

**BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 1, 2011**

1. Call to Order

- 2. Adequate notice** of this meeting of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington was given as required by the Open Public Meetings Act as follows: Notice was published in the Roxbury Register and the Daily Record on December 23, 2010; notice was posted on the bulletin board in the main hallway of the Municipal Building on December 15, 2010 and has been available to the public; notice of this meeting is on file in the office of the Borough Clerk.

In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-1 et seq.). The Borough Council opens every public meeting for comments of the public. However, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 : “Nothing in this Act shall be construed to limit the discretion of a public body to permit, prohibit or regulate the active participation at any meeting,....”

Speakers at Borough meetings shall have five minutes to present their comments to the Borough Council so as not to consume time that would otherwise be allotted to other persons who wish to speak. Speakers shall be courteous to the Council and other persons attending the meeting. Offensive remarks or unruly behavior will not be allowed and anyone who violates this policy will be barred from participating in the meeting.

*This Meeting shall conclude no later than 10:30 p.m. If business is to be conducted past 10:30 p.m., a Motion by the Council must be passed in order to exceed the time limit.

3. Flag Salute

The Mayor asked for a moment of silence to remember our fallen officer, Joseph Wargo. Council President Sorge spoke about a point of order wherein he suggested the Council be respectful and discussion should be held to five minutes. Mayor Ondish thanked Council President Sorge for his comments.

4. Roll Call

Councilwoman Danchuk, Council President Sorge, Councilman Sadow, Councilman Cangiano, Councilman Windish, Councilman Stanzilis, Mayor Ondish. Mathew O'Donnell Esq., Borough Attorney, was also present.

5. Presentations/Mayor's Appointments

- Valley Road Redevelopment Committee.

The Council discussed the Mayor's appointment for the Valley Road Redevelopment Committee, which will look at the redevelopment plan. George Ritter suggested once the committee is appointed a kick off meeting should be scheduled to talk about goals, objectives, and the process. Mayor Ondish recommended the committee be made up of two members of the Council, two Land Use Board members and one member from the school board. Councilman Sadow stated that this Committee determines what gets built, how it gets built, when it gets built, and what infrastructure and ancillary services will be required. He stated this is not a fact finding committee but a committee who will come back to the Borough with the plan. Mayor Ondish asked Council President Sorge and Councilman Stanzilis to participate on the Committee. Council suggested that two committees might be needed; one to look at the redevelopment issues including zoning, and the other to look at the financial aspects of the project including tax impacts and school board issues. Mayor Ondish stated he would like to appoint Rob van den Hende, Chair of the Land Use Board, and Ray Simard, Land Use Board member, John Longtime or Rachel Byrne as the School Board member, to the Redevelopment Committee. Councilman Windish spoke at length about the

members and formation of the committee, and proceeded to ask the Borough Attorney for clarifications on procedures/process.

6. Finance Report for the Month of September, 2011.

The Clerk read the Finance Report for September, 2011 into the record;

Receipts \$1,467,252.07

Disbursements \$2,543,006.52

7. Approval of Minutes

August 2, 2011

Regular Meeting

Motion to Approve: Council President Sorge.

Second: Councilman Windish.

Roll Call:

Aye: Danchuk, Council President Sorge, Sadow, Windish, Stanzilis.

Abstained: Cangiano

Motion Approved.

8. Mayor' Report

The Mayor read his report into the record.

9. Council Committee Reports

Councilwoman Danchuk:

- Thanked Acting Chief of Police Keith Licata for his efforts coordinating Officer Joe Wargos' funeral; also for the work he did during the power outages and Hurricane Irene. Councilwoman Danchuk thanked Roxbury Police and the Kinnelon Police Departments for helping with funeral arrangements and covering Mount Arlington during the funeral. Councilwoman Danchuk requested permission to write thank you letters to those municipalities, with Acting Chief Licata's input, and provide same to Council for approval.
- Councilwoman Danchuk reported that she and Acting Chief Licata attended Roxbury's Chief Noll's retirement party Saturday night.
- Councilwoman Danchuk reported that the Police Department needs new computers and a new police car. Ms. Rinaldi reported that the Borough has a separate line item in the budget for police computers, and insurance money is available for replacement of one police car; if Council chooses, two police vehicles can be purchased this year and then continue the practice of purchasing one vehicle per year moving forward. Ms. Rinaldi stated the insurance money will go into the miscellaneous MERMA account rather than be part of the police budget line and does not know when the money will be received.
- Councilwoman Danchuk reported that she was scheduled for the Shade Tree training the day of the funeral and has confirmed that she has two years to complete the training.
- Councilwoman Danchuk reported that the Open Space Committee met three times last week and made recommendations to approve the Open Space projects for Morris County.
- Councilwoman Danchuk spoke with someone from Roxbury regarding the Succasunna Road re-paving project, who indicated that Roxbury would be willing to do the work and charge Mount Arlington half the cost of the project. Mayor Ondish said Roxbury's is quoting the job for paving only but the roadway needs to be reconstructed; the under-core is cracked the storm drains and curbing must be replaced. Mayor Ondish asked Ms. Rinaldi to send a memo to Daren Phil, requesting he speak to Mike Kobylarz in Roxbury to determine scope of paving work and cost differences.

Councilman Sadow:

- The Citizens Financial Advisory Committee will be meeting with Joe Kovalcik on November 21, 2011.

- Councilman Sadow said the Seniors requested the Borough provide Dial-A-Ride services to transport them to the polls on Election Day. The Clerk advised that in some towns, the Clerk delivers absentee ballots to the community nursing/ retirement homes prior to the elections and offered to do the same upon Council approval.

Councilman Stanzilis:

- Councilman Stanzilis stated the DPW did an outstanding job during the last storm, both with plowing roads and removing trees. Councilman Stanzilis praised Acting Chief Licata and his team for the dignity, honor, and respect they displayed during Officer Wargo's funeral.

Councilman Windish:

- Councilman Windish reported that recreation is in full swing and now doing indoor sports including basketball and cheerleading.
- Councilman Windish reported that the website and boards are up and running ; the website is property of the Borough and so replacing the current webmaster will not be a problem, if needed.

Councilman Cangiano:

- Councilman Cangiano is working on personnel issues which should be resolved over the next week or so. A number of resumes for the Clerk Assistant/Deputy Registrar have been received; once a hiring decision is made by the Personnel Committee, they will make a recommendation to Council and a resolution will be created to authorize the hiring decision. Council agreed to hold a Special Council meeting on Wednesday, November 9, 2011 at 6:00 pm to approve the hiring resolution for the Clerk's office.
- Councilman Cangiano reported that an Assistant Tax Collector position has also been advertised. The same process will be used to review resumes and interview for this position.

Mayor Ondish mentioned the United Way March for the Military is being held at Morris County College on Sunday November 13, 2011.

10. Public Comment

Acting Police Chief Keith Licata thanked Council for their support of his department and the support given to the Officer Wargo's family through a most devastating time.

Clint Hill, 352 Howard Boulevard:

Mr. Hill asked if a chipping service would be available to help with the storm cleanup. Councilman Stanzilis stated Paul Nelson, DPW, is looking into the possibility of renting a chipper. DPW will also work with the management companies from the condo-associations to obtain approval to bring municipal services onto their property.

Debbie Ross, 11 Berkshire Avenue:

Ms. Ross asked about testing at the landfill. Mayor Ondish said the geological tests were done to determine the amount of weight the landfill could support for future development. Mayor Ondish said the resident's will be notified prior to the start of the project and a meeting will be held. The Mayor stated the Highlands's money is being used for planning and geological testing. Ms. Ross asked questions regarding public/resident access to the property, ground contaminates, and well water testing. Mayor Ondish said that the preliminary thought is a public water line will be run into the area or other means might be implemented but it is very early in the project to answer these questions.

11. New Business

None.

12. Old Business

1. Letter from Kara at Mount Arlington II, LLC, received September 27, 2011, regarding release of performance bond for Ridgeview.
This issue will be tabled until the next meeting.
2. Status of revised electronic sign policy from the Technology Sub-Committee. (from the September 6, 2011 Council meeting)
Nothing has changed although Councilman Windish reminded the Council about the Mount Arlington sign which is to be mounted above the electronic sign; Paul Nelson is waiting for information from Daren.
3. Borough Calendar.
Tina Mayer will complete the calendar project and an issue was raised relating to the actual printer to be used for producing the calendar. Ms. Rinaldi recommended that the Borough equipment not leave the Borough Building but Council agreed to loan a printer to the Library for use in creating the calendar.
4. Petty Cash Fund.
The Petty Cash Fund will be raised to \$100.00 and the use of the fund is authorized through the CFO; the resolution and will be on the Re-Organization Meeting agenda.

Motion to Increase Petty Cash to \$100.00: Council President Sorge.

Second: Councilman Sadow.

Roll Call:

Aye: Danchuk, Council President Sorge, Sadow, Cangiano, Windish, Stanzilis.

None Opposed

Motion Approved.

13. Resolutions

- 2011-245** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, In the County of Morris, New Jersey, Approving the Check Register Dated November 1, 2011.

Motion to Approve: Council President Sorge.

Second: Councilman Stanzilis.

Roll Call:

Aye: Danchuk, Council President Sorge, Sadow, Cangiano, Windish, Stanzilis.

None Opposed

Motion Approved.

- 2011-246** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, In the County of Morris, New Jersey, Approving the Check Register Addendum Dated November 1, 2011. (to be distributed at the Council Meeting)

Motion to Approve: Council President Sorge.

Second: Councilman Stanzilis.

Roll Call:

Aye: Danchuk, Council President Sorge, Sadow, Cangiano, Windish, Stanzilis.

None Opposed

Motion Approved.

14. Ordinances – Introduction

- 15-11** Ordinance of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Amending and Supplementing the Code of the Borough of Mount Arlington, Chapter XII, Salaries, Personnel and Standards.

The Mayor read Ordinance 15-11 by Title.

Motion: Councilman Sadow stated that Ordinance 15-11 be introduced by Title and passed on First Reading and that a meeting be held on December 13, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 419 Howard Boulevard, Mount Arlington, NJ, for a Public Hearing, consideration of Second Reading and Passage of said Ordinance, and that the Clerk be directed to publish, post and make available said Ordinance in accordance with the requirements of law.

Second: Councilman Stanzilis.

Roll Call:

Aye: Danchuk, Council President Sorge, Sadow, Cangiano, Windish, Stanzilis.

None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

- 16-11** Ordinance of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Amending and Supplementing Borough Code Chapter 4, Administration of Government, Regarding the Issue of the Municipal Administrator Only.

The Mayor read Ordinance 16-11 by Title.

Motion: Councilman Windish stated that Ordinance 16-11 be introduced by Title and passed on First Reading and that a meeting be held on December 13, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 419 Howard Boulevard, Mount Arlington, NJ, for a Public Hearing, consideration of Second Reading and Passage of said Ordinance, and that the Clerk be directed to publish, post and make available said Ordinance in accordance with the requirements of law.

Second: Council President Sorge.

Roll Call:

Aye: Danchuk, Council President Sorge, Sadow, Cangiano, Windish, Stanzilis.

None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

- 17-11** Ordinance of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Providing for the Mount Arlington Howard Boulevard Pedestrian Walkways to Transit Project, and Appropriating \$220,000 for Said Improvement Authorized to be Undertaken in and by the Borough of Mount Arlington.

WITHDRAWN

The Clerk reported that Ordinance 17-11 should be withdrawn, replaced by the following added resolution.

Motion to Withdraw: Council President Sorge.

Second: Councilman Windish.

All in Favor – Aye.

None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

Added Resolution:

2011-248 Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, In the County of Morris, New Jersey, Appropriating \$220,000 to the Howard Boulevard Pedestrian Walkways Transit Project.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Sadow.

Second: Councilman Windish.

Roll Call:

Aye: Danchuk, Council President Sorge, Sadow, Cangiano, Windish, Stanzilis.

None Opposed

Motion Approved.

Mayor Ondish reported the contracts will be executed this evening because the project starts tomorrow with completion prior to winter.

A discussion was held regarding purchasing the parking lot at the train station from the NJDOT. Councilman Sadow mentioned that the Borough needs to look closely at the costs associated with the parking lot.

15. Ordinances – Second Reading

None.

The Borough Clerk discussed the process for professional services proposals which are due by 2:00 pm on November 17th. Mayor Ondish and Council President will review the proposals and present their recommendations to the Council for approval. Mayor Ondish will give the Council two weeks' notice, at the Council meeting on November 22, 2011, with the final decisions made at the December 13, 2011 meeting.

16. Executive Session

2011-247 Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, Authorizing An Executive Session of the Mayor and Borough Council and Excluding the Public from That Portion of the Meeting.

Action May Be Taken.

Executive Session Topic:

Personnel

Motion to Go Into Executive Session: Council President Sorge.

Second: Councilman Sadow.

All in Favor – Aye.

None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

Motion to Return to Open Session: Councilman Sadow.

Second: Council President Sorge.

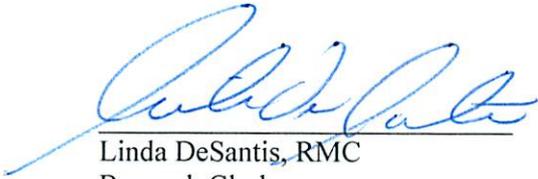
All in Favor – Aye.

None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

17. Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn: Council President Sorge
Second: Councilman Sadow.
All in Favor – Aye.
None Opposed.
Motion Approved.



Linda DeSantis, RMC
Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved at Council Meeting of January 17, 2012.

BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON
FINANCE OFFICE

Finance Report for September 2011

Current Fund

Receipts	1,467,252.07
Disbursements	2,543,006.52

Mayor report for 11/1/11

Since our meeting on 10/18/11:

10/19/11- Attended the League of Municipalities Legislative Review Committee in Princeton

10/20/11- Attended Officer Joe Wargos wake in Philipsburg. It was very well attended. Most of Council came as well.

10/21/11- Attended Officer Joe Wargos funeral in Alpha. It was an incredible, I hope, once in a lifetime experience. It was a fitting sendoff for such a distinguished officer. We lost something big when we lost Joe, not only in stature but in spirit and personality. He will be greatly missed.

10/24/11- Fielded calls with NJDOT, North Jersey Marine and Suburban dealing with the train station sidewalk installation project. Attended a Community update event at St. Clare's in Denville.

10/28/11- Attended the Morris County Chamber of Commerce lunch in Morristown.

10/29-30- I fielded many phone calls about the power outages in town as well as daily conference calls with JCPL to get updates on what was transpiring.

10/31/11- Attended funeral for Betty Phil, Darens mother.

10/31/11- Fielded many more calls about power outages and helped New Seasons Assisted living get a generator installed with the assistance of JCPL.