



**MEETING MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MOUNTAIN LAKES
NOVEMBER 22, 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 7:00p.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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Richter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			

FLAG SALUTE

Deputy Mayor Barnett led the salute to the flag.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

R165-21, Resolution to Enter an Executive Session – Litigation (Tax Appeals) , Contract Negotiation (Tax Assessor) & Attorney - Client Privilege (Approval of Executive Minutes)

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

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deputy Mayor Barnett made the following announcements: She congratulated Mountain Lakes police officers Rhemone Bryan and Dickenson Clayton for graduating the Morris County Police Academy; The Type 1 Willpower Turkey Trot will be held on November 25th and the race begins at 9am at the Mountain Lakes Club; The annual menorah lighting will be held on November 28th at 5pm at Kaufmann Park; The annual Christmas tree lighting will be held on December 5th at 5pm; The annual Volunteer Recognition Reception will be held on December 13th at 7:30pm at the Mountain Lakes Club. The 2021 Citizen of the Year is Steven Hercek and the Janice D. Hunts Lifelong Service Award recipient is The Town Club of Mountain Lakes; Deputy Mayor Barnett also recognized the accomplishments and contributions of Mountain Lakes High School including the girls' cross country team, girls' soccer team, football team, debate team and theatre club.

Police Chief Bennett advised that the Borough is working with Morris County to combat a recent uptick in auto thefts and residents may see police vehicles from other jurisdictions within the Borough.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

There were no special presentations.

REPORTS OF BOROUGH ESTABLISHED BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

Borough Hall & Public Safety Infrastructure Advisory Committee Project Update

Borough Manager Stern and Jeff Berei, licensed architect and member of the Public Safety/Borough Hall Infrastructure Advisory Committee, provided an update on the Borough Hall renovation project.

The Council asked questions of Mr. Berei and Borough Manager Stern and they answered them. Public Safety / Borough Hall Infrastructure Advisory Committee member Kelly Holliday and Police Chief Bennett also answered questions.



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BOROUGH COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS

Proposed Island Beach Rain Gardens

This discussion item was postponed to January because the DPW Committee did not have a chance to review it due to their meeting being rescheduled.

Borough Council Goals 2021-2022

Deputy Mayor Barnett provided an overview of the 2021 Borough Council Goals and how the goals were addressed and accomplished. The council discussed the goals further and made suggestions on how to accomplish more.

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 advised there will be a resolution on the December 13th council agenda to refund property taxes paid by a tax exempt disabled veteran retroactive to the date when they filed their exemption application. Mr. Oostdyk recommends that the Council approve this resolution.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Borough Manager Stern provided his report (attached). The council asked questions of Mr. Stern and Mr. Stern answered them. Mr. Stern agreed to confirm that the Sunrise Senior Living facility is being assessed appropriately.

The council also asked questions of Mr. Stern about R166-21 and R167-21 and Mr. Stern answered them.

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. *R166-21, Authorizing the Payment of Bills*
- b. *R 167-21, Authorizing the Borough of Mountain Lakes to Accept a Local Efficiency Achievement Program (LEAP) Grant*
- c. *R168-21, Authorizing the Transfer of Appropriations*

***APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- 10/25/21 (Executive)*
11/8/21 (Regular)

***BOARD, COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS**



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***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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lane	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Richter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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"/>
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) – Councilmember Richter reported that the committee discussed new member candidate resumes, Route 46 zoning and the redevelopment of the Midvale area. Councilmember Korman reported that New Jersey passed legislation that makes electric vehicle charging stations a permitted use in all zones.

Affordable Housing Advisory Committee – Councilmember Korman reported the following: The committee is finalizing a letter to inform residents about the accessory apartment program and will mail it to approximately 25 Borough properties identified by the committee as suitable for accessory apartments; The committee is requesting that the council develop a policy that requires all residential renting be done through the accessory apartment program.

Shade Tree Commission - Councilmember Korman reported the following: The commission did a walk with an arborist and the arborist is preparing a proposal on how to handle invasives in the Borough; The commission reviewed the proposed Route 46 disabled veteran’s home development and provided feedback to the Zoning Board.

Environmental Commission – Councilmember Happer reported that the commission discussed the 367 Bloomfield Avenue application and also the proposed Route 46 tree planting beautification.

Recreation Commission – Councilmember Sheikh reported that the commission discussed pavilion and field rentals, beach bathroom policies and watercraft storage. The commission also interviewed new member candidates.

Woodlands Committee – Councilmember Lane reported that the committee did not meet on November 17th.

DPW Committee – Deputy Mayor Barnett reported that the November 18th meeting was rescheduled to November 24th. Borough Manager Stern provided an update on the Christmas Tree Lighting. Councilmember Lane advised that during tonight’s council meeting she received notice that a potential vendor to do the Kaufmann Park tree lighting has been identified and will be discussed at the November 24th meeting.

Planning Board – Mayor Menard reported that the board approved a resolution for a minor sign modification at Sunrise Senior Living. Borough Manager Stern reported that the current Planning Board attorney will not be returning in 2022.



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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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There was no one from the public wishing to speak.

NEXT STEPS AND PRIORITIES

Mayor Menard reviewed the following next steps and priorities:

Next Step	Completed by	Completion date
Kaufmann Park Christmas Tree Lighting	DPW Committee	
Sunrise Senior Living Facility Tax Assessment	Borough Manager	
Affordable Housing Mailer	Affordable Housing Committee & Borough Manager	
New Officer Swearing In	Borough Clerk / Police Chief	December 13 Council Meeting

ADJOURNMENT at 9:30P.M.

Motion made by Councilmember Lane, second by Councilmember Richter to adjourn the meeting at 9:30p.m., with all members in favor signifying by "Aye".

Respectfully Submitted



Cara Fox, Deputy Borough Clerk