendent and the School Business Administrator have reviewed the position and discussed hiring plans. The review included position requirements, the needs of the Borough, the needs of the Board of Education and the required certifications and knowledge. Based on this review, the recommendation is for the Borough and the Board of Education to each hire a director. This is because of the current certification requirements, standards, expectations and



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position demands. The next steps for these two positions would be to revise the job descriptions to align with the current shared services expectations, to revise the Shared Services Agreement to reflect the changes to the positions and to initiate the hiring process for the new Director positions. Cooperation between the Borough and the schools is the backbone of our Shared Services Agreement. The glue that holds our agreement together is the demand for improved services and costs while having a "let's get it done" attitude.

Borough Hall renovation project

Mitchell Stern, Mountain Lakes Manager, gave a Power Point presentation explaining that the Borough Hall was constructed in 1969 and does not meet the current needs. The issues include: the HVAC, the electric and plumbing, the handicap accessibility and compliance, the security, there is foundation water penetration, there is limited parking, the Police Department does not meet regulatory requirements, the Fire Department lacks sufficient storage and meeting space and does not meet safety standards, there is limited meeting room space and the administrative office space is inefficient. Major renovation of the building overall is needed to address these deficiencies. If the Board of Education stays in the Borough Hall, the building will require a sizable addition; if the Board of Education relocates, a more modest building expansion will be sufficient. The renovation and expansion is expected to require everyone to vacate Borough Hall for 12-18 months to either rental space or temporary trailers. The Board of Education will determine whether to stay in the Borough Hall or to relocate to another facility. The Borough will develop a timeline and plans for the construction and temporary relocation of the Borough employees and departments. The next step for the Borough is to engage an architect for the building design.

There was a discussion between the Borough Council and the Board of Education about having two positions or one position to fill Mark Prusina's shoes. The Council and the Board of Education discussed the pros and cons of having two people for the position or one person. The comments were both positive and negative. The Borough and the BOE would like to hear a report from Mark Prusina as to what he recommends as far as hiring one director or two directors.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Barnett opened the meeting to the public (only for the Special Joint Meeting topics)

Mimi Kaplan, 89 Lake Drive, stated that she would like a better overview of the decision to have one person to fill both of Mark Prusina's positions or two people and separate the positions. She would like to get Mark's input on what would be best. Ms. Kaplan feels that paying two salaries along with health benefits may be too expensive.

Tucker Glavin, 65 Bellvale Road, is concerned about the rising costs of benefits packages. He was also very concerned that no one asked Mark Prusina's input on the hiring of one or two employees to fill the vacant positions. Mr. Glavin also asked when the Borough Hall renovation project was discussed. Mayor Burnett explained when the discussions took place.

Jake Denooyer, 79 Lake Drive, stated that Mountain Lakes is the fifth highest town in New Jersey as far as paying taxes and ranks twelfth for the High School. He is upset that we would consider hiring two different employees to fill Mark Prusina's positions and spend money on two salaries.

Mayor Barnett closed the meeting to public comment.

The Board of Education left the joint meeting.

BOROUGH COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS

Council Member Happer asked Township Attorney Oostdyk about the Marijuana vote in New Jersey. Township Attorney Oostdyk answered that we will not worry about the issue until it gets into State Legislature because we don't know what is going to happen.



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MANAGER’S REPORT

Mitchell Stern reported to the Council that a new email blast was sent to residents as well as information on the Borough’s website called Recycling Coach. This provides information from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection on how and where you can get rid of your recycling. Recycling Coach will also help educate the public as to what is recycling and what is not. It is important to teach people to look at the bottom of a container to see if it is actually recycling. Mayor Barnett said that the Green Team is working on getting some information out to the public as well about recycling.

Mitchell Stern also reported to the Council that the contractor for Midvale and Pocono is going to be setting dates to get started on road repairs.

ORDINANCES

Introduction of Ordinance

Ordinance 2-19, Bond

BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$3,185,956, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,815,758 BONDS OR NOTES (INCLUDING THE RECEIPT BY THE BOROUGH OF A LOAN OR LOANS FROM THE NJDEP DIVISION OF DAM SAFETY AND FLOOD CONTROL) 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.

Council member	M	2nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
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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**

- R88-19, Resolution Appointing Marcy Gianattasio as Borough Clerk and Municipal Registrar*
- R89-19, Resolution Authorizing an Amendment to the Temporary Budget for the Calendar Year 2019*
- R90-19, Authorization to pay bills*

***APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Regular Minutes**
- March 11, 2019 (All eligible)*
- Executive Minutes**
- March 11, 2018 (All 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

***Approval of the Consent Agenda**

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COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Menard reported that the beach project is moving along nicely, framing is underway and finishes are being selected.

Council Member Korman reported that the Sunrise Developer had their Landscape Architect speak to the Shade Tree Commission about the trees for the project. The Shade Tree Commission is going to ask the Planning Board to use their Arborist to pick and place the trees for the project instead of the developer. Council Member Korman announced that Morris County delivers mulch for \$135.00 per 5 cubic yards and Council Member Happer added that you can get mulch for \$195.00 for 10 cubic yards from the County. Council Member Korman let the Council know that the Accessory Apartments Advisory Committee is meeting and they are working on drafting an ordinance. She said there were some differences of opinions and they are working through that. Council Member Korman will be speaking to the County EMS to see how their services can be of value.

Mayor Barnett reported that the Memorial Day Committee had a great meeting and things are rolling along for the event.

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 in the public wishing to speak.

NEXT STEPS AND PRIORITIES

Mayor Barnett reviewed the following next steps and priorities:

Next Step	Completed by	Completion date
More details about the Director positions after speaking with Mark Prucina and Dr. Mucci from the Board of Education		
Have a conversation with the BOE in reference to the Borough Hall renovation project		

Chief of Police Shawn Bennett wanted to let the Council know that on March 21, 2019 Former Lieutenant Frank Valentine who is Sergeant Brian Valentine's father passed away and he gave them information about the services. He reported that the Firearms Simulation Drill is April 3, 2019. Chief Bennett also let the Council know that the new traffic signs were in and should be put in place by April 1, 2019.



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ADJOURNMENT at 10:00 P.M.

Motion made by Councilmember Menard, second by Councilmember Happer to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 p.m., with all members in favor signifying by "Aye".

Respectfully Submitted

Marcy Gianattasio, Borough Clerk