



**MEETING MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MOUNTAIN LAKES
FEBRUARY 8, 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 7:33p.m.

ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

Roll Call	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>		<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
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"/>
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Richter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			

FLAG SALUTE

Councilmember Richter led the salute to the flag.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Menard made the following announcements: He thanked the DPW for all of their hard work during the recent snowstorms; He announced that Sergeant First Class Brian Valentine retired from the Mountain Lakes Police Department and thanked him for his 26 years of service.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

There were no special presentations.

REPORTS OF BOROUGH ESTABLISHED BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

There were no reports.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Menard opened the meeting to the public.

Sandy Batty – 15 Lockley Court, requested that Ordinance 2-21 include minor development restrictions.

Dena Muniz – 7 Rainbow Trail, asked questions about Covid-19 protocols and the Planning Board’s process of approving an application’s environmental waiver.

Tucker Glavin - 167 Powerville Road, asked questions about the unionization of the Mountain Lakes Department of Public Works (DPW).

Michael Hadjiloucas – 5 Lakewood Drive, questioned the Planning Board’s process of approving an application’s environmental waiver.

Cathi Hadjiloucas – 5 Lakewood Drive, disagreed with the Planning Board’s approval of Highview application’s environmental waiver and asked questions about the Planning Board’s organizational structure.

Jennifer Tanner – 10 Valley Road, asked questions about the unionization of the Mountain Lakes DPW and the procedure for public comment at a Borough Council meeting.



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Briana Ostrosky - 8 Rainbow Trail, asked questions about the commercial property located behind her house adding additional parking spots.

Police Chief Bennett, Mayor Menard, Deputy Mayor Barnett, Borough Attorney Oostdyk and Borough Manager Stern responded to the public's questions.

BOROUGH COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS

2021 - Capital Budget Request

The following 2021 department capital budget proposals were discussed: Police, Fire, DPW, Recreation and Administration.

Fourth Quarter 2020 Current Budget Report; Fourth Quarter 2020 Water Budget Report and Fourth Quarter 2020 Sewer Budget Report; Trust Balances; Capital Account Balances

Chief Financial Officer (CFO), Monica Goscicki discussed the 2020 fourth quarter budget reports with the Council. CFO Goscicki provided a detailed memo of the fourth quarter current fund budget, fourth quarter water and sewer budgets, trust balances and capital account balances. The Council asked questions of Ms. Goscicki and she answered them.

Borough Council Goals 2021-2022

The discussion of Borough Council goals was postponed to February 22nd. Councilmembers will email comments to Mayor Menard and Deputy Mayor Barnett.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Oostdyk had nothing to report.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Covid-19 Update

Borough Health Officer Mike Fitzpatrick gave an update on the Covid-19 Pandemic. The Council asked questions of Mr. Fitzpatrick and he answered them.

Public Comment Regarding the Covid-19 Pandemic Update

Mayor Menard opened the meeting to the public.

There was no one wishing to be heard.

Joint Covid-19 Testing Site with Town of Boonton

Mr. Stern reported that the Borough will support the Town of Boonton's joint testing site by advertising the program via social media, the Borough website, Nixle Alerts, etc.

RESOLUTIONS

There were no resolutions.

ORDINANCES TO INTRODUCE

2-21, Amending Chapter 202 Entitled "Stormwater Control" of The Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Mountain Lakes

Borough Engineer William Ryden provided an overview of Ordinance 2-21. The Council asked questions of Mr. Ryden and he answered them.



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3-21, Amending Chapter 88 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Mountain Lakes and Providing a Requirement for Construction Record Clearance

Introduced: February 8, 2021

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ORDINANCES TO ADOPT

1-21, Amending Chapter 111 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Mountain Lakes and Revising the Fee Schedule

PUBLIC COMMENT/HEARING

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.

There was no one wishing to be heard.

Introduced: January 25, 2021

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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.

***RESOLUTIONS**

- a. R72-21, Authorizing the Payment of Bills
- b. R73-21, Authorizing the Cancellation of Taxes for Added Assessment
- c. R74-21, Authorizing the Closure of Island Beach Boat Ramp to Unauthorized Vehicular Traffic

***APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- 1/20/21 (Regular)
- 1/25/21 (Regular)

***BOARD, COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS**

***Approval of the Consent Agenda**

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Councilmember Korman abstained from approving the minutes of 1/20/21 and 1/25/21.

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

Council reports were postponed until February 22nd.



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Ellen Foppes – 29 Rainbow Trail, advised the Council that FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) offers Preparedness Grants to help support law enforcement and fire departments.

Cathi Hadjiloucas – 5 Lakewood Drive, asked a question regarding Ordinance 2-21. Ms. Hadjiloucas advised that she supports the Borough budgeting to purchase an ATV (all-terrain vehicle) instead of a Borough sign.

Tucker Glavin - 167 Powerville Road, asked a question regarding PERC (Public Employees Relation Commission) and the unionization of the Mountain Lakes DPW.

Mayor Menard responded to Ms. Hadjiloucas question regarding Ordinance 2-21.

Deputy Mayor Barnett responded to Mr. Glavin's question.

NEXT STEPS AND PRIORITIES

Mayor Menard reviewed the following next steps and priorities:

Next Step	Completed by	Completion date
Discussion on Future Modifications of Ordinance 2-21	Borough Council	
Review Capital Accounts	Borough Manager	

ADJOURNMENT at 11:18P.M.

Motion made by Councilmember Happer, second by Councilmember Richter to adjourn the meeting at 11:18p.m., with all members in favor signifying by "Aye".

Respectfully Submitted



Cara Fox, Deputy Borough Clerk