



**MEETING MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MOUNTAIN LAKES  
MARCH 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 7:31p.m.

**ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE**

<b>Roll Call</b>	<u><b>Present</b></u>	<u><b>Absent</b></u>		<u><b>Present</b></u>	<u><b>Absent</b></u>
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**FLAG SALUTE**

Deputy Mayor Barnett led the salute to the flag.

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Menard announced that the Borough is addressing the extensive tree clearing that JCP&L did at Route 46 and Intervale Road.

Police Chief Bennett advised that the police department is addressing the traffic related complaints that they have received and is strictly enforcing the traffic laws.

**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.

**BOROUGH COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**Shade Tree Recommended Revision to Tree Removal Ordinance - Include Commercial Properties**

The Council discussed the tree removal ordinance revision proposed by the Mountain Lakes Shade Tree Commission. Shade Tree Commission members Chris Capodanno and Sandy Batty were in attendance for the discussion. The Council asked questions of Mr. Capodanno and Ms. Batty and they answered them.

**Island Beach Boat Rack/Ring & Raingarden Configuration**

The Council discussed the location and configuration of the Island Beach boat racks/rings and raingarden.

**Borough Council Goals**

The Council discussed and finalized their 2021 Goals.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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**ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Mr. Oostdyk made a public statement regarding the formal, written correspondence that Mr. Oostdyk, the Borough Manager and Borough Council received on 3/23/21 alleging that the video recording of the 2/8/21 Council meeting was altered prior to being posted on the Borough website and was inaccurate. Mr. Oostdyk advised that the allegations are completely and verifiably false.

**MANAGER'S REPORT**

**Library Chimney Collapse**

Mr. Stern reported that the Mountain Lakes Public Library experienced damage to the building chimney due to ice and snow. The Borough is reviewing options for repairs.

**Police Sergeant Exam**

Mr. Stern reported that the Borough will be starting the process for a promotional police sergeant exam due to the retirement of one Sergeant and the anticipated retirement of two others.

**Capital Accounts – Line Cancellations**

Mr. Stern provided his recommendations of the capital account line items to cancel.

**Borough Hall Relocation Lease**

Mr. Stern advised that the Borough Hall lease agreement can be extended an additional 6 months.

**RESOLUTIONS**

There were no resolutions.

**ORDINANCES TO INTRODUCE**

There were no ordinances to introduce.

**ORDINANCES TO ADOPT**

**4-21, COLA, Calendar Year 2021 Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and Establish a Cap Bank**

**PUBLIC COMMENT/HEARING**

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**5-21, Authorizing the Execution of a Lease to the Borough of Mountain Lakes from Mountain Lakes Realty LLC**

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**6-21, Amending Chapter 111 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Mountain Lakes and Revising the Fee Schedule**

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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. R78-21, Authorizing the Transfer of Appropriations
- b. R81-21, Authorizing the Payment of Bills
- c. R82-21, Authorizing Membership in the New Jersey State Firemen's Association

**\*APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

2/22/21 (Regular)

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

**\*Approval of the Consent Agenda**

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**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**

Finance Committee – Councilmember Happer reported that the committee will be meeting on March 24<sup>th</sup>.

Zoning Board – Councilmember Richter reported that the March meeting was cancelled.

Green Team – Councilmember Korman reported that the energy audit is coming up.

Shade Tree Commission – Councilmember Korman reported that the commission is requesting to be informed of Borough tree issues.

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Michael Hadjiloucas – 5 Lakewood Drive, asked a question about the Shade Tree Commission's recommended revision to the Borough's tree removal ordinance and also requested that the Wawa Planning Board Application be denied.

Mayor Menard responded to Mr. Hadjiloucas.

**NEXT STEPS AND PRIORITIES**

Mayor Menard reviewed the following next steps and priorities:

Next Step	Completed by	Completion date
Update Plan for Island Beach Boat Rack/Ring Configuration	Mayor	
Include Shade Tree Fee in Revised Shade Tree Removal Ordinance	Borough Attorney	
2021 Manager Goals	Borough Manager	

**ADJOURNMENT at 9:48P.M.**

Motion made by Councilmember Richter, second by Mayor Menard to adjourn the meeting at 9:48p.m., with all members in favor signifying by "Aye".

Respectfully Submitted

  
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 Cara Fox, Deputy Borough Clerk