

**BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 12, 2011**

**1. Call to Order**

Council President Sorge called the meeting to order; Mayor Ondish was not present.

- 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 Daily Record on July 1, 2011; notice was posted on the bulletin board in the main hallway of the Municipal Building on June 29, 2011 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.

**3. Flag Salute**

Council President Sorge asked for a moment of silence to remember our troops and those that put themselves in harms' way in Afghanistan and around the world.

**4. Roll Call**

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

**5. Presentations/Mayor's Appointments**

None.

**6. Utility Receipt Report** for the Month of June, 2011.

The Clerk read the Utility Receipt Report for June into the record.  
Grand Total: \$132,390.15.

**Tax Collector's Report** for the Month of June, 2011.

The Clerk read the Tax Collector's Report for June, 2011 into the record.  
Total Receipts: \$200,099.79.

**7. Approval of Minutes**

None.

**8. Mayor' Report**

The Mayor was not present.

**9. Council Committee Reports**

Councilwoman Danchuk:

The Police Department has an application for the Over the Limit Under Arrest, 2011 Statewide Crackdown, running from August 11, 2011 through September 5, 2011; the grant will fund overtime for added patrols for DWI's. The application deadline is July 22, 2011. The officers get reimbursed \$50 per hour and our officers have agreed to accept that as their overtime fee with no additional charge to the Borough. Acting Chief Licata will be writing the grant.

**Added Resolution:**

**2011-208** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, In the County of Morris, New Jersey, Approving Execution and Submission of the "Over The Limit Under Arrest 2011 Statewide Crackdown" Grant Application from the NJ Division of Highway Traffic Safety.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Stanzilis.

Second: Councilman Cangiano.

Roll Call:

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

None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

Councilman Sadow:

Councilman Sadow spoke with Daren Phil regarding our core drillings at the landfill; Mr. Phil advised that he is going to tweak the drillers and get the report, which is now 4-5 weeks due. Once we have the report, we will be able to determine if the landfill is compacted enough to contemplate various projects upon it, which will be a revenue generator for the Borough.

The Police initiative has been moved to the Finance Committee; they submitted a letter to Roxbury requesting data so we can review the actual numbers.

Councilman Cangiano:

The Green Team is registered but not yet certified; the next certification deadline is August 26, 2011. The committee members are working on the initiatives to gather the correct number of points; documentation must be complete in order to certify. We did get points for the Rain Garden at MAPS. Certification would afford the Borough and Board of Education the opportunity to obtain grant assistance, among other things.

Councilman Windish:

The IT Committee had their first meeting regarding renewing the cablevision franchise contract and they will be meeting with Cablevision.

The bids for the beach improvement contract have been received but not yet fully signed. There will be no cost obligation to the community and the plan includes reestablishing the old roller rink into volleyball courts, bocci ball courts and possibly basketball courts. The Recreation programs are up and running and have greatly expanded, encompassing 2 year olds through adults.

Councilman Stanzilis:

Met with Paul Nelson to look at the old library building for possible storage space for recreation; strictly for adults to store, not stable for any kids to be helping. The Borough Attorney will research this with his risk management consultant and prepare a Hold Harmless Agreement if required. Paul Nelson assisted Councilman Stanzilis in obtaining the measurements, square footage, utility information, etc. for the old library in an effort to get the information to the Lieutenant Governor for possible tenants for the building.

Councilman Stanzilis stated the two benches for the dock will be approximately \$3,000, with a lifetime guarantee, and can be installed by DPW, without the assistance of the engineers.

Councilman Stanzilis stated the Board of Education is receiving bids for the repaving of the parking lot at Decker School.

Council President Sorge asked that the meeting be capped at 10:30 p.m.; Council agreed.

**10. Open to Public**

Bob Scheuerman, 685 Henmar Drive:

Mr. Scheuerman asked the policy of the DPW when they do damage to your property and do not respond to a letter or telephone call; second year they damaged the fence on his property

while snowplowing and he has yet to get a response. Council President Sorge stated he will speak with Paul Nelson and have him contact Mr. Scheuerman.

Steve Sher, 101 McGregor Avenue:

Dr. Sher asked about the previous time the Council was looking into merging our police force with Jefferson, Wharton or Roxbury. At that time, it was brought out that Roxbury has a different philosophy and practice of policing and wanted to know what that meant.

Councilman Sadow responded that Roxbury uses districts and zones where we use one Borough wide patrol pattern. Dr. Sher stated our Mount Arlington Police Department is a jewel and asset; he travels frequently and knows property is being watched seriously. Councilman Sadow stated that this Council will not allow any change in safety of the residents in Mount Arlington.

Dr. Sher asked when will the Borough will start enforcing the ordinances regarding storage on private property. The Clerk advised that the ordinance has just become effective.

Councilwoman Danchuk stated that Joe Weaver, Zoning Officer, said he is enforcing just on complaints. Council President Sorge asked that this be discussed at the next Zoning Meeting and be placed under Old Business at the next Council Meeting.

Jeremiah Tobin, 100 Rogerene Way:

Mr. Tobin has previously worked with police forces in the past and stated Mount Arlington has a great Police Department and does not think it would enhance our policing by merging with another municipality.

Mr. Tobin also expressed his disapproval of the prospect to build 300 apartments off Howard Boulevard. Councilman Cangiano stated that the Land Use Board will be meeting on this issue on July 20, 2011 at an open public meeting.

## **11. New Business**

### **1. NJDOT/Train Station Parking Lot.**

Councilman Cangiano, Mayor Ondish and Daren Phil met with NJ Transit and DOT several weeks ago regarding providing sidewalks from the train station up Howard Boulevard to meet with our existing sidewalks. However, DOT is looking to get rid of their parking lot and there may be an opportunity for the Borough to purchase the lot for \$1.00 and make revenue on the lot. NJ Transit uses the lot and they pay maintenance on the lot; the DOT is not allowed to charge a fee for parking but NJ Transit can charge. The Clerk mentioned that when the train station was first built, the Borough had many requests for vendors at the lot which would also bring in revenue to the Borough via vendor permits, Board of Health permits, etc. Council President Sorge stated we would further discuss this at the next Council meeting.

### **2. New Electronic Sign on Howard Boulevard.**

The funding and paperwork for this sign was completed by prior Council. Councilman Windish gave an overview of how the second sign came about: the top piece of the sign was to be double-sided but we received a single side sign. The pricing on the original topper was a good deal so Council decided to put another sign on Howard, utilizing this topper. Council President Sorge stated that O'Donnell Construction, from Mount Arlington, donated their time to installing the sign; the Borough paid for the concrete. Council President Sorge appointed a sub-committee of the Technology Committee to determine the usage of the electronic signs and draft a proposed policy. Councilwoman Danchuk, Councilmen Sadow and Stanzilis. There has not been any approval for a sign at Bertrand Island.

## **12. Old Business**

### **1. Fire Department Bucket Collections. (06/14/11 Council Meeting)**

Council President Sorge stated he believes the Fire Department should resume their bucket collections as long as the Police Chief is in agreement; Council agreed. The Clerk will request a letter regarding details of the collections from both the Fire Chief and Police Chief, which will be forwarded to our Risk Manager for his records.

2. Council Committees: Committee Purpose/Possible Changes to Code. (06/14/11 Council Meeting)  
The Borough Attorney stated that he had asked the Chairs to provide the purpose of the committees, the committee members with their email addresses, when they meet, etc., and this information would be maintained by the Clerk; those committees that need by-laws will forward same to the Clerk as well. Council agreed to submit their lists.
3. Borough Newsletter. (05/03/11 Council Meeting – Newsletter for Summer, 2011)  
Council President Sorge stated that he is in favor of the Borough Newsletter and feels each Council Member should include a paragraph; Council agreed that they should have a spot as well as the Mayor's Address. The Clerk will advise Tina Mayer as to the change.
4. Revisions to Mayoral Appointment Procedure.  
Councilman Cangiano stated that recently the Mayor announced an appointment and he felt blindsided with no time to deliberate on the issue; does not like voting on something off the cuff. Council agreed that they want to be notified of any new appointments two weeks prior to the Mayor making appointments; the appointments would then be made with Council consent. This will apply to the Re-organization meeting as well. The Borough Attorney stated that the Borough form of government states that the Mayor's appointments are made with advice and consent of the Council; Council wants to review the candidates' qualifications prior to the Mayor making the appointment, especially when deciding the professional service appointments for the upcoming years. This issue will be further discussed in Executive Session.

### 13. Resolutions

**2011-209** 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 July 12, 2011.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Windish.

Second: Councilman Stanzilis.

Roll Call:

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

None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

**2011-206** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Mayor to Execute An Agreement Between the County of Morris and Certain Municipalities Located Therein Establishing a Cooperative Means of Conducting Certain Community Development and Home Activities for Federal Fiscal Years 2012, 2013 and 2014.

Motion to Table: Councilman Sadow.

Second: Councilman Windish.

All in Favor – Aye; None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

### 14. Ordinances – Introduction

None.

### 15. Ordinances – Second Reading

**08-11** Ordinance of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Amending Chapter 137, Snow and Ice Removal, of the Code of the Borough of Mount Arlington, To Exempt Certain Properties From Its Requirements.

The Council President opened the Hearing to the Public on Ordinance #08-11 and read the Ordinance by title.

Councilman Windish stated, I move for adoption and final passage of Ordinance #08-11.

Second: Councilman Cangiano.

Roll Call:

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

Nay: Sadow.

Motion Approved.

The Council President declared that Ordinance #08-11 is passed on second reading and directed the Clerk to publish the notice of adoption as required by law.

- 11-11** 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 17, Land Development, Article VII, Design Standards for Development, Section 17-2, Definitions, to Amend the Sign, Political, To Limit Time for Display and Removal.

The Council President opened the Hearing to the Public on Ordinance #11-11 and read the Ordinance by title.

Marlene Ackerman, Rogerene Way: Ms. Ackerman asked the specifics of the amendment; Councilman Windish stated that in the previous ordinance, the word "political" was omitted.

Rich O'Connell, Rogerene Way: Mr. O'Connell stated there is too much time after an election to allow the signs to remain up; Council stated they tried to be a little more lenient.

Councilman Sadow stated, I move for adoption and final passage of Ordinance #11-11.

Second: Councilman Cangiano.

Roll Call:

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

None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

The Council President declared that Ordinance #11-11 is passed on second reading and directed the Clerk to publish the notice of adoption as required by law.

- 12-11** 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 Chapter 48 of the Borough Code Entitled, "Animals", To Update the Fees for Animal Control Services Provided in Section 48-6 and Section 48-9.1.

The Council President opened the Hearing to the Public on Ordinance #12-11 and read the Ordinance by title.

Marlene Ackerman, Rogerene Way: Ms. Ackerman asked if this applied to the registration fee. The Clerk stated this ordinance pertained to animal control fees.

Councilman Sadow stated, I move for adoption and final passage of Ordinance #12-11.

Second: Councilman Stanzilis.

Roll Call:

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

None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

The Council President declared that Ordinance #12-11 is passed on second reading and directed the Clerk to publish the notice of adoption as required by law.

**\*Added Motion:**

The Clerk stated that previously Council approved a vendor's license for a hot dog vendor at Lee's Park. The owner has since sold his business and there are two new owners who have applied for a vendor's permit; their background checks have cleared through Chief Licata.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Windish.

Second: Council President Sorge.

Roll Call:

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

None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

**16. Executive Session**

**2011-207** 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 Topics:

Personnel

Approval of Executive Minutes: April 5, 2011  
April 19, 2011

Motion to Go Into Executive Session with a 5-Minute Break: Councilman Sadow.

Second: Councilman Stanzilis.

All in Favor – Aye; None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

Motion to Return to Open Session: Councilman Stanzilis.

Second: Council President Sorge.

All in Favor – Aye; None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

The Mayor joined the Council meeting during Executive Session.

Motion to Approve Executive Session Minutes of April 5, 2011: Councilman Sadow.

Second: Councilwoman Danchuk.

Roll Call:

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

None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

Motion to Approve Executive Session Minutes of April 19, 2011: Councilman Sadow.

Second: Councilman Stanzilis.

Roll Call:

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

None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

Councilman Stanzilis stated that Paul Nelson, DPW, has requested hiring a part-time cleaning person since his department has been doing the municipal building's cleaning; he is very short staffed and this function is taking away from his core responsibilities. Councilman Stanzilis stated that our temporary part-time Dial A Ride driver has offered to pick up hours doing the cleaning or we can look to hire a part time cleaner; 10 - 12 hours

per week of cleaning. Council asked the Borough Attorney to confirm the number of hours constituting full time employment in the DPW. This person would clean during office hours and clean Borough Hall, DPW, Civic Center and police station. The Clerk asked if she should prepare a resolution for the next meeting. Council agreed to ask Paul Nelson to prepare a job description.

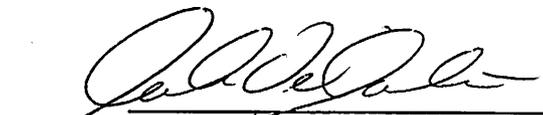
Councilwoman Danchuk stated that Chief Licata is ready for an upgrade to his Smart Phone but does not have a price as of yet. Council asked to hold off on purchasing an upgraded phone right now since all the necessary functions are operating on his current phone.

The Mayor stated that he has a high school student/intern willing to upgrade, redesign and work on the Borough website. The Technology Committee will meet regarding the website though they had no response as of yet from the person in Jefferson. Councilman Windish stated that the Committee just met regarding the cell tower.

Councilman Sadow referred to an email from Mayor Ondish to Daren Phil and others, including one of the engineering firms employed by the Atkins Company. The email implies that the Council has to understand something, that the Council has to know what's going to happen with this redevelopment plan, along with derogatory remarks. Councilman Sadow stated the issue is that this Council was never apprised of dollars going out of our treasury to make an investment in a potential redevelopment; the only way we are guaranteed to get our money back is to approve the redevelopment. Councilman Cangiano requested a written statement of the steps, who is responsible for what, from go to end, and how the process plays out. Council agreed to have Mr. Ritter or Mr. Selvaggi provide the road map of the process to Council. The Borough Attorney stated the Planning Report by Mr. Ritter should be placed on the website, it is public record. The Attorney stated that regardless how far down the path the process, the governing body has the right to reject it. The Mayor will contact Mr. Ritter to prepare a road map of the process; Council agreed.

## 17. Adjourn

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



Linda DeSantis, RMC  
Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved With Correction at the Council Meeting of September 6, 2011.

# BOROUGH OF MT. ARLINGTON

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## UTILITY RECEIPT REPORT FOR

MONTH OF June 2011

<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>COLLECTED IN JUNE 2010</u>
\$ 12,499.10	SOLID WASTE RECEIPTS	\$ 14,630.05
\$ 90,120.71	SEWER RECEIPTS	\$ 31,274.40
\$ 9,102.58	WATER RECEIPTS	\$ 10,467.73
(WATER REPAIR RECEIPTS (INCLUDED IN WATER RECEIPT TOTAL))		
\$ 20,667.76	(TRUST ACCT) SEWER CONN FEE INSTALL PLAN	\$ 29,624.20
\$ 132,390.15	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	\$ 85,996.38
\$ 20.00	RETURN CHECK FEE (GARBAGE)	

Completed By Patricia E. Simari, CTC

cc: Mayor & Council  
C. Rinaldi  
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**BOROUGH OF MT. ARLINGTON**  
**TAX & UTILITY OFFICE**

To the Mayor & Council of the Borough of Mt. Arlington:  
I hereby submit my report of receipts & disbursements for

The Month of June 2011

Dated July 5, 2011

Completed By Patricia E. Simari, CTC

Collections:

Current Taxes (1-01-17-001-001)	\$ <u>106,070.21</u>
2010 Taxes (1-01-17-001-003)	\$ <u>8,609.08</u>
2010 Taxes (Collected at Tax Sale)	\$ <u>18,840.15</u>
Pre-Paid Taxes (1-01-17-001-004)	
Municipal Redemption (1-01-17-004-001)	
Interest & Costs (1-01-08-112-000)	\$ <u>2,258.76</u>
Interest & Costs (Collected at Tax Sale)	\$ <u>2,120.09</u>
Return Ck. Fee (1-01-16-500-017)	
Tax Searches (1-01-08-105-010)	
Duplicate Bills (1-01-16-500-016)	\$ <u>6.00</u>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Party Red./Subs (1-01-17-004-002)	\$ <u>18,780.24</u>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Party Red. Int. (1-01-17-004-003)	\$ <u>1,829.92</u>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Party Rec. Fee. (1-01-17-004-003)	\$ <u>104.00</u>
Misc. Copies (1-01-16-500-017)	\$ <u>.20</u>
Tax Sale Costs (1-01-16-500-018)	\$ <u>1,114.69</u>
Tax Sale Costs (Collected at Tax Sale)	\$ <u>916.45</u>
Tax Sale Premiums (Trust Account)	\$ <u>39,400.00</u>
6% Delinquent Penalty (1-01-16-500-025)	
Tax Paid Certification	
Redemption Calculation Fee	\$ <u>50.00</u>
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$ <u>200,099.79</u></b>
 <u>Total Receipts June 2010:</u>	 <u>\$ 129,514.66</u>

cc: C. Rinaldi  
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