

**BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 18, 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.

**3. Flag Salute**

Cub Scout Pack 60 led the flag salute. The Mayor asked for a moment of silence to remember our armed forces fighting for our freedom.

**4. Roll Call**

Councilwoman Danchuk, Council President Sorge, Councilman Sadow, Councilwoman Galate, Councilman Windish, Councilman Doran, Mayor Ondish. Matthew O'Donnell, Esq., Borough Attorney, was also present.

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

1. Cub Scout Pack 60, led by Joseph Keltos, delivered a presentation of appreciation to the Mayor and Council.
2. Read Across America Proclamation was read into the record by Mayor Ondish.
3. The Mayor read the resignation of Monica Gosicki, CFO, and Frank Hughes, Land Use Member and Board of Health Member, into the record.
4. The Mayor publicly appointed Elena Visceglia to the Land Use Board, Alternate 4 (two year term, expires 12/31/12).
5. The Mayor publicly appointed Paul Teodnescu to the Recreation Commission.
6. The Mayor publicly appointed Councilwoman Danchuk to the Morris County Open Space Committee, for a two-year term, expiring 12/31/12.

**6. Utility Receipt Report** for the Month of December, 2010.

The Clerk read the Utility Receipt Report for December, 2010 into the record.  
Grand Total: \$43,011.81

**Tax Collector's Report** for the Month of December, 2010.

The Clerk read the Tax Collector's Report for December, 2010 into the record.  
Total Receipts: \$133,599.65.

**7. Finance Report for the Month of December, 2010.**

The Clerk read the Finance Report for December, 2010 into the record.

Current Fund:

Receipts	\$1,389,874.09
Disbursements	\$2,544,525.35

\*\*The Mayor expressed his thanks to resident Clinton Hill for photographing Borough events and sharing the photos with Council.

**8. Open to Public**

John and Carl Hanson, 358/354 Howard Boulevard:

- The Hanson's requested permission to clean up Memorial Park along the footpath by cleaning up broken trees, leaving the wood for residents to pick up, and asking volunteers to bag and remove leaves. They would like to place a plaque at the end of the path, during an opening day ceremony on May 15, 2011, in remembrance of their father; Carloff Hanson who was a World War II hero and received a Bronze Star and Purple Heart from the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne. The Borough Attorney indicated the Borough would pursue a hold harmless agreement with the Hanson Brothers; Daren Phil offered his assistance to the brothers as well, especially with the bridge masonry repair. The Mayor offered to speak to SLAP county program and will ask the DPW to pick up leaves.

Joe Keltos, 551 Eric Lane:

- Mr. Keltos invited the Mayor and Council to Blue and Gold Dinner; the Clerk will prepare proclamations for the Scouts.

**9. New Business**

**1. Water Survey.**

The Mayor stated that updating our water and sewer studies will benefit the Borough in the future; the goal is to adjust our rates, per the study, so our systems are sustainable. Daren Phil stated the rate study would show the operation costs of both departments and indicate the approximate fees, as shown in Bud Jones report. Council questioned whether the Borough should continue to maintain this authority; the rate study will show the appropriate rate to sustain the utility and any costs associated with the utility.

Motion to Proceed with the Water and Sewer Rate Study to be Managed by Suburban Engineering, In an Amount Not to Exceed \$7,500/Water (study will be extension of 2005 study and future forecast) and \$15,000/Sewer, Subject to Approval of the DLGS and the Terms of the Borough MOU: Councilman Sadow.  
Second: Council President Sorge.

Roll Call:

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

Nay: Doran.

Motion Approved.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to follow up with the State; a Water and Sewer Committee meeting will be scheduled.

**10. Old Business**

**1. Mayor and Council Quarterly Newsletter, as discussed at November 9, 2010 Council Meeting.**

Council discussed various methods of distributing a newsletter to the residents while keeping the cost to a minimum. Council decided to produce a newsletter on line with Tina Mayer coordinating the process; the final copy prior to posting would be reviewed by Council President Sorge, the Mayor and Matt O'Donnell.

## 2. Council Comments.

### Councilwoman Galate:

- Board of Education will have five open seats for the April election.
- Green Committee was recently introduced to EchoAir which is a system that eliminates failed septic systems; several municipalities are introducing this program to residents needing septic systems. The Green Team meets the fourth Thursday of every month.

### Councilman Windish:

- Recreation Committee met for their reorganization meeting; thanked Council for the use of the Council Chambers. The Council recently received an audit on the Recreation Committee, prepared by Bud Jones, which included many issues in need of follow up/correction; Councilman Windish will address these issues with the Committee.

### Councilman Doran:

- Lake Level Management Plan was published by the NJDEP and there will be a public forum with the Lake Hopatcong Commission on January 31<sup>st</sup>, held at Roxbury Municipal Building; the Borough will advertise on the electronic signs.
- Looking into possible credit card capability in the Utility Department; it would cost \$2,000 - \$5,000 per year for this service. Patty Simari will report to Council as she receives more information.

### Councilman Sadow:

- Councilman Sadow has been in contact with Clean Energy NJ, a program designed to help maximize efficiency in our buildings. Clean Energy NJ is offering a \$20,000; our buildings have already been surveyed.

### Council President Sorge:

- the Fire Department will hold bucket collections on February 4<sup>th</sup> and February 20<sup>th</sup> at the Quik Check plaza.
- commended the DPW on an excellent job of snow removal; the Department was written up in Lake Hopatcong Times as the most efficient in snow removal.

### Paul Danchuk:

- Councilwoman Danchuk delivered a political statement regarding the November elections. Matthew O'Donnell, Borough Attorney, stated that political statements are not official town business and cannot be incorporated in the Minutes.
- Councilwoman Danchuk requested Joe Weaver's latest report indicate the names of all those who received warnings of violation of the outdoor storage ordinance. The Clerk stated that no such report exists, as Joe summarized this report due to time constraints. Joe Weaver sent letters to all about revisiting the ordinance, indicating the grace period until May 15<sup>th</sup>.

## 11. Mayor's Report

No report this evening.

## 12. Resolutions

**2011-124** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Approving the Check Register Dated January 18, 2011.

Motion to Approve: Council President Sorge.

Second: Councilman Sadow.

Council discussed the \$7,500 paid to the DEP for violation regarding an underground storage tank, the holiday decorations which were paid by \$12,500 from United Water, \$2,000 from the Borough, and the Jaws of Life purchased by the Fire Department.

Roll Call:

Aye: Danchuk, Council President Sorge, Sadow (except Check #9446), Galate, Windish, Doran.

Nay: None.

Motion Approved.

- 2011-125** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Calling on the State Legislature and the Governor to Exempt the Reserve For Uncollected Taxes from the 2% Cap.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Doran.

Second: Councilman Windish.

Roll Call:

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

Nay: None.

Motion Approved.

- 2011-126** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Hiring Richard Peterson as Part-time Seasonal Help for DPW.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Doran.

Second: Councilman Windish.

Roll Call:

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

Nay: None.

Motion Approved.

- 2011-127** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Amending Resolution 2011-07 Authorizing Signatures on Borough Checks.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Doran.

Second: Council President Sorge.

Roll Call:

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

Nay: None.

Motion Approved.

- 2011-128** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Re-Appointing Daren Phil Commissioner to the Musconetcong Sewerage Authority.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Doran.

Second: Councilman Windish.

Roll Call:

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

Nay: None.

Motion Approved.

**Resolutions 2011-129 through  
2011-134 Approved By Consent**

- 2011-129** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Purchases from Firefighter One, LLC. for the Year 2011.
- 2011-130** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Purchases from Finch Fuel Oil Company, Inc. for the Year 2011.
- 2011-131** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Purchases from Atlantic Communications, LLC. for the Year 2011.
- 2011-132** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Purchases from Allied Oil, LLC. for the Year 2011.
- 2011-133** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Disposal of Computers.
- 2011-134** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Services from Water Resources, Inc.

Motion to Approve Resolutions #2011-129 through  
#2011-134 By Consent: Councilman Doran.

Second: Councilman Sadow.

Roll Call:

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

Nay: None.

Motion Approved.

**13. Ordinances – Introduction**

- 03-11** An Ordinance of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Amending and Supplementing Chapter 4 of the Borough Code, Entitled "Administration of Government" So as to Amend and Supplement Section 4-25 Entitled, "Copies of Public Documents.

The Mayor read Ordinance 03-11 by Title.

Motion: Councilman Sadow stated that Ordinance 03-11 be introduced by Title and passed on First Reading and that a meeting be held on February 15, 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.

**14. Ordinances – Second Reading**

None

**15. Motions**

None.

**16. Executive Session**

**2011-135** 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.

Executive Session Topics:

Police Contract

Temporary Chief Financial Officer

Policy – Added at Meeting, not listed on Resolution 2011-135.

Action Will Be Taken.

Motion to Go Into Executive Session: Council President Sorge.

Second: Councilman Doran.

All in Favor – Aye

None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

Motion to Return to Open Session: Council President Sorge.

Second: Councilwoman Galate.

All in Favor – Aye

None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

**2011-136** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, Authorizing An Increase in Hours for Carolyn Rinaldi, Temporary Chief Financial Officer.

Motion to Approve: Council President Sorge.

Second: Councilwoman Galate.

Roll Call:

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

Nay: None.

Motion Approved.

The Clerk mentioned items requiring Council's attention:

- Letter from the NJLM requesting volunteers for a new OEM Committee. Councilman Windish and Councilman Sadow volunteered.
- County-Wide Energy Savings Improvement Program will conduct a meeting on February 1, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.; Councilman Sadow will attend the energy meeting and then join the Council Meeting scheduled for that date.

**Added Resolution:**

**2011-137** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, Authorizing the Borough to Change the Electric Carrier for Distribution. (Glacial Energy of New Jersey, Inc.)

Motion to Approve: Councilman Doran.

Second: Councilman Sorge.

Roll Call:

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

Nay: Windish

Abstain: Sadow, Danchuk

Motion Approved.

The Mayor thanked Councilman Doran for his many years of service, stating we haven't always agreed but always had the best interest of the Borough in mind and always seemed to come together in the end. The Mayor stated it has been a pleasure to work with Councilman Doran and we will all certainly miss you. The Clerk thanked Councilman Doran for always being so respectful of her position and her office. Council also thanked Councilman Doran. Councilman Doran stated he appreciates the Mayor's comments, stating; we are elected by the people we serve and it has been a pleasure to call every shot as he saw fit.

#### 17. Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn: Councilman Doran.  
Second: Councilwoman Galate.  
All in Favor – Aye; None Opposed.  
Motion Approved.



Linda DeSantis, RMC  
Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved at Council Meeting of April 5, 2011..

Monica Goscicki  
1289 Green Pond Road  
Newfoundland, N.J. 07435

December 22, 2010

Borough of Mt. Arlington  
419 Howard Boulevard  
Mt. Arlington, N.J. 07856

Dear Mayor Ondish;

This letter will serve as my formal resignation as the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Mt. Arlington effective January 12, 2011. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve the Borough during the past two years. It has been a pleasure working with all of the employees at the Borough hall.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Monica Goscicki". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M' and a long, sweeping underline.

Monica Goscicki

**BOROUGH OF MT. ARLINGTON**

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MT. ARLINGTON, NEW JERSEY 07856  
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**UTILITY RECEIPT REPORT FOR**  
**MONTH OF December 2010**

<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>COLLECTED IN DECEMBER 2009</u>
<u>\$ 12,253.12</u>	<u>SOLID WASTE RECEIPTS</u>	<u>\$ 6,690.20</u>
<u>\$ 23,742.00</u>	<u>SEWER RECEIPTS</u>	<u>\$ 27,122.95</u>
<u>\$ 7,016.69</u>	<u>WATER RECEIPTS</u>	<u>\$ 7,091.36</u>
<u>\$ 43,011.81</u>	<u>GRAND TOTAL</u>	<u>\$ 40,904.51</u>
<u>\$ 7,650.00</u>	<u>(TRUST ACCT) SEWER CONNECTION FEE INSTALLMENT PLAN RECEIPTS</u>	
	<u>WATER REPAIR RECEIPTS (INCLUDED IN WATER RECEIPT TOTAL)</u>	

Completed By Patricia E. Simari, CTC

cc: Mayor & Council  
Carolyn  
Monica  
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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 December 2010**

Dated January 5, 2011

Completed By Patricia E. Simari, CTC

**Collections:**

Current Taxes (0-01-17-001-001)	\$ <u>88,706.19</u>
2009 Taxes (0-01-17-001-003)	
2009 Taxes (Collected at Tax Sale)	
Pre-Paid Taxes (0-01-17-001-004)	\$ <u>30,827.16</u>
Municipal Redemption (0-01-17-004-001)	
Interest & Costs (0-01-08-112-000)	\$ <u>4,028.65</u>
Interest & Costs (Collected at Tax Sale)	
Return Ck. Fee (0-01-16-500-017)	\$ <u>20.00</u>
Tax Searches (0-01-08-105-010)	
Duplicate Bills (0-01-16-500-016)	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Party Red./Subs (0-01-17-004-002)	\$ <u>9,425.27</u>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Party Red. Int. (0-01-17-004-003)	\$ <u>469.83</u>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Party Red. Fees (0-01-17-004-003)	\$ <u>104.00</u>
Misc. Copies (0-01-16-500-017)	\$ <u>3.55</u>
Tax Sale Premiums (Trust Account)	
6% Delinquent Penalty (0-01-16-500-025)	
Tax Paid Certification	\$ <u>15.00</u>
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$ <u>133,599.65</u></b>
<b><u>Total Receipts December 2009:</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>217,849.93</u></b>
<b>Tax Collection Percentage 2009:</b>	<b>98.36%</b>
<b>Tax Collection Percentage 2010:</b>	<b>98.64%</b>

cc: Carolyn  
Monica  
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BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON  
FINANCE OFFICE

Finance Report for December 2010

Current Fund

Receipts	1,389,874.09
Disbursements	2,544,525.35