



**MEETING MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MOUNTAIN LAKES
MAY 9, 2022
HELD AT ML HIGH SCHOOL, 96 POWERVILLE ROAD, MOUNTAIN LAKES, NJ 07046**

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 4, 2022 and posted in the municipal building.

Mayor Menard called the meeting to order at 6:32p.m.

ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

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

Councilmember Lane arrived at 8:20pm.

FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Menard led the salute to the flag.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

R110-22, Resolution to Enter an Executive Session – Litigation (Tax Appeals) & Attorney - Client Privilege (Approval of Executive Minutes)

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

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Menard made the following announcements: The Memorial Day Parade will be held on May 30th at 10am; The Independence Day Fireworks will be held on July 2nd; Mountain Lakes Day will be held on July 2nd at the Esplanade.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

REPORTS OF BOROUGH ESTABLISHED BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

Solid Waste Advisory Committee Update

Committee members Deputy Mayor Sheikh, Councilmember Happer and Councilmember Barnett presented the results of the solid waste resident survey and provided the committee’s recommendations for the Borough’s solid waste program.

The Council asked questions of Deputy Mayor Sheikh, Councilmember Happer and Councilmember Barnett and they answered them. Also in attendance was committee member Mimi Kaplan and she answered questions from Council as well.

There was a consensus by Borough Council to support the recommendations of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee.

The Solid Waste Advisory Committee’s recommendations are the following:

1. Eliminate the Borough's Green Bag Program; Replace with standard garbage allotment per household
2. Maintain home-side collection of garbage and recyclables
3. Maintain one time per week garbage collection; Add option for residents to contract directly with hauler for extra collection day each week
4. Move to alternating weekly collection schedule for recyclables (example: weeks 1 & 3 commingled; weeks 2 & 4 paper/cardboard)



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5. Maintain dual stream recycling and Borough ownership of recyclables
6. Replace two times per year Bulk Trash Days (drop-off at Recycling Center) with quarterly curbside collection
7. Review Recycling Center operating hours

BOROUGH COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS

First Quarter 2022 Current Budget Report; First Quarter 2022 Water Budget Report and First Quarter 2022 Sewer Budget Report; Trust Balances; Capital Account Balances

Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Monica Goscicki discussed the 2022 first quarter budget reports with the Council. CFO Goscicki provided a detailed memo of the first quarter current fund budget, first quarter water and sewer budgets, trust balances and capital account balances. The Council asked questions of Ms. Goscicki and she answered them.

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 reported that in tonight's executive session the council discussed the following: a proposed Payment-in-Lieu-of-Taxes (PILOT) agreement, the Mountain Lakes Club tax appeal, and the overall tax appeals in the Borough.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Borough Manager Stern provided his report (attached). The council asked questions of Mr. Stern and Mr. Stern answered them.

RESOLUTIONS

There were no resolutions.

ORDINANCES TO INTRODUCE

4-22, Ordinance Amending Chapter 26 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Mountain Lakes Regarding the Establishment and Governance of the Department of Police

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

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. R111-22, Authorizing the Payment of Bills



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***APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

4/11/22 (Executive)
4/25/22 (Regular)

***BOARD, COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS**

***Approval of the Consent Agenda**

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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Councilmember Happer was absent at the 4/25/22 Council meeting and abstained from voting on minutes.

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

Health Commission – Councilmember Richter reported that the health officer continues to deal with the pandemic and reported that the commission is working on an outdoor wellness project utilizing the trails.

Lakes Management Committee – Councilmember Richter reported that the committee discussed Grunden’s Pond and pursuing sediment removal at Sunset Lake Dam when the lake is drained during the upcoming dam project.

Finance Advisory Committee – Councilmember Barnett reported that the committee discussed the first quarter 2022 finance reports.

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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NEXT STEPS AND PRIORITIES

There were no next steps or priorities.



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ADJOURNMENT at 9:02P.M.

Motion made by Councilmember Happer, second by Mayor Menard to adjourn the meeting at 9:02p.m., with all members in favor signifying by "Aye".

Respectfully Submitted

Mitchell Stern, Acting Borough Clerk