



**MEETING MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MOUNTAIN LAKES
OCTOBER 11, 2021
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 has been reported to The Citizen and the Morris County Daily Record and The Star Ledger on January 7, 2021 and posted in the municipal building.

Deputy Mayor Barnett called the meeting to order at 7:31p.m.

ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

Roll Call	Present	Absent		Present	Absent
Happer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sheikh	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Korman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Barnett	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lane	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Menard	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Richter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			

FLAG SALUTE

Councilmember Richter led the salute to the flag.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Police Chief Bennett announced that the Halloween Safe Zone will take place on October 31st from 4-8pm in the Village section of the Borough and that candy donations are being accepted at the schools and the Mountain Lakes Library.

Police Chief Bennett recognized Corporal Sam Trimble who retired from the Mountain Lakes Police Department on October 1st after 25 years of service.

Councilmember Korman made the following announcements: The Mountain Lakes Library has scheduled a knitting circle on Friday evenings; The Medical Needs Foundation Spirit 5K Race will be held on October 31st and the race begins at Briarcliff School.

Deputy Mayor Barnett made the following announcements: The annual Woods and Lakes Run will be held on October 30th; Nominations are being accepted for the Mountain Lakes Citizen of the Year Award and the Janice D. Hunts Award.

Councilmember Happer announced that Trash Day will be held on October 16th.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

There were no special presentations.

REPORTS OF BOROUGH ESTABLISHED BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

There were no reports.

BOROUGH COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS

Proposed Island Beach Rain Gardens

Creation of Guidelines for Adoption of Community Resolutions

The two discussion items were postponed until the October 25th meeting when Mayor Menard will be present.



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PUBLIC COMMENT

Deputy Mayor Barnett opened the meeting to the public.

There was no one from the public wishing to speak.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Oostdyk reported that the tax assessor has filed the added and omitted assessment list with Morris County Board of Taxation. Due to the Borough reassessment, there was an increase in added assessments.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Borough Manager Stern provided his report (attached). Mr. Stern also discussed Resolution R157-21. The Council asked questions of Mr. Stern and Mr. Stern answered them. Mr. Stern agreed to confirm the revenue of the scrap metal dumpster.

RESOLUTIONS

There were no resolutions.

ORDINANCES TO INTRODUCE

There were no ordinances to introduce.

ORDINANCES TO ADOPT

There were no ordinances to adopt.

***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. *R156-21, Authorizing the Payment of Bills*
- b. *R157-21, Rejecting All Bids for the Furnishing of Cold Metal Framing and Exterior Sheathing at the Municipal Building*

***APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

9/27/21 (Regular)

***BOARD, COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS**

***Approval of the Consent Agenda**

Council member	M	2nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Happer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Korman	<input checked="" 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"/>
Richter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sheikh	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Barnett	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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The 9/27/21 minutes were adopted with the following correction to the first sentence of the Creation of Guidelines for Adoption of Community Resolutions discussion item: Mayor Menard and Councilmember Sheikh presented guidelines to adopt resolutions that support community achievements, events or initiatives in response to council's request".

DEPARTMENT REPORTS SUBMITTED 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

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mountain Lakes Board of Education (BOE) Shared Service Committee – Deputy Mayor Barnett reported the following: The Borough was able to obtain a third garbage pickup day at the schools at no cost; The committee discussed resurfacing the tennis courts and will be obtaining estimates; The Construction Department will facilitate Wildwood School obtaining a temporary certificate of occupancy; The Borough will receive the Halsey Field lease payment from the BOE shortly; The overall shared services agreement between the BOE and the Borough is being reviewed by the BOE's attorney.

Green Team – Councilmember Korman reported the following: The committee is still working on obtaining Sustainable New Jersey silver status; The Better Bag Pledge initiative is currently taking place and the committee is attending community events to give reusable bags to the public in exchange for their pledge to stop using throwaway plastic bags; The committee is working to create a database to track energy use and cost by each Borough building; Through a Sustainable Jersey grant the Mountain Lakes Library expanded its seed saver program and also created an environmental DVD movie shelf.

Finance Committee – Councilmember Sheikh reported the following: The committee is recommending that the water and sewer reserve calculation be changed to a percentage of the budget instead of a straight dollar amount. The water reserve calculation would be 20% of the budget and the sewer reserve calculation would be 15% of the budget; The committee determined that no water or sewer rate increases are necessary for 2022; The committee discussed drafting a cover memo for the 10 year capital plan document; The committee discussed how they could serve a role regarding tax appeals; The committee discussed the Borough using a flat rate for water billing.

Zoning Board – Councilmember Richter reported that the board approved a variance for 15 Cove Place and also that the board is looking for a new member.

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 Menard opened the meeting to the public.

Dena Muniz – 7 Rainbow Trail, asked a question about the cost effectiveness of having a recycling center attendant.

Ellen Foppes – 29 Rainbow Trail, asked a question about a proposed Planning Board application for increased parking at 333 Route 46.



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Deputy Mayor Menard, Borough Manager Stern, Councilmember Richter and Councilmember Korman responded to the public's questions.

NEXT STEPS AND PRIORITIES

Mayor Menard reviewed the following next steps and priorities:

Next Step	Completed by	Completion date
Scrap Metal Dumpster Costs & Income	Borough Manager	
Contact Library Regarding Status of Chimney Repair	Borough Manager	
Advertise Zoning Board Member Opening on the Eblast	Borough Manager	
Christmas Tree Lighting	DPW Committee	

ADJOURNMENT at 8:22P.M.

Motion made by Councilmember Happer, second by Councilmember Richter to adjourn the meeting at 8:22p.m., with all members in favor signifying by "Aye".

Respectfully Submitted

Cara Fox, Deputy Borough Clerk