



**MEETING MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MOUNTAIN LAKES
DECEMBER 14, 2020
HELD AS A REMOTE MEETING ON ZOOM**

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 October 15, 2020 and posted in the municipal building.

Mayor Shepherd called the meeting to order at 5:07p.m.

ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

Roll Call	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>		<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Barnett	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lane	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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"/>			

FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Shepherd led the salute to the flag.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Shepherd announced that the annual Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration was held on December 6th and the annual Menorah Lighting Celebration was held on December 13th.

Councilmember Lane announced that a funeral was held for Sergeant Major Warren "Pete" Haas and she acknowledged him for his contributions and service to the Borough.

Councilmember Barnett announced the following: The Borough Council will be holding their Volunteer Appreciation and Recognition Reception on December 14th at 7:30pm; The Mountain Lakes Fire Department will hold its annual Santa Run on Saturday, December 19th.

Deputy Mayor Menard expressed his condolences on the recent passing of longtime Borough resident and Wildwood School teacher Eileen Dunn.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

R158-20 Resolution to Enter Into Executive Session – Litigation (Tax Appeals) & Attorney – Client Privilege (Approval of Executive Minutes)

Motion made by Mayor Shepherd, second by Councilmember Happer to go into Executive Session, with all members in favor signifying by "Aye".

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

There were no special presentations.

REPORTS OF BOROUGH ESTABLISHED BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

There were no reports.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Shepherd opened the meeting to the public.

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

BOROUGH COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS

Year- End Council Goals Review



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The Borough Council discussed the progress of their 2020 goals.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Oostdyk had nothing to report.

MANAGER'S REPORT

NJ DOT Grant Award

Mr. Stern reported that the Borough has been awarded \$208,000 toward improvements to North Glen Road. The estimated project cost is \$208,092.

Covid-19 Reimbursement Grant

Mr. Stern reported that the Borough's request for reimbursement of \$42,651 in Covid-19 related expenses has been approved.

Borough Hall Project

Mr. Stern reported that ground has broken on the Borough Hall project and the first area of construction is in the rear of the building.

Island Beach Retaining Wall

Mr. Stern reported that the Island Beach retaining wall has been successfully repaired.

Sunset Dam Update

Mr. Stern reported that the Borough received the primary NJDEP permit necessary to upgrade Sunset Dam. The Borough Attorney and project engineer are currently working on addressing issues concerning easements along the newly constructed dam. Once the legal work is complete, the Borough will schedule meetings with affected property owners.

RESOLUTIONS

There were no resolutions.

ORDINANCES

14-20, Amending Chapter 111 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Mountain Lakes and Authorizing the Appointment of Chaplain to the Police Department.

Ordinance 14-20 was removed from the agenda and not voted on.

***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. *R159-20, Authorizing the Payment of Bills*

***APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

11/23/20 (Regular)

7/27/20 (Executive) Korman not Eligible

8/10/20 (Executive) Korman not Eligible



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

- Construction Department
- Department of Public Works
- Fire Department
- Health Department
- Police Department
- Recreation Department
- Code Enforcement/Property maintenance report

***BOARD, COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS**

Lukas Dequina and Yash Samat to the Lakes Management Advisory Committee as Student Members

***Approval of the Consent Agenda**

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

Councilmember Korman abstained from approving the 7/27/20 executive minutes and 8/10/20 executive minutes.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Planning Board – Deputy Mayor Menard reported that the board approved the Park Lakes Tennis Club application which included 3 additional paddle courts. The next Planning Board meeting is scheduled for December 17th at which the Highview application will be heard.

Health Commission – Councilmember Horst thanked Health Officer Mike Fitzpatrick for all his hard work regarding the Covid-19 pandemic and she reminded everyone to wear masks, social distance and be responsible.

Lakes Management – Deputy Mayor Menard reported the following: Solitude Lake Management gave their annual Year End Report and advised that all of the Borough lakes are healthy; The committee is looking into applying for a NJ DEP permit that would allow lake hydro-raking and dredging.

Finance Committee – Councilmember Happer reported the following: The committee is recommending that the Borough move forward with the water meter replacement project and is reviewing financing options; The committee reviewed its policies; The committee reviewed the schedule for the 2021 budget.

Zoning Board – Councilmember Horst reported that the board continued hearing an application from Ringo Supply Company to expand the usage of their property. The Ringo Supply Company application will continue to be heard on January 3rd in addition to an application regarding 44 Midvale Road.

Green Team – Councilmember Horst reported that the committee is working toward obtaining silver certification for Sustainable New Jersey.



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Affordable Housing Committee – Councilmember Korman reported that the committee finalized the resident mailer to announce the accessory apartment program and the flyer will be mailed to residents in January. The accessory apartment program was announced to residents via the Borough email blast.

Shade Tree Commission – Councilmember Barnett reported the following: The commission is working on finalizing the prune/removal and tree planting lists; The commission continues to stay informed on proposed Planning Board applications.

Whippany River Watershed Action Committee – Councilmember Korman reported that the committee and Garden Magic LLC received the Governor's Environmental Excellence Award in the category of healthy eco systems and habitats for the Birchwood Lake rain garden project.

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.

NEXT STEPS AND PRIORITIES

Mayor Shepherd reviewed the following next steps and priorities:

There were no next steps or priorities.

ADJOURNMENT at 7:27P.M.

Motion made by Councilmember Korman, second by Councilmember Happer to adjourn the meeting at 7:27p.m., with all members in favor signifying by "Aye".

Respectfully Submitted

Cara Fox, Deputy Borough Clerk