



MEETING MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MOUNTAIN LAKES
March 23, 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 January 9, 2019 and posted in the municipal building.

Mayor Shepherd called the meeting to order at 7:32p.m. in the municipal building.

ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

Roll Call	Present	Absent		Present	Absent
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

Mayor Shepherd led the salute to the flag.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Shepherd announced that the Borough has been dealing with the State of Emergency caused by the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Councilmember Korman announced that many of the restaurants in Mountain Lakes are offering takeout and that the YMCA is posting online workouts during the Covid-19 State of Emergency.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Shepherd opened the meeting to the public.

Pearl Ferdico - 250 Boulevard, questioned if the Borough gets informed of residents who are diagnosed with Covid-19 (Coronavirus). Borough Manager Stern advised that the Borough receives a daily report from the local health officer and currently the Borough has no reported cases.

Steve Shaw – 4 Pointview Place, thanked the Council for their leadership dealing with the Coronavirus Pandemic. He also explained the County’s health department role reporting Covid-19 (Coronavirus) cases.

BOROUGH COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS

a) R93-20 – Resolution to Read Budget by Title

Vote to Approve Resolution R93-20

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b) Public Hearing and Adoption of the 2020 Municipal Budget

Vote to Approve the 2020 Municipal Budget

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ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Oostdyk reported that the deadline for tax appeals has been extended due to the State of Emergency caused by the Coronavirus Pandemic. The deadline will be determined after the Emergency Declaration is completed.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Coronavirus (Covid-19) State of Emergency

Mr. Stern reported that due to the Coronavirus (Covid-19) Pandemic, the State of New Jersey is operating under Executive Orders 104, 105 and 106.

Police Chief and OEM Coordinator Shawn Bennett gave an update on how the Borough is dealing with the Coronavirus Pandemic.

Cancelled Events

Mr. Stern reported that the Trout Derby and Easter Egg Hunt events have been cancelled. Mr. Stern also reported that many committee, commission and board meetings have been cancelled or held by conference call.

Boat Racks and Rings

Mr. Stern advised that the Borough is working on adding an online option for renewals and to replace the annual April 1st lineup at Borough Hall.

Zoning Official

Mr. Stern reported that the Borough hired a new Zoning Official, John Zamierowski.

ORDINANCES

Final Hearing of Ordinance 4-20,

Bond Ordinance Appropriating \$882,166 and Authorizing the Issuance of \$640,258 Bonds or Notes 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

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There was no one from the public wishing to speak.



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Adopted March 23, 2020

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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**

- a. R91-20, Authorizing the Refund of Overpayment of Water Rents (reintroduction)
- b. R94-20, Authorizing the Payment of Bills
- c. R95-20, Authorizing the Establishment of a "Dedication by Rider" to the Budget of the Borough of Mountain Lakes for Uniform Fire Safety Act Penalty Moneys

***APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

3/9/20 (Regular) **Barnett not Eligible**

***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



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***Approval of the Consent Agenda**

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COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Korman reported that the Affordable Housing Committee is working on an accessory apartment program manual. Borough Manager Stern will check on the status of the manual with CGP&H (Community Grants, Planning & Housing).

Councilmember Barnett reported that the Shade Tree Commission changed their monthly meetings and they will now be meeting the 1st Monday of the month at 7pm. The Shade Tree Commission reviewed the prune/removal list. The Shade Tree Commission discussed Island Beach and Birchwood Beach projects. The Shade Tree Commission is working on a contingency plan for Arbor Day due to the Coronavirus Pandemic.

Deputy Mayor Menard reported that the Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC) reviewed the status of Ordinance 3-20 (Eastbound Route 46). EDAC will begin making recommendations for Westbound Route 46. Deputy Mayor Menard advised that EDAC will review the Borough Profile when it is completed.

Deputy Mayor Menard reported that the Island beach project is moving along and the DPW committee is finalizing the swing sets.

Deputy Mayor Menard reported that the Mountain Lakes Board of Education budget is short one million dollars and the Board of Education is requesting that the Borough Council consider funding the Briarcliff School sports programs. The Borough Council would like a formal request.

Councilmember Lane reported that the Environmental Commission has restarted the Mountain Lakes Pollution Prevention Team and they will be meeting in September 2020 and April 2021. Councilmember Lane reported that the raingarden at Birchwood Lake has received approval from Borough Manager Stern and now needs Council approval to proceed. The Council requested a sketch of the Island Beach raingarden's location. The Environmental Commission is exploring locations at Island Beach to put a raingarden. The Environmental Commission is working on various school initiatives. Councilmember Lane reported that Eco Weekend is scheduled for April 17th and 18th.

Councilmember Happer reported that the Woodlands Committee is working with the Department of Public Works to put up "No Dumping" signs in the Borough and fix broken trail signs. The Woodlands Committee is working on getting a trail easement behind the King of King's Church property. The Woodlands Committee is focusing on using social media to communicate with the public.

Councilmember Horst reported that the Green Team initiatives are being impacted by the Covid-19 Pandemic because they are socially centered.

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.

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Steve Shaw – 4 Pointview Place, informed the Council that Mountain Lakes has a profile on the Morris County Planning and Preservation website and that Morris County offers a grant for trails. Mr. Shaw asked a question about the Island Beach project.

Matt DeSantis – 12 Center Drive, requested that the Council rethink moving forward with the Borough Hall Renovation Project and purchasing the Mountain Lakes Club property due to the economic impact of the Coronavirus Pandemic. Mr. DeSantis stated he does not want the Borough to buy the Mountain Lakes Club and requested that the Council consider other solutions for the property.

Pearl Ferdico - 250 Boulevard, requested that tonight's Council meeting be posted online.

NEXT STEPS AND PRIORITIES

Mayor Shepherd reviewed the following next steps and priorities:

Next Step	Completed by	Completion date
Status of accessory apartment program manual (CGP&H)	Borough Manager	3/25/20
Communication Policy	Borough Manager & Bob Oostdyk	
Confirmation of Eco Weekend	Borough Manager	

ADJOURNMENT at 9:17P.M.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Menard, second by Council Member Barnett to adjourn the meeting at 9:17p.m., with all members in favor signifying by "Aye".

Respectfully Submitted

Mitchell Stern, Acting Borough Clerk