



MEETING MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MOUNTAIN LAKES
MARCH 25, 2024
HELD AT BOROUGH HALL, 400 BOULEVARD, 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, 2024 and posted in the municipal building.

Mayor Sheikh called the meeting to order at 7p.m.

ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

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

FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Sheikh led the salute to the flag.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Muilenburg reported that the Trout Derby will be held on April 20th at Birchwood Lake and the trout stocking will be held on April 19th.

Councilmember Korman reported the following: Borough Cleanup Day will be held on April 20th; the Woods and Lakes Run will be held on April 27th; the Mountain Lakes Fire Department will hold a 5k Run on June 29th.

Mayor Barnett announced that the unveiling of the Police EV will be held at Briarcliff School.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

There were no special presentations.

REPORTS OF BOROUGH ESTABLISHED BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

There were no reports.

BOROUGH COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS

Resolution 87-24, Amend 2024 Introduced Budget

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Resolution 88-24 , Read Budget by Title

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Resolution 89-24, Self-Examination of Budget

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Public Hearing of the 2024 Municipal Budget

Mayor Sheikh opened the meeting to the public.

There was no one from the public wishing to speak.

Resolution 90-24, Adoption of 2024 Municipal Budget

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NJDEP Required Removal Tree Ordinance

Borough Attorney Oostdyk provided an overview of the tree removal ordinance that the NJDEP is requiring all municipalities to adopt by May 1st. Mr. Oostdyk advised that there is no listed penalty for municipalities that fail to adopt the ordinance by May 1st. The Council discussed the timeline of the ordinance and agreed that the ordinance should be reviewed by the Shade Tree Commission and then be introduced at the second April Council meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Sheikh opened the meeting to the public.

Bob Dewing – commented on the tree removal ordinance that the NJDEP is requiring all municipalities to adopt and requested that the Borough's ordinance not penalize residents for prudent forestry management.



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Sandy Batty – asked questions regarding the tree removal ordinance that the NJDEP is requiring all municipalities to adopt and requested that the Borough’s ordinance exempt invasive species from being counted toward the number of trees that are allowed to be removed and apply the requirements in the ordinance to residential and Borough owned properties.

Borough Attorney Oostdyk responded to the public’s comment.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT

Borough Attorney Oostdyk reported that the New Jersey Affordable Housing legislation was signed by the Governor, and that the legislation appears to have advantages for Highlands municipalities. Mr. Oostdyk will continue to monitor affordable housing developments and keep the Council apprised of any effect on the Borough.

MANAGER’S REPORT

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

Borough Credit Rating Increase to AAA

Borough Auditor John Mooney explained how the Borough increased their S&P Global (a division of Standard & Poor’s) credit rating to AAA from AA+. Mr. Mooney attributed the increase to the Borough’s projected use of fund balance over time, consistently maintaining over a 99% tax collection rate, the Borough’s fund balance plan, and the Borough’s taxable ability. Mr. Stern and Deputy Mayor Barnett added that additional factors for the increase included the Borough changing to an annual revaluation, settling the majority of the Borough’s tax appeals, and having stability amongst the management team (Borough Manager, CFO, etc.) also contributed to the credit rating increase.

Station Property Renovation Project Grant Submission

Mr. Stern advised the Council that the Borough will be applying to the Morris County Historic Preservation Trust for a grant to cover 80% of the project amount. The remaining 20% of the project amount will be submitted as a grant request to the New Jersey Historic Trust.

RESOLUTIONS

There were no resolutions.

ORDINANCES TO INTRODUCE

3-24, Bond Ordinance Appropriating \$1,318,094 and Authorizing the Issuance of \$962,851 Bonds or Notes of the Borough for Various Improvements or Purposes Authorized to be Undertaken by the Borough of Mountain Lakes

Introduced: 3/25/24

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4-24, Authorizing the Salary and/or Wages of the Officers and Employees of the Borough of Mountain Lakes

Introduced: 3/25/24

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ORDINANCES TO ADOPT

There were no ordinances to introduce.

***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. R91-24, Authorizing the Payment of Bills
- b. R92-23, Rejecting the Bids for Replacement of Firehouse Bay Doors
- c. R93-24, Authorizing the Submission of a Grant Application to the Morris County Historic Preservation Trust Fund for a 2024 Grant for Construction Funds for Partial Exterior Restoration of the Mountain Lakes Train Station
- d. R94-24, Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with Princeton Hydro for Development of Scope of Work for Highlands Council Grant
- e. R95-24, Authorizing Change Order for the Sunset Lake Dam Rehabilitation Project

***APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

3/11/24 (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
- Tax Collector

COUNCIL REPORTS

Environmental Commission – Councilmember Korman reported the following: the commission discussed Borough Cleanup Day and the tree removal ordinance that the NJDEP is requiring all municipalities to adopt; the commission continues to work on improving recycling at the high school and analyzing polystyrene recycling; there will be an Arbor Day celebration on April 26th at Wildwood School.

Woodlands Committee – Councilmember Muilenburg reported the following: the committee welcomed new student member Korbon Lee; the committee has scheduled four Saturday workdays for the West Shore Trail project; the committee is deciding which pocket park(s) to focus on for Borough Cleanup Day; the committee would like to schedule a date to attend a Council meeting to provide an update on the committee and discuss the Red Trail project. Mayor Khizar advised Councilmember Muilenburg to contact him to schedule a date.

Community Development (Morris County Committee) – Councilmember Muilenburg reported that the committee's grant meeting will be held on April 3rd.

Land Use Ordinance Subcommittee – Councilmember Menard reported that the subcommittee received the Borough Planner's recommendations to the proposed residential RAA zoning ordinance that takes into consideration feedback received at the 2/26/24 Council meeting. Councilmember Menard provided an overview of the proposed bulk standards. The Council discussed the next steps for the RAA zoning ordinance and determined that the ordinance introduction would be scheduled for the April 8th Council meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Sheikh opened the meeting to the public.

Suzanne Atkin-Platt expressed her concerns with Section 3 Paragraph D Subparagraph 8 of the proposed residential RAA zoning ordinance and requested that the ordinance include a more robust parking plan.

Abram Kirshenbaum expressed concern over the 40% improved lot coverage, water runoff, and parking requirements regarding the proposed residential RAA zoning ordinance.

Amanda Cali requested that the Council include landscape maintenance and consider the type of roads for entry/exit at non-public school entities in the proposed residential RAA zoning ordinance.

Mayor Sheikh, Councilmember Menard, Councilmember Richter, Borough Attorney Oostdyk, Councilmember Korman, Councilmember Muilenburg and Deputy Mayor Barnett responded to the public's comments.

Councilmember Richter agreed to email Suzanne Atkin-Platt the definition of building height.

Borough Manager Stern advised the public to contact him with any property maintenance / landscaping issues.



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NEXT STEPS AND PRIORITIES

Mayor Sheikh reviewed the following next steps and priorities:

Next Step	Completed by	Completion date
Review / Provide Comment on NJDEP Required Removal Tree Ordinance	Shade Tree Commission	
Introduction of Borough Ordinance Incorporating the NJDEP Requirements	Borough Council	2 nd April Council Meeting
Presentation by Dewberry Engineering Regarding Well #4 PFAS Remediation Update / Proposal		April Council Meeting
Discussion & Introduction of Residential RAA Zoning Ordinance		April 8 th
Email Suzanne Atkin-Platt Definition of Building Height in Proposed Residential RAA Zoning Ordinance	Councilmember Richter	
Recommendation From Traffic & Safety Committee Regarding Traffic Circulation Around Schools	Traffic & Safety Committee	

ADJOURNMENT at 9:01P.M.

Motion made by Councilmember Muilenburg, second by Councilmember Richter to adjourn the meeting at 9:01p.m., with all members in favor signifying by "Aye".

Respectfully Submitted,

Cara Fox
 Cara Fox, Borough Clerk



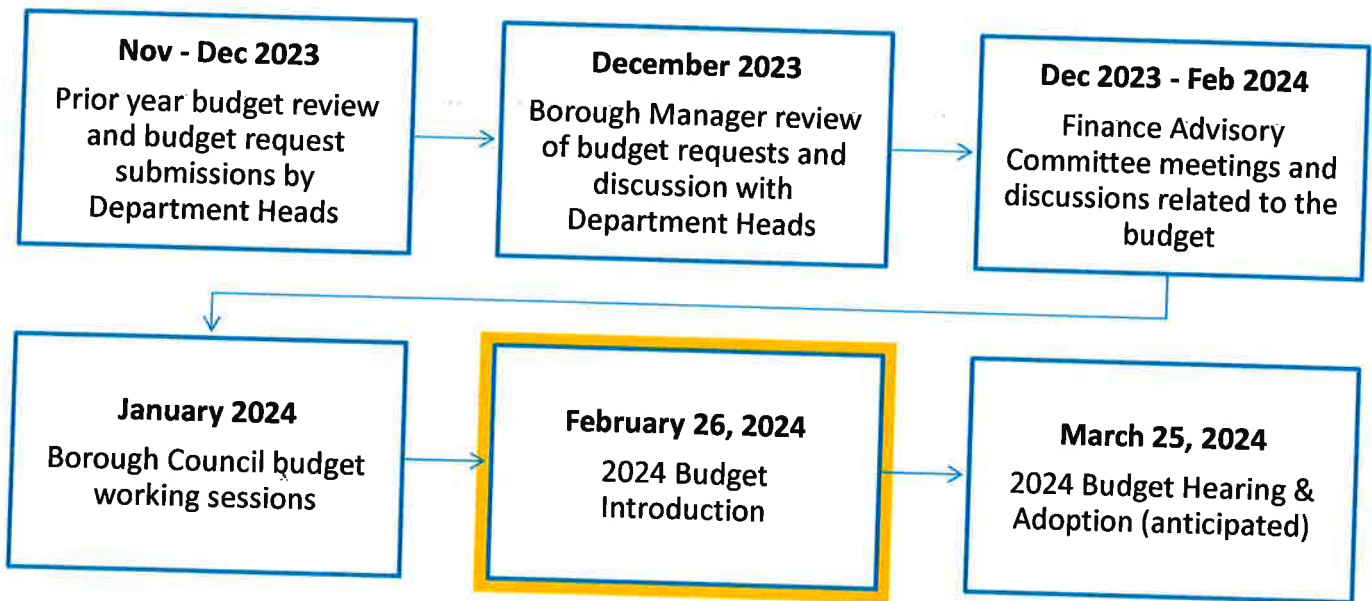
BOROUGH OF MOUNTAIN LAKES

LISTED IN NATIONAL AND STATE REGISTERS OF HISTORIC PLACES

2024 Municipal Budget Presentation
February 26, 2024



2024 Budget Process





Key Budget Goals

- Ensure the Borough's long-term fiscal health and stability
- Minimize tax burden on residents
- Maintain services and address important capital needs
- Continue to invest in our community
- Plan for the future



2024 Municipal Budget Introduction

Current Budget

- Total Budget, including Library: \$10,742,000
- General Operations & Capital Spending
- Funded by: Property Taxes, State Aid, Grants, Licenses, Fees, Leases, Interest Income

Water Utility Budget

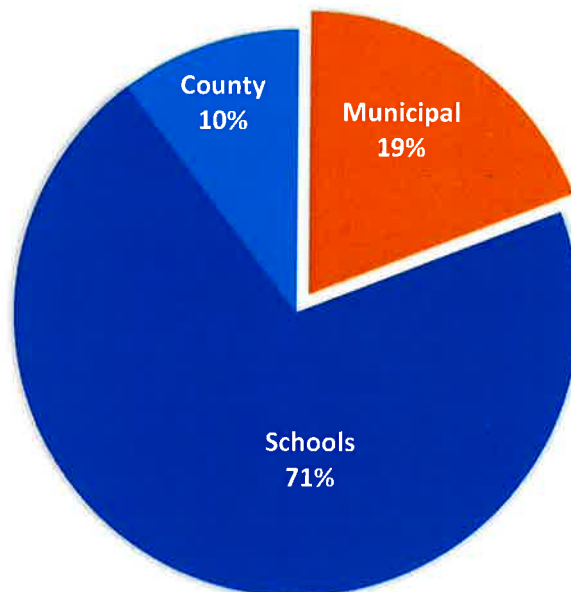
- Total Budget: \$975,000
- Water System
- Funded by: Water Utility Bill

Sewer Utility Budget

- Total Budget: \$974,000
- Sewer System
- Funded by: Sewer Utility Bill



The 2024 Municipal Budget represents approximately 19% of total property taxes



- The Borough collects and disburses School and County taxes, but plays no role related to School or County budget oversight and spending



The 2024 Municipal Budget funds the operations and capital needs of the Borough

Public Safety	Police, Fire, Office of Emergency Management
Administration	Manager, Clerk, Tax Assessor, Tax Collector, Financial Administration, Building Official, Planning, Zoning & Code Enforcement
Public Works	Road & Sidewalk Cleaning, Plowing & Maintenance, Garbage & Recycling, Water Infrastructure, Buildings & Grounds
Recreation	Youth Programming, Summer Camps, 55+ Programming, Community Celebrations, Summer Concert Series, Hub Lakes Competition
Other Services	Health & Animal Control
Public Library	The Municipal Budget funds most of the Mountain Lakes Public Library budget, including for the Makerspace program
Capital Needs	Vehicles, Equipment, Paving, Road & Sidewalk Improvements, Parks & Recreational Facilities, Other Borough Improvements
Water Utility	Wells, Tanks, Water Mains, Maintenance, and Upgrades
Sewer Utility	Sewer Mains, Maintenance, Upgrades, and Processing



2024 Municipal Budget Summary

	2023	2024	YTY +/-
Introduced Budget	\$10,774,000	\$10,742,000	-0.3%
Amount to be Raised by Taxation	\$6,981,000	\$6,911,500	-1.0%
Ratable Tax Base	\$1.414B	\$1.526B	+8.0%
Tax Rate	0.49381	0.45286	-8.3%
Taxes per \$100,000 Assessed Home Value	\$493.81	\$452.86	-8.3%
Average Residential Property Value	\$887,800	\$963,400	+8.5%
Average Municipal Tax Payment	\$4,384	\$4,363	-0.5%

- Municipal budget decrease of 0.3%
- Amount to be Raised by Taxation decrease of 1.0%
- Municipal tax rate decrease of 8.3% – **4 straight years of tax rate decreases**
- Average home property value increase of 8.5%
- Average municipal tax payment decrease of 0.5% year-to-year



Borough of Mountain Lakes Ratable Base

The Borough of Mountain Lakes Ratable Base totals \$1.526B in 2024

- 91.3% Residential
- 8.4% Commercial / Utilities
- 0.3% Vacant Land/Farmland

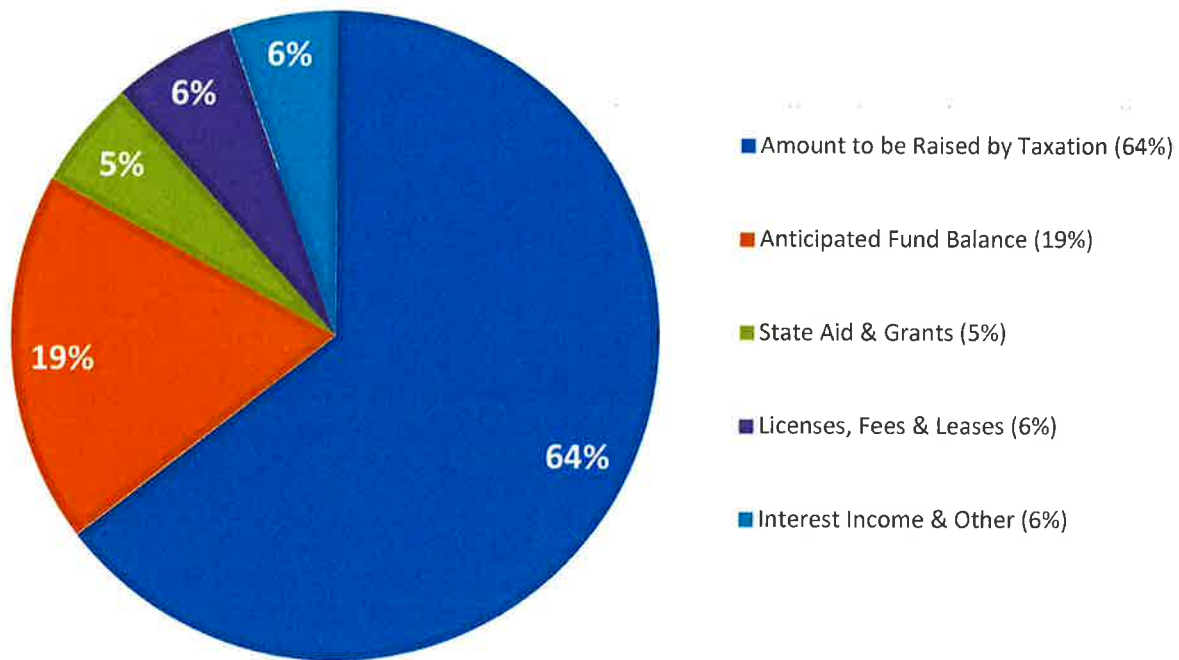
The Borough's ratable base grew \$112M (+8%) in 2024, primarily due to market increases in property values

- The Average Residential Assessment in 2024 is \$963,400, up 8.5% year-to-year
- The Borough's reassessment program captures market changes on an annual basis; property valuations may fluctuate significantly year-to-year
- A change in the assessed value of your home will impact your tax bill only if your home's valuation has increased or decreased by a greater % than other properties in the Borough



Municipal Budget Revenue

64% of the Municipal Budget is funded by taxes to be raised in 2024



The 2024 Municipal Budget reflects responsible management of Fund Balance

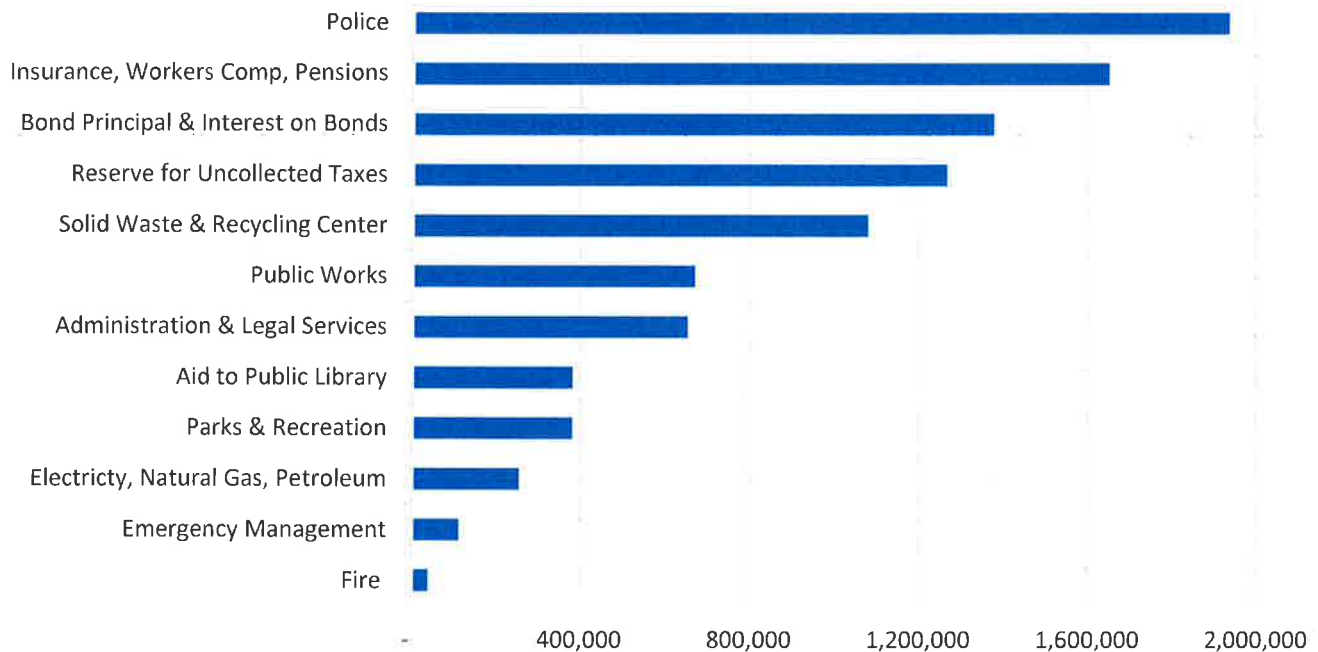


- The proposed budget utilizes \$2,000,000 of Fund Balance.
- The proposed budget leaves \$1,661,665 in Fund Balance
- A healthy Fund Balance will help ensure solid financial footing for the Borough in 2024 and beyond



Municipal Budget Appropriations

2024 Expenses



Having a volunteer fire department is a considerable savings to our taxpayers – Thank you, MLVFD!



2024 Capital Improvement Program

\$1M Capital Budget (Net of Grants)

Police Department: \$74,500

- Base Station Radio Upgrade (\$6k)
- Alco-Test (\$20k)
- Police Car Upfitting, 2 cars (\$40k)
- Breaching Equipment (\$8.5k)

Fire Department: \$64,000

- Turnout Gear/PPE (\$16k)
- Thermal Imaging Camera (\$8k)
- 20" Mow Jet Fan, Smoke Ejector (\$4k)
- Vehicle Exhaust System (\$36k)

Public Works & Rec: \$1,156,000

- Sidewalks (\$55k)
- Paving/Roadwork (\$679k)
- Trolley Path Improvements (\$120k)

Public Works & Rec (cont.)

- Garage Doors/Building Improvements (\$85k)
- Refinish Front of Building (\$15k)
- 2 Ford F350 Vehicles (\$50k)
- ML2 Mason Dump Truck (\$100k)
- Quad Plow (\$12k)
- 2 Replacement Fire Hydrants (\$15k)
- Water Utility Truck, Additional Funds (\$20k)
- Sound System Upgrade (\$5k)

Financing Costs: \$23,500

Grants: \$304,500

- NJ DOT Roadwork Grant: (\$234.5k)
- NJ Local Recreation Grant for Trolley Path Improvements: (\$70k)



Average Residential Municipal Taxes

2024 Annual Budget: \$10,742,000

2024 Tax Rate: \$0.45286

Average Residential Property Value: \$963,400

Average Municipal Taxes (Annually): \$4,363

Average Municipal Taxes (Monthly): \$364

**\$364 per
month
provides:**

- Police Protection
- Fire Protection
- Emergency Medical Assistance
- Recreation Programs
- Beach Facilities
- Lakes Management
- Buildings and Grounds
- Garbage & Recycling Services
- Roads, Sidewalks, and Curbs
- Water Infrastructure
- Public Works
- Construction Official and Office
- Zoning and Planning
- Borough Clerk
- Borough Manager
- Finance Administration
- Health Services and Animal Control
- Code Enforcement
- Mountain Lakes Public Library
- Current & Prior Year Capital Needs





Water Utility Budget Highlights

- The 2024 Water Budget is balanced at \$975,000
- The Water Budget will decrease by \$11,500 (-1.2%) over 2023



Sewer Utility Budget Highlights

- The Sewer Budget is balanced at \$974,000
- The Sewer Budget will increase by \$67,500 (7.4%) over 2023
- This YTY budget increase is primarily due to an increase in costs from the Parsippany Sewer Utility



In Summary

- The 2024 Municipal Budget is balanced at \$10,742,000 and reflects a 0.3% decrease year-to-year
- The Amount to Be Raised by Taxation is decreasing by -1.0%
- The Municipal Tax Rate is decreasing by 8.3% – a fourth straight year of municipal tax rate decreases
- The average homeowner’s municipal tax bill is decreasing by 0.5%
- The Municipal Budget addresses important Borough priorities and investments in our community – including public safety, recreation, increased lake maintenance, improved bulk trash collection, road and sidewalk improvements, and facility and infrastructure upgrades



Thank You

To facilitate a discussion of the NJDEP Required Removal Tree Ordinance attached are:

- The Model Ordinance produced by NJDEP
- A draft Exhibit A with a list of acceptable replacement trees
- Current Chapter 102 which regulated removal of trees in the right of way and in the setback area
- A draft ordinance which attempts to combine the existing ordinance provisions with the new provisions required by NJDEP. This is in draft form and simply an attempt by the Borough Attorney to put on paper what a revision might look like.

NJ DEP Model Ordinance

Ordinance # []- Tree Removal-Replacement Ordinance

[Trees play a critical, often overlooked, role in the water cycle and in the mitigation of stormwater runoff issues such as soil erosion, pollutant reduction, infiltration, quantity reduction, and thermal effects. This ordinance is intended to ensure that permittees are considering these undervalued assets in their stormwater management efforts.]

The 2023 Tier A MS4 permit renewal requires permittees to, at a minimum, adopt and enforce a community-wide ordinance to control tree removal and replacement for all types of properties where the municipality has jurisdiction. This model ordinance, developed by the Department, can be used by each municipality for consideration in reviewing and/or updating their existing tree ordinance, or adopting a new tree ordinance. This model may also be modified by the municipality to meet the needs of their community.]

SECTION I. Purpose:

An ordinance to establish requirements for tree removal and replacement in **[insert name of municipality]** to reduce soil erosion and pollutant runoff, promote infiltration of rainwater into the soil, and protect the environment, public health, safety, and welfare.

[Municipalities that are accredited with the [NJ Urban and Community Forestry Program](#) may continue to follow their town's established forestry program requirements provided their accredited program addresses tree removal and replacement.]

The details of a municipality's forestry program shall be incorporated by reference or contained within the municipality's adopted ordinance. Please contact the [NJ Urban and Community Forestry Program](#) to obtain further information regarding becoming an accredited municipality and the associated requirements.]

[Municipalities with an existing tree ordinance may contact the Department at stormwatermanager@dep.nj.gov to determine if their ordinance requires modification.]

SECTION II. Definitions:

For the purpose of this ordinance, the following terms, phrases, words, and their derivations shall have the meanings stated herein unless their use in the text of this ordinance clearly demonstrates a different meaning. When consistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words used in the plural number include the singular number, and words used in the singular number include the plural

number. The use of the word "shall" means the requirement is always mandatory and not merely directory.

A. "Applicant" means any "person", as defined below, who applies for approval to remove trees regulated under this ordinance.

B. "Critical Root Radius (CRR)" – means the zone around the base of a tree where the majority of the root system is found. This zone is calculated by multiplying the diameter at breast height (DBH) of the tree by 1.5 feet. For example: a tree with a 6" DBH would have a CRR = 6"x1.5' = 9'.

C. "Diameter at Breast Height (DBH)" means the diameter of the trunk of a mature tree generally measured at a point four and a half feet above ground level from the uphill side of the tree. For species of trees where the main trunk divides below the 4 ½ foot height, the DBH shall be measured at the highest point before any division.

D. "Hazard Tree" means a tree or limbs thereof that meet one or more of the criteria below. Trees that do not meet any of the criteria below and are proposed to be removed solely for development purposes are not hazard trees. [Municipalities may choose to require a Licensed Tree Expert to make all Hazard tree determination]

1. Has an infectious disease or insect infestation;
2. Is dead or dying;
3. Obstructs the view of traffic signs or the free passage of pedestrians or vehicles, where pruning attempts have not been effective;
4. Is causing obvious damage to structures (such as building foundations, sidewalks, etc.); or
5. Is determined to be a threat to public health, safety, and/or welfare by a certified arborist or Licensed Tree Expert (LTE).

E. "Person" means any individual, resident, corporation, utility, company, partnership, firm, or association.

F. "Planting strip" means the part of a street right-of-way between the public right-of-way and the portion of the street reserved for vehicular traffic or between the abutting property line and the curb or traveled portion of the street, exclusive of any sidewalk.

G. "Resident" means an individual who resides on the residential property or contractor hired by the individual who resides on the residential property where a tree(s) regulated by this ordinance is removed or proposed to be removed.

H. "Street Tree" means a tree planted in the sidewalk, planting strip, and/or in the public right-of-way adjacent to (or specified distance from) the portion of the street reserved for vehicular traffic. This also includes trees planted in planting strips within the roadway right-of-way, i.e., islands, medians, pedestrian refuges.

I. "Tree" means a woody perennial plant, typically having a single stem or trunk growing to a considerable height and bearing lateral branches at some distance from the ground.

J. "Tree Caliper" means the diameter of the trunk of a young tree, measured six (6) inches from the soil line. For young trees whose caliper exceeds four (4) inches, the measurement is taken twelve (12) inches above the soil line.

K. "Tree removal" means to kill or to cause irreparable damage that leads to the decline and/or death of a tree. This includes, but is not limited to, excessive pruning, application of substances that are toxic to the tree, over-mulching or improper mulching, and improper grading and/or soil compaction within the critical root radius around the base of the tree that leads to the decline and/or death of a tree. Removal does not include responsible pruning and maintenance of a tree, or the application of treatments intended to manage invasive species.

SECTION III. Regulated Activities:

[Application review and approval can be conducted along with existing business practices and permit application review such as, but not limited to, site plan approvals, building permit approvals, planning board application approval, etc. A separate application process is not required, but the Department has included sample language below for municipalities that prefer to do so.]

A. Optional Application Process:

1. Any person planning to remove a street tree, as defined as Tree removal, with DBH of 2.5" or more or any non-street tree with DBH of 6" or more on their property shall submit a Tree Removal Application to **[Municipal Officials]**. No tree shall be removed until municipal officials have reviewed and approved the removal. **[For larger scale clearing projects, municipalities may choose to require a tree survey be submitted as part of the application to determine number, sizes, and exemptions of trees for the assessment of fees]**

[The municipality may choose to impose application fees. If so, the following language may be used, with revisions as deemed appropriate.]

[Optional for municipalities: Applicants will be subject to an application fee as per the Table below.]

B. Tree Replacement Requirements

1. Any person who removes one or more street tree(s) with a DBH of 2.5" or more, unless exempt under Section IV, shall be subject to the requirements of the Tree Replacement Requirements Table below.
2. Any person, who removes one or more tree(s), as defined as Tree removal, with a DBH of 6" or more per acre, unless otherwise detailed under Section IV, shall be subject to the requirements of the Tree Replacement Requirements Table.

The species type and diversity of replacement trees shall be in accordance with Appendix A (insert municipality provided tree list as Appendix A of this ordinance). **[The municipality shall provide a list of approved trees that are acceptable to be planted as replacement trees, or at a minimum develop a list of trees that shall not be used as replacement trees. This list will be included as "Appendix A". It is permissible for a municipality to include a procedure for approval of a tree not on the approved list. The list shall also contain approved planting times/seasons and proper planting standard procedures or a reference to available literature containing this information.]**

Replacement tree(s) shall:

1. Be replaced in kind with a tree that has an equal or greater DBH than tree removed or meet the Tree Replacement Criteria in the table below;
2. Be planted within twelve (12) months of the date of removal of the original tree(s) or at an alternative date specified by the municipality;
3. Be monitored by the applicant for a period of two (2) years to ensure their survival and shall be replaced as needed within twelve (12) months; and
4. Shall not be planted in temporary containers or pots, as these do not count towards tree replacement requirements.

Tree Replacement Requirements Table:

Category	Tree Removed (DBH)	Tree Replacement Criteria (See Appendix A)	Application Fee <i>[Municipality may choose to include]</i>
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			<i>and determine appropriate fees.]</i>
1	DBH of 2.5" (for street trees) or 6" (for non-street trees) to 12.99"	Replant 1 tree with a minimum tree caliper of 1.5" for each tree removed	<i>TBD by town</i>
2	DBH of 13" to 22.99"	Replant 2 trees with minimum tree calipers of 1.5" for each tree removed	<i>TBD by town</i>
3	DBH of 23" to 32.99"	Replant 3 trees with minimum tree calipers of 1.5" for each tree removed	<i>TBD by town</i>
4	DBH of 33" or greater	Replant 4 trees with minimum tree calipers of 1.5" for each tree removed	<i>TBD by town</i>

C. Replacement Alternatives:

1. If the municipality determines that some or all required replacement trees cannot be planted on the property where the tree removal activity occurred, then the applicant shall do one of the following:
 - a. Plant replacement trees in a separate area(s) approved by the municipality.
 - b. Pay a fee of (amount to be set by municipality) per tree removed. This fee shall be placed into a fund dedicated to tree planting and continued maintenance of the trees.

SECTION IV. Exemptions:

All persons shall comply with the tree replacement standard outlined above, except in the cases detailed below. Proper justification shall be provided, in writing, to the municipality by all persons claiming an exemption **[the municipality shall define what "proper justification" is such as photos or statements from NJ licensed tree expert as per NJ Statue 45:15C-11 or arborist.]**:

- A. Residents who remove less than four (4) trees per acre that fall into category 1, 2, or 3 of the Tree Replacement Requirements Table within a five-year period. [The number of trees removed is a rolling count across a five-year period. For example, if 3 trees from category 1 are removed in July 2023, the 'count' resets to zero in July 2028. However, if 1 tree from category 1 is removed in July 2023 and another in July of 2025 the first tree will come off the count in July 2028 and the second in July 2030.]
- B. Tree farms in active operation, nurseries, fruit orchards, and garden centers;

- C. Properties used for the practice of silviculture under an approved forest stewardship or woodland management plan that is active and on file with the municipality;
- D. Any trees removed as part of a municipal or state decommissioning plan. This exemption only includes trees planted as part of the construction and predetermined to be removed in the decommissioning plan.
- E. Any trees removed pursuant to a New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) or U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approved environmental clean-up, or NJDEP approved habitat enhancement plan;
- F. Approved game management practices, as recommended by the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife;
- G. Hazard trees may be removed with no fee or replacement requirement.

SECTION V. Enforcement:

This ordinance shall be enforced by the **[Police Department and/or other Municipal Officials of insert name of municipality]** during the course of ordinary enforcement duties.

SECTION VI. Violations and Penalties:

Any person(s) who is found to be in violation of the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine of \$ [amount per tree to be established by municipality but shall not be less than the amount of the required replacement tree(s) and cost of planting] [Municipalities may require the planting of additional trees in lieu of a fine].

SECTION VII. Severability:

Each section, subsection, sentence, clause, and phrase of this Ordinance is declared to be an independent section, subsection, sentence, clause, and phrase, and finding or holding of any such portion of this Ordinance to be unconstitutional, void, or ineffective for any cause or reason shall not affect any other portion of this Ordinance.

SECTION VIII. Effective Date:

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and any publication as may be required by law.

Adoption Date: _____

Approved By: _____

Appendix A

Approved list of Replacement tree Species and Planting Standards for
(Insert Municipality Name)

[The municipality shall provide a list of approved trees that are acceptable to be planted as replacement trees, or at a minimum develop a list of trees that shall not be used as replacement trees. The list shall include approved planting times/seasons and proper planting standard procedures or a reference to available literature containing this information.]

Tree Species	Planting Season	Planting Procedure (soil type, watering, pruning, staking, wrapping, exposure, depth, mulching, etc)

Exhibit A

Below is a list of species generally available in the nursery trade which would be suitable for use as replacement trees. The list was developed based on size at maturity, ability to withstand insect, disease, and storm damage. This is a list of species within each species are many varieties Dwarf and weeping varieties of these species are not suitable as replacement trees.

Approved replacement species:

Acer rubrum (Red Maple)
Acer x freemanii (Armstrong Maple)
Acer saccharum (Sugar Maple)
Celtis (Hackberry)
Fagus (Beech)
Ginkgo
Gleditsia (Honey Locust)
Gymnocladus (Kentucky Coffee Tree)
Koelreuteria (Goldenrain Tree)
Liquidambar (Sweet Gum)
Liriodendron (Tulip Tree)
Metasequoia (Dawn Redwood)
Nyssa (Black Gum)
Ostrya (Hophornbeam)
Picea abies (Norway Spruce)
Pinus strobus (White Pine)
Platanus (Planetree)
Quercus (Oak)
Saphora (Pagodatree)
Tilia (Linden)
Taxodium (Bald Cypress)
Ulmus (Elm)
Zelkova

Species not approved for use as replacement trees:

Acer palamatum (Japanese Maple)
Acer platanoides (Norway Maple)
Acer saccharinum (Silver Maple)
Betula sp. (Birch)
Carpinus (Hornbeam)
Cornus (Dogwood)
Fraxinus (Ash)

Magnolia

Malus (Crabapple)

Prunus (Cherry, Plum)

Pyrus (Pear)

Salix (Willow)

Thuja (Arborvitae)

Tsuga (Hemlock)

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Chapter 102. Environmental Factors; Soil, Water and Trees

Article VII. Preservation and Protection of Trees

[Added 10-10-2000 by Ord. No. 13-2000; amended in its entirety 6-13-2005 by Ord. No. 10-05]

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 - Wellhead Protection Area Map 

§ 102-33. Purpose.

- A. The purpose of this article is to ensure the preservation and protection of street trees and shrubs and protected trees in the setback area of residential lots.
- B. The preservation of trees and their protection from significant harmful effects caused during development and other activities serves the public health, safety and welfare of Mountain Lakes. The benefits to the community include:
 - (1) Reducing runoff into the lakes;
 - (2) Improving air quality;
 - (3) Conserving water;
 - (4) Abating noise;
 - (5) Providing cooling in summer;
 - (6) Contributing to the pleasant parklike ambience of the community; and
 - (7) Enhancing property values.
- C. The protection of trees also serves to reduce risks to the health and safety of others associated with falling or dropping limbs from unhealthy or dead trees.

§ 102-34. Definitions.

Certain words, phrases and terms are defined below for purposes of this article, unless the context otherwise requires:

AFFECTED NEIGHBOR

The owner of record of any property adjacent to the affected property.

AFFECTED PROPERTY

The lot or lots for which a tree removal permit, road opening permit, soil moving permit or construction permit is issued.

APPLICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT

As defined in § 40-3 of the Code of the Borough of Mountain Lakes.

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT

The permit required by Chapter **88**, Article **II** of the Code of the Borough of Mountain Lakes.

DEVELOPMENT

As defined in § **40-3** of the Code of the Borough of Mountain Lakes.

LOT LINE

As defined in § **40-3** of the Code of the Borough of Mountain Lakes.

OWNER

As defined in § **40-3** of the Code of the Borough of Mountain Lakes.

PROTECTED TREE

Any tree eight or more inches in diameter or 25 inches or more in circumference measured at a point 4 1/2 feet above the ground whose trunk is wholly in the setback area of the affected property. If a tree has multiple trunks, then each trunk's diameter shall be measured and added together to determine the size of the tree.

RIGHT-OF-WAY

As defined in § **40-3** of the Code of the Borough of Mountain Lakes.

ROAD OPENING PERMIT

The permit required by § **204-25** of the Code of the Borough of Mountain Lakes.

SETBACK AREAS

The area between the lot lines and the setback lines of a lot.

SETBACK LINE

As defined in § **40-3** of the Code of the Borough of Mountain Lakes and listed in Schedule I: Bulk Requirements.

SHRUB

A woody plant that does not have a center trunk and does not typically grow over 10 feet high.

SOIL MOVING PERMIT

The permit required by § **102-11** of the Code of the Borough of Mountain Lakes.

STREET TREE OR SHRUB

Any tree or shrub upon any Borough street, right-of-way, highway, public place or park.

TREE

Any living deciduous or coniferous species which reaches a typical mature height of 12 feet or more and has a typical mature diameter of four inches or greater measured at a point 4 1/2 feet above the ground.

TREE REMOVAL PERMIT

The permit required by § **102-36** of the Code of the Borough of Mountain Lakes.

§ 102-35. Street trees and shrubs in rights-of-way.

A. Regulations.

- (1) Approval for planting or removing street trees or shrubs. No person shall plant, prune or remove any tree or shrub upon any Borough street, right-of-way, highway, public place or park without written permission from the Shade Tree Commission. Except as required by Subsection **A(2)** herein, this provision shall not be construed to require a street tree

management plan to plant or remove a tree or shrub upon any Borough street, right-of-way, highway, public place or park.

- (2) Street tree management plan required. The Construction Official shall not issue a construction permit for erecting or constructing a building or addition or alteration thereof or improvements upon a property, a road opening permit, or a soil moving permit until a street tree management plan has been approved by the Shade Tree Commission and implemented in accordance with the regulations and provisions of § 102-35. Throughout a period of any construction, alteration or repair to any building or structure, or work on a site which is subject to an approved street tree management plan, the owner, tenant, person, firm or corporation causing said construction, improvement or work shall in all respects comply with an approved street tree management plan. The Planning Board or Zoning Board of Adjustment shall require as part of an application for development a street tree management plan approved by the Shade Tree Commission.
- (3) Other restrictions. No person shall:
 - (a) Cut, break, injure or remove a tree or shrub upon any Borough street, right-of-way, highway, public place or park. This provision shall not apply to the actions of the Borough or a duly franchised public utility in the case of an emergency.
 - (b) Place rope, wire, sign, poster or other fixture on a tree or shrub upon any Borough street, right-of-way, highway, public place or park or injure, misuse or remove any device placed to protect a tree or shrub upon any Borough street, right-of-way, highway, public place or park. This provision shall not apply to the actions of the Borough or a duly franchised public utility in the case of an emergency.
 - (c) Fasten or attach an animal to or cause or allow an animal to injure a tree or shrub upon a Borough street, right-of-way, highway, public place or park.
 - (d) Place or store, or cause to be placed or stored, any earth, stone, cement, sidewalk, or other substance, that impedes the free access of water and air to the roots of a tree or shrub upon any Borough street, right-of-way, highway, public place or park.
 - (e) Pour salt water or other chemical, build fires or station any incinerator, tar kettle, road roller or other engine on or near a tree or shrub upon any Borough street, right-of-way, highway, public place or park in any such manner that the vapor or fumes therefrom may injure the same.

B. Street tree management plan.

- (1) Application. Any owner, person, firm or corporation who shall seek approval of an application for development by the Planning Board or Zoning Board of Adjustment; apply for a construction permit to erect or construct or cause to be erected or constructed a building or addition thereto or alteration thereof or install or cause to be installed improvements upon any property; seek a road opening permit; or seek a soil moving permit shall as a condition thereof apply for and receive approval for and comply with a street tree management plan on such forms and provide such information as may be reasonably required to satisfy the intent and purpose hereof by the Shade Tree Commission in accordance with the following:
 - (a) Identify, by street, block and lot number, the site and adjacent Borough streets, rights-of-ways, highways, public places and parks.
 - (b) Provide the name, address and telephone number of the owner or duly authorized agent of said owner, where applicable.
 - (c) Identify and place on a site plan or survey the location of any existing and/or proposed tree or shrub on adjacent Borough streets, rights-of-ways, highways, public places and parks.

- (d) Mark any existing tree or shrub and/or the location of a proposed street tree or shrub, by visible, weatherproof and reasonably tamperproof means such as colored plastic tape. Existing trees or shrubs shall not to be sprayed with paint or chemicals or otherwise permanently marked, damaged or defaced.
 - (e) Identify and mark a tree protection zone around trees and shrubs upon Borough streets, rights-of-ways, highways, public places and parks adjacent to the site to a minimum of one foot from the tree trunk in all directions where feasible equal to one-inch diameter of tree trunk (for example, 10 feet from a tree 10 inches in diameter) and one foot beyond the dripline of a shrub. The diameter of the tree must be determined as follows: measure the circumference of the tree 4.5 feet above the ground, then divide that number by 3.14. This is the diameter of the tree:
 - (f) Construct and maintain barricades made of snow fencing, or comparable fence material approved by the Shade Tree Commission, to a height of no less than four feet around the perimeter of the tree protection zone, as identified above, until all work is completed and the condition of trees and shrubs within the tree protection zone is approved by the Shade Tree Commission.
 - (g) Place signs on barricade denoting a tree protection zone.
 - (h) Place all equipment, supplies, stockpiled earth and stones, ditches, and underground utility lines outside the tree protection zone. If an underground line must go within a tree protection zone, it is to be installed by a method approved by the Shade Tree Commission that minimizes to the extent feasible cutting of or damage to roots.
 - (i) At the discretion of the Shade Tree Commission, fertilize protected trees and shrubs which show evidence of stress from construction activity to increase vigor and aid in overcoming stress.
 - (j) Designate specific corridors for site access, where the driveways or parking areas or walks will be located, and provide protection of root zones where necessary.
 - (k) Where a change of slope may cause harm to any existing tree or shrub upon a Borough street, right-of-way, highway, public place or park, a well or other means of protective barrier shall be erected accordingly, said barrier not to encroach on the area required to sustain life of the same.
 - (l) In the event it is proposed to replace an existing tree or shrub or in the event a tree or shrub is killed, destroyed or substantially damaged during construction, it must be replaced by one or more trees or shrubs of equivalent size and of a type approved by the Shade Tree Commission. If replacing a tree with a trunk diameter greater than 2.5 to three inches measured 4.5 feet above the ground, in lieu of planting one tree with equivalent trunk diameter, a larger number of smaller trees may be planted, according to a formula based on the diameter of the trunk of the destroyed or damaged tree: For every two inches of tree diameter damaged or destroyed, plant one replacement tree acceptable to the Borough with a two-and-one-half to three-inch diameter measured one foot above planting level. To the extent such replacement tree or trees cannot reasonably be located upon the Borough street, right-of-way, highway, public place or park in place of the original existing tree, the Borough may designate an alternate location upon any Borough street, right-of-way, highway, public place or park.
- (2) Review. The Shade Tree Commission shall review a street tree management plan to determine its compliance with the requirements of this section. In reviewing the aforesaid items, the Shade Tree Commission may utilize the services of the Borough Manager, Borough Engineer, Arborist, or other Borough staff or consultants.
- (3) Time for decision. The Shade Tree Commission shall, within 15 days after receipt of a complete application, render its decision.

- C. Maintenance guaranty. In the event the planting of trees or shrubs or the replacement of existing trees or shrubs is proposed, an applicant shall post a maintenance guaranty equal to 120% of the estimate of the Shade Tree Commission to plant or replace the same, which maintenance guaranty shall be subject to acceptance by the Borough Council. Upon completion of all construction or disturbance, an applicant may seek approval of planted or replaced trees and shrubs. All trees or shrubs which fail to survive for a period of three years following the approval thereof by the Shade Tree Commission shall be replaced at no cost or expense to the Borough. The replacement shall be made within 60 days following written demand for such replacement or within such additional time as the Shade Tree Commission may direct. In the event the applicant shall fail to comply with the written demand for such replacement by the Shade Tree Commission, the Council may default the guaranty upon notice to the applicant and the sum thereof shall be forfeited to the Borough of Mountain Lakes and applied to the budget of the Shade Tree Commission or Borough. A guaranty shall be released by the Council upon completion of all construction or disturbance, approval of planted or replaced trees and shrubs by the Shade Tree Commission and survival thereof for a period of three years following approval.

§ 102-36. Protected trees within setback area.

[Amended 4-12-2021 by Ord. No. 8-21]

- A. Regulations.
- (1) Tree removal permit required. No person shall remove a protected tree, which does not include dead trees, in the setback area of any lot without first obtaining a tree removal permit. A tree removal permit shall not be required for removal of a protected tree if the work to be done is in accordance with an approved setback tree management plan and the related permits required by Subsection **A(2)** herein. The tree removal permit shall be automatically approved, with no requirement for neighbor notification, if no more than 50%, up to a maximum of three of the protected trees, which does not include dead trees, in the setback area have been or will be removed in a twelve-month period.
 - (2) Setback tree management plan required. The Construction Official shall not issue a construction permit for erecting or constructing a building or addition or alteration thereof or improvements upon a property, a road opening permit, or a soil moving permit until a setback tree management plan has been approved by the Borough Manager and implemented in accordance with the regulations and provisions of § **102-36**. Throughout a period of any construction, alteration or repair to any building or structure, or work on a site which is subject to an approved setback tree management plan, the owner, tenant, person, firm or corporation causing said construction, improvement or work shall in all respects comply with an approved setback tree management plan. The Planning Board or Zoning Board of Adjustment shall require as part of an application for development a setback tree management plan approved by the Borough Manager.
- B. Setback tree management plan and tree removal permit. When required by Subsection **A(1)** herein, an application for a tree removal permit shall be submitted on forms provided by the Borough Manager. When required by Subsection **A(2)** herein, a setback tree management plan for protected trees shall be submitted in like manner to § **102-35B**. A setback tree management plan must show the location of each protected tree within the setback area of the affected property. The plan must also include any tree or shrub on any Borough right-of-way abutting the affected property. The setback tree management plan must identify each protected tree and whether and how it will be protected. The setback tree management plan or tree removal permit must be approved by the Borough Manager in accordance with the procedures and standards set forth in Subsections **D** and **E** below. The Borough Manager may seek the advice of the Shade Tree Commission, the Borough Engineer, the Arborist or other Borough staff or consultants in making any of the decisions entrusted to the Borough Manager by § **102-36**. The Borough Manager shall render his decision on a setback tree management plan or tree removal permit within 15 days after receipt of a complete application and the completion of the neighbor notification period in Subsection **E**.

- C. Appeal to Council. The applicant shall have the right to appeal the decision of the Borough Manager regarding the setback tree management plan or tree removal permit to the Council of the Borough within 10 days of receiving written notice of a decision. Said appeal shall be by written notice of appeal to the Borough Clerk. Upon receipt of said appeal, the Council shall proceed to hear said appeal upon notice to the applicant within 30 days after the filing of said notice of appeal. The Council may, in its discretion and upon complete review of the application and after hearing such testimony as may be warranted, reverse, modify or affirm the aforesaid decision.
- D. Standards. Upon receipt of a setback tree management plan or application for a tree removal permit, the Borough Manager shall review it and inspect the site on which the protected trees are located. The Borough Manager shall consider the following factors in deciding whether to approve the setback tree management plan or the application for a tree removal permit:
- (1) Whether the preservation of the protected tree or trees is important to the benefits of § 102-33.
 - (2) The overall effect of removal of such protected tree or trees on the physical and aesthetic value of the applicant's property and adjacent property.
 - (3) Whether the proposed removal would constitute a significant change in the screening between existing or proposed buildings on contiguous lots.
 - (4) Whether more than 50% up to a maximum of three of the protected trees (which does not include dead trees) in the setback area have been or will be removed in a twelve-month period.
 - (5) Whether the tree management plan is adequate to insure the safety and health of any protected trees and all street trees.
 - (6) Whether the proposed cutting or removal would impair the growth and development of the remaining trees on the applicant's property or adjacent property.
 - (7) Whether the proposed cutting or removal would change existing drainage patterns.
 - (8) Whether the proposed removal would allow soil erosion or increase dust.
 - (9) Whether the proposed removal would constitute a horticulturally advantageous thinning of an existing overgrown area.
 - (10) Whether existing conditions or proposed changes in the topography of the area where such protected tree or trees are located have depressed land configuration or fill of land which shall be deemed injurious to the protected trees or other trees located nearby so as to require welling, construction of an aerification system, or tree removal or replacement.
 - (11) Whether the protected tree or trees are dying, diseased, or severely damaged, or the angle of growth makes them a hazard to structures, roads, or human life.
 - (12) Whether the presence of the protected tree or trees is likely to cause hardship or will endanger the public or an adjoining property owner by reason of it being diseased or dead or for some other adequate reason with the intent of this article.
- E. Neighbor notification. No permit shall be issued or setback tree management plan approved until 14 calendar days after a copy of the setback tree management plan or application for a tree removal permit has been delivered to each affected neighbor, except as specified in § 102-36A(1), in order to give each such owner an opportunity to consult with the applicant, take other steps on his or her own property to protect potentially affected trees, and provide written comments on the setback tree management plan or tree removal permit to the Borough Manager within 14 calendar days of delivery. Such delivery to each affected neighbor may be made by hand or by certified mail at the address of the property owner as shown on the current tax duplicate. If by certified mail, such delivery shall be deemed complete upon mailing. Prior to permit issuance, the applicant shall provide a signed affidavit of service attesting that such delivery has been completed as required.

§ 102-37. Fees, violations and penalties.

- A. Fees. The fee for a tree removal permit shall be as set forth in Chapter 111.
[Amended 7-23-2007 by Ord. No. 13-07; 4-12-2021 by Ord. No. 8-21; 6-28-2021 by Ord. No. 13-21]
- B. Violations and penalties for § 102-35. Any person violating any provision of § 102-35 shall be subject to penalties up to the amount provided in Article III of Chapter 1 of this Code, as amended and supplemented. Each tree or shrub illegally removed or damaged shall be a separate violation. Notwithstanding, the Borough or court may reduce the penalties and suspend the imprisonment and community service in the event the violator shall agree as follows:
[Amended 4-24-2006 by Ord. No. 05-06]
- (1) To abate the violation by replacing at his sole expense the tree or trees damaged or destroyed, as shall be determined by the Shade Tree Commission;
 - (2) To reimburse the Borough for all reasonable charges of the enforcing authority, Council, Shade Tree Commission and Borough Attorney;
 - (3) In exercising the authority established hereby, for any tree or shrub upon any Borough street, right-of-way, highway, public place and park, the Shade Tree Commission shall:
 - (a) Require that, for each tree damaged or destroyed, the violator plant a replacement tree or trees as specified by the Shade Tree Commission. The number of replacement trees required shall be based on the diameter of the damaged or destroyed tree(s) measured 4.5 feet from the ground. If the tree(s) has been cut to a height of less than 4.5 feet, or to ground level, then the diameter of the remaining stump(s) shall be used to determine the number of replacement trees required. If the tree and stump have been removed entirely, the last recorded diameter entered into the Street Tree Inventory Database shall be used to determine the number of replacement trees required. If there is a multiple-trunk tree, then each trunk's diameter shall be measured and added together to determine the total diameter of the damaged or destroyed tree. In all cases, the number of replacement trees shall be determined by this formula: one replacement tree of no less than 2.5 to three inches in diameter measured one foot above planting level for every two inches of diameter of damaged or destroyed tree, unless otherwise approved by the Shade Tree Commission.
 - (b) Direct that replacement trees be planted near the location of damaged or destroyed trees and otherwise throughout the Borough.
 - (c) Require that the violator provide a maintenance guaranty of the survival and normal healthy development of replacement trees for a period of three years in an amount equal to 120% of the cost of replacement trees in accordance with § 102-35C.
- C. Violations and penalties for § 102-36. Any person violating any provision of § 102-36 shall be subject to penalties up to the amount provided in Article III of Chapter 1 of this Code, as amended and supplemented. Each protected tree illegally removed or damaged shall be a separate violation. Notwithstanding, the Borough or court may reduce the penalties and suspend the imprisonment and community service in the event the violator shall agree as follows:
[Amended 4-24-2006 by Ord. No. 05-06]
- (1) To abate the violation by replacing at his sole expense the tree or trees damaged or destroyed, as shall be determined by the Borough Manager;
 - (2) In exercising the authority established hereby for any protected tree, the Borough Manager shall:
 - (a) Require that, for each protected tree damaged or destroyed, the violator plant a replacement tree as specified by the Borough Manager.
 - (b) Direct that replacement trees be planted near the location of damaged or destroyed trees.
 - (c) Require that the violator provide a maintenance guaranty of the survival and normal healthy development of replacement trees for a period of three years in an amount equal

to 120% of the cost of replacement trees in accordance with § **102-35C**.

(3) To reimburse the Borough for all reasonable charges of the enforcing authority, Council and Borough Attorney.

D. Enforcement. No person shall prevent, delay or interfere with any lawful work undertaken by the Shade Tree Commission or the Borough's authorized agent. The Code Enforcement Official of the Borough of Mountain Lakes and, in his absence, the Borough Manager are designated as the enforcing agent for this article. The enforcing agent may order any tree work, or other activity that is carried on in violation of any decision or any provision of this article, to be stopped forthwith. The order shall be issued in writing and a copy served upon any person engaged in tree work or other activity, the applicant and the owner of the lot. Except for such work as is necessary to remedy the violation, any further work shall comply with the terms and conditions of the decision and of this article.

E. Liability. Nothing in this article shall be deemed to impose any liability upon the Borough or its officers or employees or agents or upon the Shade Tree Commission or any of its members. Nothing in this article shall be deemed to relieve the owner and/or occupant of any private property from the duty to keep trees and shrubs thereon in a safe condition.

**BOROUGH OF MOUNTAIN LAKES
MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

ORDINANCE -24

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 102 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES
OF THE BOROUGH OF MOUNTAIN LAKES AND REGULATING THE REMOVAL,
PROTECTION, AND REPLACEMENT OF TREES.**

WHEREAS, as part of MS4 Tier A permit stormwater requirements, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) requires municipalities to adopt NJDEP- mandated regulations for the removal, protection, and replacement of trees on private property; and

WHEREAS, Article VII of Chapter 102 which presently regulates the removal of trees in the public right of way and within the setback area needs to be expanded to include all trees within the Borough in order to comply with the NJDEP mandated regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountain Lakes, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 102 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Mountain Lakes, Article VII “Preservation and Protection of Trees”, shall be amended by the following amendment to Section 102-33 “Purpose” which shall read, in its entirety, as follows:

§ 102-33 Findings and Purpose.

The Borough Council of the Borough of Mountain Lakes finds that the preservation, maintenance, protection and planting of trees aids in the stabilization of soil by the prevention of erosion and sedimentation; reduces storm water runoff and the potential damage it may create; aids in the removal of pollutants from the air and assists in the generation of oxygen; provides a buffer and screen against noise and pollution; provides protection against severe weather; mitigates the urban heat island effect; aids in the control of drainage and restoration of denuded soil subsequent to construction or grading; provides a haven for birds and other wildlife and otherwise enhances the environment; protects and increases property values; preserves and enhances the Borough's physical and aesthetic appearance; and generally protects the public health and safety as well as the general welfare.

Section 2. Chapter 102 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Mountain Lakes, Article VII "Preservation and Protection of Trees", shall be amended by the following amendment to Section 102-34 "Definitions" which shall read, in its entirety, as follows:

§ 102-34 Definitions.

For the purpose of this ordinance, the following terms, phrases, words, and their derivations shall have the meanings stated herein unless their use in the text of this ordinance clearly demonstrates a different meaning. When consistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words used in the plural number include the singular number, and words used in the singular number include the plural number. The use of the word "shall" mean the requirement is always mandatory and not merely directory.

- A. "Applicant" means any "person", as defined below, who applies for approval to remove trees regulated under this ordinance.
- B. Critical Root Radius (CRR)" – means the zone around the base of a tree where the majority of the root system is found. This zone is calculated by multiplying the diameter at breast height (DBH) of the tree by 1.5 feet. For example: a tree with a 6" DBH would have a $CRR = 6" \times 1.5' = 9'$.
- C. "Diameter at Breast Height (DBH)" means the diameter of the trunk of a mature tree generally measured at a point four and a half feet above ground level from the uphill side of the tree. For species of trees where the main trunk divides below the 4 ½ foot height, the DBH shall be measured at the highest point before any division.
- D. "Hazard Tree" means a tree or limbs thereof that meet one or more of the criteria below. Trees that do not meet any of the criteria below and are proposed to be removed solely for development purposes are not hazard trees.
 - 1. Has an infectious disease or insect infestation;
 - 2. Is dead or dying;
 - 3. Obstructs the view of traffic signs or the free passage of pedestrians or vehicles, where pruning attempts have not been effective;
 - 4. Is causing obvious damage to structures (such as building foundations, sidewalks, etc.);
 - 5. Is determined to be a threat to public health, safety, and/or welfare by a licensed Landscape Architect, certified arborist, Licensed Tree Expert (LTE) or Licensed Tree Care Operator (LTCO).
- E. "Person" means any individual, resident, corporation, utility, company, partnership, firm, or association.

- F. "Planting strip" mean the area within the public right-of-way between the abutting property line and the curb or edge of pavement, exclusive of any sidewalk.
- G. "Resident" means an individual who resides on the residential property or contractor hired by the individual who resides on the residential property where a tree(s) regulated by this ordinance is removed or proposed to be removed.
- H. "Street Tree" means a tree planted within the public right-of-way. This also includes trees planted within shade tree easements. The removal of street trees is governed by the regulations of the Shade Tree Commission and the provisions set forth in 102-35.
- I. "Tree" means a woody perennial plant, typically having a single stem or trunk growing to a considerable height and bearing lateral branches at some distance from the ground.
- J. "Tree Caliper" means the diameter of the trunk of a young tree, measured six (6) inches from the soil line. For young trees whose caliper exceeds four (4) inches, the measurement is taken twelve (12) inches above the soil line.
- K. "Tree removal" means to kill or to cause irreparable damage that leads to the decline and/or death of a tree. This includes, but is not limited to, excessive pruning, application of substances that are toxic to the tree, over-mulching or improper mulching, and improper grading and/or soil compaction within the critical root radius around the base of the tree that leads to the decline and/or death of a tree. Removal does not include responsible pruning and maintenance of a tree, or the application of treatments intended to manage invasive species.

Section 3. Chapter 102 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Mountain Lake, Article VII "Preservation and Protection of Trees", shall be amended by the following amendment to Section 102--36 "Protected Trees Within the Setback Area" " which shall be retitled "Permit Required" and shall ,read, in its entirety, as follows:

§ 102-36 Permit Required..

Except as exempted herein, no person, firm or corporation shall cut, remove, injure or damage any non-street tree of 6" or more on any property within the Borough of Mountain Lakes without obtaining a Tree Removal Permit in accordance with the regulations and provisions of this Chapter.

Section 4. Chapter 102 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Mountain Lake, Article VII, Section 102-37 shall be retitled "Application Procedure" and shall read, in its entirety, as follows:

§ 102-37 Application Procedure.

- A. Application for a tree removal permit shall be made by submission of the following:
1. An application form provided by the Borough containing the following information: the name and address of the applicant; their e-mail address and phone number, the street address of the property in question and the number of tree(s) to be removed.
 2. The reason(s) for removing the trees.
 3. Any tree removal application, with an approved Planning Board site plan or subdivision, shall post a guaranty equal to 120% of the estimate to plant or replace same. The guaranty is applicable where the project is for new development or construction.
 4. A tree removal application shall include a tree removal plan with a diagram showing the location of all trees to be removed, the species of such trees, their diameter, the drip line of the trees to be removed and location of all existing and proposed structures on the property, and property lines. A reproduction of the tax map or an existing survey modified to provide this information would be acceptable.
- B. The fee for processing a tree removal permit shall be charged. The fee schedule is set forth in Chapter 111
- C. The applicant shall place a one (1") inch wide yellow ribbon around the trunk of each tree to be removed at a height of four and one-half (4-1/2') feet above the ground so that the proposed tree removal may be inspected in the field.
- D. Tree Replacement Requirements
1. Any person who removes one or more street tree(s) with a DBH of 2.5" or more, unless exempt, shall be subject to the requirements of the Tree Replacement Requirements Table below.
 2. Any person who removes one or more non-street tree(s), unless exempt, with a DBH of 6", unless otherwise provided, shall be subject to the requirements of the Tree Replacement Requirements Table.
 3. The species type and diversity of replacement trees shall be in accordance with a list of approved trees Attached hereto as Exhibit A and planting requirements kept on file in the Borough.
 4. Replacement tree(s) shall:
 - a. Be replaced in kind with a tree that meets the Tree Replacement Criteria in the table below;

- b. Be planted within twelve (12) months of the date of removal of the original tree(s) or at an alternative date specified by the municipality;
- c. Shall be monitored for a period of two (2) years to ensure their survival and shall be replaced as needed within twelve (12) months; and
- d. Shall not be planted in temporary containers or pots, as these do not count towards tree replacement requirements.

Tree Replacement Requirements Table:

Category	Tree Removed (DBH)	Tree Replacement Criteria (See Appendix A)
1	DBH of 2.5" (for street trees) or 6" (for non-street trees) to 12.99"	Replant 1 tree with a minimum tree caliper of 1.5" for each tree removed
2	DBH of 13" to 22.99"	Replant 2 trees with minimum tree calipers of 1.5" for each tree removed
3	DBH of 23" to 32.99"	Replant 3 trees with minimum tree calipers of 1.5" for each tree removed
4	DBH of 33" or greater	Replant 4 trees with minimum tree calipers of 1.5" for each tree removed

5. Replacement Alternatives:

If the municipality determines that some or all required replacement trees cannot be planted on the property where the tree removal activity occurred, then the applicant shall do one of the following:

- (a) Plant replacement trees in a separate area(s) approved by the municipality.
- (b) Pay a fee of per tree removed as set forth in Chapter 111.

This fee shall be placed into a fund dedicated to tree planting and continued maintenance of the trees.

Section 5. Chapter 102 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Mountain Lake, Article VII "Preservation and Protection of Trees", shall be amended by the addition of new Section 102-38 "Exemptions" which shall read, in its entirety, as follows:

102-38. Exemptions.

All persons shall comply with the tree replacement standard outlined above, except in the cases detailed below. Proper justification in the form of photographs or certifications from the property owner or tree removal professional shall be provided, in writing, by all persons claiming an exemption:

- A. The removal of less than four (4) trees per acre that fall into category 1,2, or 3 of the Tree Replacement Requirements Table within a five year period.
- B. Tree farms in active operation, nurseries, fruit orchards, and garden centers;
- C. Properties used for the practice of silviculture under an approved forest stewardship or woodland management plan that is active and on file with the municipality;
- D. Any trees removed as part of a municipal or state decommissioning plan. This exemption only includes trees planted as part of the construction and predetermined to be removed in the decommissioning plan.
- E. Any trees removed pursuant to a New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) or U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approved environmental clean-up, or NJDEP approved habitat enhancement plan;
- F. Approved game management practices, as recommended by the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife;
- G. Hazard trees may be removed with no fee or replacement requirement.
- H. Street Trees which shall not be removed except in accordance with the Shade Tree Commission regulations as set forth in Section 102-35.

Section 6. Chapter 102 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Mountain Lake, Article VII "Preservation and Protection of Trees", shall be amended by the addition of new Section 102-39 "Enforcement and Violations" which shall read, in its entirety, as follows:

102-39 Enforcement and Violations .

- A. **Enforcement.** No person shall prevent, delay or interfere with any lawful work undertaken by the Shade Tree Commission or the Borough's authorized agent. The Code Enforcement Official of the Borough of Mountain Lakes and, in his absence, the Borough Manager are designated as the enforcing agent for this article. The enforcing agent may order any tree work, or other activity that is carried on in violation of any decision or any provision of this article, to be stopped forthwith. The order shall be issued in writing and a copy served upon any person engaged in tree work or other activity, the applicant and the owner of the lot. Except for such work as is necessary to remedy the violation, any further work shall comply with the terms and conditions of the decision and of this article.

- B. Violations and penalties for § 102-35. Any person violating any provision of § 102-35 shall be subject to penalties up to the amount provided in Article III of Chapter 1 of this Code, as amended and supplemented. Each tree or shrub illegally removed or damaged shall be a separate violation. Notwithstanding, the Borough or court may reduce the penalties and suspend the imprisonment and community service in the event the violator shall agree as follows:
- (1) To abate the violation by replacing at his sole expense the tree or trees damaged or destroyed in accordance with the provisions of 102-37
 - (2) To reimburse the Borough for all reasonable charges of the enforcing authority, Council, Shade Tree Commission and Borough Attorney;
 - (3) In exercising the authority established hereby, for any tree or shrub upon any Borough street, right-of-way, highway, public place and park, the Shade Tree Commission shall:
 - (a) Require that, for each tree damaged or destroyed, the violator plant a replacement tree or trees as specified by the Shade Tree Commission. The number of replacement trees required shall be based on the diameter of the damaged or destroyed tree(s) measured 4.5 feet from the ground. If the tree(s) has been cut to a height of less than 4.5 feet, or to ground level, then the diameter of the remaining stump(s) shall be used to determine the number of replacement trees required. If the tree and stump have been removed entirely, the last recorded diameter entered into the Street Tree Inventory Database shall be used to determine the number of replacement trees required. If there is a multiple-trunk tree, then each trunk's diameter shall be measured and added together to determine the total diameter of the damaged or destroyed tree. In all cases, the number of replacement trees shall be determined by this formula: one replacement tree of no less than 2.5 to three inches in diameter measured one foot above planting level for every two inches of diameter of damaged or destroyed tree, unless otherwise approved by the Shade Tree Commission.
 - (b) Direct that replacement trees be planted near the location of damaged or destroyed trees and otherwise throughout the Borough.
 - (c) Require that the violator provide a maintenance guaranty of the survival and normal healthy development of replacement trees for a period of three years in an amount equal to 120% of the cost of replacement trees in accordance with § 102-35C.
- C. Violations and penalties for § 102-36. Any person violating any provision of § 102-36 shall be subject to penalties up to the amount provided in Article III of Chapter 1 of this Code, as amended and supplemented. Each tree illegally removed or damaged shall be a separate violation. Notwithstanding, the Borough or court may reduce the penalties and suspend the imprisonment and community service in the event the violator shall agree to abate the violation by replacing at his sole expense the tree or trees damaged or destroyed in accordance with the provisions of 102-37;

Section 2. If any section or provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid in any Court of competent jurisdiction, the same shall not affect the other sections or provisions of this Ordinance, except so far as the section or provision so declared invalid shall be inseparable from the remainder or any portion thereof.

Section 3. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after final passage and publication in the manner provided by law.

Council Member	By	2 nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Barnett	:					
Cannon						
Korman						
Muilenburg						
Menard						
Richter						
Sheikh						

I, Cara Fox, Borough Clerk of the Borough of Mountain Lakes, in the County of Morris, in the State of New Jersey, certify this to be a true copy of the Ordinance adopted at the regularly scheduled session of the Borough Council held on _____, 2024.



BOROUGH OF MOUNTAIN LAKES

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TO: Honorable Mayor and Borough Council
SUBJ: Manager's Report for the Borough Council meeting of March 25, 2024
CC: Robert Oostdyk, Borough Attorney

Borough Credit Rating Increase to AAA – S&P Global (a division of Standard & Poor's) recently reached out to discuss the Borough's credit rating. After a thorough review of our current financial position and a discussion with the Borough Manager and CFO, S&P raised our credit rating to AAA from AA+. See attached documentation provided by S&P Global supporting their decision.

Station Property Renovation Project Grant Submission – On the meeting agenda, you will find a resolution supporting a grant application to fund the partial restoration of the Train Station building. The grant submission, to the Morris County Historic Preservation Trust, requests 80% of the project amount. The remaining 20% of the project amount will be submitted as a grant request to the New Jersey Historic Trust.

Long-term Lakes Management Plan – On the borough council meeting agenda, you will find a resolution authorizing Princeton Hydro to create a scope of work grant proposal to be submitted to The New Jersey Highlands Council for a long-term lakes management plan. This work is being performed at no cost to the Borough. The expectation is that should the Borough receive the grant, Princeton Hydro will be the firm appointed to create the plan. I have spoken with representatives of the Highlands Council, and they advise that they have worked closely with Princeton Hydro on similar projects, and they have always been satisfied with their work product.

Firehouse Doors Bid Rejection – On March 7th, a single bid was received for this solicitation. The amount of the bid exceeds the budgeted amount for the project. Once the bid is rejected, the Borough Engineer and I will work to negotiate a more favorable price.

Sunset Lake Dam Project – Change Order – Due to the unexpected finding of a large area of peat moss in a section encompassing the new dam, additional costs will be incurred to address this issue. Please refer to the attached memo from the Borough's dam engineer, Boswell Engineering (previously Ferriero Engineering) for a detailed explanation. Note that there are sufficient funds remaining in the project budget to cover the cost of the added expense.



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PFAS Consultant Report – Attached, you will find a report from Dewberry Engineering regarding remediation of PFOA / PFAS at well number 4. The report is being provided in advance of a future borough Council meeting where representatives of Dewberry will provide a presentation of their proposed remedy.

Annual Report – Attached, please find the annual report for the Construction Department

PFAS Change of Attorney– The attorney group representing the Borough has left Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, creating the Keefe Law Firm. While the firm name has changed, the attorney's representing the Borough will remain the same. This is advisory only – no action is needed by Borough Council.

Follow-Up Items: Wawa Electric Vehicle Chargers – We have reached out to Wawa for information related to the install of the chargers. We are currently awaiting a reply.

Respectfully,

Mitchell

S&P Global Ratings

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March 18, 2024

Borough of Mountain Lakes
Mountain Lakes Borough Hall
400 Boulevard
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Attention: Mitchell Stern, Borough Manager

Re: *Mountain Lakes General Bonds, New Jersey*

Dear Mitchell Stern

S&P Global Ratings has reviewed the rating on the above-listed obligations. Based on our review, we have raised our credit rating from "AA+" to "AAA" while affirming the stable outlook. A copy of the rationale supporting the rating and outlook is enclosed.

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Mountain Lakes gen bnds

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AAA/Stable

Upgraded

Credit Highlights

- S&P Global Ratings raised its long-term and underlying ratings on Mountain Lakes, N.J.'s general obligation (GO) debt outstanding to 'AAA' from 'AA+'.
- The outlook is stable.
- The upgrade reflects the borough's improved financial management policies and practices, highlighted by robust long-term financial and capital improvement plans, which are now comparable with those of similarly rated peers, and which we believe are likely to lead to continued stable operating performance and maintenance of high reserves, despite plans for near-term drawdowns.

Security

The borough's full-faith-and-credit pledge and agreement to levy ad valorem property taxes, without limitation as to rate or amount, secure the bonds.

Credit overview

Our rating reflects our view of the borough's very strong and stable economy, along with a number of formalized financial policies and practices that historically have helped it maintain stable financial operations. Mountain Lakes had large operating surpluses over the last few years, and despite a planned use of reserves that is shown in the unaudited fiscal 2023 figures and plans to continue drawing on reserves from its fiscal year-end 2022 record high of nearly 50% of reserves to operating expenditures, we expect the borough will maintain very strong total reserves that, on a percentage basis, align with those of state peers. The borough's very weak debt-and-liability profile, including large pension liabilities, could put pressure on the rating if costs significantly escalate, but we do not expect near-term pressure given limited new-money debt plans and very low other postemployment benefits (OPEB) costs.

Environmental, social, and governance

We view the borough's environmental and social factors as credit neutral within our analysis. However, we view the state's governance of pension plans, particularly the lack of funding discipline, as a risk for New Jersey local governments, based on the potential for contribution cost increases.

Outlook

The stable outlook reflects S&P Global Ratings' opinion of Mountain Lakes' relatively stable operating performance with anticipated drawdowns, supported by a strong local economy and improved management policies and practices.

Therefore, we do not expect to change the rating within our two-year outlook.

Downside scenario

We could lower the rating if the borough were to experience unanticipated negative financial operations and a decrease in reserves to levels no longer commensurate with the current rating.

Credit Opinion

Largely built-out and residential community in Morris County, in close proximity to New York City

Mountain Lakes is a mature and affluent borough encompassing 3.1 square miles, about 25 miles west of New York City. Borough residents have access to job opportunities in New York City and northern New Jersey by way of an extensive road system, in addition to participation in the New York-Newark-Jersey City metropolitan statistical area, which we consider broad and diverse. Approximately 91% of the borough is residential, with a modest commercial presence. Wealth and income levels have historically been well above state and national averages. The borough's tax base has remained consistent over the last five years, at \$1.2 billion, with market value growth at \$1.4 billion in 2022. Mountain Lakes has moved to an annual revaluation process that removes the chance for significant changes to property values. Given the mature nature of the borough, we do not expect the tax base to experience significant growth in the near term.

Good financial management policies and practices, lacking formal debt and reserve policies

Management uses a combination of historical trend analysis, looking back three years for revenues and expenditures, and zero-based budgeting for budget preparation. Budget-to-actuals are monitored monthly, with quarterly reports provided to the board and Finance Advisory Committee (FAC). The borough maintains a 10-year capital improvement plan (CIP) that identifies projects and funding sources and is updated annually. Long-term financial planning is currently performed through cash flow analysis and use of the 10-year CIP with clear assumptions. The borough does not have its own investment policy, but follows that of the state's. Investments are monitored monthly, with reports provided to the board quarterly. The borough currently targets available fund balance in the range of 7.5%-10%, or an informal target of \$1.6 million, and does not have a formal debt management policy.

History of balanced-to-positive operations leading to gradual growth in reserves

Mountain Lakes ended fiscal 2022 with a strong surplus of 7.2%, or \$610,000 on a nominal basis, its third consecutive surplus in a row coming after slight drawdowns in fiscal years 2018 and 2019. Key drivers behind the increase in fund balance to \$4.1 million, or 48.8% of expenditures, have been a high tax collection rate and a conservative reserve for uncollected taxes that is built into each annual budget. Fund balance increased by \$2.1 million from fiscal 2019 to fiscal 2022. Property taxes account for the majority of the borough's revenues, at 75%, which we view favorably. The borough is planning a use of reserves in fiscal 2023 of about \$500,000. Officials stated their efforts in the coming years will be to reduce fund balance back to around \$2 million, or around 20% of expenditure, which is still considered very strong. They are conservative in spending down reserves and would like to target one-time expenses to be funded by use of additional fund balance. Mountain Lakes was awarded \$442,015 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding, which has been used on nonrecurring expenses.

The fiscal 2024 \$10.7 million budget represents a 0.3% decrease from fiscal 2023. We note the borough is budgeting

for the fourth straight decrease in its tax rate for 2024 as a result of a high tax collection rate to lessen the burden on residents. Borough officials confirmed budget-to-actuals are on track for fiscal 2024, with another expected use of fund balance. We believe the borough will maintain balanced operations as a result of its conservative budgeting practices.

Very weak debt-and-liability profile with slower than average amortization

The borough has approximately \$14 million of total direct debt outstanding, including \$3.3 million in short-term debt, which we view as moderate to its overall market value and budget size. Management intends to keep debt service flat, and as old debt rolls off, they will replace it with new debt. However, we expect Mountain Lakes will likely maintain operations without significant stress.

Large pension and other postemployment benefits (OPEB) liabilities, with limited ability to address them

We view pensions as a credit pressure for Mountain Lakes. While it is currently managing pension costs, we think the borough has limited ability to control liability growth due to state restrictions and funding discipline. The borough funds OPEB, according to state statute, on a pay-as-you-go basis, which--due to claims volatility and medical-cost and demographic trends--is likely to lead to escalating costs. (For more details, see "Pension Spotlight: New Jersey," published June 21, 2022, on RatingsDirect.) If pension or OPEB costs were to escalate, we posit these expenditures could crowd out other expenses associated with operations and create budgetary pressure during the next few fiscal years.

Mountain Lakes participates in:

- New Jersey Police & Firemen's Retirement System, which is 63.3% funded, with a proportionate share of the net pension liability equal to \$8.1 million;
- New Jersey Public Employees' Retirement System, which is 46.4% funded, with a proportionate share of the net pension liability equal to \$5.3 million; and
- Mountain Lake's single-employer, retiree, health care plan that, according to statute, it funds on a pay-as-you-go basis, with a proportionate share of the net OPEB liability equal to \$5.3 million.

Ratings above the sovereign

Mountain Lakes is eligible for a rating higher than the sovereign because we think the borough can maintain strong credit characteristics relative to the nation in a stress scenario. Under our criteria, titled "Ratings Above The Sovereign: Corporate And Government Ratings--Methodology And Assumptions," published Nov. 19, 2013, on RatingsDirect, the borough has predominantly locally derived revenue with independent taxing authority and treasury management from the federal government.

Mountain Lakes--Key credit metrics

	Most recent	Historical information		
		2022	2021	2020
Very strong economy				
Projected per capita EBI % of U.S.	237			
Market value per capita (\$)	343,750			
Population		4,169	4,053	4,062

Mountain Lakes--Key credit metrics (cont.)

	Most recent	Historical information		
		2022	2021	2020
County unemployment rate (%)		3.0		
Market value (\$000)	1,433,095	1,433,095		
Ten largest taxpayers % of taxable value	4.5			
Strong budgetary performance				
Operating fund result % of expenditures		7.2	13.3	3.1
Total governmental fund result % of expenditures		7.2	13.3	3.1
Very strong budgetary flexibility				
Available reserves % of operating expenditures		48.8	42.0	27.1
Total available reserves (\$000)		4,127	3,517	2,402
Very strong liquidity				
Total government cash % of governmental fund expenditures		84	74	54
Total government cash % of governmental fund debt service		608	548	363
Strong management				
Financial Management Assessment	Good			
Very weak debt & long-term liabilities				
Debt service % of governmental fund expenditures		13.8	13.5	14.8
Net direct debt % of governmental fund revenue	131			
Overall net debt % of market value	3.3			
Direct debt 10-year amortization (%)	44			
Required pension contribution % of governmental fund expenditures		8.3		
OPEB actual contribution % of governmental fund expenditures		0.1		
Strong institutional framework				

EBI--Effective buying income. OPEB--Other postemployment benefits.
Data points and ratios may reflect analytical adjustments.

Related Research

- Through The ESG Lens 3.0: The Intersection Of ESG Credit Factors And U.S. Public Finance Credit Factors, March 2, 2022

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March 11, 2024

Mr. Mitchell Stern, Borough Manager
Borough of Mountain Lakes
400 Boulevard
Mountain Lakes, NJ 07046

RE: FINAL Report
Remediation of PFOA/PFAS in Drinking
Water Well Number 4

Dear Mr. Stern,

Mountain Lakes has turned off Well 4 due to PFOA/PFAS violations. In order to resume operations a treatment operation must be constructed to remove PFOA/PFAS compounds from the water. Since wells 3 and 4 are in close proximity to each other, the combined flow from both wells must be treated as NJDEP will not permit the treatment of the singular well that is in violation and then blending of that water with an untreated well in close proximity and/or within the same aquifer. Water from both wells must be combined (as it is now) and then conveyed to a PFOA/PFAS treatment facility. There is currently disinfection at both wells. The chlorination will need to be turned off at each well and a new tablet chlorination system installed at the PFAS treatment facility as the PFOA/PFAS treatment media requires raw (untreated) water. Regardless of where the treatment facility is located, raw water from the combined wells must be transmitted to the treatment facility where it will flow through the media followed by chlorination before being transmitted across the golf course to the Borough's water system.

For an overview of the well house locations and proposed treatment facility please refer to the Concept Plans Sheet C-01 and 02. Plan C-01 shows the existing well house locations, location options for the proposed treatment plant, property lines, and additional regulatory constraints that will be encountered during the permits and approval process. Sheet C-02 shows a concept plan for the proposed treatment plant. Additional items which are attached to this letter include a preliminary cost estimate and Memo regarding funding through the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank. The following is a summary regarding items shown on Sheet C-01 and C-02. Refer to the Legend on Sheet to locate the items on that sheet.

Property lines

The property lines shown in red were derived from Morris County GIS, Denville Township Tax Maps and deed information (recorded easement). The information indicates that the Borough owns Block 50702, Lot 12 and Block 50003, Lot 5 which encompasses both wells and certain areas between the Rockaway River and the Rockaway River Country Club (RRCC) golf course. In addition, there is a 20 foot wide easement which runs along the Lot 5 property line and then traverses the golf course. It is presumed that the Borough's water transmission line runs within this easement.

Borough water mains

The water mains are not shown and will need to be marked in the field and surveyed for this project. It is presumed that the main runs from Well 4 towards the vicinity of Well 3 where they combine and form a single main which traverses the golf course via the easement.

FEMA 100-year floodplain

The dashed blue line on Sheet C-01 represents the flooding limits based upon the Morris County Flood Insurance Rate Map Panel 164 of 475 Revised Preliminary February 26, 2016. This map is designated as Preliminary as it not yet adopted but will be adopted as some point in the future. The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) will likely utilize the floodway limits and base flood elevation on this map when reviewing a Flood Hazard Area (FHA) Permit for work within the floodplain as they generally agree with prior FEMA and NJDEP studies in terms of elevations. The Floodway appears to be more conservative than the prior studies. According to NJDEP the "FEMA 100-year flood elevation" means the 100-year water surface elevation at a given location, most recently released as an effective FEMA base flood elevation, or any more recent advisory or proposed (preliminary) flood elevation, if either elevation is higher than the effective base flood elevation.

The new NJDEP Inland Flood Protection Rule adopted on July 17, 2023 adds +3 feet to the current FEMA 100-year elevation as the regulatory elevation (Flood Hazard Area Design Flood elevation) to which any facility must be raised above the FEMA 100-year flood elevations. This results in a regulatory elevation of approximately 508 NGVD within the vicinity of the Borough's wells. The existing well houses are located within the floodplain with first floor elevations below elevations 508.

A proposed treatment facility will need to be located within the floodplain to remain within the limits of the Borough's property. The operating level of the floor will need to be at or above elevation 508 which will result in 3 to 6 feet above grade depending upon where the facility is locations. Detailed topography will be required as part of the design and permitting as the contours shown on the Exhibit are approximate and were derived from Morris County LiDAR topography.

As a result of the proposed treatment facility being located in the floodplain (Flood Hazard Area) an Individual Flood Hazard Area Permit will be required. As part of the Individual Permit activities within the Riparian Zone will need to be addressed. **The magenta line on Sheet C-01 depicts the boundary of the Rockaway River Riparian Zone** which is 300 feet from the top of bank of the Rockaway River. NJDEP defines the Riparian Zone as follows:

(a) A riparian zone is the land and vegetation within and adjacent to a regulated water. Riparian zones exist along both sides of every regulated water and include the regulated water itself, except as provided at N.J.A.C. 7:13-2.3(c)1. The extent of a riparian zone is determined in accordance with (b) through (h) below.

(b) The portion of the riparian zone located outside of a regulated water is measured landward from the top of bank.

(c) The width of the riparian zone is as follows:

1. The width of the riparian zone along any regulated water designated as a Category One water, and all upstream tributaries situated within the same HUC-14 watershed, is 300 feet;

2. Except for the regulated waters listed at (c)1 above, the width of the riparian zone along the following regulated waters is 150 feet:

- i. Any trout production water and all upstream waters (including tributaries);
- ii. Any trout maintenance water and all upstream waters (including tributaries) located within one mile of a trout maintenance water (measured along the length of the regulated water); and
- iii. Any segment of a water flowing through an area that contains a threatened or endangered species, and/or present or documented habitat for those species, which is critically dependent on the regulated water for survival, and all upstream waters (including tributaries) located within one mile of such habitat (measured along the length of the regulated water). A list of critically dependent species is available from the Department at the website set forth at N.J.A.C. 7:13-1.3; and

3. For all other regulated waters not identified in (c)1 or 2 above, the width of the riparian zone is 50 feet.

In the case of the Rockaway River within the Township of Denville the waters are designated as Category One, therefore the Riparian Zone extends 300 feet from the top of bank. A significant portion of the work for this project will be located within the Riparian Zone.

Activity within the Riparian Zone is regulated as follows:

(a) Any action that includes or results in one or more of the following constitutes a regulated activity under this chapter if undertaken in a regulated area, as described at N.J.A.C. 7:13-2.3:

1. The alteration of topography through excavation, grading and/or placement of fill;
2. The clearing, cutting, and/or removal of vegetation in a riparian zone. Areas containing vegetation for a portion of the year, such as agricultural areas that are periodically plowed and cultivated, are considered vegetated for the purposes of this chapter;
3. The creation of impervious surface;
4. The storage of unsecured material;
5. The construction, reconstruction, repair, alteration, enlargement, elevation, or removal of a structure; and
6. The conversion of a building into a single-family home or duplex, multi-residence building, or critical building.

(b) An activity not listed in (a) above does not require an approval under this chapter, even if the activity is undertaken within a flood hazard area or riparian zone. An activity regulated under this chapter may also be subject to other Federal, State, and/or local rules, plans, and ordinances. It is the applicant's responsibility to obtain all necessary approvals for a proposed project.

The Riparian Zone shown on C-01 is approximate. The actual Riparian Zone must be determined in the field by locating the top of bank as defined in the regulations, and then measuring 300 feet from that location. This task should be performed concurrently with the wetlands delineation. Both the wetlands limits and top of bank can be surveyed at the same time.

The temporary and permanent disturbances as a result of construction of a treatment plant, installation of underground water lines, and general surface disturbances related to construction activities are regulated activities under Wetland Transition Area and Riparian Zones will likely require

mitigation. Mitigation discussions will be held with NJDEP as part of a pre-application meeting as there are various options available such as plantings within already disturbed areas.

Floodway

The dashed light blue line on Sheet C-01 represents the FEMA Floodway and represents the limits shown on the Morris County Flood Insurance Rate Map Panel 164 of 475 Revised Preliminary February 26, 2016. This map is designated preliminary as it not yet adopted but will most likely be adopted as some point in the future. The NJDEP defines the floodway as follows: "Floodway" means land, and the space above that land, which lies within the inner portion of the flood hazard area, and which is mathematically determined to be required to carry and discharge floodwaters resulting from the 100-year flood under certain conditions. The floodway always includes the channel and often includes land adjacent to the channel. The floodway is normally characterized by faster and deeper flows than the flood fringe, which is the portion of the flood hazard area outside the floodway. As shown on Sheet C-01 the existing wells are not located within the Floodway. Similarly, the proposed treatment must be located outside of the floodway.

Potential Wetland Line

The wetland limits on Sheet C-01 are approximate and based upon NJDEP Geoweb. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) defines wetlands as follows: Wetlands are areas where water covers the soil, or is present either at or near the surface of the soil all year or for varying periods of time during the year, including during the growing season. In order to determine the true wetlands limits a field delineation (flagging) must be performed by a specialist and those flags must be field surveyed and shown on a map. A delineation report must accompany the delineation. It is recommended that the Borough apply for an LOI from the NJDEP as part on any permit. A "Letter of interpretation" or "LOI" means the document issued by the Department under N.J.A.C. 7:7A-4, indicating the presence or absence of wetlands, State open waters, or transition areas; verifying or delineating the boundaries of freshwater wetlands, State open waters, and/or transition areas; or assigning a wetland a resource value classification. The issuance on an LOI indicates that NJDEP agrees with the wetlands delineation performed and there is little chance that a design will need to be modified as a result of the NJDEP disagreeing with the consultants finding during the permit review process. Dewberry visited the site and confirmed the presence of wetlands along the Rockaway River. However, the potential boundaries from NJDEP Geoweb do not agree with what is in the field which is almost always the case. This confirms that a field wetlands delineation is required.

Wetland Transition Area Boundary

Shown in yellow on the exhibit the transition area boundary is defined by NJDEP as follows:

"Transition area" means an area of upland adjacent to a freshwater wetland which minimizes adverse impacts on the wetland or serves as an integral component of the wetlands ecosystem. NJDEP Regulations regarding transition areas are as follows: "

(c) A transition area is required adjacent to a freshwater wetland of exceptional resource value and of intermediate resource value as classified in N.J.A.C. 7:7A-3.2. A transition area is not required

adjacent to a freshwater wetland of ordinary resource value or adjacent to a State open water.
(d) The standard widths of a transition area are set forth at (d)1 and 2 below. These standard widths shall only be modified through the issuance of a transition area waiver. The types of transition area waivers are listed at N.J.A.C. 7:7A-8.1(a).

- 1. The standard width of a transition area adjacent to a freshwater wetland of exceptional resource value shall be 150 feet.*
- 2. The standard width of a transition area adjacent to a freshwater wetland of intermediate resource value shall be 50 feet.*

Our research via the NJDEP Geoweb information indicates that the wetlands delineated in the field are of intermediate resource value requiring a transition area of 50 feet from the freshwater wetlands boundary. However, as of late NJDEP has been requesting a change in the intermediate resource value to exceptional resource value during the permit review process in some areas due to possible Bog Turtle and Indiana Bat presence. If one has designed a project around the 50 foot limit as part of a permit submittal, and NJDEP required a change to 150 feet during the review process, this could have a significant impact on a project. For this project, a 150 foot transition area versus a 50 foot transition would have an impact on the project. It is recommended that the transition area be confirmed in writing by NJDEP during the LOI process.

This project will likely require a Freshwater Wetlands General Permit for an activity within a transition area. There are multiple remedies such as averaging, mitigation and/or hardship. This permit should be submitted with the Individual Flood Hazard Area Permit so that the timing will follow the "90 Day Rule" which applies to Flood Hazard Area Permits.

Summary of anticipated permits and approvals for this project

- NJDEP Freshwater Wetlands Protection Act Rules
Letter of Interpretation (LOI) – Line Verification
Transition Area Waiver
- NJDEP Flood Hazard Area Control Act Rules
Individual Permit – Regulated Activity Within a Flood Fringe
Regulated Activity Within a Riparian Zone
- NJDEP Bureau of Water System Engineering
Permit to Construct/Modify/Operate Public Water Works Facilities
- Morris County Soil Conservation District
Application for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plan Certification

The Flood Hazard Area and Wetlands Transition Area Permits will be submitted as one package to take advantage of the 90-day Rule for the Flood Hazard Area Permit. In terms of schedule the LOI becomes the critical path for this project as the Wetlands must be delineated and the LOI submitted and approved prior to filing for the Transition Area Waiver.

Treatment Plant Location Options

Two location options are shown on Sheet C-01. These options were formulated based upon field visits, review of the environmental / permitting constraints, and review of the Lidar topography, which is approximate, Option 1 appears to be the favorable option as the ground is slightly higher than the Option 2 location resulting in less height from the ground to the Operating Level of the treatment plant. Refer to Photos showing the sites at location options 1 and 2 which are attached to this letter.

It would seem logical that the optimal location of the proposed treatment plant should be directly adjacent to Well No. 3 as this would reduce the length of new piping required to service both of the wells, However, at Well No. 3 the ground falls off on both sides of the well and there is insufficient space between the wellhouse and the property line to locate the treatment plant in front of the wellhouse.

Sheet C-02 which shows the treatment plant operating level relative the ground elevation. The proposed treatment plant consists of bag filters, twin resin vessels and a tablet chlorination system to produce the finished water. These facilities are located at the operating level which must be at or above the FEMA 100 year flood elevation plus 3 feet. The area below the operating level will consist of a heated crawlspace with access doors and flood vents. The flood vents will allow water to enter and exit during an extreme flood event. We anticipate that NJDEP will accept the crawlspace area below the operating area as available floodplain storage as the project must comply with zero net fill within the Flood Hazard Area as part of the permit. During a subsequent design phase utilizing the crawlspace area just below the operating level should be considered for process piping to reduce space constraints at the operating level.

The Borough has requested that the treatment system be resin based rather than the granulated activated carbon (GAC) as it is widely accepted that a resin based system is more cost effective in the long run.

Funding through the New Jersey Water Bank

Please refer to the attached Memo.

We welcome any comments or questions you may have regarding this Report and attachments.

Sincerely,

Dewberry Engineers Inc.



Peter H. Black, PE, CME
Principal Engineer

Cc: William Ryden, P.E.

Attachments

- Attachment 1: Photos
- Attachment 2: Funding Memo
- Attachment 3: Cost Estimate

ATTACHMENT 1: PHOTOS



Date: March 11, 2024
To: Borough of Mountain Lakes
From: Dewberry Engineers Inc.
Subject: Remediation of PFOA/PFAS Compounds – Photos

Photos



Figure 1: Well House No. 3



Figure 2: Well House No. 4



Figure 3: Treatment Plant Location Option 1, Looking South



Figure 4: Treatment Plant Location Option 2, Looking North

ATTACHMENT 2: FUNDING MEMO

Date: March 11, 2024
To: Borough of Mountain Lakes
From: Dewberry Engineers Inc.
Subject: Remediation of PFOA/PFAS Compounds - Funding Memo

1. Introduction and Background of Funding

Dewberry is providing preliminary engineering services to the Borough of Mountain Lakes in relation to the remediation of PFOA/PFAS compounds at Mountain Lakes Well 4. Part of the effort has been to research funding opportunities available to PFOA/PFAS remediation projects. The New Jersey Water Bank, administered by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank (I-Bank), provides funding for drinking water treatment projects throughout the state, including those for PFOA/PFAS. The Water Bank program utilizes a ranking system to determine the infrastructure projects that qualify for funding assistance.

The Water Bank program offers short-term loans at the time of execution of an engineering design contract for the entirety of the project (planning, design, construction). Funds are committed upon certification of each operable segment, as long as the program's credit worthiness standards are satisfied. These loans have terms of up to five (5) full fiscal years. The Water Bank issues long-term loans when the project is at or near completion. Per the Water Bank, "for short-term loans issued at certification of engineering contracts, long-term financing terms are established consistent with the IUP (Intended Use Plan) operative at the time of certification of the construction contract. For applicants financing the cost of construction through non-Water Bank sources or self-funding, long-term financing terms are established consistent with the IUP operative at the time of the long-term loan closing." Long-term loans are issued for 30 years for Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) projects, although in some cases, the Water Bank may consider loan terms of up to 35 years. In any case, the loan term cannot exceed the useful life of the project.

Another benefit available as part of Water Bank financing is principal forgiveness. The Water Bank will utilize unused principal forgiveness or grant like funding carried over at the end of SFY 2023 for principal forgiveness in SFY 2024 for specific categories. The carried over principal forgiveness funds will be supplemented with funding through the DWSRF Base Grant, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). The breakdown of these supplemental funds is listed below:

ARPA, DW Base, BIL Funding Breakdown

- \$11M Base Grant
- \$17M for Eligible DW projects under supplemental BIL Grant
- \$13M for Emerging Contaminants (BIL)
- \$20M for Climate Change/ Resilience or Projects to Comply with Multiple MCLs (ARPA)
- \$25M for Lead Service Line Replacement Projects (BIL)

Note that PFOA/PFAS are considered Emerging Contaminants and that there is only \$13 million in new funds being allocated statewide for Emerging Contaminant projects.

The sources of DWSRF funding for SFY 2023 and 2024 are broken down in Figure 1.

SFY23 Financing Program		SFY24 Financing Program	
Anticipated Sources:		Anticipated Sources:	
Funds Available from prior years	\$188M	Funds Available from prior years	\$269M
Repayments from prior years' loans	\$38M	Repayments from prior years' loans	\$43M
FFY22 DWSRF Grant	\$9M	FFY 2023 DWSRF Grant	\$9M
State Match for FFY22 DWSRF Grant	\$2M	State Match for FFY23 DWSRF Grant	\$2M
CW to DW Transfer (yearly amount)	\$4M	FFY 2023 BIL GEN Grant	\$26M
FFY22 BIL Supplemental Grant	\$26M	State Match for FFY23 CW BIL Grant	\$3M
State Match for FFY22 BIL Sup Grant	\$3M	FFY23 BIL EC Grant	\$11M
FFY22 BIL EC Grant	\$11M	FFY23 BIL Lead Grant	\$49M
FFY22 BIL Lead Grant	\$49M		
Subtotal:	\$330M	Subtotal:	\$412M
Anticipated I-Bank Share	\$106M	Anticipated I-Bank Share	\$125M
ARPA Allocation	\$45M		
Total Program Sources:	\$481M	Total Program Sources:	\$537M
Anticipated Uses:		Anticipated Uses:	
Projects to be Financed in SFY23	\$212M	Projects to be Financed in SFY24	\$250M
Total Program Uses:	\$212M	Total Program Uses:	\$250M

Figure 1: DWSRF Sources and Use of Funds for SFY 2023 and 2024 (Source: New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Water Resource Management)

All applications are submitted on the H2LOans website. Local governments are required to meet the provisions of the DEP and Water Bank rules (N.J.A.C. 7:22-3, 4, 5, 8, 9, and 10 <http://www.nj.gov/dep/dwq/722.htm>). Disbursement and loan repayment provisions are consistent with the rules. A small percentage of the grant is reserved for DEP administrative fees, a DEP loan origination fee and an I-Bank one-time charge to cover bond issuance expenses.

2. Funding Research Findings and Mountain Lakes Project Qualifiers

2.1 Funding Eligibility

The goal of the Water Bank program is to finance drinking water projects that protect public health, in line with the Safe Drinking Water Act. The criteria of eligibility that are relevant to the PFOA/PFAS remediation at Well 4 project are:

- Treatment of unregulated contaminants (contaminants that are currently not regulated under the SDWA rules, including contaminants of emerging concern for which there is no drinking water standard)
- Treatment facilities

The Water Bank considers PFOA/PFAS as emerging contaminants, which are "substances and microorganisms, including manufactured or naturally occurring physical, chemical, biological, radiological, or nuclear materials, which are known or anticipated in the environment, that may pose newly identified or re-emerging risks to human health, aquatic life, or the environment. These substances, microorganisms, or materials can include many different types of natural or manufactured chemicals and substances – such as those in some compounds of personal care products, pharmaceuticals, industrial chemicals, pesticides, and microplastics".

The federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), which helps fund the Water Bank, provides funding for drinking water projects that address emerging contaminants such as PFOA/PFAS. For disadvantaged communities that meet NJ's Affordability Criteria or public water systems serving a population of fewer than 25,000, emerging contaminant drinking water treatment projects can receive principal forgiveness for up to 100% of the first \$2 million of allowable costs and loan funding at the applicable base rate for the balance of costs up to the \$40 million per applicant/per year cap. The DEP Loan Origination Fee is waived for the principal forgiveness portion of Emerging Contaminants loans. See Figure 2 showing a table of the funding breakdown of a sample Emerging Contaminants project:

Example: A \$5M PFAS Project for a small publicly owned community that serves less than 25,000 people and does not meet NJ's Affordability Criteria receives the following package:

<i>Project Cost</i>	<i>Principle Forgiveness</i>	<i>DEP Loan Share (Interest Free)</i>	<i>I-Bank Loan Share (AAA Market Rate)</i>
First \$2M	\$2M	\$0M	\$0M
Next \$3M	\$0M	\$1.5M	\$1.5M
Total (\$5)	\$2M	\$1.5M	\$1.5M

Figure 2: The funding breakdown of a sample Emerging Contaminants project. (Source: New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Water Resource Management)

2.2 Project Ranking Methodology

Drinking water projects are assigned project ranking points based on criteria established for the DWSRF. The first set of points is assigned through **Category A: Compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) and Protection of Public Health**. Under this category, it is anticipated that the Mountain Lakes Well 4 PFOA/PFAS remediation project would fall under Rank 4, Systems that have had, or DEP reasonably expects to have, any primary maximum contaminant level (MCL) violations (except acute violations) or exceedance of action levels (Lead and Copper Rule), which is assigned 250 points out of 500 maximum points.

The second set of points is assigned through **Category B: Environmental Justice Economic Overburdened Community Criteria**. This assigns 80 points to a project whose location is in a municipality where at least 35% of the households served by the project qualify as low-income households (at or below twice the poverty threshold in accordance with the most recent United States Census as determined by the United States Census Bureau). This calculation will be weighted for projects that service more than one municipality. Projects in a service area that meets the 35% criteria located within a municipality that does not meet the 35% threshold may also be considered. It is expected

that the Mountain Lakes Well 4 PFOA/PFAS remediation project will not be eligible for these points under Category B.

Category C: Smart Growth Approvals assigns points (maximum 50 points) to projects that have been approved under the State Development and Redevelopment Plan for smart growth. It is expected that the Mountain Lakes Well 4 PFOA/PFAS remediation project will not be eligible for these points under Category C.

Category D: Population assigns points to projects based on the permanent population of the water system service area. Priority points are calculated as the permanent population served by the water system divided by 100,000, expressed as a decimal. It is expected that the Mountain Lakes Well 4 PFOA/PFAS remediation project will be eligible for a fraction of a point, based on the service area's population.

Category E: Established Local Employment Program assigns one point to projects where there is an established program to employ at the project facility, or at related offices or facilities, persons who reside in the municipality in which the project is located, the service area of the project, or in surrounding municipalities that meet the criteria for State aid pursuant to P.L. 1978, c.14 (C.52:27D-178 et seq.)". It is expected that the Mountain Lakes Well 4 PFOA/PFAS remediation project will not be eligible for these points under Category E.

Based upon a preliminary ranking of Mountain Lakes of 250 points + 4565 population/100,000, the point score would be 250.04565. Based upon the attached "Appendix 3 - Proposed Drinking Water Project Priority List for Federal Fiscal Year 2023 (and State Fiscal Year 2024)" from the report *New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Financing Program: Proposed Drinking Water Priority System, Intended Use Plan, and Project Priority List for Federal Fiscal Year 2023/State Fiscal Year 2024*, Mountain Lakes would rank number 52. Project totals for rankings higher than Mountain Lakes range from 250.096 to 652.85. Therefore, in terms of available funding Mountain Lakes may not qualify for loan forgiveness since the funds may not exist once the higher-ranking projects are satisfied. This would need to be explored further with the NJDEP.

3. Applying for Funding

To apply for funding, the organization who is sponsoring the project designates three sets of individuals: one Authorized Official, one Authorized Representative, and Collaborators. The Authorized Official is the individual who sets up an account with the New Jersey Water Bank's H2Loans online system. Per New Jersey Water Bank, the Authorized Official must be a full-time employee of a project sponsor/applicant organization, who is authorized to obligate the organization. To set up the account the Authorized Official must contact the Trust at 609-219-8601. The Authorized Official designates the sponsoring organization's Authorized Representative, who is the organization's internal project manager.

The Authorized Representative must be a full-time employee of the sponsoring organization and acts as the project manager, designating Collaborators and submitting uploaded and final documentation. The Authorized Representative will be notified by email of their designation and provided a link with instructions on how to login to H2Loans and activate their account.

Collaborators are assigned by the Authorized Representative and consist of any third-party consultants involved in the project, who, for example, perform design, construction, financial, and legal work. Collaborators will be notified by email of their designation and provided a link with instructions on how to login to H2Loans and activate their account.

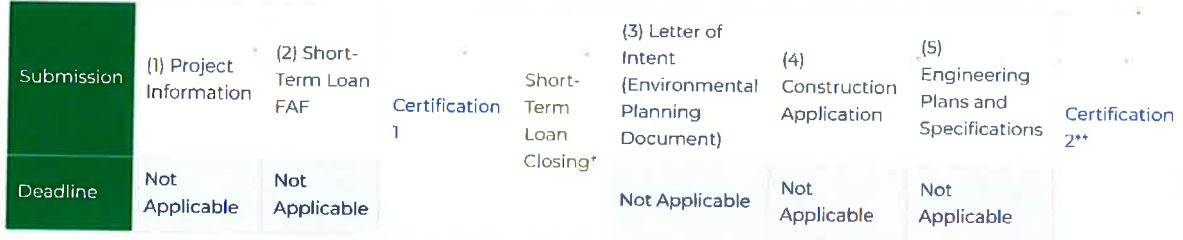
Information regarding application materials can be accessed in the online system once an account is created. See Figure 3 for an overview of the application process:

NJ H₂O LOANS LOAN APPLICATION PROCESS

Black - Application/Document Submission

Blue - Approval/Certification

Green - Loan Closing



*Environmental Planning Funding

**Construction Funding

Figure 3: New Jersey Water Bank loan application process. (Source: New Jersey Water Bank. <https://www.njib.gov/nj/Financial+Overview.18>)

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Proposed Drinking Water Project Priority List for Federal Fiscal Year 2023 (and State Fiscal Year 2024)

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Rank	Project Sponsor	Project Number	Project Name	Population	Building Cost	Support Cost	Estimated Cost	Cost	Cost	Cost	Cost	Cost	Cost	Cost	Cost	Cost	Cost	Rank Points	Bill Eligibility		
137	Ni American Water Company, Incorporated	2121001-001	Washington Twp. Main Extension	6,482	\$ 5,200,000	\$ 534,000	\$ 6,240,000	125	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.10219	155.10219		
82	Newark City	0714001-011	Rehabilitation of the bascule gate at the Charlotteburgh Reservoir with alarm and control systems	285,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 1,140,000	\$ 3,140,000	45	50	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.85	197.85	BL (GEN)	
139	Hopatcong Borough	1912001-001	Hudson Avenue Water Main Installation	7,234	\$ 750,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 900,000	175	0	15	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0.07224	155.07224		
81	East Orange Water Commission	0705001-009	Installation of solar power at water treatment plant	80,488	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 700,000	\$ 1,700,000	45	50	0	5	0	15	0	0	0	0	0.80488	195.80488	BL (GEN)	
85	East Orange City	0705001-013	WDRPS Emergency Backup Power Generator Planning and Design	66,018	\$ 3,420,000	\$ 2,184,000	\$ 5,604,000	60	50	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.65078	195.65078	BL (GEN)	
85	East Orange City	0705001-017	WDRPS SCADA Instrumentation/Controls Planning and Design	66,018	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 2,070,000	\$ 5,070,000	60	50	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.65078	195.65078	BL (GEN)	
86	Madison City	0601001-006	Well 14/15 Rehabilitation	35,349	\$ 5,300,000		\$ 8,810,000	100	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.25349	195.25349	BL (GEN)	
87	Seaside Heights Borough	1516001-001	Seaside Heights - Water Treatment Plant Improvements	7,647	\$ 1,000,000		\$ 1,275,000	100	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0766667	195.076667	BL (GEN)	
88	Salmon City	1712001-003	Upgrade to WTP to address taste and odor problems	5,813	\$ 4,500,000	\$ 2,240,000	\$ 6,740,000	100	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.05813	195.05813	BL (GEN)	
89	Egg Harbor City	0107001-002	Replacement of a water treatment plant	4,200	\$ 3,500,000	\$ 2,764,740	\$ 11,264,740	100	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.042	195.042	BL (GEN)	
158	Merchantville Pennsauken Water Commission	0424001-005	Lead line removal	49,990	\$ 3,500,000	\$ 2,707,750	\$ 4,207,750	125	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.47344	145.47344		
91	Camden City	0408001-021	New Auto Meter Reading Equip for entire City	77,344	\$ 100,000	\$ 1,108,100	\$ 1,208,100	25	50	20	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0.77344	180.77344	BL (GEN)	
97	Upper Deerfield Township	0613004-002	Seabrook Water Tower Replacement (Upper Deerfield)	7,166	\$ 1,615,000	\$ 323,000	\$ 1,938,000	60	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.07166	180.07166	BL (GEN)	
142	Collingswood Borough	0412001-004	Collingswood Lead Line Removal	16,000	\$ 4,000,000	\$ 400,000	\$ 4,400,000	125	0	5	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0.245	145.245		
146	Aqua New Jersey Incorporate	2119001-002	Lead Service Line Replacement Phillipsburg	14,550	\$ 3,000,000		\$ 8,390,424	125	0	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0.24640	140.24640		
147	Lyndhurst Township	0232001-004	Lead Water Service Replacement Program	22,453	\$ 24,425,250	\$ 523,056	\$ 28,313,300	175	0	0	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	0.205	140.205		
148	Red Bank Borough	1340001-004	Red Bank Lead Service Line Replacement	13,500	\$ 3,714,975	\$ 2,817,700	\$ 8,395,470	125	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.1252	140.1252		
96	Lakewood Township Municipal Utilities Authority	1514001-001	LTMUA GAC Building (New Hampshire & Shorrock St)	22,900	\$ 8,350,000	\$ 3,625,480	\$ 10,281,500	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.2175	180.2175	BL (GEN)
97	Tuckerton Borough	1512001-004	Rehabilitation of three green sand filter tanks and one backwash tank	3,365	\$ 109,000	\$ 49,050	\$ 158,050	100	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.03365	180.03365	BL (GEN)	
98	Woodbine Borough	0516001-001	WUP Upgrade and water main extension	2,422	\$ 2,537,500	\$ 706,730	\$ 3,244,230	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0265	180.0265	BL (GEN)	
99	Passaic Valley Water Commission	1605002-015	Replace approximately 200 large antiquated valves	347,052	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 1,140,000	\$ 3,140,000	75	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3.47052	178.47052	BL (GEN)	
99	Passaic Valley Water Commission	1605002-017	Installation of 7000 LF of 12-inch main to replace Granite Ave storage tank	347,052	\$ 1,700,000	\$ 1,008,000	\$ 2,708,000	75	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3.47052	178.47052	BL (GEN)	
99	Passaic Valley Water Commission	1605002-019	Installation of 2200 LF of 12-inch main to connect Eastside Pumping Station to Paterson downtown area	347,052	\$ 600,000	\$ 420,000	\$ 1,020,000	75	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3.47052	178.47052	BL (GEN)	
100	Newark City	0718001-010	Replacement of 38,236 old water meters in the distribution system.	285,000	\$ 19,000,000	\$ 2,540,000	\$ 26,540,000	25	50	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.85	177.85	BL (GEN)	
101	Newark City	0714001-018	Replacement of Water Distribution Mains	273,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 2,070,000	\$ 5,070,000	75	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.73	177.73	BL (GEN)	
102	Atlantic City Municipal Utilities Authority	0102001-007	Water Main Replacement Program	94,225		\$ 475,000		75	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.95	175.95	BL (GEN)	
171	Hightstown Borough	1104001-012	Lead Service Line Replacement	5,494	\$ 10,000,000	\$ 475,000	\$ 13,500,000	125	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.054	140.054		
105	Netcong Borough	1428001-010	Netcong of Netcong - Lead (Galvanized) Service Line Replacements	4,500	\$ 2,750,000	\$ 432,500	\$ 2,832,500	125	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.03345	175.03345	BL (GEN)	
173	Waterford Township Municipal Utilities Authority	0415001-001	New water mains for Maximum Contaminant Level Violations	2,408	\$ 1,445,738	\$ 904,928	\$ 2,370,661	125	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.02408	140.02408		
174	Mount Arlington Borough	1416005-003	Altanbrand, Windemere, McGregor and Lee Water Main Extension	133	\$ 1,578,000	\$ 130,000	\$ 2,020,000	125	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0138	140.0138		
182	Rahway City	2013001-003	Rahway Lead Service Line Replacement Project	29,556	\$ 9,990,746	\$ 4,845,050	\$ 12,088,910	125	0	0	5	0	15	0	0	0	0	0.272	135.272		
106	Wildwood City	0514001-006	2018 Capital Improvements (Drinking Water)	94,133	\$ 4,754,510	\$ 478,405	\$ 5,183,205	75	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.94133	175.94133	BL (GEN)	
109	Ni American Water Company, Incorporated	0113001-016	Ni American Water Lead Service Line Replacement Program PWS00 0713001	217,230	\$ 2,825,000	\$ 1,077,600	\$ 3,832,600	125	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.74785	133.24785		
110	Manchester Township	1518005-001	Various main replacements	26,477	\$ 243,800	\$ 36,545	\$ 300,475	75	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.26477	170.26477	BL (GEN)	
112	Lower Township Municipal Utilities Authority	0905002-004	Del Haven Water Main Expansion / Wildwood Water Utility Interconnect	7,222	\$ 8,550,000		\$ 10,260,000	125	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.07222	170.07222	BL (GEN)	
113	Seaside Park Borough	1517001-004	Well 10 Treatment Facility	1,700	\$ 495,000	\$ 99,000	\$ 594,000	40	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.017	170.017	BL (GEN)	
193	Seymourville Borough	1219001-009	Lead Service Line Investigation and Replacement	44,249	\$ 1,550,000	\$ 793,000	\$ 2,044,000	125	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.44249	130.44249		
194	Montclair Township	0713001-013	Montclair Township - Lead & Galvanized Service Line Replacements - SFY23	2,000	\$ 3,200,000	\$ 1,372,477	\$ 4,800,000	125	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.37669	130.37669		
196	South Orange Village	0739001-018	Lead line identification and replacement	22,865	\$ 7,000,000	\$ 700,000	\$ 8,400,000	125	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.16964	130.16964		
210	Aqua New Jersey Incorporate	1103001-007	Aqua NJ Hamilton Lead Service Line Replacement	88,654	\$ 10,000,000	\$ 2,680,435	\$ 12,780,000	125	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.39128	125.39128		
214	Hawthorne Borough	1604001-003	Hawthorne Lead Water Service Line Replacement Phase 2	19,360	\$ 2,250,000	\$ 3,140,000	\$ 7,745,000	125	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.19458	125.19458		
218	Clinton Town	1005001-024	Town of Clinton - Galvanized Service Line Replacement - SFY23	1,000	\$ 1,350,000	\$ 800,000	\$ 4,050,000	125	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.125	125.125		
218	Clinton Town	1005001-015	Town of Clinton - Galvanized Service Line Replacement - SFY24	1,000	\$ 1,350,000	\$ 800,000	\$ 4,050,000	125	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.125	125.125		
120	Camden City	0408001-022	install portable water/elevations at Morris Delar WTP	46,585	\$ 300,000	\$ 1,140,000	\$ 1,260,000	15	50	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.46585	145.46585	BL (GEN)	
121	Passaic Valley Water Commission	1605002-020	Replacement of Prospect Park storage tank	347,052	\$ 800,000	\$ 510,000	\$ 1,360,000	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3.47052	163.47052	BL (GEN)	
121	Passaic Valley Water Commission	1605002-013	Decommissioning of Granite Avenue Tank	347,052	\$ 1,700,000	\$ 1,008,000	\$ 2,708,000	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3.47052	163.47052	BL (GEN)	
218	Clinton Town	1005001-016	Town of Clinton - Galvanized Service Line Replacement - SFY25	1,000	\$ 1,350,000		\$ 4,050,000	125	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.125	125.125		
218	Clinton Town	1005001-017	Town of Clinton - Galvanized Service Line Replacement - SFY26	1,000	\$ 1,350,000		\$ 4,050,000	125	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.125	125.125		
124	Passaic Valley Water Commission	0231001-002	Lead Service Line Replacement in Lodi System	24,551	\$ 6,000,000	\$ 7,000,000	\$ 7,700,000	125	0	0	5	0	30	0	0	0	0	0.24551	160.24551	BL (LSR)	
125	Berkeley Township Municipal Utilities Authority	1005004-003	Install new solar panels at treatment plant	8,130	\$ 750,000	\$ 525,000	\$ 1,275,000	45	0	20	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0.0813	160.0813	BL (GEN)	
208	Clinton Town	1005001-018	Town of Clinton - Galvanized Service Line Replacement - SFY27	1,000	\$ 1,350,000		\$ 4,050,000	125	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.125	125.125		
219	Aqua New Jersey Incorporate	1103001-001	Lead Service Line Replacements Lawrenceville	33,472	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 270,000	\$ 1,770,000	125	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.08455	155.08455		
217	Shore Water Company	1505003-001	Shore Water Co. Tank Painting and repair project	2,733	\$ 400,000	\$ 976,931	\$ 490,000	60	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0273333	160.027333	BL (GEN)	
128	Berkeley Township Municipal Utilities Authority	1505323-001	Northern Blvd Water Tower Rehabilitation Project	10,800	\$ 1,600,000		\$ 2,080,000	60	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0015	160.0015	BL (GEN)	
222	Glen Ridge Borough	0708001-001	GR Lead Service Line Replacement (Main to Overfall) - Phase 1	7,527	\$ 1,200,000	\$ 800,000	\$ 2,000,000														

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Rank	Project Sponsor	Project Number	Project Name	Population	Building Cost	Support Cost	Estimated Cost	4000	5000	6000	7000	8000	9000	10000	11000	12000	13000	14000	15000	Rank Points	BL Eligibility	
74	North Jersey District Water Supply Commission	1613001-027	Expansion of Aeration System	872,153	\$ 3,554,000	\$ 1,161,888	\$ 2,715,888	100	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8,72153	208,72153	
116	Vernier City	0127001-002	Water Infrastructure Project	16,076	\$ 63,700,000	\$	\$ 63,700,000	125	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.14076	155,14076	BL (GFN)
74	North Jersey District Water Supply Commission	1613001-028	Filter Bldg. Pipe Gallery Dehumid	872,153	\$ 1,248,000	\$ 985,732	\$ 2,231,732	100	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8,72153	208,72153	
138	Lower Township Municipal Utilities Authority	0505002-005	LCMR - Water Main Extension	888	\$ 1,741,300	\$ 3,800,000	\$ 2,089,500	125	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.10315	155,10315	BL (GFN)
74	North Jersey District Water Supply Commission	1613001-019	Basins 1 & 2 Recirculation Rehabilitation	872,153	\$ 1,590,000	\$ 1,999,840	\$ 2,369,640	100	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8,72153	208,72153	
140	Bayonne City	0901001-005	City of Bayonne Lead Service Line Replacement Project	71,484	\$ 19,000,000	\$ 305,000	\$ 22,800,000	125	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.061	155,061	BL (GFN)
142	Clementon Borough	0411001-003	Rehab of Gibbstown Water Main (White Horse Pike & White Horse Rd.)	5,003	\$ 300,000	\$ 156,750	\$ 456,750	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.05006	155,05006	BL (GFN)
144	Sussex Borough	1921001-007	Sussex Borough Main Street Water Main Replacement Project	2,201	\$ 498,477	\$ 644,047	\$ 595,772	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.02201	155,02201	BL (GFN)
145	Sussex Borough	1921001-006	Water Systems Enhancements	2,130	\$ 186,000	\$ 37,200	\$ 223,200	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0213	155,0213	BL (GFN)
145	Sussex Borough	1921001-005	Lake Rutherford Water Line Installation Project	2,130	\$ 1,018,000	\$ 203,600	\$ 1,221,600	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0213	155,0213	BL (GFN)
146	Weymouth Township Municipal Utilities Authority	0123001-001	WYMUA Water Line Replacement	600	\$ 4,896,800	\$ 1,400,000	\$ 5,876,160	125	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0072	155,0072	BL (GFN)
147	Newark City	0714001-016	Installation of a SCADA System	285,000	\$ 2,500,000	\$ 1,380,000	\$ 1,880,000	1	50	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.85	153,85	BL (GFN)
74	North Jersey District Water Supply Commission	1613001-012	Improvement of chemical feed equipment, pressure gauges, meters and alarms for increased security measures.	872,153	\$ 500,000	\$ 475,000	\$ 975,000	100	50	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8,72153	208,72153	
74	North Jersey District Water Supply Commission	1613001-014	Construction of a 6 MG ballasted clearwell and rehab of an existing clearwell to include baffles.	872,153	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 3,190,000	\$ 6,190,000	100	50	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8,72153	208,72153	
74	North Jersey District Water Supply Commission	1613001-016	Install 6 Layer Aerators including air piping and appurtenances.	872,153	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 910,000	\$ 1,810,000	100	50	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8,72153	208,72153	
74	North Jersey District Water Supply Commission	1613001-020	Rehabilitation of existing WTP	872,153	\$ 4,250,000	\$ 2,770,000	\$ 7,020,000	100	50	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8,72153	208,72153	
131	East Orange Water Commission	0705001-004	Rehab of Breakrooms with #1 & #2, Concor Brook wells #7, #8 & #4	80,468	\$ 1,158,000	\$ 786,540	\$ 1,944,540	15	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.80468	150,80468	BL (GFN)
151	East Orange Water Commission	0705001-005	Replacement of electrical cable for wellfield which includes Well Nos. 3, 4 & 5	80,468	\$ 850,000	\$ 655,000	\$ 1,455,000	15	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.80468	150,80468	BL (GFN)
83	Jersey City Municipal Utilities Authority	0906001-017	Newton Plant Centrifuge	264,390	\$ 1,450,200	\$ 290,040	\$ 1,740,240	100	50	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.62004	197,62004	
153	Hawthorne Borough	1804001-002	Hawthorne Water Utility PFAs Treatment	18,775	\$ 3,500,000	\$ 342,580	\$ 4,750,000	100	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.18058	150,18058	BL (EC)
154	Trezeville Borough	1315001-007	Water Plant Development	12,052	\$ 3,000,000	\$	\$ 6,440,000	100	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.12052	150,12052	BL (GFN)
155	Salem City	1712001-004	Salem City Water Meter	4,931	\$ 1,092,100	\$ 253,430	\$ 1,345,530	35	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.04931	150,04931	BL (GFN)
106	Ni American Water Company, Incorporated	2004002-014	RMWTP L2125WTR and Filter Rehabilitation	44,464	\$ 31,209,707	\$ 3,688,865	\$ 37,948,572	100	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3.15335	173,15335	
114	North Jersey District Water Supply Commission	1613001-031	Purchase and Install New Dewatering System	150	\$ 2,469,700	\$ 1,215,800	\$ 3,685,500	100	50	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0015	170,0015	
134	North Jersey District Water Supply Commission	1613001-026	Low Lift Gas Pump	872,153	\$ 9,142,875	\$ 3,665,650	\$ 12,808,525	100	50	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0015	170,0015	
118	Ni American Water Company, Incorporated	1345001-021	Swimming Well WTP 2nd Clearwell	335,649	\$ 16,973,964	\$ 5,143,230	\$ 22,117,194	100	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3.39449	148,39449	
122	Ni American Water Company, Incorporated	2004001-025	Rehabilitated PFAs Treatment	48,000	\$ 15,700,000	\$ 690,000	\$ 16,390,000	100	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.48	148,48	BL (EC)
160	Vineland City	0614003-012	Upgrades to well #4 water treatment plant including a new air stripping tower	33,000	\$ 254,000	\$ 529,200	\$ 1,285,200	100	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.33	145,33	BL (GFN)
160	Vineland City	0614003-013	Upgrades to the existing water treatment plant at well #13 with new replacement well #18	33,000	\$ 4,000,000	\$ 2,030,000	\$ 6,030,000	100	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.33	145,33	BL (GFN)
129	Jersey City Municipal Utilities Authority	0906001-034	Boonton Water Treatment Plant Electric Substation/ Distribution System Improvements	262,000	\$ 15,000,000	\$ 1,700,000	\$ 18,000,000	100	0	15	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.62	157,62	
149	Ni American Water Company, Incorporated	1345001-018	Oak Glenn Treatment Plant Expansion	290,470	\$ 26,920,000	\$ 12,419,400	\$ 39,339,400	100	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.9047	152,9047	
150	Middlesex Water Company	1225001-029	CIO Plant Upgrade - ODP Removal Treatment	282,741	\$ 21,043,630	\$ 6,201,343	\$ 27,244,973	100	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.33376	152,33376	
163	Egg Harbor City	0107001-001	Construction of a new storage tank	4,700	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 340,000	\$ 2,340,000	50	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.047	145,047	BL (GFN)
152	Mahwah Township	0233001-006	Rehabilitation of Ford Wellfield treatment, pumps & motors, electrical, SCADA and transmission mains	24,062	\$ 4,600,000	\$ 2,250,536	\$ 6,850,536	100	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.24062	150,24062	
157	Ni American Water Company, Incorporated	1345001-001	Jumping Brook WTP Improvement Project	524,000	\$ 48,404,702	\$ 780,000	\$ 49,184,702	100	0	20	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6.00992	145,00992	
181	Willingboro Municipal Utilities Authority	0338001-011	Well & Water Treatment Plant Upgrade	34,731	\$ 6,250,000	\$ 2,154,000	\$ 8,404,000	100	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.35	135,35	
284	Collingswood Borough	0411001-001	Collingswood Comly Ave Water Plant	16,904	\$ 6,418,510	\$ 80,000	\$ 6,508,510	100	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.245	135,245	
200	Berlin Central Regional Board of Education	1505355-001	Additional treatment on existing well	2,500	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 700,000	\$ 1,700,000	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.025	130,025	
270	Berkley Township Municipal Utilities Authority	1505004-004	Install automated meter reading system	81,130	\$ 500,000	\$ 310,000	\$ 810,000	25	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0813	140,0813	BL (GFN)
129	Willingboro Municipal Utilities Authority	0338001-012	Well No. 3 Water Treatment Plant Upgrade	34,731	\$ 2,001,800	\$ 1,718,944	\$ 3,720,744	100	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.37731	130,37731	
243	Monroe Municipal Utilities Authority	0811002-002	Water Treatment System Rehabilitation	37,117	\$ 1,500,000	\$	\$ 1,800,000	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.76179	135,76179	
242	East Windsor Municipal Utilities Authority	1010002-006	Millstone Road Water Treatment Plant Well #9 & Well #10	25,763	\$ 22,000,000	\$ 1,615,802	\$ 23,615,802	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.25	135,25	
243	Hamilton Township Municipal Utilities Authority	0112001-004	HTMUA Well #8 REHABILITATION	23,176	\$ 1,100,000	\$ 892,144	\$ 1,992,144	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.23176	135,23176	
244	Ship Bottom Borough	1528001-003	Water Treatment Plant Reconstruction	12,437	\$ 8,000,000	\$ 2,347,075	\$ 9,900,000	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.12437	135,12437	
246	Berlin Borough	0405001-005	Repairs to Plant#1 filter and complete replacement of filter media.	13,121	\$ 80,500	\$ 57,630	\$ 137,130	100	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.13121	135,13121	
248	Hightstown Borough	1104001-003	Construct 80,000 gallon backwash tank and re-line existing lagoons	5,547	\$ 450,000	\$ 315,000	\$ 765,000	100	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.05547	135,05547	
249	Lakewood Borough	1513001-003	Treatment Plant Upgrades	2,444	\$ 548,500	\$ 380,000	\$ 928,500	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0244	135,0244	
251	Atsion Borough	1302001-004	Water Treatment Plant Improvements	1,418	\$ 1,428,000	\$ 700,540	\$ 2,128,540	100	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.01418	135,01418	
274	Ni American Water Company, Incorporated	2004002-007	Painting of the Raritan Millstone backwash tank at the WTP	610,000	\$ 395,000	\$ 276,500	\$ 671,500	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6.1	106,1	
177	East Orange City	0705001-500/001	Install generators, White Oak Rd	80,468	\$ 3,217,000	\$ 1,159,440	\$ 4,376,440	1	50	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.80468	135,80468	BL (GFN)
179	Atlantic City Municipal Utilities Authority	0102001-009	Water Meter and MTU Replacement	75,819	\$ 2,210,000	\$ 350,000	\$ 2,560,000	25	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.75819	135,75819	BL (GFN)
180	Ferth Ambly City	1214001-010	The Painting of the Backwash Tank and Stand Pipe Project	51,																		

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188	Jersey City Municipal Utilities Authority	0926001-006	Transmission Main Install	247,000	\$ 11,500,000	\$ 6,310,000	\$ 19,810,000	75	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.47	122.47				
230	Vieland City	0614003-017	2016 Water Distribution Rehabilitation Project	36,848	\$ 1,806,475	\$ 740,056	\$ 2,546,481	75	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.33	120.33	BL (GEN)			
231	Vieland City	0614003-007	Replacement of 1.4 miles of 8-inch with 10-inch water mains	33,000	\$ 1,100,000	\$ 744,000	\$ 1,844,000	75	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.33	120.33	BL (GEN)			
233	Vieland City	0614003-008	Replacement of 2,203 LF of 8-, 10- and 12-inch water mains	33,000	\$ 350,000	\$ 245,000	\$ 595,000	75	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.33	120.33	BL (GEN)			
234	Vieland City	0614003-009	Construction of 4 miles of 12-inch water mains to loop dead ends and enhance water pressure	33,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 140,000	\$ 340,000	75	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.33	120.33	BL (GEN)			
237	Orange City	0717001-012	Orange Twp 1 Interconnection and Distribution Project	30,731	\$ 1,200,200	\$ 618,000	\$ 1,840,200	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.30	120.30	BL (GEN)		
238	Wilsonwood City	0514001-003	Water system improvements - 2015 street & utility reconstruction	30,361	\$ 2,100,000	\$ 480,000	\$ 2,580,000	75	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.20	120.20	BL (GEN)		
239	Tuckerton Borough	1537002-007	Curlew Rd. and Kingsfisher Rd. Water Main Replacement and Valves, Wellies Rehabilitation/Repairs	3,371	\$ 1,268,730		\$ 1,649,349	75	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.06285	120.06285	BL (GEN)		
236	Passaic Valley Water Commission	1605007-009	Replacement of surface water intake facilities on the Passaic River	347,052	\$ 800,000	\$ 560,000	\$ 1,360,000	15	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3.47052	118.47052	BL (GEN)		
185	7th City Utility / Jersey City Municipal Utilities Authority	0906001-005	Redevelopment of Brownfield site	247,000	\$ 882,867	\$ 601,385	\$ 1,484,252	75	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.47	112.47			
200	Mt American Water Company, Incorporated	1345001-019	Jewett-Lakeview Transmission Main	190,470	\$ 32,000,000	\$ 9,050,000	\$ 41,050,000	75	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.55133	127.55133			
203	Middlesex Water Company	1225001-018	Construction of a water main	233,376	\$ 21,200,000	\$ 8,884,000	\$ 30,084,000	75	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.33376	127.33376		
204	Middlesex Water Company	1225001-019	Replacement of 5,000 LF of 24-inch cast iron mains	233,376	\$ 4,200,000	\$ 2,108,000	\$ 6,308,000	75	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.33376	127.33376	
204	Middlesex Water Company	1225001-028	RENEW 2018 - Woodbridge Twp.	22,844	\$ 8,591,350	\$ 2,607,612	\$ 11,198,962	75	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.33355	124.33355		
206	Old Bridge Municipal Utilities Authority	1209001-005	Laurence Harbor Water System Upgrade, Phase 1	65,375	\$ 1,753,990	\$ 182,000	\$ 2,315,267	75	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.67235	125.67235		
208	Hoboken City	0905001-007	Water Main Upgrades (2018)	54,379	\$ 4,443,160	\$ 1,127,465	\$ 5,570,625	75	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.54379	125.54379		
200	Apex New Jersey Incorporate	0415002-008	Replacement of 5,500 LF of water main on Lakeside, East Blenheim, Haines, Lake & Chutek, etc.	49,350	\$ 936,100	\$ 723,456	\$ 1,659,556	75	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.4935	125.4935		
211	Long Beach Township	1517001-013	Replacement of water mains	36,367	\$ 2,666,545	\$ 1,345,278	\$ 3,811,823	75	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.35367	125.35367	
215	Ramsey Borough	0248001-001	Construction of mains (Rte 17, Grant & Airmount)	16,350	\$ 1,690,000	\$ 1,003,600	\$ 2,693,600	75	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.1635	125.1635	
249	National Park Borough	0812001-001	Replacement of a WWP	3,289	\$ 2,289,450	\$ 1,193,852	\$ 3,483,302	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.03289	115.03289	BL (GEN)	
215	Ramsey Borough	0248001-003	Replacement of mains (Card & Maple)	16,350	\$ 1,340,000	\$ 849,600	\$ 2,189,600	75	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.1635	125.1635	
251	Sussex Borough	1921001-004	Water Meter Replacement Project	2,130	\$ 338,850	\$ 75,470	\$ 414,320	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0213	115.0213	BL (GEN)	
215	Ramsey Borough	0248001-001	Construction of mains (Rte 17, Snyder & Airmount)	16,350	\$ 985,000	\$ 689,500	\$ 1,674,500	75	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.1635	125.1635	
215	Ramsey Borough	0248001-004	Construction of mains (Lakewood & Airmount)	16,350	\$ 795,000	\$ 556,500	\$ 1,351,500	75	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.1635	125.1635	
217	Harrison Town	0904001-001	Cleaning & Lining of mains on Grant Ave., Cleveland Ave., & Hamilton Street	14,425	\$ 5,500,000	\$ 2,680,000	\$ 8,180,000	75	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.14425	125.14425	
217	Harrison Town	0904001-004	Cleaning and Lining of approximately 3,000 LF of 10, 12 and 14 inch mains	14,425	\$ 2,010,000	\$ 1,140,000	\$ 3,150,000	75	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.14425	125.14425	
217	Harrison Town	0904001-005	Replacement of 3,160 LF of water mains on S 2nd, Frank E. Rogers Blvd & Scott Mobus Place	14,425	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 920,000	\$ 2,420,000	75	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.14425	125.14425	
218	Clinton Town	1005001-010	West Main Street Water Main Replacement Project - Asset Management Planning	12,500	\$ 998,750	\$ 449,437	\$ 1,448,187	75	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.125	125.125	
220	Spotwood Borough	1224001-001	Cleaning and lining of approximately 3,600 LF of water mains	8,300	\$ 2,228,585	\$ 915,319	\$ 3,143,904	75	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.083	125.083	
265	Orange City	0717001-005	Cleaning & Lining of mains	30,000	\$ 1,675,000	\$ 997,000	\$ 2,672,000	75	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.3	110.3	BL (GEN)
221	Pond Pleasant Beach Borough	1515001-002	Ocean Avenue Water Main Replacement	7,733	\$ 2,160,000	\$ 3,950,000	\$ 2,756,800	75	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.07733	125.07733	
222	Glen Ridge Borough	0108001-008	GR 2017-18 40th-44th Road Service Water Line Replacement/Fire Hydrant - Repairs & Replacement & Water System Asset Management Plan	7,681	\$ 1,606,395		\$ 2,373,210	75	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.07681	125.07681	
269	Burlington City	0305001-003	Broad Street Water Tank Rehabilitation	9,343	\$ 1,280,000	\$ 3,317,576	\$ 2,148,000	60	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.09343	110.09343	BL (GEN)
270	Salem City	1712001-002	Installation of a new well	9,817	\$ 130,000	\$ 91,000	\$ 221,000	15	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.09817	110.09817	BL (GEN)
271	Netcong Borough	1428001-011	Borough of Netcong - Watermain Replacement and Project Prioritization Planning	4,500	\$ 900,000		\$ 1,280,000	75	0	15	0																												

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599	NJ American Water Company, Incorporated	0123001-003	Installation of New Water Meters	42,035	\$ 7,092	\$ 4,562	\$ 12,054	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.42035	35.42035
600	NJ American Water Company, Incorporated	1605001-003	Installation of New Water Meters	11,247	\$ 92,036	\$ 66,432	\$ 156,454	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.11247	35.11247
601	Collier Services	1328300-005	Install new meters and water conservation devices at Collier Services Bldgs	350	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,100	\$ 5,100	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0035	35.0035
602	Middlesex Water Company	1275001-075	Western Transmission Main	233,376	\$ 29,000,000	\$ 13,210,000	\$ 42,210,000	30	15	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.33376	102.33376
603	Vineland City	0614003-015	Well No. 12 Installation	26,848	\$ 100,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 175,000	15	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.16848	45.16848
604	Mahwah Township	0614003-016	Well 17 Treatment Facility	26,848	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 2,018,000	\$ 5,018,000	15	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.1625	45.1625
605	Carfield City	0221001-003	Rehabilitation of Well 1A	20,062	\$ 1,300,000	\$ 832,000	\$ 2,132,000	30	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.24062	80.24062
606	Bayville Central Regional Board of Education	1505355-002	Construction of new interconnection with existing municipal water system	29,780	\$ 400,000	\$ 280,000	\$ 680,000	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.2978	45.2978
607	Jackson Township Municipal Utilities Authority	1511001-008	Installation of a water main and booster station to interconnect the Legler system	25,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 700,000	\$ 1,700,000	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.025	60.025
608	South Orange Village	0119001-004	Fairfield (Walton Ave & Audley St) Interconnection Rehab.	32,600	\$ 2,766,500	\$ 1,477,260	\$ 4,243,760	30	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.326	45.326
609	South Orange Village	0219001-007	Replace Pressure Reducing Valves	16,188	\$ 81,000	\$ 37,350	\$ 120,350	30	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.16964	35.16964
610	Freshfield Borough	1315001-001	Replace and construct two well houses that protect well pumps	16,188	\$ 160,000	\$ 72,000	\$ 232,000	30	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.16964	35.16964
611	Fremont Township	0329004-005	Replacing Well #4 with Well #12	11,029	\$ 125,000	\$ 87,500	\$ 212,500	35	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.11029	45.11029
612	Fremont Township	0329004-010	Conversion of test well #14 to production well	10,815	\$ 265,000	\$ 247,000	\$ 512,000	15	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.10815	45.10815
613	Fine Hill Municipal Utilities Authority	0428002-005	PWM Backup Well #4 and Decommission of Wells #6 & #7	10,815	\$ 420,000	\$ 280,000	\$ 700,000	15	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.10815	45.10815
614	South Orange Village	0219001-003	South Orange Ave and Holland Road Interconnection Rehabilitation	10,233	\$ 760,000	\$ 1,081,914	\$ 1,841,914	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.10233	45.10233
615	NJ American Water Company, Incorporated	0717001-004	Interconnection of Twin Lake and Short Hill Systems	16,188	\$ 82,500	\$ 57,350	\$ 140,350	30	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.16188	35.16188
616	Franklin Township	1808001-002	Construction of an Interconnection w/ New Brunswick City	217,230	\$ 600,000	\$ 420,000	\$ 1,020,000	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.1723	32.1723
617	Sparta Township	1918003-001	Installation of a water main interconnection	50,000	\$ 600,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 750,000	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.5	30.5
618	Netcong Borough	1438001-006	Replacement of Water meters	1,818	\$ 545,700	\$ 121,826	\$ 667,526	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.01818	30.01818
619	West Deptford Township	0820001-002	Water Meter Replacement Project	3,246	\$ 275,000	\$ 137,500	\$ 412,500	25	15	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.03246	110.03246
620	Netcong Borough	1438001-006	Replacement of Water meters	21,248	\$ 2,958,200	\$ 666,640	\$ 3,624,840	25	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.21248	105.21248
621	Netcong Borough	1438001-006	Replacement of Water meters	20,935	\$ 450,000	\$ 215,000	\$ 665,000	25	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.20935	95.20935
622	Netcong Borough	1438001-006	Replacement of Water meters	8,104	\$ 1,200,000	\$ 730,000	\$ 1,930,000	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.08104	70.08104
623	Jersey City Municipal Utilities Authority	0906001-013	Remote Meter Reading (AMI)	257,342	\$ 6,371,000	\$ 3,547,760	\$ 9,918,760	25	20	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.57342	67.57342
624	NJ American Water Company, Incorporated	0119002-010	Replacement of Water Meters	88,088	\$ 327,686	\$ 225,878	\$ 553,564	25	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.88088	80.88088
625	Hammonton Town	0113001-002	Water Meter Replacement	11,300	\$ 607,500	\$ 535,500	\$ 1,143,000	25	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.113	55.113
626	Adelantown Borough	1362001-003	Water Meter Replacement	1,828	\$ 454,850	\$ 209,670	\$ 664,520	25	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.01828	55.01828
627	Belvidere Township	0304001-003	Purchase of water meters to replace existing meters. Phases 2 to 4	22,000	\$ 350,000	\$ 110,000	\$ 460,000	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.22	48.22
628	Belvidere Township	0304001-005	Replacement of Water meters	35,978	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 1,580,000	\$ 4,580,000	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.35978	40.35978
629	NJ American Water Company, Incorporated	0160001-007	Replacement of Water Meters	28,021	\$ 1,000,543	\$ 700,246	\$ 1,700,789	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.28021	40.28021
630	Margate City	0116001-002	Margate Water Meter Project	22,333	\$ 2,477,116	\$ 750,816	\$ 3,227,932	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.22333	40.22333
631	Lyndhurst Township	0217001-003	Township Wide Water Meter Replacement Program	27,453	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 900,000	\$ 3,900,000	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.27453	40.27453
632	Highland Park Borough	1307001-001	2018-19 Water System Improvements	14,245	\$ 2,850,000	\$ 970,000	\$ 3,820,000	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.14245	40.14245
633	Hopatcong Borough	1301001-005	Hopatcong Borough Water Meter Replacement Project	7,000	\$ 640,000	\$ 310,000	\$ 950,000	25	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0724	40.0724
634	High Bridge Borough	1014001-002	Improvements to the High Bridge Water System	3,100	\$ 876,465	\$ 200,733	\$ 1,077,198	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.031	40.031
635	Hardyville Municipal Utilities Authority	1312006-001	Water Meter Replacement	3,963	\$ 405,000	\$ 81,000	\$ 486,000	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.03963	40.03963
636	NJ American Water Company, Incorporated	2004002-010	Replacement of Water Meters	610,000	\$ 1,847,297	\$ 1,073,808	\$ 2,921,105	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6.1	11.1
637	NJ American Water Company, Incorporated	1345001-015	Replacement of Water Meters	289,553	\$ 758,658	\$ 531,658	\$ 1,290,316	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.289553	27.89553
638	NJ American Water Company, Incorporated	0327001-013	Replacement of Water Meters	253,045	\$ 6,810,000	\$ 3,256,400	\$ 10,066,400	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.253045	27.3045
639	NJ American Water Company, Incorporated	0712001-015	Replacement of Water Meters	217,230	\$ 3,459,147	\$ 1,782,022	\$ 5,241,169	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.21723	27.1723
640	NJ American Water Company, Incorporated	1103001-001	Replacement of Water Meters	170,000	\$ 4,454,178	\$ 2,227,089	\$ 6,681,267	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.7	26.7
641	NJ American Water Company, Incorporated	0715001-024	Replacement of 14,832 water meters with radio frequency meters	67,700	\$ 4,226,435	\$ 2,113,218	\$ 6,339,653	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.677	25.677
642	Ridgewood Village	1808001-005	Replace Water Meters	50,000	\$ 3,500,000	\$ 1,800,000	\$ 5,300,000	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.5	25.5
643	North Brunswick Township	1215001-006	Water Meter Replacement	42,392	\$ 4,500,000	\$ 2,250,000	\$ 6,750,000	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.42392	25.42392
644	NJ American Water Company, Incorporated	0312001-004	Replacement of Water Meters	42,035	\$ 1,798,443	\$ 1,047,784	\$ 2,846,227	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.42035	25.42035
645	Bedfordtown City	0330201-001	Water Meter Replacement Program	14,448	\$ 2,350,000	\$ 192,000	\$ 2,542,000	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.14448	25.14448
646	Galiland Borough	0220001-002	Replace #600 Water Meters	12,859	\$ 1,800,000	\$ 705,000	\$ 2,505,000	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.12859	25.12859
647	Bellmawr Borough	0404001-003	Replacement of Water mains will be needed to serve a brownfield redevelopment area.	11,583	\$ 6,100,000	\$ 2,944,000	\$ 9,044,000	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.11583	36.11583
648	Bellmawr Borough	0404001-004	A new 0.3 MG storage tank is needed to serve a Brownfield redevelopment area.	11,583	\$ 280,000	\$ 286,000	\$ 566,000	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.11583	36.11583
649	Clinton Town	1005001-007	Replace Water Meters	13,550	\$ 499,485	\$ 114,759	\$ 614,244	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.1355	25.1355
650	NJ American Water Company, Incorporated	1605001-004	Replacement of Water Meters	11,247	\$ 945,530	\$ 661,871	\$ 1,607,401	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.11247	25.11247
651	Mine Hill Township	1420001-004	Replace Water Meters	3,400	\$ 210,000	\$ 147,000	\$ 357,000	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.034	25.034
652	Pine Beach Borough	1512001-001	Merran Ave. Well Replacement / Townwide Water Meter Replacement Project	2,080	\$ 650,000	\$ 489,400	\$ 1,139,400	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0208	25.0208
653	Netcong Borough	1438001-003	Drill new well to meet current demand	1,716	\$ 495,000	\$ 297,500	\$ 792,500	15	50	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.01716	100.01716
654	Stafford Township	1539004-015	Redevelopment of wells # 2 and 5	28,888	\$ 90,000	\$ 64,400	\$ 154,400	15	35	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.28888	85.28888
655	Minlow Township	0435007-001	Install appurtenances associated with new well #12 (SCADA, well house, transmission mains)	39,328	\$ 1,791,000	\$ 1,048,040	\$ 2,839,040	15	50	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.39328	80.39328
656	Winslow Township	0436007-005	Install new 500 GPM well #12	39,328	\$ 228,600	\$ 160,02													

ATTACHMENT 3: COST ESTIMATE





BOROUGH OF MOUNTAIN LAKES

LISTED IN NATIONAL AND STATE REGISTERS OF HISTORIC PLACES

February 14, 2024

Mitchell Stern; Borough Manager
Borough of Mountain Lakes
400 Boulevard
Mountain Lakes, New Jersey 07046

Re: Uniform Construction Code Annual Report
Budget year 2023

Mr. Stern;

Attached herewith find a copy of the U.C.C. Annual Report for the Borough of Mountain Lakes Construction Office. This report has been prepared with additional information supplied by Monica Goscicki; Chief Financial Officer.

During the budget year 2023 the Construction Office expenditures exceeded its revenues by \$66,106.98.

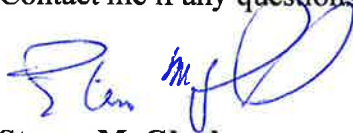
During the year exempt permits were issued for either municipal or Board of Education work. If this revenue of \$1,000.00 was realized, the operating deficit would have been reduced to \$65,106.98.

Over the past several years larger commercial projects (i.e. Pulte Homes, Sunrise Senior Living, Wawa) have aided in increasing the revenue collected by the Construction Office. Fees collected in one year may have required staff to complete inspection and administrative tasks in the following year on these projects. Projects which had previously received zoning and site plan approvals did not advance to the construction phase during 2023. Expenditures of the Construction Office, therefore, relied on the fees generated by predominately residential projects.

The expectation for 2024 is for a slight increase in the number and scope of residential projects for much of the year. This stance is based on recent applications for zoning permits. If one or more of the approved commercial projects advances to their construction phase then revenue increases will be realized.

Our core residential construction activity along with minor commercial fit-outs and alterations will need to sustain the Construction Office into the future. The previous fee schedule modification was made post-covid and implemented 04/01/2023. This modification has not been in effect for a full year. After review, selected fees may be modified to allow the core residential / small commercial activity to maintain the Construction Office as self sustaining as required by the NJ Uniform Construction Code Act.

Contact me if any questions arise concerning this information.



Steven M. Gluck
Construction Official

973-334-3131 Ext. 2012

sgluck@mtnlakes.org

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Thank you. Your form has been successfully submitted.
Please print this page, sign and fax or mail to the address below.

UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE ANNUAL REPORT
New Jersey Department of Community Affairs
Division of Codes and Standards

Municipality/County:
Budget Year Type: Calendar (1/1 thru 12/31) Budget Year: 2023

REVENUES

Uniform Construction Code Fees	133557.00
Penalties	1250.00
Income: UCC Interlocal	0.00
TOTAL REVENUES	134807.00

EXPENDITURES

Salary & Wages	129696.02
Fringe Benefits	33974.11
Other Expenses	15717.35
Payments to Interlocal Agencies	0.00
Payments to Private Agencies	0.00
Indirect Costs	21526.50
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	200913.98

Private Agencies In Receipt of Payments:
None

RIDER DEDICATION (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-39)
No Rider Dedication Trust Fund
Opening Balance in Trust Fund
Revenues Received in Trust Fund
Expenses from Trust Fund
Closing Balance in Trust Fund

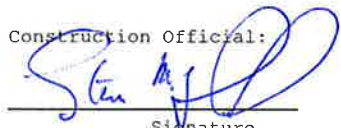
EXEMPT FEES

By State law (see N.J.S. 52:27D-126c)	1000.00
By Municipality (see N.J.S. 52:27D-126b)	0.00

CERTIFICATION
The undersigned municipal officials hereby certify that the financial information provided in this report fairly and accurately reflects Uniform Construction Code revenues and expenses for the year.

Chief Financial Officer:

Signature

Construction Official:

Signature

Monica Goscicki O-0672
Chief Financial Officer
mgoscicki@mtnlakes.org
Please fax or mail the completed and signed report to:

Steven M Gluck 005181
Construction Official
sgluck@mtnlakes.org

NJ Department of Community Affairs
Division of Codes and Standards
Office of Regulatory Affairs
Attention: UCC Annual Report
P.O. Box 818
Trenton, NJ 08625-0818
Phone: (609) 984-7768

Last Name First Name UCC # Salary Position Subcode Discipline(s) Inspector Discipline(s) Gluck Steven 005181 56120.87
Construction Official Building Building, Electrical, Mechanical Scialla John 004761 226.44 Plumbing Lavenburg Edward 11289
18585.13 Electrical Electrical Poli Salvatore 008964 8525.96 Fire Protection Building, Fire Protection, Mechanical Post Susan
012624 24468.68 Technical Assistant Tobaygo Phillip 009308 20000.14 Plumbing Building, Plumbing, Mechanical Lewthwaite Kevin
1768.80 Clerical

**BOROUGH OF MOUNTAIN LAKES
COUNTY OF MORRIS, NJ**

RESOLUTION 87-24

“RESOLUTION TO AMEND 2024 INTRODUCED BUDGET”

WHEREAS, the local budget for the year 2024 was approved on the 26th day of February, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the public hearing on said budget has been held as advertised; and

WHEREAS, it is desired to amend said approved budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Mountain Lakes, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that the following amendments to the approved budget of 2024 made:

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
REVENUE		
3. Miscellaneous Revenues – Section A: Local Revenues		
Interest on Investments and Deposits	150,000.00	147,909.46
3. Miscellaneous Revenues – Section B: State Aid Without Offsetting Appropriations		
Energy Receipts Tax	420,177.46	422,268.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be filed forthwith in the office of the Director of Local Government Services for certification of the local municipal budget so amended.

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CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Borough Council of Mountain Lakes, New Jersey, at a meeting held on March 25, 2024.



Cara Fox, Borough Clerk

Name	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Cannon			X			
Korman			X			
Menard		X	X			
Mulenburg	X		X			
Richter			X			
Barnett			X			
Sheikh			X			

**BOROUGH OF MOUNTAIN LAKES
COUNTY OF MORRIS, NJ**

RESOLUTION 88-24

“RESOLUTION TO READ BUDGET BY TITLE”

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A 4-8 as amended provides that the Budget shall be read in full at the public hearing, or that it may be read by its title only if:

1. At least one week prior to the date of the hearing and at the hearing, a complete copy of the approved budget,
 - a. shall be made available for public inspection, and
 - b. shall be made available to each person upon request

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Mountain Lakes that it is hereby declared that the conditions of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-8, as amended set forth in subsections 1(a)and1(b), have been met and therefore the Budget shall be read by title only.

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Richter			X			
Barnett		X	X			
Sheikh			X			

**BOROUGH OF MOUNTAIN LAKES
COUNTY OF MORRIS, NJ**

RESOLUTION 90-24

“RESOLUTION TO ADOPT 2024 MUNICIPAL BUDGET”

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Mountain Lakes, County of Morris, State of New Jersey that the following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Municipal Budget of the Borough of Mountain Lakes for the 2024 calendar year.

General Appropriations:

1. Appropriations within "CAPS"	\$7,266,009.02
2. Appropriations excluded from "CAPS"	\$2,207,710.37
3. Reserve for Uncollected Taxes (Item M, Sheet 29) -Based on Estimated 96.5 Percent of Tax Collections	\$1,268,585.01
4. Total General Appropriations (Item 9, Sheet 29)	\$10,742,304.40
5. Less: Anticipated Revenues Other than Current Property Tax (Item 5, Sheet 11) (i.e. Surplus, Miscellaneous Revenues and Receipts from Delinquent Taxes)	\$3,830,778.39
6. Difference: Amount to be raised by Taxes for support of Municipal Budget: (as follows) (a) Local Tax for Municipal Purposes including Reserve for Uncollected Taxes (Item 6(a), Sheet 11)	\$6,911,526.01

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Budget was published in the March 13, 2024 edition of the Daily Record, an official newspaper of the Borough of Mountain Lakes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED a hearing on the Budget and Tax Resolution was held at a meeting of the governing body held on February 26, 2024 at 7 o'clock p.m. at which time and place discussions to said Budget and Tax Resolution for 2024 was presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of the budget were available in the office of the Municipal Clerk, Borough of Mountain Lakes, at the Municipal Building during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The budget was also posted on the Borough's website at mnlakes.org. All persons interested in the proposed budget had an opportunity to address the Borough Council during the aforementioned public hearing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Mountain Lakes does hereby adopt the preceding as the Budget for the 2024 year.

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Richter			X			
Barnett			X			
Sheikh			X			

**BOROUGH OF MOUNTAIN LAKES
COUNTY OF MORRIS, NJ**

RESOLUTION 91-24

“RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF BILLS”

WHEREAS, the Borough Manager has reviewed and approved purchase orders requested by the Department Heads; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Office has certified that funds are available in the proper account; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Treasurer has approved payment, upon certification from the Borough Department Heads that the goods and/or services have been rendered to the Borough.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Mountain Lakes, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that the current bills, dated **March 25, 2024** and on file and available for public inspection in the Office of the Treasurer and approved by him for payment, be paid.

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Muilenburg	X		X			
Richter			X			
Barnett			X			
Sheikh			X			

List of Bills - CLAIMS/CLEARING CHECKING ACCOUNT

Meeting Date: 03/25/2024 For bills from 03/07/2024 to 03/19/2024

Check#	Vendor	Description	Payment	Check Total
23643	219 - ACCESS	PO 28631 ADMIN: CUST# 156NEY04790 - MARCH 2024	82.75	82.75
23644	4019 - ADVANCED FIREPROOF DOOR, INC	PO 28652 BH: RENOVATIONS -	1,338.50	
		PO 28664 BH: RENOVATIONS	1,071.16	2,409.66
23645	2426 - AGL WELDING SUPPLY CO.	PO 28419 DPW - EQUIPMENT & TOOLS - BLANKET	183.54	183.54
23646	206 - ALLEN PAPER & SUPPLY CO.	PO 28554 DPW/BOROUGH HALL - DEPARTMENT SUPPLIES	1,038.70	1,038.70
23647	3861 - AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	PO 28547 ADMIN: ORDER# 111-0753387-0584225	336.08	
		PO 28555 WATER DEPT: ORDER# 111-4693337-9806662	35.73	
		PO 28556 RECREATION: ORDER # 111-7915793-3827445	99.98	
		PO 28557 CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES: ORDER# 111-0554780-9	243.51	
		PO 28560 POLICE: ORDER# 111-9405945-1906652	141.01	856.31
23648	3861 - AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	PO 28603 ADMIN: ORDER# 111-5430719-5185042	356.32	356.32
23649	189 - ANCHOR ACE HARDWARE	PO 28584 WATER OPERATING - DEPARTMENTAL SUPPLIES	71.97	71.97
23650	102 - ANDERSON & DENZLER ASSOC., INC	PO 28623 FEBRUARY 2024 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	1,753.70	
		PO 28623 FEBRUARY 2024 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	461.50	
		PO 28623 FEBRUARY 2024 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	4,852.65	
		PO 28623 FEBRUARY 2024 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	184.60	7,252.45
23651	4375 - ARCO CONSTRUCTION, INC	PO 28353 BH: RENOVATIONS - FABRICATION	1,600.00	1,600.00
23652	3957 - ATLANTIC COAST RECYLING, LLC	PO 28619 SOLID WASTE - RECYCLING EXPENSE	1,448.92	1,448.92
23653	4588 - BOSWELL ENGINEERING, INC	PO 28426 SUNSET LAKE DAM CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION	2,025.00	2,025.00
23654	4368 - BUY WISE AUTO PARTS, INC.	PO 28302 S & R - VEHICLE REPAIR & MAINTENANCE -	86.90	
		PO 28614 POLICE: VEHICLE REPAIR - 2020 FORD EXPLORER	92.29	
		PO 28625 POLICE: VEHICLE REPAIRS	172.46	351.65
23655	4574 - CADWELL DESIGN + SIGN	PO 28489 S & R: BLANKS	530.34	
		PO 28642 POLICE: SIGNS	332.00	862.34
23656	440 - CDW GOVERNMENT	PO 28559 BH: RENOVATIONS -HANDS FREE ENTRY PHONE	430.00	430.00
23657	4135 - CGP&H, LLC	PO 28633 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER 2023	285.00	285.00
23658	2196 - CHRISTINA WHITAKER	PO 28193 2024 QUARTERLY HEALTH BENEFITS REIMBURSEMENT	598.65	598.65
23659	4090 - CLEAN MAT SERVICES, LLC	PO 28630 2024 FLOOR MAT SERVICE POLICE / DPW MARC	183.36	183.36
23660	455 - CONDURSOS GARDEN CENTER	PO 28617 PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS - TENNIS COURTS - DR	414.00	414.00
23661	2396 - COUNTY WELDING SUPPLY CO.	PO 28591 DPW - EQUIPMENT & TOOLS - BLANKET	72.00	72.00
23662	576 - DAVE'S TIRE, LLC	PO 28610 DPW - VEHICLE REPAIRS/TIRES	383.80	383.80
23663	4573 - EARTHWORKS, INC.	PO 28035 SUNSET LAKE DAM REHABILITATION PROJECT	836,430.00	836,430.00
23664	4536 - EMPIRE ARCHITECTURAL WOODWORKING	PO 28661 BH: RENOVATIONS - CABINETS	6,160.00	6,160.00
23665	4125 - FELDMAN BROTHERS ELECTRICAL SUPPLY	PO 28654 BH: RENOVATIONS	4,367.80	4,367.80
23666	653 - GANNET NEW YORK/NEW JERSEY LOCALITY	PO 28352 CLERK - 2024 ADVERTISING - BLANKET - ACC	149.56	
		PO 28433 PLANNING/ZONING - 2024 ADVERTISING - BLANKET	8.19	157.75
23667	2429 - GARDEN STATE FIREWORKS	PO 28447 2024 FIREWORKS DEPOSIT	10,000.00	10,000.00
23668	196 - GRIFFITH-ALLIED TRUCKING, LLC	PO 28605 UNLEADED GASOLINE	2,976.63	2,976.63
23669	3991 - GRM INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SERVICES	PO 28628 FEBRUARY 2024 ARCHIVE STORAGE - ACCT# 01	102.38	102.38
23670	503 - HERBERT J. COHRS	PO 28194 2024 QUARTERLY HEALTH BENEFITS REIMBURSEMENT	1,587.51	1,587.51
23671	3817 - IL TORRENTE PIZZA	PO 28613 DPW - MEALS - BLANKET	105.80	105.80
23672	4181 - JAKE STORAGE CONTAINERS, LLC	PO 28612 REC: STORAGE	3,200.00	3,200.00
23673	859 - JCP&L	PO 28643 MASTER ACCT# 200 000 569 000 - FEB 23, 2024	4,200.75	
		PO 28644 M/A #200 000 054 011/ BILL DATE: FEB 23, 2024	378.25	
		PO 28645 M/A #200 000 020 764: BILL DATE: FEB 09, 2024	53.73	4,632.73
23674	859 - JCP&L	PO 28646 ACCT#100 076 421 971/ BILL PRD: 1/9 to 2/6 to 3	304.47	
		PO 28647 ACCT#100 076 421 971/ BILL PRD: 2/6 to 3/31	170.61	
		PO 28648 MAST ACCT# 200 000 021 275 / BILL DATE: FEB 23, 2024	1,639.96	
		PO 28649 MASTER ACCT#200 000 574 000/ BILL DATE: FEB 23, 2024	39.49	
		PO 28650 MAST ACCT#200 000 054 011 BILL DATE: MAR 01, 2024	4.16	2,158.69
23675	1182 - LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INS. CO EMPLOYER S	PO 28490 2023 LOSAP CONTRIBUTIONS/CONTRACT# CR334	11,500.00	11,500.00
23676	1311 - MORRIS CTY TREASURER	PO 28640 MORRIS COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS DISPATCH SERVICE	26,447.43	26,447.43
23677	4598 - MORRISTOWN LUMBER & SUPPLY CO., LLC	PO 28634 BH: RENOVATIONS - LUMBER SUPPLIES - BLANKET	170.52	170.52
23678	1394 - MTN. LAKES PUBLIC LIBRARY	PO 28638 APRIL 2024 MTN LAKES PUBLIC LIBRARY AID	30,938.25	30,938.25
23679	4235 - NET2PHONE, INC.	PO 28267 2024 DEDICATED EFAX LINE - ACCT# 954962	32.67	32.67
23680	479 - NEW JERSEY HILLS MEDIA GROUP	PO 28458 ZBOA/PLANNING BRD - ACCT# 010902 - 2024	10.81	10.81
23681	1553 - NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS	PO 28659 FEB - MAR 2024 SERVICE	2,430.08	2,430.08
23682	4199 - PASSAIC METAL & BUILDING SUPPLIES	PO 28651 BH: RENOVATIONS -	184.95	184.95
23683	4594 - PEERS MOVING CO, INC	PO 28528 BH: MOVE TO BORO HALL	11,700.00	11,700.00
23684	3113 - PHILLIPS PREISS GRYGIEL LEHENY HUGH	PO 27551 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR ORDINANCE REVIEW	160.00	160.00
23685	3781 - PHOENIX ADVISORS, LLC	PO 27404 FINANCE: 2023 CONTINUING MARKET DISCLOSURE	1,700.00	1,700.00
23686	4151 - PITNEY BOWES, INC	PO 28627 ADMIN: POSTAGE INK	124.98	124.98
23687	3195 - POWER DMS, INC	PO 28604 POLICE: MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE	5,532.14	5,532.14
23688	4600 - PROSHRED NORTHERN NEW JERSEY	PO 28662 ADMIN: SHREDDING SERVICES	60.00	60.00
23689	417 - RONALD CARROLL	PO 28195 2024 QUARTERLY HEALTH BENEFITS REIMBURSEMENT	1,677.17	1,677.17
23690	1832 - RYDIN DECAL	PO 28486 ADMIN: 2024 PARKING DECALS	253.50	253.50
23691	1994 - SHERWIN-WILLIAMS COMPANY	PO 28663 BH: RENOVATIONS	634.62	634.62
23692	2774 - STAPLES CONTRACT & COMMERCIAL, LLC	PO 28462 POLICE: ORDER# 7626782542-000-001	160.77	
		PO 28553 BORO HALL: ORDER# 7627468588	498.24	

List of Bills - CLAIMS/CLEARING CHECKING ACCOUNT

Meeting Date: 03/25/2024 For bills from 03/07/2024 to 03/19/2024

Check#	Vendor	Description	Payment	Check Total
23693	1943 - STRUCTURAL STONE CO., INC.	PO 28582 ADMIN: ORDER# 7627577809	149.97	808.98
23694	1981 - SUBURBAN DISPOSAL, INC	PO 28622 BH: RENOVATIONS - STONE	1,602.00	1,602.00
23695	603 - TOWNSHIP OF DENVILLE	PO 28629 SOLID WASTE / RECYCLING COLLECTION - FE	69,766.66	69,766.66
23696	1736 - TWP OF PARSIPPANY - TROY HILLS	PO 28641 2024 SHARED MUNICIPAL COURT SERVICES	15,841.25	15,841.25
23697	3822 - ULINE, INC	PO 28639 MARCH 2024 SEWER MAINTENANCE CHARGES	39,460.12	39,460.12
23698	1062 - UNITED SITE SERVICES	PO 28552 PD/EVIDENCE LOCKER: ORDER# 13975333	406.71	406.71
		PO 28607 DPW - BUILDING MAINTENANCE	43.75	
		PO 28660 BH: RENOVATIONS: PORTA JOHN/FENCE SERVIC	301.00	344.75
23699	3346 - USA BLUE BOOK	PO 28583 WATER OPERATING - DEPARTMENTAL SUPPLIES	103.98	103.98
23700	4480 - VERIZON	PO 28261 PD: 2024 INTERNET SERVICES: ACCT 357-156	192.70	192.70
23701	4481 - VERIZON	PO 28262 DPW: 2024 INTERNET SERVICES ACCT# 457-15	41.58	
		PO 28262 DPW: 2024 INTERNET SERVICES ACCT# 457-15	28.71	
		PO 28262 DPW: 2024 INTERNET SERVICES ACCT# 457-15	28.71	99.00
23702	2135 - VERIZON WIRELESS	PO 28620 ACCT# 882388054-00001 / FEB 05 - MAR 04	664.89	664.89
23703	832 - W.W. GRAINGER, INC	PO 28416 S & R - DEPARTMENTAL SUPPLIES - BLANKET	53.10	
		PO 28479 DPW - BUILDING MAINTENANCE	306.59	359.69
TOTAL				1,115,993.56

Summary By Account

ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	CURRENT YR	APPROP. YEAR	NON-BUDGETARY	CREDIT
01-192-08-105-000	FEES & PERMITS			253.50	
01-201-20-100-020	GENERAL ADMIN - OTHER EXPENSE	706.19			
01-201-20-120-020	MUNICIPAL CLERK - OTHER EXP'S	149.56			
01-201-20-130-020	FINANCE - OTHER EXPENSES	339.45			
01-201-20-140-020	COMPUTER SERVICES	192.70			
01-201-20-145-020	TAX COLLECTOR - OTHER EXPENSES	94.99			
01-201-20-165-020	ENGINEERING SERVICES	461.50			
01-201-21-180-020	PLANNING BOARD - OTHER EXPENSE	19.00			
01-201-23-220-020	GROUP INSURANCE PLANS-EMPLOYEE	3,863.33			
01-201-25-240-020	POLICE DEPT - OTHER EXPENSES	301.78			
01-201-25-250-020	INTERLOCAL SERVICES: MC DISPATCH - OE	26,447.43			
01-201-25-251-020	INTERLOCAL SERVICES: DENVILLE COURT - OE	15,841.25			
01-201-26-290-020	STREETS & ROADS - OTHER EXP.	2,375.40			
01-201-26-305-020	SOLID WASTE - OTHER EXPENSES	71,215.58			
01-201-26-310-020	BLDG & GROUNDS - MUNIC BLDG	830.72			
01-201-26-315-020	VEHICLE REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	735.45			
01-201-28-370-020	PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS OTHER EXP.	10,513.98			
01-201-29-390-020	AID TO PUBLIC LIBRARY	30,938.25			
01-201-31-435-020	ELECTRICITY - ALL DEPARTMENTS	906.92			
01-201-31-436-020	ELECTRICITY - STREET LIGHTING	4,200.75			
01-201-31-437-020	NATURAL GAS	2,430.08			
01-201-31-440-020	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	697.56			
01-201-31-447-020	PETROLEUM PRODUCTS	2,976.63			
01-203-20-100-020	(2023) GENERAL ADMIN - OTHER EXPENSE		285.00		
01-203-20-130-020	(2023) FINANCE - OTHER EXPENSES		1,700.00		
01-203-21-185-020	(2023) BD OF ADJUST - OTHER EXPENSES		160.00		
01-203-25-240-020	(2023) POLICE DEPT - OTHER EXPENSES		5,532.14		
01-203-31-435-020	(2023) ELECTRICITY - ALL DEPARTMENTS		4.30		
01-203-36-476-020	(2023) LENGTH OF SVS AWARDS (LOSAP)		11,500.00		
01-260-05-100	DUE TO CLEARING			0.00	195,673.44
TOTALS FOR	Current Fund	176,238.50	19,181.44	253.50	195,673.44
04-215-55-982-000	2016 CAPITAL ORDINANCE 06-16			3,200.00	
04-215-55-985-000	2019 CAPITAL ORDINANCE 2-19			838,455.00	
04-215-55-989-000	2020 CAPITAL ORD. 8-20 BORO HALL RENOV.			2,746.73	
04-215-55-992-000	2022 CAPITAL ORDINANCE 2-22			3,184.05	
04-215-55-994-000	2023 CAPITAL ORDINANCE 2-23			191.80	
04-215-55-996-000	2023 CAPITAL ORDINANCE 8-23			6,526.02	
04-215-55-998-000	2023 CAPITAL ORD. 13-23 BORO HALL RENOV.			22,669.55	
04-260-05-100	DUE TO CLEARING			0.00	876,973.15
TOTALS FOR	General Capital	0.00	0.00	876,973.15	876,973.15

Summary By Account

ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	CURRENT YR	APPROP. YEAR	NON-BUDGETARY	CREDIT
05-201-55-520-520	Water Operating - Other Expenses	3,598.32			
05-203-55-520-520	(2023) Water Operating - Other Expenses		35.73		
05-260-05-100	DUE TO CLEARING			0.00	3,634.05
TOTALS FOR	Water Operating	3,598.32	35.73	0.00	3,634.05
07-201-55-520-520	Sewer Operating - Other Expenses	39,712.92			
07-260-05-100	DUE TO CLEARING			0.00	39,712.92
TOTALS FOR	Sewer Operating	39,712.92	0.00	0.00	39,712.92

Total to be paid from Fund 01 Current Fund	195,673.44
Total to be paid from Fund 04 General Capital	876,973.15
Total to be paid from Fund 05 Water Operating	3,634.05
Total to be paid from Fund 07 Sewer Operating	39,712.92
	<u>1,115,993.56</u>



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List of Bills - (1710101001002) Escrow - Developers - Checking

Developer's Escrow

Meeting Date: 03/25/2024 For bills from 03/07/2024 to 03/19/2024

Check#	Vendor	Description	Payment	Check Total
5395	102 - ANDERSON & DENZLER ASSOC., INC	PO 28657 FEBRUARY 2024 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES - ES	2,513.73	2,513.73
5396	4177 - WEINER LAW GROUP, LLP	PO 28656 FEBRUARY 2024 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES - ES	92.50	92.50
TOTAL				2,606.23

Summary By Account

ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	CURRENT YR	APPROP. YEAR	NON-BUDGETARY	CREDIT
17-101-01-001-002	Escrow - Developers - Checking			0.00	2,606.23
17-500-00-091-413	NOUVELLE, LLC - INSPECTON FEES			102.10	
17-500-00-091-416	TULFRA REALTY 11 LLC (TFJ MOUNTAIN LAKES LLC)			1,580.93	
17-500-00-091-421	THE CRAIG SCHOOL			92.50	
17-500-00-091-422	DUSKO JOLDZIC			646.10	
17-500-00-091-423	KING OF KINGS LUTHERAN CHURCH			184.60	
TOTALS FOR	Developer's Escrow	0.00	0.00	2,606.23	2,606.23

Total to be paid from Fund 17 Developer's Escrow

2,606.23

2,606.23

**BOROUGH OF MOUNTAIN LAKES
COUNTY OF MORRIS, NJ**

RESOLUTION 92-24

“RESOLUTION REJECTING THE BIDS FOR REPLACEMENT OF FIREHOUSE BAY DOORS”

WHEREAS, on February 15, 2024 and March 7, 2024 the Borough of Mountain Lakes received bids for the replacement of firehouse bay doors; and

WHEREAS, there were no bids received on February 15, 2024 and there was (1) bid received on March 7, 2024 per the summary below; and

WHEREAS, the one bid was in excess of the budget for the project; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Manager and Borough Engineer recommend the bid be rejected for the reason cited above.

NOW THEREOFRE BE IT RESOLVED, the bid listed below is hereby rejected as being over budget and the Borough Manager is authorized to negotiate for the replacement of firehouse bay doors for the Borough pursuant to the requirements of N.J.S.A 40A:11-4.

North Creek LLC – Essex Fells, NJ	\$85,686
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CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Borough Council of Mountain Lakes, New Jersey, at a meeting held on March 25, 2024.

Cara Fox
Cara Fox, Borough Clerk

Name	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Cannon		X	X			
Korman			X			
Menard			X			
Muilenburg	X		X			
Richter			X			
Barnett			X			
Sheikh			X			

**BOROUGH OF MOUNTAIN LAKES
COUNTY OF MORRIS, NJ**

RESOLUTION 93-24

**“RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION BY
THE BOROUGH OF MOUNTAIN LAKES TO THE MORRIS COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FUND FOR A
2024 GRANT FOR CONSTRUCTION FUNDS FOR PARTIAL EXTERIOR RESTORATION OF THE MOUNTAIN LAKES
TRAIN STATION OWNED BY THE BOROUGH OF MOUNTAIN LAKES”**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Mountain Lakes ("Borough") is the owner of the 1912 Mountain Lakes Train Station, located at 99 Midvale Road in the Borough of Mountain Lakes;

WHEREAS, the Borough has been offered the opportunity to apply for a 2024 Grant from the Morris County Historic Preservation Trust Fund grant program; and

WHEREAS, the Borough's grant application must be signed by an authorized representative of the Borough.

WHEREAS, the Local Recreation Improvement Grant exists to fund improvements to recreational facilities, provide quality outdoor recreational spaces, and assist local units in completing unmet recreational obligations on property owned by the local unit; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Mountain Lakes, County of Morris, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Borough hereby authorizes the submission of an application to the Morris County Historic Preservation Trust Fund for a 2024 Construction Grant for Phase I Partial Exterior Restoration of the Mountain Lakes Train Station.
2. The Borough hereby authorizes Mayor Khizar Sheikh, or his authorized designee, to sign the assurances.
3. The proposed 2024 grant application is for a total project of \$541,900, of which the Borough will request \$433,520 and is required to provide a match of \$108,380; this match requirement will come from an anticipated 2024 application to the New Jersey Historic Trust and will be used in accordance with applicable grant rules and regulations.
4. This resolution shall be submitted as part of the 2024 grant application package submittal to the Morris County Historic Preservation Trust Fund.
5. The Borough Manager, the Borough Clerk, together with all other appropriate officers, employees, professionals, and staff of the Borough are hereby authorized and directed to take all steps necessary to effectuate the purpose of this resolution.

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Cara Fox, Borough Clerk

Name	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Cannon		X	X			
Korman			X			
Menard			X			
Muilenburg	X		X			
Richter			X			
Barnett			X			
Sheikh			X			

**BOROUGH OF MOUNTAIN LAKES
COUNTY OF MORRIS, NJ**

RESOLUTION 94-24

“RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH PRINCETON HYDRO FOR DEVELOPMENT OF SCOPE OF WORK FOR HIGHLANDS COUNCIL GRANT”

WHEREAS, the Borough of Mountain Lakes has a need for development and completion of a lakes management plan and scope of work, in accord with Highlands Council grant requirements; and

WHEREAS, the procurement of professional services without public bidding is permitted under the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law at N.J.S.A. 40A:1 I-5a; and

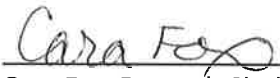
WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Borough of Mountain Lakes to appoint Chris L. Mikolajczyk, CLM, Senior Project Manager, of Princeton Hydro, which qualifies as a professional service; and

WHEREAS, the cost for the development of this scope of work to the Borough of Mountain Lakes is zero (\$0.00).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough of Mountain Lakes authorizes the Borough Manager to enter into a contract with Chris L. Mikolajczyk, CLM, Senior Project Manager of Princeton Hydro, for the cost of \$0.00, for the development and completion of a lakes management plan and scope of work in accord with Highlands Council grant requirements.

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Cara Fox, Borough Clerk

Name	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Cannon		X	X			
Korman			X			
Menard			X			
Muilenburg	X		X			
Richter			X			
Barnett			X			
Sheikh			X			

**BOROUGH OF MOUNTAIN LAKES
COUNTY OF MORRIS, NJ**

RESOLUTION 95-24

“RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER FOR THE SUNSET LAKE DAM REHABILITATION PROJECT”

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Mountain Lakes has previously entered into a contract for the Sunset Lake Dam Rehabilitation Project (hereinafter referred to as the “project”) with Earthworks, LLC; and

WHEREAS, the original contract was awarded on August 14, 2023 in the amount of \$2,423,650.00; and

WHEREAS, Change Order 1 dated March 15, 2024, from Boswell Engineering, the Borough’s project engineer, a copy of which is annexed to this Resolution, has advised of a necessary change in the Contract amount; and

WHEREAS, Change Order 1 reflects the necessary work needed to complete the Sunset Lake Dam Rehabilitation Project for a net increase of \$207,000.00 to the original contract; and

WHEREAS, the Borough finds that the increase in the contract amount should be approved for the completion of the Sunset Lake Dam Rehabilitation Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Mountain Lakes, County of Morris, State of New Jersey:

1. Hereby accepts the recommendation of Boswell Engineering and approves Change Order No. 1 for the Sunset Lake Dam Rehabilitation Project resulting in an increase in the contract amount with Earthworks, Inc., from \$2,423,650.00 to \$2,630,650.00.
2. That the Borough Manager is hereby authorized to execute, and the Borough Clerk to attest to Change Order No. 1 with Earthworks Inc.

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Cara Fox, Borough Clerk

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Cannon		X	X			
Korman			X			
Menard			X			
Muilenburg	X		X			
Richter			X			
Barnett			X			
Sheikh			X			

CERTIFICATION OF THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS
04-215-55-997-001 - Improvement of Sunset Lake Dam \$207,000.00



Monica Goscicki, CFO

BOROUGH OF MOUNTAIN LAKES
Department of Public Works
Department Activity
February 2024

IN HOUSE

All regular work details including building maintenance, vehicle maintenance and repair, trash and recycling, trash bag delivery, street sweeping, lawn maintenance, leaf and brush disposal, daily maintenance.

DPW

- Collaborated with contractor on ground water issue at 150 Boulevard
- Storm debris clean up throughout the borough
- Basin cleaning in preparation for severe weather
- Tree cleanup at 25 Hillcrest
- Clean up after water main break on Rt. 46
- Pothole repair on N. Glen Rd.
- Container clean out – Borough Hall
- Sea box removal from Borough Hall
- Fallen tree removal at 70 Boulevard
- Tree stump removal - Center Dr.
- Snowstorm event
- Water bay debris removal

WATER DEPARTMENT

- Jetting of drainpipe on Cobb Rd.
- Ongoing meter repair/replacement
- Interconnect from Parsippany
- Water pressure issue at Paul's Diner resolved

Recreation

- Boat removal from Midvale boat dock
- Sailboat removal from Island Beach

February 2024 Health Department Activity Report – Mountain Lakes

This February 2024 report identifies the activities of the Health Officer, Health Department, and staff and provides an overview of the various tasks completed by the department during the previous months. Additional supplemental reports from Environmental, Nursing, and Health Education are provided to detail those activities.

Health Education:

- February e-Newsletter distribution began on 2/1 Topics: Eating Disorder Awareness, What is Body Positivity? Pertussis communicable disease, resources corner for eating disorder, community highlight program corner; upcoming health screening and programs/ events, as well details regarding COVID-19 testing, registering for vaccines.
- Interviewed Leo Hirsch on his experiences with navigating through an eating disorder
- Coordinated and implemented 2/22 webinar on eating disorders
- Developed March e-Newsletter Topics: National Kidney Month (kidney health), nutrition to support kidney health, communicable disease: tuberculosis, recipe and recourses corner..
- Developed informational flyer colorectal flyer

Vaccinations & Communicable Diseases:

- For the week ending February 17, 2024, the COVID-19 Community Activity Level Report based on hospitalizations for Morris County is low
- No new cases reported for this month. Lead case management monitoring occurs twice daily at a minimum for jurisdiction within the NJDOH Lead Monitoring system
- The influenza data collection is conducted every month. For the week ending February 17, 2024 (MMWR Week 7) the Influenza surveillance activity level for New Jersey Northwest Region is High. The influenza activity level is high statewide
- No patients received vaccines from the weekly vaccine clinic at Bloomfield Health Department. No Mantoux tests were administered this month

MOUNTAIN LAKES TOWNSHIP
HEALTH DISTRICT
Registered Environmental Health Specialist Monthly Activities
Report for

MUNICIPALITY: MOUNTAIN LAKES TOWNSHIP
DATE: FEBRUARY 2024

1. Retail Food Establishments Plan Reviews

Establishment	Date	S/C/U	Risk Type	Inspected by

2. Inspections / Re-inspections

Establishment	Risk Type	S/C/U	Date of Inspection	Inspector
Hopgoods	3	C	2/7	JS/SM
Wawa	2	S	2/7	SM/JS

KEY : Satisfactory/S
Conditional/C
Unsatisfactory/U
Risk Type – see end of report

3. Food Complaints and Conferrals

Establishment	Statement	Date

4. General Inspections (Bathing Sites, Youth Camps, Kennels, Pet Shops)

Establishment	Category	Statement	S/C	Date
NONE				

5. Housing
Heat and Water Supply

Address	Statement	Status	Date
NONE			

6. Structural, Maintenance, and Other.

Address	Statement	Status	Date	Inspected By

7. Property Maintenance
Structural, Vegetative overgrowth, Garbage, and Debris

Address	Statement	Status	Date
NONE			

8. Sanitary Complaints (Vermin, Noise, Odor, Pollution, Litter, etc.)

Address/ Inspector	Statement	Status	Date

9. Lead Paint Inspections

Address	Statement	Status	Date
NONE			

10. Miscellaneous (Seminars, DEPE, reports, Meetings, Sampling, Court)

Activity	Explanation/Location	Date
NONE		

Definitions as per N.J.A.C. 8:24, SANITATION IN RETAIL FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS AND FOOD AND BEVERAGE VENDING MACHINES:

Satisfactory – The establishment is found to be operating in substantial compliance with the Code and food service personnel have demonstrated that they are aware of and are practicing sanitation and food safety principles as outlined in the Code

Conditionally Satisfactory – At the time of the inspection the establishment was found not to be operating in substantial compliance with the Code and was in violation of one or more provisions of the Code. Due to the nature of these violations, a re-inspection shall be scheduled. The re-inspection shall be conducted at an unannounced time. A full inspection shall be conducted. Opportunity for re-inspection shall be offered within a reasonable time and shall be determined by the nature of the violation.

Unsatisfactory – Whenever a retail food establishment is operating in violation of this Code, with one or more violations that constitute gross insanitary or unsafe conditions, which pose an imminent health hazard, the health authority shall issue an unsatisfactory evaluation. The health authority shall immediately request the person in charge to voluntarily cease operation until it is shown on re-inspection that conditions which warrant an unsatisfactory evaluation no longer exists. The health authority shall institute necessary measures provided by law to assure that the establishment does not prepare or serve food until the establishment is reevaluated. These measures may include embargo, condemnation and injunctive relief.

Risk Type 1 Establishment – means any retail food establishment that:

1. Serves or sells only pre-packaged, non-potentially hazardous foods.
2. Prepares only non-potentially hazardous foods.
3. Heats only commercially processed, potentially hazardous foods for hot holding and does not cool potentially hazardous foods.

Such retail establishments may include, but are not limited to, convenience store operations, hot dog carts, and coffee shops.

Risk Type 2 Establishment – means any retail food establishment that:

1. Has a limited menu.
2. Prepares, cooks, and serves most products immediately.
3. Exercises hot and cold holding of potentially hazardous foods after preparation or cooking.
4. Limits the complex preparation of potentially hazardous foods, including the cooking, cooling, and reheating for hot holding, to two or fewer items.

Such retail establishments may include, but are not limited to, retail food store operations, schools that do not serve a highly susceptible population, and quick service operations, depending on the menu and preparation procedures.

Risk Type 3 Establishment – means any retail food establishment that:

1. Has an extensive menu, which requires the handling of raw ingredients; and is involved in complex preparation of menu items that includes the cooking, cooling, and reheating of at least three or more potentially hazardous foods.
2. Prepares and serves potentially hazardous foods including the extensive handling of raw ingredients; and whose primary service population is a highly susceptible population.

Such establishments may include, but are not limited, full service restaurants, diners, commissaries, and catering operations; or hospitals, nursing homes, and pre-schools preparing and serving potentially hazardous foods.

Risk Type 4 Establishment – means a retail food establishment that:

1. Conducts specialized processes such as smoking, curing, canning, bottling, acidification designed to control pathogen proliferation, or any reduced oxygen packaging intended for extended shelf-life where such activities may require the assistance of a trained food technologist.

Public Health Nursing Division

February 2024

Public Health Update

Influenza News by the NJDOH Received 02/01/2024

Influenza (flu) is a contagious respiratory illness caused by the influenza virus. It can cause mild to severe illness. Serious outcomes of flu infection can result in hospitalization or death. Some groups, such as older people, young children, pregnant people, and individuals with certain health conditions are at high risk for serious flu complications. **Remember outbreaks of influenza are reportable to your [Local Health Department](#).** The flu vaccine is updated each year to keep up with changing flu viruses. Protection provided by the flu vaccine decreases over time, so an annual vaccine is your best protection against flu. As long as there is a circulating virus and available vaccine, it is never too late to get your flu shot!

Take everyday preventive actions to stop the spread of germs.

- Take time to get the flu vaccine.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- If you are sick with influenza, stay home until you have been fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue instead of your hands.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Germs spread this way.
- Clean and disinfect commonly touched surfaces and objects.
- For additional prevention tips, such as ventilation and masking, please visit: [CDC Influenza](#)

[Preventive Actions](#)

We wanted to share some influenza resources from NJDOH and CDC:

- [NJDOH Seasonal Influenza Webpage](#)
- NJDOH Flu Basics – [\[English\]](#) [\[Spanish\]](#)
- NJDOH Prevent the Spread of Cold and Flu [\[English\]](#) [\[Spanish\]](#)
- [CDC Influenza Webpage](#)
- [CDC Flu Guide for Parents](#)

Monthly Activities

Communicable Disease Reporting and Surveillance System (CDRSS) is checked, at minimum, twice daily to review for newly listed communicable diseases. Upon the listing of a new disease, investigation of disease is initiated by Public Health Nurses (PHNs)/Communicable Disease Investigator.

NJLINCS checked daily. Health alerts and advisories are reviewed by all the Public Health Nursing Division. Health alerts, recalls, and specific health advisories are forwarded to the Health Educator for dissemination of information to the public if action is warranted as per NJLINCS.

Screenings

No screenings held this month.

COVID Activities

The Health Department currently has COVID-19 vaccines available for adults and children. If a homebound person is in need of a COVID-19 vaccine, the Nursing Division will schedule and provide a homebound visit. The Department of Health currently has COVID-19 Moderna vaccine available.

For the week ending February 17, 2024, the COVID-19 Community Activity Level Report based on hospitalizations for Morris County is **low**. The COVID-19 variant more predominant is **JN.1** with a 96.6% of the cases in all New Jersey.

Seasonal Flu Activities

The influenza data collection is conducted every month. For the week ending February 17, 2024 (MMWR Week 7) the Influenza surveillance activity level for New Jersey Northwest Region is **High**. The influenza activity level is **high statewide**.

Vaccines and TB Control Program

No patients received vaccines from the weekly vaccine clinic at Bloomfield Health Department. No Mantoux tests were administered this month.

Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program

No new cases reported for this month. Lead case management monitoring occurs twice daily at a minimum for jurisdiction within the NJDOH Lead Monitoring system.

Communicable Disease

The classifications for the cases listed below are based on the investigation conducted by the PHN and Communicable Disease Investigator, laboratory evaluation and NJDOH case definition. All investigation information is entered into CDRSS; NJDOH reads entries, comments on individual cases or will send PHN/ Communicable Disease Investigator email requesting more data. Once NJDOH is satisfied with investigation methods, the case is approved and closed.

Patient Status is based on pt s/s, lab result interpretation and NJDOH Case Definition, which is found in the NJDOH Communicable Disease Manual

February 2024

<p>New Cases:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3- Influenza Type A - Confirmed 2- Sars-CoV2- COVID-19 Confirmed 2- Sars-CoV2- COVID-19 Probable 	<p>Ongoing Cases:</p> <p>None</p>
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***No COVID-19 outbreak at Sunrise of Mountain Lakes. Bi-weekly monitoring through NJDOH Novisurvey.**

Respectfully submitted,
Anamaria Valencia MD, MPH
Communicable Disease Investigator Nursing Division- Bloomfield Health Department





Mountain Lakes Health Education Report **February 2024**

Month's Health Topic

- February e-Newsletter distribution began on 2/1 Topics: Eating Disorder Awareness, What is Body Positivity? Pertussis communicable disease, resources corner for eating disorder, community highlight program corner; upcoming health screening and programs/ events, as well as information on county specific (Essex/ Morris/ Union) details regarding COVID-19 testing, registering for vaccines.

Committee Meetings

- Health Ed meetings 2/7, 2/16
- NJSOPHE meeting 2/9

Programs in Planning

- 2/22 webinar on Eating Disorders Awareness Month
- 3/4 webinar on Vaccines

Programs Executed

- Interviewed Leo Hirsch on his experiences with navigating through an eating disorder
 - interview published on 2/14 on Instagram as well as Health Ed. Page
- Coordinated and implemented 2/22 webinar on eating disorders
 - Speaker: Debra Hanoka, MPH; fitness instructor
 - Total 10 attendees on Zoom

Continuing Education/ Other

- Developed March e-Newsletter Topics: National Kidney Month (kidney health), nutrition to support kidney health, communicable disease: tuberculosis, recipe and recourses corner. Completed Spanish translation of newsletter.
- Developed informational flyer colorectal flyer
- Weekly Health Education Resources sent out 2/1, 2/9, and 2/23 to contacts at all towns.



Shawn M. Bennett
CHIEF OF POLICE

Police Department

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Mountain Lakes Police Borough Council Monthly Report February 2024

- We are proceeding with the process of hiring an officer to fill a currently vacant position.
- Report of a Burglary in progress on Wilcox Drive. After an investigation it was determined that the individual had been hired to work on the property.
- The Town Hall meeting was held on February 6th to address resident's concerns about auto thefts and residential burglaries.

Sincerely,

Chief Shawn Bennett

Time Used/Overtime by Month

	Sick Time Hours				Vacation/Comp Hours/Pers Day/Bereave				Court Overtime				Department Overtime																			
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024											
Jan	216	79	588	324	36	264	10	15	14	0	42	48	224.5	165.5	\$156	\$0	\$154	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,159	\$4,348	\$9,570	\$7,154	\$6,557	\$14,494	\$6,937	
Feb	252	86	444	266	68	48	56	104	220	111	189.5	252	171.5	163.75	\$0	\$210	\$258	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,927	\$2,138	\$4,789	\$21,810	\$4,939	\$15,797	\$12,240
March	310	110	332	180	36	118		148.5	168	74.5	81	289	257.75		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$447	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$29,829	\$6,254	\$4,081	\$7,510	\$4,771	\$29,020	
April	0	106	456	240	94	222		250	265.5	0	226	333	215		\$0	\$422	\$0	\$263	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$12,146	\$27,385	\$3,930	\$12,820	\$10,392	\$18,838	
May	204	96	564	204	46	48		178	169	36	681	482	260.5		\$0	\$993	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$24,263	\$29,828	\$5,202	\$18,415	\$16,682	\$22,341	
June	130	106	540	312	140	69		208	254	194	727.5	385	198.5		\$193	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$161	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$21,572	\$32,652	\$21,692	\$25,194	\$12,050	\$37,501	
July	152	47	442	420	44	70		524	84.5	551	877	482	669.5		\$158	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$24,005	\$27,180	\$26,802	\$32,344	\$25,516	\$41,289	
August	94	246	312	168	104	90		682	748	708	792	541	459		\$193	\$0	\$0	\$263	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$18,754	\$34,709	\$22,125	\$30,577	\$28,933	\$30,293	
Sept	94	180	256	70	22	100		375.5	222.5	389	280	549.5	301		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$250	\$161	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$16,316	\$22,108	\$20,166	\$13,313	\$23,754	\$28,316	
Oct	106	154	314	48	120	68		208	216	292	204	502.5	251.5		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$161	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$14,514	\$15,865	\$17,041	\$34,942	\$25,878	\$27,517	
Nov	148	426	302	44	80	156		235.5	176	287	370	550.5	337.25		\$246	\$0	\$0	\$363	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15,103	\$17,554	\$10,442	\$30,691	\$15,320	\$26,166	
Dec	254	600	424	206	104	168		346.5	144.5	376	265	642.5	366.5		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$20,920	\$21,126	\$25,206	\$22,102	\$15,766	\$26,057	
Total	1960	2236	4974	2482	894	1421	66	3275	2682	3018.5	4735	5057	3712.5	329.25	\$987	\$1,625	\$412	\$1,139	\$929	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$206,506	\$241,128	\$171,046	\$266,872	\$190,558	\$317,628	\$19,177

February

<u>Total Overtime</u>
<u>Hours Paid</u>
129.50

<u>Total</u>		
<u>Vaca/Comp/Personal/Bereave Hrs</u>	<u>Creating OT</u>	<u>% of Hrs Equating to OT</u>
<u>Total</u>		
<u>Vaca/Comp Hrs</u>	104	63.51%
163.75		

<u>Total Sick Time</u>		
<u>Hrs</u>	<u>Hrs Creating OT</u>	<u>% of Hrs Equating to OT</u>
<u>Total Sick Time</u>		
<u>Hrs</u>	14.5	25.89%
56		

**** Operating with 12 Officers since April**

- 3 Hours Mandatory Training**
- 3 Hours Town Hall Meeting**
- 5 Hours Traffic Control - Tree on Wires**

MOUNTAIN LAKES BORO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Officer Citation Report

From Date : 2/1/2024 To Date : 2/29/2024

Report Date : 3/20/2024 8:57 AM

Officers Name	Badge Number	Traffic Stops	Equipment	Moving	Radar	Parking	Ordinance	Warnings	Total
XX		41	7	4	0	0	0	0	11
XX		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
XX		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
XX		23	0	1	0	0	0	1	2
XX		40	1	4	0	0	0	0	5
XX		14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
XX		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
XX		69	1	7	0	0	0	0	8
XX		12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
XX		71	2	12	0	0	0	0	14
XX		2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
XX		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total:		272	11	28	0	0	0	1	40

MOUNTAIN LAKES BORO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Agency Activity Report

By CFS Classification

From Date: 2/1/2024 To Date: 2/29/2024

Report Date: 3/20/2024 8:59:44 AM

Classification code	Description	Total Events	0000-0800	0801-1600	1601-2359
0500	Burglary	1	0	0	1
1100	Fraud	1	0	1	0
1400	Malicious Mischief	2	1	1	0
2000	Family Offense	1	0	0	1
2100	Liquor Laws Drunk Driving	3	0	1	2
2600	All Other Offenses	2	1	1	0
4000	Non Criminal Investigations	33	6	17	10
4100	Fire Related	7	0	6	1
5010	Missing Perscrs	1	0	1	0
5500	Animal Complaints	22	1	12	9
6000	Traffic Accidents	10	1	6	3
6300	Traffic Enforcement	289	26	145	118
6500	Parking Enforcement	3	1	2	0
6600	Traffic Services	12	0	12	0
7000	Public Services	448	278	104	66
7500	Assist other Agency	43	2	37	4
8000	Warrants	2	1	0	1
8100	Warrants Other	1	0	1	0
9000	Administrative	549	236	90	223
	Total:	1430	554	437	439



BOROUGH OF MOUNTAIN LAKES

LISTED IN NATIONAL AND STATE REGISTERS OF HISTORIC PLACES

Recreation Department
February 2024

Recreation Commission

- Met via Zoom
- Reviewed Director's report
- Discussed bringing back the July swim and boat races. More discussions to follow in March.

Recreation Director

- Continue to meet with community members who are involved with various programs and events
- Ski Club wrapped up with their 6th trip on Thurs, Feb 15, which was rescheduled due to the Feb 13 snowstorm.
- Ordered the beach tags and guest passes. We will be using adult and child tags, different colors, instead of writing A and C on each tag. This will make it easier for lifeguards to check badges. Also, I've created a durable, waterproof guest pass that will be hole punched instead of using photocopied card stock.
- Track registration opened and as of Feb 20 there are 45 in Clinic Track and 18 in Jr Track
- Keyless locks for beach bathrooms – I'm looking into installing programmable keyless locks to the beach bathrooms to eliminate the need to pick-up keys at Borough Hall. Each rental will receive a code to open the bathrooms and will be changed for each rental.
- Booking bands for summer concert series. So far, The Tourne (formerly The Tourne Boys) and Denville String Band are booked.
- Continue planning "100-year celebration as a municipality" events.
- Ordered new windscreens and 4 benches for tennis courts. Delivery expected in March.

Upcoming Events

- Rack and Ring renewal – Mar 1
- Summer Program Registration opens Mar 5 at 9am
- Egg Hunt at Midvale – Mar 24 at 1pm
- Trout Derby – Fri, Apr 19 at 4pm for stocking; Sat, Apr 20 at 8am is the derby

Monthly Meetings

- Recreation Commission
- HUB Lakes
- DPW Subcommittee

Ongoing tasks

- Manage facility requests from residents.
- Oversee and support sports programs with school facility requests and supply purchases, if needed.
- Weekly eblast
- Social Media posts
- Update the Borough website (still learning)

Administrative Tasks

- Working on the job system for Borough Hall
- Safety Committee meeting prep for Mar 14



BOROUGH OF MOUNTAIN LAKES

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OFFICE OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

To: Mayor & Borough Council
From: Anne Stusnick, Tax Collector
Date: March 1, 2024

Re: Report of Receipts for the Month ending February 29, 2024

TAXES YEAR 2023	\$73,089.54
TAXES YEAR 2024	\$6,492,191.64
INTEREST - TAXES	\$4,670.61
YEAR END PENALTY & INTEREST	\$1,298.05
WATER YEAR 2023	\$3,570.63
WATER YEAR 2024	\$73,690.73
WATER PENALTIES	\$779.00
SEWER YEAR 2023	\$4,887.10
SEWER YEAR 2024	\$116,845.57
SEWER PENALTIES	\$1,157.72
CASH RECEIPTS 2/29/24	\$6,772,180.59
OVERPAYMENTS	\$2,706.84
TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS AS OF 2/29/24	<u>\$6,774,887.43</u>

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Stusnick
Tax Collector



BOROUGH OF MOUNTAIN LAKES

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OFFICE OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

To: Mayor & Borough Council
From: Anne Stusnick, Tax Collector
Date: February 1, 2024

Re: Report of Receipts for the Month ending January 31, 2024

TAXES YEAR 2023	\$82,203.43
TAXES YEAR 2024	\$2,010,196.29
INTEREST - TAXES	\$2,130.02
YEAR END PENALTY & INTEREST	\$699.59
WATER YEAR 2023	\$12,388.05
WATER YEAR 2024	\$23,492.32
WATER PENALTIES	\$1,242.13
SEWER YEAR 2023	\$7,030.11
SEWER YEAR 2024	\$39,769.95
SEWER PENALTIES	\$917.05
Cash Receipts 1/31/24	\$2,180,068.94
Overpayments	\$437.41
TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS AS OF 1/31/24	<u>\$2,180,506.35</u>

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Stusnick
Tax Collector



BOROUGH OF MOUNTAIN LAKES

LISTED IN NATIONAL AND STATE REGISTERS OF HISTORIC PLACES

OFFICE OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

To: Mayor & Borough Council
From: Anne Stusnick, Tax Collector
Date: February 26, 2024

Re: TAX COLLECTOR'S ANNUAL STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

2023 TAX LEVY PER DUPLICATE	\$35,738,768.50
2023 ADDED OMITTED	<u>\$29,829.06</u>
TOTAL 2023 LEVY	\$35,768,597.56
2023 STATE SHARE OF SENIORS/ VETS/ DISABLED	<u>(\$8,250.00)</u>
2023 NET TAXES	<u>\$35,760,347.56</u>
LESS:	
2023 TOTAL CASH COLLECTED	\$35,267,334.32
PREPAID TAXES PER AUDIT REPORT	\$127,037.28
2023 TOTAL TRANSFERRED TO MUNICIPAL LIENS	\$10,200.48
CANCELLED BALANCES UNDER \$100	\$40.62
ADJUSTMENT TO LEVY	(\$1.47)
OVERPAYMENTS UNDER \$10	(\$5.59)
CANCELLATION OF INTEREST	\$35.29
NET ADJUSTMENTS (Refunds/appeals/overpayments)	<u>\$45,615.72</u>
CASH COLLECTIONS	<u>\$35,450,256.65</u>
2023 OUTSTANDING AS OF 12/31/23	<u>310,090.91</u>

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Stusnick
Tax Collector