

**BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON
REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 4, 2011
7:00 P.M.**

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

Councilman Sorge, Councilman Sadow, Councilman Windish, Councilman Doran. Matthew O'Donnell, Borough Attorney, was also present.

3. 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.

4. Flag Salute

5. Certification of Election

The Clerk read the Certification of Election into the record.

6. Swearing in of Mayor

The Borough Clerk asked Mayor Elect Arthur R. Ondish to please step forward to be sworn in to serve a **4-year term** as Mayor of the Borough of Mount Arlington.

Freeholder/Mayor William Chegwiddden administered the Oath of Office and the Mayor took his place on the dais.

Mayor Ondish publicly recognized some of the guests in the audience: Assemblyman Anthony Bucco, Freeholder Director Gene Feyl, Yvonne Ondish, Marie Reiter, Hopatcong Councilwoman.

7. Swearing in of New Council Members

The Mayor asked Council Members Elect Nita Galate and Paula Danchuk to please step forward to be sworn in to serve **3-year terms** on the Borough Council ending December 31, 2013.

The Borough Attorney administered the Oath of Office and the Council Members took their place on the dais.

8. Roll Call of the 2011 Council Members

Councilwoman Danchuk, Councilman Sorge, Councilman Sadow, Councilwoman Galate, Councilman Windish, Councilman Doran, Mayor Ondish.

9. Invocation

Pastor Roy Roderick led the audience in prayer and delivered the Invocation.

10. Guests in Audience

The Mayor recognized the guests earlier in the meeting.

11. Nomination of Council President for 2011

Councilman Doran: I nominate Councilman Sorge to serve as Council President for 2011.

Councilman Windish: Seconds

Roll Call:

Aye: Danchuk, Sadow, Galate, Windish, Doran.

Nay: None.

Abstain: Sorge.

Motion Approved.

12. Mayor's Address

The Mayor read his address into the record.

13. Appointments:**Borough Officials**

The Mayor recommended appointment of the following Borough Officials:

Pension Certifying Official	Carolyn Rinaldi - 1-year term
	Finance Office
DPW Supervisor	Paul Nelson - 1-year term

Council President Sorge: I move for confirmation of these appointments.

Councilwoman Galate: Seconds

Roll Call:

Aye: Danchuk, Sorge, Sadow, Galate, Windish, Doran.

Nay: None.

Motion Approved.

Professional Services

The Mayor recommended the following appointments for a **1-year term**:

Borough Attorney	Matthew J. O'Donnell, Esq.
Borough Auditor	Nisivoccia LLP
Borough Bond Counsel	John Hudak, Esq.
Borough Engineer	Suburban Consulting Engineers
Borough Planner	George Ritter
Borough Special Counsel	Fred Semrau, Esq.
	Matthew Giacobbe, Esq.
	Robert Oostdyk, Esq.
	Ethan J. Sheffet, Esq.
Borough Special Bond Counsel	John M. Cantalupo, Esq.
Budget Consultant	Joseph Kovalcik
Land Use Board Attorney	Michael Selvaggi, Esq.
Stormwater Management Consultant	Suburban Consulting Engineers
Tax Appeal Appraiser	Scott Holzhauer, CTA, SCGREA
Zoning Official, Technical Assistant, Land Use Board Secretary	Suburban Consulting Engineers

Councilman Doran: I move for confirmation of these appointments.

Councilman Sadow: Seconds

Roll Call:

Aye: Council President Sorge, Sadow, Galate, Windish, Doran.

Nay: None.

Abstain: Danchuk.

Motion Approved.

The Mayor asked those present to come forward and take their Oath of Office, administered by the Clerk.

Mayor's Appointments

The Mayor recommended the following appointments for a 1-year term:

Tax Search Officer	Patricia Simari
Assessment Search Officer	Linda DeSantis
Clean Communities Coordinator	Paul Nelson
Recycling Coordinator	Paul Nelson
Sussex County Water Quality Mgmt. Plan Policy Advisory Committee (PAC)	Doug Zellman
Historian	Virginia Rooney
Licensed Water Operator	Paul Nelson
Police Matron	Valerie Kourtz
League of Municipalities Rep.	Mayor Arthur Ondish
Liaison to the Board of Education	Councilwoman Galate
Liaison to the Board of Health	Councilwoman Galate
Liaison to the Seniors Club	Councilman Doran
Borough Pastor	Pastor Roy Roderick
MCJIF Commissioner	Patricia Simari
Alternate I	Councilwoman Galate
Public Safety Coordinator:	Acting Chief Keith Licata
Public Safety Coordinator:	Paul Nelson
Public Safety Clerk:	Patricia Simari
Public Safety Clerk:	Terry Smith
OEM Coordinator:	Acting Chief Keith Licata
Deputy OEM Coordinator:	Chief Brian Heber
Deputy OEM Coordinator:	Paul Nelson
Deputy OEM Coordinator:	Patricia Simari
CDRS Representative by Mayor:	Brian Kincaid
CDRS Alt. Rep. by Mayor:	Mayor Arthur Ondish
Temporary Chief Financial Officer	Carolyn Rinaldi

Council President Sorge: I move for confirmation of these appointments.

Councilwoman Galate: Seconds

Roll Call:

Aye: Danchuk, Council President Sorge, Sadow, Galate, Windish, Doran.

Nay: None.

Motion Approved.

14. Council's Appointment to CDRS (1-year term)

Councilwoman Galate: I nominate Council President Sorge as Council's Representative to CDRS.

Councilman Doran: Seconds

Roll Call:

Aye: Danchuk, Council President Sorge, Sadow, Galate, Windish, Doran.

Nay: None.

Abstain: Council President Sorge.

Motion Approved.

15. Council Committee Appointments

The Mayor asked for confirmation of the following appointments to Chair the Council Committees for the Year 2011:

Finance:

Chair: Councilman Sadow

Members: Danchuk, Windish

Police:

Chair: Councilwoman Danchuk

Members: Doran, Windish

Personnel & Public Relations:

Chair: Councilwoman Galate

Members: Sorge, Doran

Fire, Rescue & OEM:

Chair: Councilman Sorge.

Members: Sadow, Galate

Parks & Recreation:

Chair: Councilman Windish

Members: Sadow, Danchuk

DPW, Buildings, Grounds & Utilities:

Chair: Councilman Doran

Members: Sorge, Galate

Councilman Doran: I move for confirmation of these appointments

Councilman Sadow: Seconds

Roll Call:

Aye: Danchuk, Council President Sorge, Sadow, Galate, Windish, Doran.

Nay: None.

Motion Approved.

16. Fire Department Officers & Fire Official

The Mayor recommended appointment of the following to the Fire Department as Officers for 2011-2012 (2-year term):

Fire Chief: Brian Heber

Assistant Chief: John Morsch

Captain: Jamie DeAngelis

Lieutenant: Steve Norman

Engineer: Brian Shatzel

Councilman Sadow: I move for confirmation of these appointments

Council President Sorge: Seconds

Roll Call:

Aye: Danchuk, Council President Sorge, Sadow, Galate, Windish, Doran.

Nay: None.

Motion Approved.

The Mayor asked those present to come forward and take their oath of Office, administered by the Clerk.

The Mayor recommended the appointment of the following:

New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Division of Fire and Safety, as the Fire Official for the Year 2011 (1-year term)

Council President Sorge: I move for confirmation of these appointments

Councilman Windish: Seconds

Roll Call:

Aye: Danchuk, Council President Sorge, Sadow, Galate, Windish, Doran.

Nay: None.

Motion Approved.

17. Council's Appointment to the Land Use Board

Councilwoman Galate nominated Councilman Windish as a Class III Member of the Land Use Board for the Year 2011.

Councilman Doran: Seconds

Roll Call:

Aye: Danchuk, Council President Sorge, Sadow, Galate, Doran.

Nay: None.

Abstain: Windish.

Motion Approved.

18. Land Use Board Members

The Mayor recommended the following appointments to the Land Use Board:

Class I Member - Mayor Arthur Ondish (1-year term, expires 12/31/11)

Class II Member – Paul Nelson, Borough Employee (1-year term, expires 12/31/11)

Michael Stanzilis, Class IV, Chairman, (4-year term, expires 12/31/14)

Jan Robert VanDenHende, Class IV, (4 year term, expires 12/31/14)

Raymond Simard, Class IV, (filling unexpired 2-year term, expires 12/31/11)

Margaret Wilson, Class IV, (2-year term, expires 12/31/12)

Leonard Loughridge, Alternate 1, (2-year term, expires 12/31/12)

Tom Foley, Alternate 2, (2-year term, expires 12/31/12)

Fran Hallowich, Alternate 3, (2-year term, expires 12/31/12)

Council President Sorge: I move for confirmation of these appointments

Councilman Sadow: Seconds

Roll Call:

Aye: Danchuk, Council President Sorge, Sadow, Galate, Windish, Doran.

Nay: None.

Motion Approved.

The Mayor asked those present to come forward and take their oath of Office, administered by the Clerk.

19. Library Board of Trustees

The Mayor recommended John Driscoll as Mayor's Alternate to the Library Board of Trustees for the Year 2011.

The Mayor recommended Harry Martin as Library Trustee (5 year term, expires 12/31/15)

Council President Sorge: I move for confirmation of these appointments

Councilman Doran: Seconds

Roll Call:

Aye: Danchuk, Council President Sorge, Sadow, Galate, Windish, Doran.

Nay: None.

Motion Approved.

20. Board of Health

The Mayor recommended appointment of the following to the Board of Health:

Patricia Simari, Board of Health Administrator (1-year term, expires 12/31/11).

Laura O'Reilly-Stanzilis, (3-year term, expires 12/31/13)

Anthony Albanese, (3-year term, expires 12/31/13)

Council President Sorge: I move for confirmation of these appointments

Councilman Doran: Seconds

Roll Call:

Aye: Danchuk, Council President Sorge, Sadow, Galate, Windish, Doran.

Nay: None.

Motion Approved.

The Mayor asked those present to come forward and take their oath of Office, administered by the Clerk.

21. Board of Recreation Commission:

The Mayor recommended the following appointments to the **Board of Recreation Commission**; appointed members **do not have to take an oath**, but the Mayor asked that they please stand up to be recognized after confirmation of their appointments.

Anthony Albanese, Member (3-year term, expires 12/31/13)

David Karpman, Member (1-year term, expires 12/31/11)

Council President Sorge: I move for confirmation of these appointments

Councilman Sadow: Seconds

Roll Call:

Aye: Danchuk, Council President Sorge, Sadow, Galate, Windish, Doran.

Nay: None.

Motion Approved.

22. Lake Hopatcong Water Level Management Plan Review Committee:

The Mayor recommended appointment of the following to the Lake Hopatcong Water Level Management Plan Review Committee:

Borough Representative: Councilman Doran.

Borough Alternate Representative: Councilwoman Galate.

Council President Sorge: I move for confirmation of these appointments

Councilman Windish: Seconds

Roll Call:

Aye: Danchuk, Council President Sorge, Sadow, Galate, Windish, Doran.

Nay: None.

Motion Approved.

23. Lake Hopatcong Commission

The Mayor recommended appointment of the following to the Lake Hopatcong Commission:

Borough Representative: Tom Foley, (2-year term, expires 12/31/12).

Borough Alternate Representative: Richard O'Connor, (2-year term, expires 12/31/12).

Councilman Doran: I move for confirmation of these appointments

Council President Sorge: Seconds

Roll Call:

Aye: Danchuk, Council President Sorge, Sadow, Galate, Windish, Doran.

Nay: None.

Motion Approved.

24. Advisory Council Appointments

The Mayor stated that Advisory Council appointed members **do not have to take an oath**, but asked that they please stand up to be recognized after confirmation of their appointments.

Their appointments are for a **1-year term**.

The Mayor recommended the following appointments:

Board of Education Working Committee

Councilman Sorge

Councilwoman Galate

Councilman Sadow

Building Committee

Councilman Doran

Councilman Sadow

Daren Phil

Paul Nelson

Maureen Cerasoli

Councilman Sorge, Alternate

Citizens Budget Review Committee

Councilman Sadow

Councilwoman Galate

Roy Morance

Joanne Wiseberg

Sheila Studint

Dick Ashton

Andrew Danchuk

Nancy Absalom

Code Book Review Committee

Councilwoman Galate

Borough Attorney

Linda DeSantis

Community Emergency Response Team

Fred Huykman, RACES

Ken Eicher, SARA

Lorraine Dzidual

Kerri Ann Mulligan

Beth Ward

Dial-A-Ride Committee

Councilman Sorge

Councilwoman Galate

Patricia Simari

Green Team Committee

Councilwoman Galate
 Daren Phil
 Paul Nelson
 George Cicero, Sr.
 George Cicero, Jr.
 Patti DiGeronimo
 Frank Hughes
 Lou DiFiore
 David Karpman
 Jane Jameson
 Jacquelyn Coy
 Darlene Kadel
 Jonathan Smith
 MAPS Student, to be named
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Master Plan Committee

Mayor Ondish
 Councilwoman Galate
 Councilman Sadow
 Maureen Cerasoli
 Daren Phil
 Joseph Schwab
 Michael Selvaggi

Raritan Highlands Compact

Councilwoman Galate

Technology Committee

Councilman Sorge
 Councilman Windish
 Councilman Sadow, Alternate
 Acting Chief Keith Licata
 Fire Chief Brian Heber
 Jim Garland
 John Goldin
 John Driscoll
 Tina Mayer

Water & Sewer Committee

Councilman Windish	Paul Nelson
Councilman Doran	Layne Morris
Daren Phil	Carolyn Rinaldi, Rec. Sec'y
Maureen Cerasoli	Councilwoman Galate, Alternate
Andrew Holt	

Zoning Committee

Councilman Doran
 Councilwoman Galate
 Councilman Windish, Alternate
 Joseph Weaver
 Maureen Cerasoli
 Daren Phil
 Mike Selvaggi, Esq.

Council President Sorge: I move for confirmation of these appointments
 Councilman Doran: Seconds
 Roll Call:

Aye: Danchuk, Council President Sorge, Sadow, Galate, Windish, Doran.
 Nay: None.

Motion Approved.

25. Borough Employees

The Mayor recommended the continued employment of all Borough Employees who were on the payroll on December 31, 2010, except for any employees whose services with the Borough may have been terminated at or on December 31, 2010.

Council President Sorge: I move for confirmation of these appointments
 Councilman Windish: Seconds
 Roll Call:

Aye: Danchuk, Council President Sorge, Sadow, Galate, Windish, Doran.
 Nay: None.

Motion Approved.

26. Council Meeting Dates for 2011

The Mayor stated the Open Public Meetings Law, which is commonly referred to as the “Sunshine Law,” establishes the right of all citizens to have adequate advance notice of all public meetings and the right to attend meetings at which any business affecting the public is discussed or acted upon. It also requires the official announcement during the first ten days of the New Year of all the official meeting dates. The Council Meetings will commence at 7:00 p.m. All Meetings will be held at the Municipal Building, 419 Howard Boulevard, Mount Arlington, New Jersey. We have scheduled the Council Meetings as follows:

Tuesday, January 4 Reorganization Meeting	Tuesday, July 5
Tuesday, January 18	
Tuesday, February 1	Tuesday, August 2
Tuesday, February 15	
Tuesday, March 1	Tuesday, September 6
Tuesday, March 15	Tuesday, September 20
Tuesday, April 5	Tuesday, October 4
Tuesday, April 19	Tuesday, October 18
Tuesday, May 3	Tuesday, November 1
Tuesday, May 17 – 10:00 a.m.	Tuesday, November 15
Tuesday, June 14	Tuesday, December 13
Tuesday, June 21	

The Mayor stated he thought it would be useful to mention at this time that the law specifies nine exceptions to the requirement for admitting the public to meetings. They are:

- (1) Matters ruled confidential by law.
- (2) Matters which would impair monies.
- (3) Matters constituting invasion of individual privacy.
- (4) Matters involving collective bargaining including negotiations.
- (5) Tactics and techniques involving protection, public safety and property and investigations of possible violations.
- (6) Matters involving acquisition of real property and investment of funds.
- (7) Litigation, contract negotiations, or matters involving attorney client relationship.
- (8) Personnel matters: hiring, firing, discipline, etc.

- (9) Deliberations after public hearing that may result in civil penalty or loss of license or permit.

27. Open to the Public

Roger Rousch, 34 Rogerene Way:

- Mr. Rousch asked to have parking on one side of the road only on Orben Drive; if cars are parked on both sides, the Fire Dept. has trouble getting a fire truck through. The Mayor will speak with Acting Chief Licata.

Nancy Absalon, 15 Oak Street:

- Ms. Absalon asked for clarification of Resolution 2011-16 establishing 2011 salaries. The Clerk confirmed that this simply established salaries for 2011, authorizing the Borough to pay salaries; no numbers have changed, salaries are all the same, and this is a formality only, having nothing to do with the budget.

Veronica Silkes, Succasunna Road:

- Ms. Silkes asked if Mr. Campbell, who assisted Joe Weaver in issuing zoning warnings, was an employee of Suburban. The Mayor stated Mr. Campbell was assisting Mr. Weaver - the Borough has increased enforcement which has led to more hours; professional services are paid on an hourly basis and this increase would follow same.
- Ms. Silkes had completed OPRA request and spoke with Daren Phil, trying to obtain a copy of the streetscape plan, start and end date and project completion document, but there is no such document. The Mayor stated the Master Plan is a broad brush of our intentions for the town; this project was started 10-12 years ago, starting with the center of town, then Altenbrand to Memorial Park, and continuing improvement of Howard Boulevard through the Borough. Daren Phil stated that the streetscape is a type of grant that the DOT set aside from their typical annual funding projects; phase 2 really doesn't exist, it is just that the same type of lighting, etc., will now be extended. The streetscape is actually a concept and any new businesses coming into the Borough will be guided by uniform ordinances relating to this concept of Borough uniformity and beautification.

28. Resolutions

The Mayor stated the following resolutions have been referred to Members of the Borough Council for reading and study and are considered to be routine in nature and will be enacted by one motion of the Borough Council with no separate discussion. If separate discussion is desired, the resolution may be removed and subject to a separate roll call.

Resolutions

- 2011-01** Resolution Establishing the Rate of Interest on Delinquent Municipal Charges for the Year 2011.
- 2011-02** Resolution To Allow Cancellation of Tax and Utility Overpayments or Delinquent Amounts Less than \$10.00 for the Year 2011.
- 2011-03** Resolution Authorizing a Tax Sale to Be Held in the Year 2011.
- 2011-04** Resolution Designating Official Newspapers of the Borough.
- 2011-05** Resolution Authorizing the Official Depositories of the Borough.
- 2011-06** Resolution Providing For and Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Mount Arlington to Approve Disbursements Prior to Their Payment From the Borough's Petty Cash Fund.
- 2011-07** Resolution Authorizing Signatures on Payroll and Other Checks.
- 2011-08** Resolution Authorizing Municipal Attorney and Special Counsel to Undertake Certain Actions on Behalf of the Borough on Recommendation of the Tax Assessor.
- 2011-09** Resolution Appointing Rich Allocca, Advent Insurance Services, Inc., as the Borough's Risk Management Consultant.
- 2011-10** Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Risk Management Consultant's Agreement.

- 2011-11 Resolution Appointing Morris County Joint Insurance Fund Commissioner and Alternate I Member for the Borough of Mount Arlington.
- 2011-12 Resolution Adopting a Form Required To Be Used for the Filing of Notices of Tort Claims Against the Borough of Mount Arlington.
- 2011-13 Resolution Supporting the Lake Hopatcong Commission.
- 2011-14 Resolution Supporting and Participating in the Volunteer Tuition Credit Program (P.L. 1998, C. 145).
- 2011-15 Resolution Authorizing Temporary Appropriations for Operating Purposes.
- 2011-16 Resolution Establishing 2011 Salaries.
- 2011-17 Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Funds.
- 2011-18 Resolution Recommending Manuel Fanarjian, Esq. Be Appointed Chief Prosecutor and Douglas Cabana, Esq. Be Appointed Prosecutor of the Joint Court of Dover.
- 2011-19 Resolution Recommending Timothy Downs, Esq. Be Appointed Chief Public Defender and Gerald Kelly, Esq. Be Appointed Public Defender of the Joint Court of Dover.
- 2011-20 Resolution Authorizing Professional Services Contracts for the Calendar Year 2011.
- 2011-21 Resolution Appointing the Local Emergency Planning Council.

Resolutions Added

- 2011-22 Resolution Authorizing Entry into an Agreement for Shared Municipal Court Facilities, Personnel and Resources.
- 2011-23 Resolution In Memory of Jack Richards.

Motion to Approve Resolution 2011-01 through 2011-23 By Consent: Council President Sorge.

Second: Councilwoman Galate.

Roll Call:

Aye: Danchuk, Council President Sorge, Sadow, Galate, Windish, Doran.

Nay: None.

Motion Approved.

The Mayor read Resolution 2011-23 into the record, along with announcing funeral arrangements for Jack Richards.

29. Ordinances – Introduction

- 01-11 Ordinance of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Amending Chapter 135, Sewers, of the Code of the Borough of Mount Arlington, By Adding Section 135-8.2, To Permit Installment Payments of Sewer Connection Fees.

The Mayor read Ordinance 01-11 by Title.

Motion: Councilman Sadow stated that Ordinance 01-11 be introduced by Title and passed on First Reading and that a meeting be held on February 1, 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: Councilwoman Galate.

Roll Call:

Aye: Danchuk, Council President Sorge, Sadow, Galate, Windish, Doran.

Nay: None.

Motion Approved.

- 02-11** Ordinance of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Amending Chapter 135, Sewers, and Chapter 175, Water, of the Code of the Borough of Mount Arlington.

The Mayor read Ordinance 02-11 by Title.

Motion: Councilman Doran stated that Ordinance 02-11 be introduced by Title and passed on First Reading and that a meeting be held on February 1, 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 Sadow.

The Mayor stated this is the recommendation submitted by the Sewer and Water Committee and by recommendation of our auditor, to raise the sewer and water rates by 12.5%. The sewer and water utilities are not self sustaining and are being offset by the Borough budget. Letters will go out to customers, the information will be on our electronic signs, letters will be handed out at the utility department window, and it will be on our website. The Mayor stated the Borough used a lot of the sewer and water connection fees and hook-up fees over the years to offset municipal increases. Council President Sorge and Councilman Sadow requested the Borough look into selling these utilities.

Roll Call:

Aye: Galate, Windish, Doran.

Nay: Council President Sorge, Sadow.

Abstain: Danchuk.

Motion Approved.

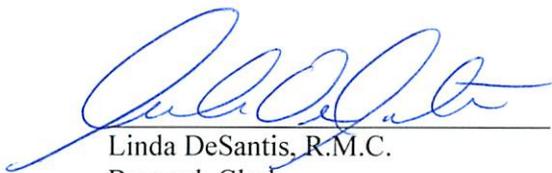
30. Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Doran.

All in Favor – Aye; None Opposed.

Motion Approved.



Linda DeSantis, R.M.C.
Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved at Council Meeting of February 15, 2011.

STATEMENT OF DETERMINATION

A STATEMENT of Determination of the BOARD OF CANVASSERS, relative to an Election held in the BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON County of Morris and State of New Jersey, for the election of certain Municipal Officers for the Municipality on the 2nd day of November, 2010.

The said Board does determine that at the said election:

NAME	OFFICE	TERM
Arthur R. Ondish	Mayor	4 Years
Paula J. Danchuk	Borough Council	3 Years
Nita Galate	Borough Council	3 Years

was or were duly elected to the office and for the term above set forth.

I DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true, full and correct statement of the determination of the Board of Canvassers therein mentioned.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 10th day of November, 2010.

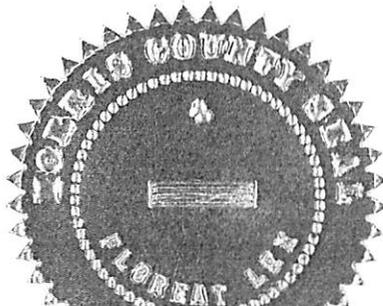

Joan Bramhall
Morris County Clerk


Chairman of the Board of County Canvassers
John R. Sette

STATE of NEW JERSEY,
COUNTY of MORRIS

I, Joan Bramhall, Clerk of the County of Morris, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, full and correct copy of the statement of the determination of the Board of County Canvassers relative to an election held in the Municipality or Political Subdivision thereof on the date therein noted, for certain Officers and the Certificate thereto appended as fully and entirely as the same remains on file in my office.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF,
I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the
seal of the said County, at Morristown, on
the 10th day of November, 2010.




Joan Bramhall
Morris County Clerk

BOROUGH OF MT. ARLINGTON

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January 1, 2011

Borough of Mount Arlington
Public Sewer & Water Customers

RE: SEWER & WATER RATE INCREASE

Dear Sewer & Water Customers:

For your information, the Borough of Mount Arlington receives its water from the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (MCMUA). The MCMUA has increased its water rates for the Borough of Mount Arlington (effective January 1, 2011). A combination of this increase and the Borough's continuing efforts to establish a self sustainable Public Utilities System has prompted an increase in water and sewer rates of approximately 12.6%. These utilities can no longer depend on cost offset out of the Borough's already stressed municipal budget. Our water and sewer utilities must sustain themselves and this increase will begin to take us in that direction.

This new sewer and water rate increase is effective January 1, 2011 and will be reflected in your April 2011 sewer and water bills. The new minimum quarterly water rate for 2011 is now \$50.75, and the new minimum quarterly sewer rate for 2011 is now \$240.00. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Utility Department, Patricia Simari at (973) 398-6832 Ext. 13 or Judy Bauer at Ext. 14.

Mayor & Borough Council
Borough of Mt. Arlington

Good evening. The first thing I would like to do is wish everyone a very Happy New Year. I wish you health and prosperity in 2011. Thank you all for taking time out of your busy schedules to attend this reorganization meeting. This meeting is very important as it is in every municipality. This meeting puts the team in place who will serve our Borough during the year 2011.

I would like to congratulate Council Woman Galate for her successful re-election campaign. I look forward to serving with her for another 3 years. Councilwoman Galate has done a fine job serving the Borough and I am sure, like me, continues to learn about the many facets of being a local elected official. I would also like to congratulate and welcome newly elected Councilwoman DanChuk. This past election was very spirited and many things were said and opinions made known. That is behind us and now we must move forward. Now it is the beginning of a new year and I am looking forward to working with Councilwoman DanChuk. As a newly elected official, you will have much to learn. I think now that you have taken the oath of office you will find it is quite different from being on the side lines. I offer you any assistance I can give. Please do not hesitate to ask questions and reach out for guidance any time. We are all here to work together to better our Borough. There is much combined experience within this body and it is good to use that to our advantage. These are not easy times to be a local elected official and the most successful way for us to work through all of the upcoming challenges is together as a team. Remember you are one of 6 well intentioned people. Thank you to the other 5 veteran Council members for your dedicated service to our Borough. I surely look forward to working with all of you and continuing to move Mount Arlington into the future.

I would like to acknowledge and thank former Councilman Driscoll for his many years of dedicated service to our Borough. John did many things behind the scenes that surely go unmentioned but not unnoticed. Your IT background and many hours of keeping our infrastructure going is certainly appreciated. Like is often said, one isn't appreciated until they are gone. The good thing is I don't think John is going anywhere so I will still be able to bother him!

Thank you to Freeholder Director and Mayor Chegwidgen for taking the time to come and administer my oath of office. That is an oath I take very seriously. I would like to thank those who supported my re-election. It is a great honor to be re-elected the Mayor especially for a third term. I am sorry for those who did not support me and hope that you will find out that much negative information was spread about me is simply not true. I will continue to work hard to represent Mount Arlington. I want to at this time thank my wife Yvonne who had to endure the attempted defamation of our name during this campaign. I also want to thank my family who also had to deal with the nonsense. My family has been serving this Borough, unselfishly and in many capacities, since the late 1960's. During all that time, there has never been any impropriety. I am proud of that heritage and I would never do anything to tarnish that record. I welcome anyone who believes differently to face me and I will give you the facts. This campaign surely was different than my last two. My previous opponents were honest people and we debated issues and I do not know of them attempting to defame me with outright lies. It might be because they both were long time residents of the Borough with elected and appointed experience. With that said, once again, thank you for allowing me the privilege of serving for another 4 years. Thank you to all those who worked on my campaign and for those who allowed me to place signs on your property. It is much appreciated and I am

just glad it is every 4 years. It is very challenging and consumes much time.

Serving as your Mayor is a team effort. I certainly owe much thanks to our team. Our professionals, staff, employees, and many volunteers who make Mount Arlington a great Borough and a team I am proud to lead. These are challenging times. We have made many changes to reduce our expenses and streamline our operations. Thanks go to our professionals, staff and employees for stepping up to the plate and doing what needs go be done to service our residents and keep our Borough striving forward.

I want to welcome Matt O'Donnell who will serve as our new Borough attorney. This is a change from last year and I also want to thank Matt Giacobbe for his 3 years of service to our Borough as our attorney. I also want to acknowledge all of our professionals who do an outstanding job.

I would like to thank our Fire Department for their diligence in responding to the needs of our residents. Thanks to outgoing Chief Norman for his leadership and I look forward to working with incoming Chief Heber. There were many calls this past year, most recently at the Shore Hills Garden Apartments. Due to the fast response by our department the damage was minimal and there was no loss of life. We have members of our fire department that are employees of our Department of Public Works. This enables a very fast response and makes us all safer. There were many departments that responded to that fire and I thank them all for their help. Thank you to all of our volunteer firemen for their many hours of dedicated service. There is so much time spent on training and keeping up with changing training requirements this is in addition to drills and responding to fires. There volunteerism certainly fills an incredible void that would exist without them.

I will remind everyone once again to please check the batteries in your smoke detectors and CO2 detectors to make sure they are fresh. I get the texts in the middle of the night for alarms and I am always glad when they are due to low batteries but that still gets these people out of bed and disrupts their sleep. They are all working people who have to get up in the morning so please save them a call by keeping your batteries up to date.

I want to thank our Department of Public Works for all their good work. Under Paul Nelson's leadership they do a great job keeping our Borough operating smoothly. They are there when we need them. Most recently, the snow storm that hit us the day after Christmas was a big one. I was very confident that I need not worry because our men were on the job and they did a great job of cleaning up our roads. I have had many complimentary letters and emails about the great job they did. This has come to be the norm here in Mount Arlington and I am very proud of them.

I want to thank our Police department for their good service to the Borough. I am very proud of our department and the good service they provide to our residents. Under the leadership of Acting Chief Licata, I feel very confident that our needs are being met. I receive many compliments about our department. I like when I have a complaint from someone that they know they have to be careful when driving through Mount Arlington. I know they work hard to deal with the speeding complaints all over the Borough. They can do just so much but it is personal accountability that is needed to prevent the speeding. I ask everyone to be mindful of how fast they drive on our streets.

I thank our Staff here in the Borough Hall. It is a rare occasion that I have complaints about this staff. I believe we are all of the same mindset that our residents come first. I am not going

to mention individual names because everyone does a great job. Keep up the good work.

I want to thank Saint Clare's for there always being there when someone is in need. I know they are a contracted service but they are members of our family here in Mount Arlington and serve us well.

I would like to thank our School Board and School Superintendant Jane Jamison for the good work they do. Our schools have received many awards. I urge you to attend School Board meetings to hear of all the good things going on within our schools. I am pleased that I was able to have Mount Arlington participate in the Mayors Book Club again this year. This is a program that was created by the League of Municipalities. There will only be 8 towns participating in this new program being offered through Centenary College in Hackettstown. The program has changed from last year to be more local. This is an opportunity to encourage young children to read and there is grant money to supply books. We continue to look for ways to work together with the School Board. This year I will be appointing a committee to meet with a committee from the School Board, on a regular basis, to make sure we are taking advantage of any savings by sharing services. I anticipate this committee will work cooperatively to explore any areas were we can save tax dollars.

2010 has been a very busy year. As your Mayor I have attended more meetings than I can list. Last year I tried to list them. This year I am not going to try. Let's just say I have been very busy. My wife can attest to the fact I am out, a lot! I want to thank her for her understanding of how important my community service is to me. There is much of our time sacrificed on behalf of the Borough that leaves us apart. Many plans have been changed and family events missed. Being a

Mayors widow is a challenge on our relationship but she is very understanding and I want to thank her for her patience. Most dedicated public servants have someone waiting for them at home who provide support and strength. That is Yvonne for me.

It has also been a very challenging year due to all of the state and national problems that trickle down to affect our Borough. Many people are in financial stress due to the economic downturn. I myself was laid off of my job in July and am still searching for employment. I feel the pain of what is going on. I believe everything happens for a reason and during this time I have been out of work, by the grace of God, I have been very busy. I want to thank all of you who sent cards and well wishes when I had surgery in September. I sure appreciate the support. That surgery put me out of commission for a couple of weeks. Then it was the campaign that took much time. With our Administrator retiring in October I have spent more time consumed with Borough activities. I hope to be employed shortly. Volunteering is fun but it doesn't put food on the table.

I appreciate the efforts of our Governor Christie to begin to do what has been needed to be done for many years and through many administrations. The negative to that is balancing the states budget holes will fall on the local property tax payers. The Governor and legislature have compromised and have passed two major changes in the laws. I was there to bear witness to these two big changes. The first was the signing of the 2% levy cap on property taxes. The second was the signing of the 2% arbitration cap on union salary increases. These are two of the bills that are included in what has been named the "tool kit" package to help local municipalities deal with holding taxes down. There are things in the tool kit that help but it is still going to be a challenge to continue to provide municipal services without raising taxes. I also testified before

the Lt Governors Red Tape Review Committee about the cost of unfunded mandates. I know they are working on eliminating some of those. Everyone must understand that these actions are not the silver bullet to repair decades of mismanagement. The efforts being made now will take years to reap benefits but it is a move in the right direction. I hope no one is fooled into thinking that property taxes will not increase. The truth is they will. Our task is to have them increase as little as possible by taking measures to reduce spending and try to raise revenue by thinking “out of the box”. Our landfill project is an example of that kind of thinking.

Everyone should be aware that this is happening all over the state, certainly not just in Mount Arlington. I am not sure if you realize but most municipalities only receive 23-28% of the tax dollar to provide all the municipal services. The rest of the money goes to the schools, county and open space taxes. That means that 23-28 cents out of every tax dollar you pay goes to provide the many services you rely on. It is becoming increasingly difficult to continue but we are doing it. Mount Arlington took a different route than many to this point in time.

Mount Arlington has seen much growth over the past decade. With this growth came additional tax dollars. We chose to use those additional tax dollars together with much grant money to invest in upgrading our Borough. You can see the chart that lists all of the grants we have successfully secured in the back of the council chambers. For those of you who have lived here for a long time you have seen the capital improvements that have occurred all over the Borough. We made investments in

our buildings, infrastructure, parks and playgrounds, equipment, roads and personnel. These improvements were needed and warranted. We did all this during good financial times. We chose to make these investments in order to protect our assets. This has proven to have been the right thing to do since our property has maintained a higher value than most other municipalities locally and across the state. I believe this to be due to the fact we are a very desirable community. We did all this without making substantial municipal tax increases. Instead of making extreme tax increases over the past few years, we chose to use our surplus to offset increases that were out of our control. The loss of state aid, pension cost increases, healthcare cost increases, utility cost increases and a downturn of our investments created additional revenue losses that were not planned or could have been forecasted. We have maintained one of the lowest tax bases in Morris County and even across the state. We began to run out of surplus a couple of years ago. We had to go in a different direction. With our reserves depleted we needed some help from the state. We applied for extra ordinary aid two years ago, and were successful in our application. Then last year, with the new administrations and new rules, we applied for transitional aid. We were successful in achieving that aid as well as a tax levy

waiver. This helped to begin to replenish our reserves. I anticipate, but there is no guarantee, that we will replenish our reserves and be able to wean us from state aid in the next two years. What does that mean to you? It means that we are going to keep below the 2% levy cap and do our best to maintain our low tax rate. There are many factors that go into our budget and many of those are determined annually by the state. It is hard to plan when you do not know what the rules are going to be on what is in and out of the cap but we are on track. There are costs that are outside of the 2% levy cap like pension costs as well as healthcare costs. The Governor and Legislature agreed to keep those costs outside the cap because no one can forecast how much those expenses will be. Those expenses we do not have a say in. We receive the bill and we have to pay it.

Of the expenses we do have control over, we are doing the best we can. We continue to look at shared service opportunities. The shared services we are involved with have worked well and we are beginning to reap the benefits this year. We will continue to look for new opportunities to streamline our operations and continue to provide the services we all enjoy as long as we can. We have reduced our budget to a budget less

than years past. The good news is that we are not in a position of needing to spend money on capital improvement projects since we planned ahead. The only capital work that you will see going on is that which we have already budgeted for in past budgets and where grant money is involved. I only see a couple of projects on the horizon for 2011. Many towns are in the hole and face having to make major capital investments. That is a double hit for the taxpayers. We are much better positioned during this economic downturn.

I forecasted, at last years reorganization meeting, the projects we wanted to accomplish in 2010. They were:

- We are moving forward with the planning of the redevelopment of our landfill. For those who do not remember what this project entails, it is the installation of a long term parking and storage facility with a solar array overhead. This will create 2 revenue streams to help offset taxes. I envision the power from the solar to be connected to the Decker School. This will take the school off the grid and reduce taxes by eliminating their electric bills. We will also create a learning center where the children will be able to monitor how much electric is being generated and they can see first hand how solar**

power generation works. We have received 50k in grant money from the Highlands Council to pay for the planning so far with another 50k promised. The state Department of Environmental Protection as well as the Highlands Council is very much in favor of this proposed project. We are slated to be the first Brownfield redevelopment in the Highlands Preservation area since that is where our landfill lies. I have been to Trenton a couple of times to meet with the people who need to approve a project of this nature and it is all very positive. It is going to take some time but we are moving forward.

- We did receive a DOT grant for the extension of our street scape improvements from Altnebrand Ave to Memorial Park. I had hoped to see this begin in 2010 but it will be a 2011 project.**
- The sidewalks from the Train Station to our existing sidewalk network had had some progress. DOT did not slate a grant for this work last year but I have good word that it will happen in 2011. This will not cost the Borough since it is a combined DOT and NJ Transit project.**
- New water lines and road reconstruction did take place on Hopatcong Ave.**

- **We purchased the Christmas Decorations that we received a generous donation from United Water to obtain. Our DPW did a great job installing them.**

This doesn't seem like much work compared to what we have been doing in the past but as I explained, we have to cut back due to the economic conditions.

For 2011 I expect to see the following:

- **The extension of the Streetscape as I said a minute ago.**
- **Water lines in stalled to Dunlop Street and reconstruction work done on Rooney Road to take care of ongoing flooding issues. The work on Rooney will be paid for from the continuation of a grant we received last year to control flooding in that area.**
- **Sidewalk installation from the train station as I said earlier**
- **Continued movement forward of the landfill redevelopment as previously stated.**
- **Reconstruction by Morris County of the Oneida Ave Howard Blvd intersection that will include sidewalk installation in that area.**

- **Installation of a permanent digital sign similar to the one installed in front of Borough hall, at the site of our welcome sign. These signs let us provide much more timely information for our residents than the temporary signs we have had for the last few years. This will also be paid for with previously budgeted funds and grant funding.**

That is what we have to look forward to in 2011. Obviously things may change but that is the plan as of now.

For me personally it has been a very exciting year. I left serving as Chairman of the Lake Hopatcong Commission in June. I was proud to have served in that capacity for 5 ½ years but it was time to move on. I wish Mayor Felter, who took over as Chair, the best and hope he can find funding in order to maintain our beautiful natural resource.

Soon after leaving the Lake Hopatcong Commission, Congressman Frelinghuysen asked me to chair a committee that focuses on issues facing Picatinny Arsenal. I am proud to have accepted this and will continue to work on this work group committee as I have since becoming Mayor 8 years ago.

After winning my reelection as Mayor in November, I was elected to serve as the 1st Vice President of the State League of Municipalities. For those not familiar with the League of Municipalities, it is the organization that all 566 municipalities belong. We share in knowledge and protect the rights of all the municipalities across the state. We receive many benefits from being a member of the state league. There is training and invaluable information that continues to be generated about the changes going on in Trenton that affect the municipalities. There are many committees, of which I have served on several including the Mayors Committee for a Green Future who created Sustainable Jersey. There are 4 officers and 22 executive board members. The representation is from all over the state. Representation is bi partisan and come from the large cites down to the smallest rural towns.

With my serving as 1st VP it places me in line to serve as President of the State League in 2012 if elected. I am very proud to represent Mount Arlington and Morris County in this capacity. I don't remember the last time the President of the League represented Morris County and never anyone from Mount Arlington. I have worked very hard to give Mount Arlington a good reputation and we are now very well

recognized all over the state. I do this for all our benefit. I will also be working very close with Governor Christie and his administration.

I have served as a member of the executive board of the LOM for the last several years and my efforts and abilities were noticed by my colleagues. I am humbled by this election since it is an elevation by my peers who know what I do and what I am about. Following that election, I was asked to serve as the President of the League of Municipalities Education Foundation. This is the non profit foundation created by the League a number of years ago. I again was very humbled by being asked to serve in this capacity. I have been serving as President of the Morris County League of Municipalities since last year and will continue in that capacity through the beginning of next year. I was also reappointed to the Board of Directors of the State Conference of Mayors representing Morris County. I was also asked to serve on the advisory committee for Saint Clare's Health System and will serve on that committee in the 2 year appointment. This committee focuses on how Saint Clare's can better serve their patients and the community. I look forward to serving in these capacities to help make a difference for many in New Jersey. In

these capacities I will have the opportunity to learn much and contribute to positive changes that affect many. I choose to serve in these volunteer capacities in order to learn and grow so I can serve my constituents to the best of my ability.

I could go on because there is so much to say but I will close my message at this point. I encourage anyone who needs my assistance to contact me. I encourage anyone who has questions about the Borough, or if you hear a rumor that just doesn't sound right, to call me to get the facts. I am always open to feedback either positive or negative. Visit our website where there is much information including my contact information.

God Bless all of you and God Bless our Armed Forces who serve all over the world. It is due to their service that we can enjoy our freedom. Please keep them and their families in your prayers since they do sacrifice everything for us.