



**MEETING MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MOUNTAIN LAKES
 JANUARY 27, 2020
 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 7, 2020 and posted in the municipal building.

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

FLAG

Mayor Shepherd led the salute to the flag.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Shepherd announced the 43rd Annual Woods and Lakes Run will be held on Saturday, April 25th at 10am

Councilmember Lane announced the Trout Derby will be held Saturday, April 18th and the trout stocking will be on April 17th.

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 Shepherd opened the meeting to the public.

There was no one from the public who wished to comment.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Oostdyk advised that the Mayor's current legal issues are unrelated to the Mayor's responsibilities in the Borough and legally they do not disqualify him from continuing to hold office or continuing to serve as Mayor. There is no decision to be made or action to be taken by the Council and Mr. Oostdyk does not see the benefit of comment or discussion at Council meetings. There are no Borough interests directly implicated and no legal issues to be addressed by the Borough regarding the Mayor's legal matter.

***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**

- a. R69-20, Authorizing the Payment of Bills
- b. R70-20, Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with Phoenix Advisors as Continuing Disclosure Agent
- c. R71-20, Authorizing the Settlement of a Tax Appeal for Deluxe Manufacturing Inc. (Block 116, Lot 6)
- d. R72-20, Authorizing the Execution of an Application for a Utility Road Opening Permit from the NJ Department of Transportation and a Hold Harmless Agreement Between the Borough of Mountain Lakes and Sunrise Development, Inc.



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***APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
January 6, 2020, (all eligible)

Councilmember Lane was present at meeting but not present at the time of the vote

***APPROVAL OF 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Korman	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Lane	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

BOROUGH COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS

Council Goals

The Council discussed the following possible 2020 goals: Mountain Lakes Club, Tax Revaluation, Route 46 Zoning updates, Borough Hall Renovation, Completion of Island Beach project, Sustainable Jersey certification, Recycling Plan, Tree Planting, Highlands Council assessment, Morris Avenue Paving/Sidewalks, Borough Profile, Affordable Housing Accessory Apartment Program, and setting specific dollar goal amounts for new ratables.

The Council agreed that Mayor Shepherd will narrow down the goals based on the discussion and send an updated list to the Council for review.

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Deb Shertzer - 5 Lookout Road, asked the Council to coordinate their meeting schedule with the Board of Education so there would be no future conflicts having both meetings on the same night, as there was this evening. She also expressed her concern with the proposed recycling yard changes and asked the Council to please consider not reducing the drop off hours at DPW.

Steve Castellucci – 2 Laurelwood Drive, thanked the Council and Borough Manager for their continuous work and appreciates their professionalism. He expressed his concern with the proposed recycling yard changes and believes that limiting the hours and access to the DPW yard will discourage recycling. He suggested the Council focus on educating the public to encourage proper recycling.

NEXT STEPS AND PRIORITIES

Mayor Barnett reviewed the following next steps and priorities:

Next Step	Completed by	Completion date
Committee Calendar in every meeting binder	Manager	
Update goals list	Mayor Shepherd	



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Contact BOE regarding meeting schedule	Joint Borough/BOE Shared Service Committee (Shepherd/Happer)	
Borough Profile to Council when complete	Mayor Shepherd	

ADJOURNMENT at 9:01 P.M.

Motion made by Council Member Lane second by Council Member Barnett to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 p.m., with all members in favor signifying by "Aye".

Respectfully Submitted

Mitchell Stern, Acting Borough Clerk