



MEETING MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MOUNTAIN LAKES
April 27, 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 7:30p.m.

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"/>			

Councilmember Korman entered the meeting at 7:35pm.

FLAG

Mayor Shepherd led the salute to the flag.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Shepherd announced that the Borough will continue to take guidance from Health Officials and Emergency Management Professionals to deal with the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Mayor Shepherd reminded everyone to complete the United States Census.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

There were no 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

There were no discussion items.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Oostdyk had nothing to report.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Midvale Rd & Briarcliff Rd Sidewalk Replacement

Mr. Stern reported that the sidewalks on Midvale Road (north side), from the Station Restaurant driveway to Haswell Field, and on Briarcliff Road, from Howell Road to Dartmouth Road, will be replaced. The total cost of the replacement is \$70,005 and it will be paid for from the 2019 capital budget for curbs and sidewalks.

Mr. Stern reported that the Borough is approximately \$6000 short to replace the asphalt path on the south side of Midvale Road from Crescent Drive to Intervale Road (\$31,200). Mr. Stern requested permission from the Council to cancel the balance of the 2016 Capital Ordinance item designated Public Works – HD Pickup to use for the path. The Borough Council unanimously agreed and approved Mr. Stern's request.



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Community Outreach

Mr. Stern reported that the Borough will be mailing residents a letter with information on how the Borough communicates, along with a list of Coronavirus related resources. Mr. Stern thanked the Borough's Health Commission for their efforts and contributions to the letter.

Borough Hall Power Failure

Mr. Stern reported that the Borough Hall building experienced a power spike that damaged computer equipment which was caused by a faulty backup generator. The Borough needs to purchase a new generator and the cost is expected to be between \$35,000-\$50,000.

ORDINANCES

Adoption/Final Hearing of Ordinance 5-20

AUTHORIZING THE SALARY AND/OR WAGES OF THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF MOUNTAIN LAKES, COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY

Mayor Shepherd opened the meeting to the public.

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

Introduced: April 13, 2020

Council member	M	2nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Barnett	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Adopted: April 27, 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.



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***RESOLUTIONS**

- a. R101-20, Authorizing the Payment of Bills
- b. R102-20, Authorizing 2020 Municipal Employees' Salary

Resolution R102-20 was approved with the following changes: Custodian PT Salary is \$8200 and Recycling Attendant PT Salary is \$14,800.

***APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

4/13/20 (Regular)

***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

***Approval of the Consent Agenda**

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COUNCIL REPORTS

Woodlands Committee – Councilmember Happer reported that the Committee is still working on signage in the Borough. The Committee is also working on getting the trail map online.

Environmental Commission – Councilmember Lane reported the following: The single use plastic ban ordinance has been postponed until after the Coronavirus Pandemic is over; The Birchwood raingarden has been approved and it has been determined that the raingarden will be maintained by the Mountain Lakes High School Environmental Club and the Mountain Lakes Environmental Commission; The Mountain Lakes High School Environmental Club held a photo contest in honor of Earth Day.

Historic Preservation Committee – Councilmember Horst gave a history and overview of the draft historic landmark ordinance that the committee is proposing. Councilmember Horst requested the following from the Borough Council: The draft ordinance be posted on the Borough website; The draft ordinance be put on the Council agenda as a discussion item; The draft ordinance be reviewed by the Borough Attorney. The Council agreed to have the Borough Attorney review the ordinance. The Council did not agree to posting the draft ordinance on the Borough website.

Recreation Commission – Councilmember Korman reported the following: Summer recreation employment offers have been sent out and they are contingent upon Mountain Lakes facilities being open; There will be a 5K run benefiting ALS on August 30th; The Commission is discussing if non-residents should be allowed to use the beaches for wedding photos.



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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.

Anthony Joseph – Manager of the Mountain Lakes Club, asked if the Borough is working on guidelines for reopening businesses. Mr. Stern responded that the Borough is following guidance from the State and County and currently there is no specific information or timeline. Mr. Joseph also asked when will the Borough beaches open. Mr. Stern responded that the beaches would open when the State of New Jersey allows them to. Please note that Mr. Joseph was having technical difficulties and utilized the chat feature on Zoom and Mayor Shepherd and Borough Manager Stern relayed Mr. Joseph's questions.

NEXT STEPS AND PRIORITIES

Mayor Shepherd reviewed the following next steps and priorities:

Next Step	Completed by	Completion date
Check Barricades under the trestle	Borough Manager	
Put trail maps on Borough website	Borough Manager	

ADJOURNMENT at 8:31P.M.

Motion made by Councilmember Happer, second by Councilmember Barnett to adjourn the meeting at 8:31p.m., with all members in favor signifying by "Aye".

Respectfully Submitted



Mitchell Stern, Acting Borough Clerk