



**MEETING MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MOUNTAIN LAKES
OCTOBER 25, 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.

Mayor Menard called the meeting to order at 7:03p.m.

ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

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

Councilmember Lane arrived at 7:05pm

FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Menard led the salute to the flag.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

R158-21 Resolution to Enter Into Executive Session – Litigation (Tax Appeals) & Attorney – Client Privilege (Approval of Executive Minutes)

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

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Menard made the following announcements: There will be a movie night at Island Beach on October 28th at 7pm; The Woods and Lakes Run will be held on October 30th at Birchwood Lake.

Councilmember Korman made the following announcements: The Medical Needs Foundation Spirit 5K Race will be held on October 31st and will begin at Briarcliff School; There will be a Diwali celebration held at Island Beach on November 13th.

Councilmember Lane announced that the Mountain Lakes High School Football Team’s Helping Hands event will be held on October 30th.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

There were no special presentations.

REPORTS OF BOROUGH ESTABLISHED BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

There were no reports.

BOROUGH COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS

Creation of Guidelines for Adoption of Community Resolutions

The council continued discussion on the creation of guidelines for adopting community resolutions and all councilmembers provided their opinion. The first discussion took place at the 9/27/21 Council meeting. The council decided to not create guidelines at this time.



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Mayor Menard opened the meeting to the public regarding the Creation of Guidelines for Adoption of Community Resolutions discussion item.

Lucas Stelling – 66 Pollard Road, stated he was strongly opposed to the proposed community resolution policy being discussed and expressed his reasons why.

Christmas Tree Lighting

DPW committee members Mayor Menard, Councilmember Happer and Councilmember Korman discussed the status of the Kaufmann Park Christmas tree and the upcoming tree lighting. The DPW committee recommends installing and lighting a 20 foot fresh cut Christmas tree this year. The council recommended having the holiday tree lighting at Island Beach and will do so if the Recreation Commission approves it. Councilmember Lane will look into obtaining a bid to relight the existing Christmas tree at Kaufmann Park.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Menard opened the meeting to the public.

There was no one from the public wishing to speak.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Oostdyk had nothing to report.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Borough Manager Stern provided his report (attached). The council asked questions of Mr. Stern and Mr. Stern answered them. The council directed Mr. Stern to apply allowable late charges to commercial water accounts. The council discussed expanding the Borough's social media with Mr. Stern and Councilmember Lane agreed to create a discussion item.

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. *R159-21, Authorizing the Payment of Bills*
- b. *R160-21, Authorizing the Refund of Overpayment of Taxes*

***APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

10/11/21 (Regular)

***BOARD, COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS**

- a. *Harry Joelsson to the Green Team as a student member*



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***Approval of the Consent Agenda**

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

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

Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC) – Mayor Menard reported the following: The committee is working on contacting Borough business owners to obtain feedback on how the committee can assist them; The committee discussed ordinance revisions to the OL 1 and OL 2 zones on Route 46 Westbound and also the redevelopment of the Midvale area.

Affordable Housing Advisory Committee – Councilmember Sheikh reported that the committee did not meet on October 13th.

Shade Tree Commission - Councilmember Korman reported the following: The commission discussed beautification of the Route 46 median and determined that it was outside the scope of the commission; The commission is conducting their annual walks to identify trees for the prune/remove list and will be doing a walk with an arborist on October 30th; Student commission members are working with the schools to identify new locations for tree plantings; The commission discussed what should be done on Intervale Road where JCP&L did an extensive tree clearing; The commission would like to know the Borough process to spend Shade Tree Trust funds.

Historic Preservation Committee – Councilmember Korman reported the following: The committee is working on updating the Bulk Incentives Checklist; The committee discussed the following at their recent meeting: maintenance at The Station, writing a preservation plan to obtain state and county funding, the history of Kaufmann Park, an upcoming Eagle Scout project and holding a fundraiser selling jigsaw puzzles of photos of Mountain Lakes.

Woodlands Committee – Councilmember Lane reported that the committee did not meet on October 20th.

DPW Committee – Mayor Menard reported that the committee discussed the following: installing a raingarden at Island Beach near the Masonic Temple or near the parking lot and installing a drain at Island Beach for stormwater management. The committee also discussed the cost to maintain the proposed Island Beach raingarden and a few other Borough locations including the Cove.



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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.

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Dena Muniz – 7 Rainbow Trail, requested that the Borough update their charter to one that is still in existence.

Borough Attorney responded to the public’s comment and explained the process of changing the Borough’s form of government

NEXT STEPS AND PRIORITIES

Mayor Menard reviewed the following next steps and priorities:

Next Step	Completed by	Completion date
Recreation Commission Approval of Christmas Tree / Menorah at Island Beach	Recreation Commission	
Send Social Media Policy & Christmas Tree Lighting Specifications to Councilmember Lane	Borough Manager Stern	
Social Media Discussion Item	Councilmember Lane	
Process of Spending Shade Tree Trust Funds	Borough Manager	

ADJOURNMENT at 9:01P.M.

Motion made by Councilmember Happer, second by Mayor Menard to adjourn the meeting at 9:01p.m., with all members in favor signifying by “Aye”.

Respectfully Submitted

Cara Fox
Cara Fox, Deputy Borough Clerk