



**MINUTES OF THE REORGANIZATION MEETING OF THE MOUNTAIN LAKES  
BOROUGH COUNCIL JANUARY 3, 2022  
HELD AS A REMOTE MEETING ON ZOOM**

**CALL TO ORDER AND OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT**

This meeting is being held in compliance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, P.L. 1975, Ch. 231. It was properly noticed and has been posted and certified by the Clerk. Notice of this meeting has been sent to The Citizen, the Morris County Daily Record and The Star Ledger and posted on the bulletin board in the municipal building.

Acting Borough Clerk Mitchell Stern called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Acting Borough Clerk Stern led the salute to the flag.

**INVOCATION**

Reverend Debra Duke of the Community Church in Mountain Lakes provided the invocation.

**ROLL CALL – Borough Clerk**

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

**ELECTION OF MAYOR**

Mr. Stern asked for nomination for the office of Mayor.  
Nomination of Thomas Menard by Lauren Barnett  
Second: Cynthia Korman  
There were no other nominations.

**Vote:**

<b>Council member</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Barnett	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Korman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Richter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sheikh	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**OATH OF OFFICE – Mayor**

Mayor Menard was sworn in by Acting Borough Clerk Stern.

**ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

Mayor Menard took nominations for Deputy Mayor.  
Nomination of Khizar Sheikh by Mayor Menard.  
Second: Cynthia Korman  
There were no other nominations.



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Richter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sheikh	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**OATH OF OFFICE – DEPUTY MAYOR**

Attorney Peter Moser swore in Deputy Mayor Sheikh.

**MEMORIAL STATEMENT BY COUNCIL**

All of the Council members read a list of present and former residents that passed away in 2021. There was a moment of silence to remember these individuals.

**RESOLUTION**

R01-22, Resolution Approving the Officers of the Mountain Lakes Volunteer Fire Department

**Approval of R01-22**

Council member	M	2nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Barnett	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Happer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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**2022 MAYOR'S MESSAGE**

Mayor Menard delivered his speech.

**Consent Agenda**

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.

1. R02-22, Resolution Establishing 2022 Borough Council Meeting Schedule
2. R03-22, Resolution Designating Official Newspapers of the Borough for 2022
3. R04-22, Resolution Establishing 2022 Borough Council Meeting Agenda
4. R05-22, Resolution Designating 2022 Holiday Schedule



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5. *R06-22, Resolution Authorizing Participation in the New Jersey State Tonnage Grant Program*
6. *R07-22, Resolution Authorizing Participation in the Volunteer Tuition Credit Program*
7. *R08-22, Resolution Supporting Traffic and Safety Ordinances*
8. *R09-22, Resolution Supporting Efforts to Maintain 'Idle Free Zones' In the Borough of Mountain Lakes*
9. *R10-22, Resolution to Support a 'Safe Routes to School' Program*
10. *R11-22, Resolution to Protect and Maintain the Public Lands of the Borough of Mountain Lakes*
11. *R12-22, Resolution to Close the Boulevard for the 2021 Memorial Day Parade*
12. *R13-22, Resolution Appointing Special Police Officers – Seugling, Mola, Mullaney, Sims,*
13. *R14-22, Resolution Appointing Assessment Search Officer – Acting Borough Clerk*
14. *R15-22, Resolution Appointing Tax Search Officer - Purcell*
15. *R16-22, Resolution Appointing JIF Representatives – Stern, Bennett*
16. *R17-22, Resolution Appointing Dog and Cat Licensing Official - Fox*
17. *R18-22, Resolution Appointing Municipal Court Personnel – Mason, Agatino, Smith*
18. *R19-22, Resolution Appointing a Member and an Alternate Member to Serve on the Community Development Revenue Sharing Committee – Richter, Sheikh Alternate*
19. *R20-22, Resolution Appointing the Municipal Housing Liaison – Stern*
20. *R21-22, Resolution Authorizing Cancellation of Refunds and Delinquencies under \$10.00*
21. *R22-22, Resolution Appointing Public Agency Compliance Officer – Mitchell Stern*
22. *R23-22, Resolution Establishing the Rate of Interest for Delinquent Taxes*
23. *R24-22, Resolution Approving the 2022 Cash Management Plan*
24. *R25-22, Resolution Designating Official Depositories for Borough Funds*
25. *R26-22, Resolution Authorizing a Temporary Budget for the Calendar Year 2022*



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26. *R27-22, Resolution Relative to Audit Controls Required for the Issuance of Statutory Bonds by the Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund (MEL)*
27. *R28-22, Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Bills*
28. *R29-22, Resolution authorizing the continuation of a mutual aid agreement with the Township of Parsippany-Troy Hills for Basic Life Support Services*
29. *R30-22, Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Interlocal Services Agreement between the Borough of Mountain Lakes and the County of Morris for Dispatching Services*
30. *R31-22, Resolution Authorizing the Execution of An Interlocal Services Agreement with the Whippany River Watershed Action Committee and Authorizing the Appointment of Representatives to the Committee for the Calendar Year 2022 -Stern, Lane*
31. *R32-22, Resolution establishing the Borough Council Subcommittees for 2022 – Personnel, Shared Services, Public Safety and Public Works*
32. *R33-22, Resolution re-establishing the Woodlands Advisory Committee and appointing public members for 2022*
33. *R34-22, Resolution re-establishing the Traffic & Safety Advisory Committee and appointing public members for 2022*
34. *R35-22, Resolution re-establishing the Finance Advisory Committee and appointing public members for 2022*
35. *R36-22, Resolution re-establishing the Memorial Day Parade Advisory Committee and appointing public members for 2022*
36. *R37-22, Resolution Re-establishing the Economic Development Advisory Committee and Appointing public members for 2022*
37. *R38-22, Resolution Re-establishing the Lakes Management Advisory Committee and Appointing public members for 2022*
38. *R39-22, Resolution Re-establishing the Memorial Park Committee and Appointing public members for 2022*
39. *R40-22, Resolution Re-establishing the Green Team Advisory Committee and Appointing public members for 2022*



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40. *R41-22, Resolution re-establishing the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee and appointing public members for 2022*
41. *R42-22, Resolution re-establishing the Public Safety/Borough Hall Infrastructure Advisory Committee and appointing public members for 2022*
42. *R43-22, Resolution Reaffirming the Commitment of Mountain Lakes to Remain a Welcoming Community*
43. *R44-22, Resolution for Invasive Plant Species*
44. *R45-22, Resolution in compliance with United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's enforcement guidance regarding arrest and conviction records*
45. *R46-22, Resolution Endorsing the Adoption of Green Building Practices for the Municipal Buildings and Facilities*
46. *R47-22, Resolution Reaffirming the Borough's Commitment to Sustainable Land Use*
47. *R48-22, Resolution of Support & Authorizing Application for Sustainable Jersey Grant*
48. *R49-22, Supporting Participation in the Sustainable Jersey Municipal Certification Program*
49. *R50-22, Resolution of the Borough of Mountain Lakes, County of Morris, State of New Jersey authorizing the Mountain Lakes Police Department to Participate in the Police Assisted Addiction and Recovery Initiative (PAARI)*
50. *R51-22, North Jersey Municipal Employee Benefits Fund Resolution to Renew*
51. *R52-22, Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement for Legal Services between the Borough of Mountain Lakes and Murphy McKeon P.C.*
52. *R53-22, Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement for Engineering Services in Connection with the Management of Borough Owned Dams between the Borough of Mountain Lakes and Ferriero Engineering, Inc*
53. *R54-22, Resolution authorizing a Professional Services Agreement for Engineering Services between the Borough of Mountain Lakes and Anderson and Denzler Associates, Inc.*
54. *R55-22, Resolution authorizing a Professional Services Agreement for Auditing Services between the Borough of Mountain Lakes and Nisivoccia LLP*
55. *R56-22, Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement for Affordable Housing Administrative Agent Services Between the Borough of Mountain Lakes and CGP&H*



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56. *R57-22, Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement Between the Borough of Mountain Lakes and Phoenix Advisors, LLC*
  57. *R58-22, Resolution authorizing a Professional Services Agreement for Website Maintenance Services between the Borough of Mountain Lakes and RDC Design Group, LLC*
  58. *R59-22, Resolution authorizing a Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Madison for Information Technology Services*
  59. *R60-22, Resolution Awarding a Contract for Professional Legal Services – Bond Counsel to Hawkins, Delafield & Wood LLP*
  60. *R61-22, Resolution appointing the Emergency Management Coordinator and Deputy Emergency Management Coordinators*
  61. *R62-22, Resolution Awarding a Contract for Insurance Risk Consulting Services to Chadler Solutions, Inc.*
  62. *R63-22, Resolution Establishing the Solid Waste Advisory Committee and Appointing Public Members for 2022*
  63. *R64-22, Authorizing the Settlement of Disputed Water / Sewer Billing with Mountain Lakes Club*
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**\*MINUTES**

*Regular Minutes of December 13, 2021*

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

***Planning Board***

*Neeke Swart, Class IV Environmental Commission Rep with a term running through 12/31/24 (previously appointed)*

*Jeff Berei Class IV member with a term running through 12/31/25 (previously appointed)*

*John Horan Class IV member with a term running through 12/31/25 (previously appointed)*

*Nicholas Coppola, 1st Alternate with a term running through 12/31/23 (previously appointed)*

*Chris Ryan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate with a term running through 12/31/22*

*Mitchell Stern, Class II member with a term running through 12/31/22*

*Audrey Lane, Class III member with a term running through 12/31/22*

*Tom Menard, Class I member with a term running through 12/31/22*

***Zoning Board of Adjustment***

*Stephen Vecchione, Member with a term running through 12/31/25 (previously appointed)*

*Annie Peters, Member with a term running through 12/31/25 (previously appointed)*



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*Meghan Leininger, 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate with a term running through 12/31/23*

***Environmental Commission***

- Marnie Vyff, Member with a term running through 12/31/24 (previously appointed)*
- Jackie Bay, Member with a term running through 12/31/22 (previously appointed as Alternate #1, moving positions)*
- Chris Capodanno, Member with a term running through 12/31/24 (previously appointed)*
- Neeke Swart, Planning Board Member with a term running through 12/31/24 (previously appointed)*

***Board of Recreation Commissioners***

- Phylis Deering, Member with a term running through 12/31/24*
- Heather Prince-Hornby, Member with a term running through 12/31/24 (previously appointed)*
- Gary Resnik, Member with a term running through 12/31/24 (previously appointed)*

***Mountain Lakes Historic Preservation Committee***

- Ryan Astrup, Member with a term running through 12/31/23 (previously appointed)*
- Brian Adams, Member with a term running through 12/31/22 (previously appointed)*

***Health Commission***

- Dr. Barbara Girz, Member with a term running through 12/31/24 (previously appointed)*

**\*COUNCIL LIAISON APPOINTMENTS**

<u><b>Committee/Commission/Board</b></u>	<u><b>Liaison/Member</b></u>
<b><i>Health Commission</i></b>	<i>Richter</i>
<b><i>Lakes Management Advisory Committee</i></b>	<i>Richter</i>
<b><i>Traffic &amp; Safety Advisory Committee</i></b>	<i>Barnett</i>
<b><i>Environmental Commission</i></b>	<i>Happer</i>
<b><i>Recreation Commission</i></b>	<i>Menard</i>
<b><i>Library Board of Trustees</i></b>	<i>Sheikh</i>
<b><i>Memorial Day Advisory Committee</i></b>	<i>Menard</i>
<b><i>Woodlands Management Advisory Committee</i></b>	<i>Lane</i>
<b><i>Zoning Board of Adjustment</i></b>	<i>Richter</i>
<b><i>Shade Tree Commission</i></b>	<i>Korman</i>
<b><i>Historic Preservation Committee</i></b>	<i>Korman</i>
<b><i>Green Team</i></b>	<i>Barnett</i>



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<u>Active Positions</u>	<u>Liaison/Member</u>
<b>Finance Advisory Committee</b>	Happer Barnett Richter
<b>Planning Board</b>	Menard Lane
<b>Affordable Housing Advisory Committee</b>	Lane Korman
<b>Economic Development Advisory Committee</b>	Richter Korman Menard
<b>Public Safety/Borough Hall Infrastructure Advisory</b>	Menard Barnett Happer
<b>Community Development (County Committee)</b>	Richter Sheikh
<b>Whippany River Watershed Committee</b>	Lane
<b>Solid Waste Advisory Committee</b>	Barnett Happer Sheikh

<u>Subcommittees</u>	<u>Liaison/Member</u>
<b>Personnel Subcommittee</b>	Sheikh Barnett Happer
<b>Shared Services Subcommittee</b>	Menard Sheikh Lane
<b>Public Safety Subcommittee</b>	(Ambulance Svc) Lane (Fire Dept) Korman (Police Dept) Sheikh
<b>Department of Public Works</b>	Happer Korman Menard





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**Approval of the Consent Agenda**

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**Resolution R43-22 was approved with the understanding that the Council will review the language to include all protected classes recognized by the federal and / or state government.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Menard opened the meeting to the public.

Morris County Commissioner Stephen Shaw – congratulated Mayor Menard and Deputy Mayor Sheikh and looks forward to working with the council in 2022.

Steve Castellucci – 2 Laurelwood Drive, thanked all of the councilmembers for their service.

Morris County Assemblywomen Aura Dunn – thanked the council for their service and congratulated Mayor Menard and Deputy Mayor Sheikh.

Kellie Doucette – spoke on behalf of Congresswoman Mikie Sherrill and wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked the council for their public service.

**ADJOURNMENT at 8:07pm**

Motion made by Councilmember Happer and seconded by Mayor Menard to adjourn the meeting at 8:07pm, with all members in favor signifying by "Aye".

Respectfully Submitted

Cara Fox  
Cara Fox, Deputy Borough Clerk