



**MEETING MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MOUNTAIN LAKES
JUNE 22, 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 7, 2020 and posted in the municipal building.

Mayor Shepherd called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.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"/>
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Korman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			

Deputy Mayor Menard and Councilmember Lane entered the meeting at 6:36pm

FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Shepherd led the salute to the flag.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Korman announced that the YMCA has resumed some of their classes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

R118-20 Resolution to Enter Into Executive Session – Litigation/Tax Appeals

Motion made by Councilmember Korman, second by Councilmember Horst to go onto 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 wishing to speak.

BOROUGH COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS

There were no discussion items.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT

Mr. Oostdyk had nothing to report.

MANAGER’S REPORT

Beach Project Costs/Savings

Mr. Stern reported that the Birchwood Beach project cost savings were \$322,210 (\$730,000 project budget minus \$407,790 project expenses) and that the Island Beach project cost savings were \$220,970 (\$655,100 project budget minus \$434,130 project expenses)



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Borough Hall Temporary Modifications

Mr. Stern reported that the DPW is completing minor modifications to Borough Hall to reduce the risk of exposure to Covid-19 in preparation for when the building is reopened to the public.

Sustainable Jersey Grant

Mr. Stern reported that the Borough has been matched with an Environmental Defense Fund (EDF) Climate Corps Fellow who will provide expertise and support for evaluation, planning and implementation of projects that will help track and improve the energy performance of our facilities.

Adoption of Ordinance 6-20

AMENDING CHAPTER 111 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF MOUNTAIN LAKES AND REVISING THE FEE SCHEDULE

Introduced: June 8, 2020

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PUBLIC COMMENT/HEARING

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There was no one from the public wishing to speak.

Adoption of Ordinance 8-20

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF MOUNTAIN LAKES, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$4,463,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$4,250,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH FOR FINANCING SUCH APPROPRIATION



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PUBLIC COMMENT/HEARING

Mayor Shepherd opened the meeting to the public.

Jennifer Tanner – 10 Valley Road, asked for clarification on the budgets and expenses of the Island Beach and Birchwood Lake projects.

Sam Trimble – 44 Midvale Road, current Mountain Lakes Police Officer, expressed his support for the Borough Hall renovation project and requested that the Council adopt Ordinance 8-20.

Deb Shertzer – 5 Lookout Road, questioned what the tax burden would be to residents in 2021 for the school budget increases, general tax increase and renovation project. She requested that the Council not vote on Ordinance 8-20 if they did not know. Ms. Shertzer also questioned if there was a line by line breakdown of the 4.5 million dollar Borough Hall renovation project.

Tucker Glavin – 65 Bellvale Road, thanked Borough Manager Stern and Councilmember Barnett for responding to the letter he had sent them. Mr. Glavin requested that the Council postpone the vote of Ordinance 8-20 until they provide a line by line accounting of the beach projects.

Pearl Ferdico – 250 Boulevard, questioned how many times the Council had the Borough Hall renovation project was an item on the agenda.

Joe Mullaney – 1124 Cedar Street Boonton NJ, current Borough employee, thanked all who worked on the Borough Hall renovation project and expressed his support for the project. Mr. Mullaney requested that the Council vote yes on Ordinance 8-20.

Khizar Sheikh – 6 Warwick Road, expressed his support for the Borough Hall renovation project and requested that the Council focus on the municipal budget and not the school budget which is not in their control.

Borough Manager Stern discussed the budgets and expenses of the Island Beach and Birchwood Lake projects. Mr. Stern advised that there is not a line by line breakdown of the 4.5 million dollar Borough Hall renovation project.



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Mayor Shepherd advised that the Borough Hall renovation project has been on the Council agenda at least 6 times since 2018.

All Councilmembers commented and expressed their position on the Borough Hall renovation project.

***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. R119-20, Authorizing the Payment of Bills

***APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- 6/8/20 (Regular)
- 6/8/20 (Executive)

***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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***BOARD, COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS**

COUNCIL REPORTS

Planning Board – Deputy Mayor Menard reported that the Planning Board approved Pulte Homes request to change some the building structures to include smaller units.

Lakes Management Committee – Deputy Mayor Menard reported that the committee is requesting Council permission to construct a sample living shoreline at the Cove that Solitude Lake Management will maintain.

Economic Development Committee – Mayor Shepherd reported that the committee is working on recommendations for Westbound Route 46 and is also following up with residents who live near the area. The Borough Planner is drafting an ordinance.



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Affordable Housing Committee – Councilmember Korman reported that the committee is reviewing the accessory apartment program draft manual. The committee anticipates that the manual will be ready for Council review at the July 28th Council meeting.

Shade Tree Commission – Councilmember Barnett reported that the commission discussed how to promote more residential tree plantings. Tony Cerbo attended the meeting and advised that other municipalities use a voucher system. The commission is working on a tree canopy incentive program to propose to the Borough Council and a tree planting plan for Island Beach. The commission is also reviewing the proposed Hilton / Wawa project landscaping plan for the Planning Board.

Environmental Commission – Councilmember Lane reported that the commission was disappointed that the Council postponed discussion on the proposed single use plastic ban ordinance.

Historic Preservation Committee – Councilmember Horst reported that the committee is working on setting up two Zoom meetings to discuss the proposed historic preservation ordinance. The committee is requesting that the Council review and approve a summary of the ordinance to release to the public.

DPW Committee – Deputy Mayor Menard reported that the Island Beach project is moving along. He also reported that the Borough has received bids for the Morris Avenue project. Councilmember Korman reported that the Brough is working on holding Trash Day in September and she also reported that the DPW recycling attendant has started. Councilmember Barnett reported that the Midvale sidewalk project is almost done.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Shepherd opened the meeting to the public.

Pearl Ferdico – 250 Boulevard, questioned if the Mountain Lakes swim team would be held this summer.

Mr. Stern advised that the Recreation Director, Karen Brennfleck, has submitted a swim team plan to the State of NJ and she is awaiting approval.

NEXT STEPS AND PRIORITIES

Mayor Shepherd reviewed the following next steps and priorities:

Next Step	Completed by	Completion date
Breakdown of Beach Projects Budgets	Borough Manager	
Overview of Borough Hall Costs	Borough Manager	

ADJOURNMENT at 9:15 P.M.

Motion made by Councilmember Happer, second by Councilmember Korman to adjourn the meeting at 9:18p.m., with all members in favor signifying by "Aye".

Respectfully Submitted

Mitchell Stern, Acting Borough Clerk