

**BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 10, 2006**

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 January 19, 2006; notice was posted on the bulletin board in the main hallway of the Municipal Building on January 10, 2006 and has been available to the public; notice of this meeting is on file in the office of the Borough Clerk

3. Flag Salute

The Mayor asked for a moment of silence to think about our troops serving overseas and their families, and for those families who have lost loved ones who have paid the ultimate price.

4. Roll Call

Councilwoman Mulligan, Councilman Doran, Councilman Sorge, Councilwoman Cerasoli, Council President Driscoll, Councilman Stone, Mayor Ondish. JoAnne Sendler, Borough Administrator, and Nancy Gage, Borough Attorney, were also present. Tina Mayer, Assistant to the Borough Clerk, attended the meeting; Borough Clerk Linda DeSantis was absent due to a family emergency.

5. Presentations/Appointments

1. Presentation to Former Library Board of Trustees Member Linda Nadzeika.
 - The Mayor stated that it was an honor to make a presentation to Linda Nadzeika as she is a very special person whom the Mayor has known for a very long time. The Mayor read and presented the Proclamation to Ms. Nadzeika who, in turn, thanked the Mayor and Council for all their library support. Ms. Nadzeika stated that Mount Arlington is a little town with a lot of heart.
2. Proclamation Designating June 2006 as Myasthenia Gravis Awareness Month in the Borough of Mount Arlington.
 - The Mayor read the Proclamation into the record.
3. Proclamation Designating April 2006 as Autism Awareness Month in the Borough of Mount Arlington.
 - The Mayor stated that a woman in South Jersey sent an email to all Mayors in the State requesting April be named Autism Awareness Month. The Mayor read the Proclamation into the record.

6. Old Business

1. Clerk's Follow-Up Report Memorandum, dated April 7, 2006.
 - Tina Mayer discussed the items on the follow-up list, noting further follow-up direction/status of any open items.

7. New Business

None.

***The following portion of the Minutes are transcribed verbatim.**

8. Open to Public

Scott Levitt, 137 Crestview Lane: At the last meeting in February, unfortunately he could not be there as his son had a basketball game that night, it has come to light that you guys gave yourselves health insurance. I don't know if the Minutes are out yet or anything so I don't know what transpired that night, maybe you can explain to me what transpired, why, is there a cost involved?

Mayor Ondish: What transpired is that we are entitled to health benefits and one person decided that they wanted to take them.

Scott Levitt: Which guy is that?

Councilman Doran: It's me, and we're not guys. Us guys didn't decide but I did certainly elect to take advantage of what was legally available. There is a statement that was read into the record; since you don't have the Minutes, I would suggest you get them and read that statement very carefully.

Scott Levitt: I could listen to the tape also, right?

Councilman Doran: You can listen to it as well, surely.

Scott Levitt: I have reading a little bit about Parsippany, I'm sure you've all seen articles in the Daily Record, including the editorial that was there, I think last Sunday?

Councilwoman Mulligan: A week ago last Sunday.

Scott Levitt: There has been stuff going on in Parsippany where I guess one of the things that both Agostino and Luther ran on was to get rid of them once they got in and apparently they can't. There is a State law saying that if you are part of the insurance.....but, how does it all jive since you're really not full time employees and the Daily Record editorial said well it's kind-of unfair; other part time employees can't do it, only full time employees are entitled to it, why are elected officials entitled to it.

Mayor Ondish: It would have to be changed on the State level if it was to be changed.

Scott Levitt: Which could be kind-of hard.....those guys probably all get insurance too, the Assembly and the Senate.

Mayor Ondish: They are full time, so that's a little different. That's something, Scott, if anybody is going to want to change that, that would have to be approached at the State level.

Scott Levitt: But now, anybody can lock into it going forward, once you, I don't know if "elect" is the right word, but elected officials.....

Mayor Ondish: Elected officials are entitled to it, and that's the way State law reads.

Scott Levitt: What's the cost involved? I know now there's only one person doing it now but

Mayor Ondish: It depends on what coverage they elect.

Scott Levitt: I know in Parsippany, it said in the Daily Record article, I don't know they have five council people in Parsippany and I know at least one is not taking it, they are budgeting \$60,000 for 2006 but of course the article did not break it down. So, is there - - do you know a cost yet?

Mayor Ondish: Individual cost? I don't even know because it's worked into the whole

JoAnne Sendler: Our health benefits line has not changed since Councilman Doran opted into the health benefits.

Councilman Doran: I can certainly give you some more information on that since you are interested. My particular coverage cost roughly \$572.00 each month.

Scott Levitt: This is from Pfizer or this is from Mount Arlington?

Councilman Doran: From who?

Scott Levitt: Do you get benefits from Pfizer?

Councilman Doran: That is really none of your affair but as far as what we are dealing with here, I elected to become a member of a group policy, okay, because it was made available. You also know that I have, independent of this, decided to through my charitable giving program, give the Borough over \$575.00 a month in terms of the total amount of money. Are you aware of that as well?

Scott Levitt: I've heard some rumors....that's not tax deductible.

Councilman Doran: Rumors? Excuse me, it has nothing to do with deductibility, it has to do with a charitable gift to the Borough which goes to the same line as the tax line. Are you aware of that?

Scott Levitt: I've heard something but.....

Councilman Doran: Perhaps you should read the Minutes so that you are better informed.

Scott Levitt: Okay, and that's all according to the State law or not?

Councilman Doran: It has nothing to do with the State law; it has to do with my charitable giving program.

Scott Levitt: So you're telling me it's basically a wash?

Councilman Doran: I haven't told you anything, I'm just saying what I'm doing.

Scott Levitt: Is it a wash or you don't know yet?

Councilman Doran: If you're trying to examine it from a dollar for dollar standpoint as to what is it worth to the taxpayers of the Borough? The answer is it would be a wash, yes, in your language.

Scott Levitt: Okay, or close enough?

Councilman Doran: I think a wash is pretty close.

Councilwoman Mulligan: I'm disagree with that statement.

Mayor Ondish: In all actuality, Scott, it's really something that elected officials are entitled to and that's the bottom line.

Councilwoman Mulligan: But we're not entitled to have it a wash; you are not entitled to say I'm going to make a charitable donation in lieu of – which is basically what the wording

Mayor Ondish: I didn't hear that.

Councilwoman Mulligan: Well I heard a wash.

Mayor Ondish: What I heard was Councilman Doran has chosen to contribute to the Borough, whatever it's for.

Councilwoman Mulligan: Then why is that coming up in that conversation? If one has nothing to do with the other? No, I think Mr. Doran brought up the donation.

Councilman Doran: It was raised because obviously he's not aware of the statement that was read into the record and all I asked was that if you read that statement in the record, you would probably be better informed on it.

Scott Levitt: Were the Minutes approved yet?

Councilman Doran: Yes they were.

Scott Levitt: Are they on the website?

Tina Mayer: Which meeting was that – we are current on the website.

Mayor Ondish: Two meetings ago.

Tina Mayer: Yes, they are on the website.

Mayor Ondish: That's verbatim.

JoAnne Sendler: I think it was the 13th, Scott, of February.

Scott Levitt: Well I'll listen to them and if I have any questions, I'll let you know.

JoAnne Sendler: Linda DeSantis can tell you which meeting it was, Scott.

Nancy Gage: If you have any questions legally you are free to give me a call.

9. Executive Session

None.

10. Ordinances – Introduction

13-06 Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris and State of New Jersey, Amending and Revising Chapter 25, Criminal History Background Checks of Employees and Volunteers.

The Mayor read Ordinance 13-06 by Title.

Motion: Council President Driscoll stated that Ordinance 13-06 be introduced by Title and passed on First Reading and that a meeting be held on May 8, 2006 at 10:00 a.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 Sorge.

Roll Call: Mulligan, Doran, Sorge, Cerasoli, Council President Driscoll, Stone.

Motion Approved.

14-06 Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris and State of New Jersey, Amending Various Sections of the Code of Mount Arlington to Increase the Maximum Fine for Violations to \$2,000.00.

The Mayor read Ordinance 14-06 by Title.

Motion: Councilman Doran stated that Ordinance 14-06 be introduced by Title and passed on First Reading and that a meeting be held on May 8, 2006 at 10:00 a.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 Sorge.

Nancy Gage: The State law changed so we are changing our code.

Roll Call: Mulligan, Doran, Sorge, Cerasoli, Council President Driscoll, Stone.

Motion Approved.

- 15-06** Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris and State of New Jersey, to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a CAP Bank.

The Mayor read Ordinance 15-06 by Title.

JoAnne Sandler: We do this annually. In order to adopt the budget in four weeks, it would be during the May 8th Council Meeting and asked Councilwoman Mulligan and Councilman Stone if they would be available during the day because this is the 10:00 a.m. Council Meeting. The suggestion was perhaps we gave it back to you to see if you would prefer to do it at the next meeting. Mr. Dickinson thought it would be good if we did it at the meeting with the school kids but it is really a Council decision if you want to put it off. We should introduce the budget tonight but the problem is when to adopt. The budget is a flat rate, everything that we have discussed is included. Linda DeSantis made arrangements for Alan Dickinson and Bud Jones to attend the May 8th meeting, also confirming that they can be available on May 22nd.

Councilman Stone: I have no problem with Council adopting the budget if I am not at the May 8th meeting.

Councilwoman Mulligan: I am okay with Council adopting the budget in my absence.

Motion: Council President Driscoll stated that Ordinance 15-06 be introduced by Title and passed on First Reading and that a meeting be held on May 8, 2006 at 10:00 a.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 Stone.

Roll Call: Mulligan, Doran, Sorge, Cerasoli, Council President Driscoll, Stone.
Motion Approved.

11. Resolutions

- 2006-66** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, Introducing the 2006 Municipal Budget.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Sorge.

Second: Councilwoman Mulligan.

Roll Call: Mulligan, Doran, Sorge, Cerasoli, Council President Driscoll, Stone.
Motion Approved.

- 2006-67** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, Authorizing The Borough to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the County of Morris for Access to the Morris County Integrated Justice Information System (MCIJIS). (Supercedes Resolution 2006-51, Now Null and Void)

Motion to Approve: Councilwoman Mulligan.

Second: Council President Driscoll.

Roll Call: Mulligan, Doran, Sorge, Cerasoli, Council President Driscoll, Stone.
Motion Approved.

- 2006-68** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, Authorizing Execution of a Two-Year Lease Agreement with John Silvestri for Property Located at 403 Howard Boulevard, Mount Arlington, NJ.
- Motion to Approve: Councilman Stone.
 Second: Councilman Doran.
 Roll Call: Mulligan, Doran, Sorge, Cerasoli, Council President Driscoll, Stone.
 Motion Approved.
- 2006-69** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Accepting the Check Register Dated March 30, 2006.
- Motion to Approve: Council President Driscoll.
 Second: Councilman Stone.
Councilman Doran: Does the Borough receive a reduction for all the cell phone use.
JoAnne Sendler: We receive a government rate.
Councilwoman Mulligan: What about the new cell phones for the Fire Department.
Mayor Ondish: The Fire Department was going to follow up with a list and asked Councilman Stone to remind the Chief.
 Roll Call: Mulligan, Doran, Sorge, Cerasoli, Council President Driscoll, Stone.
 Motion Approved.
- 2006-70** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Endorsing Submission of A Tonnage Grant Application to the NJ DEP, Office of Recycling.
- Motion to Approve: Councilman Stone.
 Second: Councilman Sorge.
 Roll Call: Mulligan, Doran, Sorge, Cerasoli, Council President Driscoll, Stone.
 Motion Approved.
- 2006-71** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, Authorizing Settlement Agreement Concerning Wright vs. Kowzun Enterprises Lawsuit.
- Nancy Gage:** This suit was settled with Mount Arlington about a year ago but Roxbury Township and the other parties finally agreed on the language of the settlement so this is just a formality.
 Motion to Approve: Councilman Stone.
 Second: Councilman Sorge.
 Roll Call: Mulligan, Doran, Sorge, Cerasoli, Council President Driscoll, Stone.
 Motion Approved.
- 2006-72** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, Authorizing Stipend for Events Committee Chairperson.
- Motion to Approve: Councilman Stone.
 Second: None.
 The Mayor asked for discussion; no discussion from Council.
 Motion Failed.
Councilwoman Mulligan: I will reserve my comment on this failed motion until the next meeting I will be attending, not May 8th but the May 22nd meeting.

2006-73 Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, For Credit to Solid Waste/Garbage Account Due to Reduction in Equivalent Dwelling Units, Block 10, Lot 28.

2006-74 Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, For Credit to Sewer Account Due to Reduction in Equivalent Dwelling Units, Block 10, Lot 28.

Resolutions

2006-73 and

2006-74 Motion to Approve By Consent: Councilman Doran.
Second: Councilwoman Mulligan.
Roll Call: Mulligan, Doran, Sorge, Cerasoli, Council President Driscoll, Stone.
Motion Approved.

Added Resolution:

2006-75 Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, Authorizing Execution of an Agreement with Saint Peter's Episcopal Church for Senior Citizens Meetings.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Doran.

Second: Councilwoman Mulligan.

Councilman Doran: We have been looking for facilities to accommodate the growing size of the senior group; they have outgrown the Civic Center as there are approximately 131 members and expect membership to continue growing. This gives us the opportunity to use a local building, formerly the Saint Peter's nursery school; the building was evaluated this week and found everything perfect for a larger size group, with seating of over 135. The facility includes table, chairs, pantry, kitchen area; rest room facilities are on the same floor and are wheelchair accessible. We still need to buy a flag for the facility, and whether the air conditioning will be able to handle the full house.

Councilwoman Mulligan: What about clearing the snow; we would not want that to be a burden to us and if we are paying rent, I would hope that snow clearing would be inclusive in that cost.

Councilman Doran: The cost we are giving them is really to cover their utilities.

Councilwoman Mulligan: Since DPW is already taxed with services, this might be something to consider.

Councilman Doran: This has not been addressed but it is something that needs to be discussed.

JoAnne Sandler: This lease is \$100 per month and solves the problem and if necessary, we will plow snow ourselves for a couple of times.

Mayor Ondish: Councilwoman Mulligan has a valid point and needs to be addressed.

Councilman Doran: We will have this problem solved by the winter season; the seniors only meet on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month.

Roll Call: Mulligan – with stipulation stated, Doran, Sorge, Cerasoli, Council President Driscoll, Stone.

Motion Approved.

12. Ordinances – Second Reading

10-06

Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris and 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 Mayor opened the Hearing to the Public on Ordinance #10-06 and read the Ordinance by title.

Scott Levitt, 137 Crestview Lane: Are the properties named?

Mayor: Yes but it is quite an extensive list of twenty-one properties, which is due to the topography of the properties and the distance of the properties from the sidewalks and the resulting public safety issues involved requiring the owners of

the buildings abutting the sidewalks to remove snow and ice from the sidewalks, we are exempting them from having to do that. This was very carefully looked at and the Borough did create most of these circumstances when we built sidewalks; these are private properties with steep slope, etc.

Councilwoman Cerasoli: We had a meeting with Chief Peterson on this issue. The Mayor Closed the Hearing to the Public.

Councilman Doran: In the event that we did not have courtesy bussing, we would have to actually make sure that these sidewalks are cleared by the Borough.

Councilman Stone stated, I move for adoption and final passage of Ordinance #10-06.

Second: Councilman Sorge.

Councilman Doran: Do we follow the twenty-four hour rule like the other residents follow.

Nancy Gage: We don't have that obligation; the ordinance does not include the Borough, but will as a matter of practice.

Council President Driscoll: If we start exempting these properties and extending the sidewalks out and then telling residents they are not responsible for clearing them, we are creating quite a burden for the Borough; I do not think many communities just exempt the sidewalks because it is inconvenient for people. I agree that it is a safety issue but we are taking total responsibility for these sidewalks too; we are taking the safety issue totally upon the Borough.

Mayor: For these people to traverse down to get to these sidewalks from their properties is a safety issue in itself.

Council President Driscoll: We will also be doing more sidewalks like this in the town and are we prepared to actually manage this.

Mayor: The remaining sidewalks we have to do will not have this type of problem; the residents listed on this ordinance do not use the property where the sidewalk is, their driveways do not come down that way whereas the remainder of Windermere have driveways to the sidewalks. Only one more house will be added to this list when the sidewalk project is complete.

Council President Driscoll: Can the DPW equipment to do all this.

Councilman Doran: They have one snow blower that does take time.

JoAnne Sendler: This also entails clearing and maintaining the sidewalks from leaves.

Mayor: We can review the budget and see if we can get another piece of equipment for DPW.

Roll Call: Mulligan, Doran, Sorge, Cerasoli, Council President Driscoll, Stone. The Mayor declared that Ordinance #10-06 is passed on second reading and directed the Clerk to publish the notice of adoption a required by law.

11-06

Ordinance Regulating the Statutory Authority of Verizon New Jersey Inc., It's Successors and Assigns, to Use the Various Public Streets, Roads, Avenues, Highways and Other Public Ways in the Borough of Mount Arlington, Morris County, New Jersey, for Its Local and Through Lines and Other Communication Facilities and Prescribing the Conditions Thereof.

The Mayor opened the Hearing to the Public on Ordinance #11-06 and read the Ordinance by title.

The Mayor Closed the Hearing to the Public.

Council President Driscoll stated, I move for adoption and final passage of Ordinance #11-06.

Second: Councilman Stone.

Roll Call: Mulligan, Doran, Sorge, Cerasoli, Council President Driscoll, Stone.

The Mayor declared that Ordinance #11-06 is passed on second reading and directed the Clerk to publish the notice of adoption a required by law.

- 12-06** Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris and State of New Jersey, Amending Chapter 132, Peddling and Soliciting, of the Code of the Borough of Mount Arlington, to Add a New Section Prohibiting Solicitation at Properties on No Solicitation List.

The Mayor opened the Hearing to the Public on Ordinance #12-06 and read the Ordinance by title.

The Mayor Closed the Hearing to the Public.

Councilwoman Cerasoli stated, I move for adoption and final passage of Ordinance #12-06.

Second: Councilwoman Mulligan.

Roll Call: Mulligan, Doran, Sorge, Cerasoli, Council President Driscoll, Stone.

The Mayor declared that Ordinance #12-06 is passed on second reading and directed the Clerk to publish the notice of adoption a required by law.

13. Motions

None.

14. Mayor's Report

Mayor: On March 28, 2006 I attended the school board budget presentation at Mount Arlington School and was very pleased with the school board budget this year as they worked very hard and were very diligent to keeping expenses to a minimum due to the fact that they are getting the same funding they had last year, with a little addition for inflation, etc. They have kept the budget to the bare minimum; they worked it out to have the courtesy bussing pulled out so that they can keep that out of their cap. There will be a question on the school board ballot and I recommend people vote for the courtesy bussing at this time because we have not completed the sidewalk project and it is very intricate to the courtesy bussing because the courtesy bussing means within two miles of the school, the children would have to walk. I do not want to see children on streets with no sidewalks. At least for the next couple of years until the sidewalks are installed, I recommend that we pass the courtesy bussing issue and pay the extra money for now for the next couple of years.

Councilman Doran: This would increase the budget \$17.00 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation.

Mayor: Either the courtesy bussing stayed in and they ended a lot of after school programs and different things that are very essential or they pulled the courtesy bussing out and kept those programs and vote separately on the courtesy bussing. On a home assessed at \$300,000, the school tax will go up about \$51, which is really below everybody else and again, due to this new development we have in town.

Councilman Doran: This increase is a one time one year increase.

Mayor: Next year it may fall inside the cap and I am unsure how they will work it next year. The budget also includes \$200,000 to rejuvenate the boilers in MAPS, which was to be part of the past referendum, which was voted down. I am glad they are addressing these issues, they are moving forward positively, it's a one year, \$200,000 increase, not a thirty year referendum; the issues from the referendum will be done annually with annual budgets rather than going to a thirty year referendum with bonds, etc. They are going to be doing the fire alarm system at the school while doing the boilers.

Mayor: I attended the Freeholders Open House in Morristown on March 29, 2006; Councilwoman Cerasoli also attended. It was a nice program, explaining the duties of the Freeholders; the department heads were in attendance also to answer any questions. Some programs looked very interesting and we should look into shared services with the County wherever we can, in order to save money.

Mayor: On March 30, 2006 I attended the play, A Secret Garden, at Decker School. I could not stay for the entire play but commend the actors and actresses.

Mayor: I received information from Congressman Frelinghuysen regarding the College Access and Opportunity Act aimed to improving the nation's higher education system by expanding college access for low and middle income students; I have the information to be posted on the Municipal Building bulletin board by the Clerk's office.

Mayor: On April 4, 2006, I attended the FAA meeting in Parsippany dealing with the increase in air traffic over Mount Arlington and this area, which has increased noise and visibility. There are different options they could take; two of the options will reduce the traffic over this area by quite a bit but the options they are most interested in will increase productivity, decrease delays. Congressman Frelinghuysen had a statement read at the meeting in his absence: he was very upset with them that they chose these last two plans because he had gotten approximately \$150 million several years ago to try to keep the air traffic lower, away from the residents in Morris County. The one plan calls for the planes to go out over the ocean, take offs and landings, so the noise would be over the ocean; however, that plan does not help with their purpose of doing this whole change, which is to decrease delays and increase efficiency. The plans that do that will triple or quadruple the number of planes going over this direct area. Roxbury/Succasunna/Mount Arlington/Hopatcong – if you look on a map, the pattern goes right over our heads. I counted twenty planes overhead at one time, which will increase to sixty or eighty. What they are doing is layering the planes, having planes at different altitudes as well as more in number; we will have one right after the other, on different levels. I did ask if they considered that Lake Hopatcong is the largest natural lake in New Jersey, it is a recreational facility, had they had any concerns? One of the things they brought up was concern about recreation areas and historic places but they replied that they did take that into consideration. The noise will be better because the new planes are coming out quieter, a number 3 is quiet but they are coming out with a number 4, which is really quiet, however there are still number 2's and 3's out there so there will still be some noise for a while. This is not going to happen right away, there is still a whole process they have to go through; this will affect New York State, New Jersey and one other state. I just wanted to advise the Council of what was going on so that if anyone should ask, these are the things that are going on with the FAA; this is a big change that will really affect us. I am concerned with the jet fuel.

Councilwoman Mulligan: If they layer the planes, would they lower the bottom level.

Mayor: The lowest planes would still be at a safe level.

Councilman Doran: They are allowed to fly at 5,000 foot spacing, which could include a lot of layers when you consider they fly upwards to 35,000 feet.

Mayor: Now the planes take off and go west, but the new plan they are going to go north then west, and when they come in, they will come in north and come south, which is right over us. Congressman Frelinghuysen is livid and will be following this very closely.

Mayor: I attended a seminar in Kearny about the issues dealing with the ports of NJ. The ports are having a real big problem with expansion and the infrastructure is not here to bring the cargo away from the ports. They are working very diligently with senators, congressman, trying to increase productivity and be able to increase the infrastructure coming away from the ports. They are looking to increase rail lines where they can; as time goes on, there is just more and more demand for those ports. Port Elizabeth and Port Newark are the biggest areas for containers, etc., most of the USA's items come through those ports. Since Route 80 goes through town and is one of the main thoroughfares for cargo, we should keep a close watch on this subject.

Mayor: On Friday I mailed a letter to Governor Corzine inviting him to a couple of Lake Hopatcong Commission events, a tour of the lake, the Commission was cut another \$100,000 this year – they put in for a \$900,00 budget and only got \$400,000 – last year we got \$500,000. I invited the Governor for a tour, spending a little time seeing what it is we have and what the Commission has taken care of. I have spoken to the Governor twice about it, once at the League where there were tons of people around and the other at the Morristown parade. I want to get him alone up here with the local elected officials to really see what we have here and I really want to know why they are cutting our budget. They went for the EPA grant this year, Governor Codey sent a letter praising Lake Hopatcong and this area and how important it is but yet they cut our budget, it is so counter-productive.

Councilman Doran: Does this mean service reduction?

Mayor: This means the Commission will move on and we will wait until we run out of funds; we are going to forge forward, we have until July 1st until the budget is completed. Senator Bucco is going to have Ms. Jackson come before him, they have to go before each of the appropriation people and talk to them, and I will testify if need be. I would like to speak with Lisa Jackson from the DEP Commission to let her know how important the funding is for the Commission. In 2002, Lake Hopatcong drew in \$180 million worth of tax revenue between the restaurants, gas stations, boat registrations, etc., and at that time it was a \$600,000 budget. Now, four years later you can imagine the increase in tax draw to Trenton and yet we can't get our budget. I am hoping to get the Governor alone up here and if he does come, I will let everybody know.

Councilwoman Cerasoli: What will the budget be, with the cut.

Mayor: \$400,000. This year, with the cost of living increases, insurance, everything everyone else is dealing with, they did not give us \$500,000, they gave us \$400,000. However, Governor Codey gave Seton Hall \$500,000 before he left. This is important because it affects Mount Arlington as well.

Mayor: I would like to announced new Lake Hopatcong Commission appointments. Commissioner Kerner is stepping down and Alternate Commissioner O'Connor is going to step into the Commissioner chair and I asked Robert Gruber to step in as the Alternate Commissioner, of which he agreed. Mr. Gruber has lived on the lake his whole life, in about four different areas of the lake, so he is very familiar with the lake. Mr. Gruber served on the Planning Board several years ago, has lived in town for quite some time, and he is a very good candidate for this Commission.

Motion to Concur with the Mayor's Appointments: Councilman Doran.
Second: Councilwoman Cerasoli.
All in Favor – Aye; None Opposed.
Motion Approved.

Mayor: I turned in my petition for Mayor today and I hope to be Mayor for another four years; I hope everyone will support me because I love being Mayor and one of the best things I have ever done. I enjoy serving the residents of this Borough and would like to continue for another four years.

15. Borough Administrator's Report

JoAnne Sendler: I would like permission to speak with Saint Clare's, Paul Horsey. We do have some time before our contract is up for rescue but with Council's permission, I would like to ask him the possibility of a two-year contract so that we are locked in and set; and, I might even ask that we move it on an annual basis so that it goes into the Reorganization Meeting, we never forget it and also we might have some room to negotiate; our current contract does not expire until September, 2006. It would not be in order for us to go out to bid because we do not pay anything.

Nancy Gage: Since there are no monies to be paid, it is not a contract nor a professional service.

JoAnne Sendler: I would like to thank Tina Mayer for stepping in so quickly to cover this meeting for Linda DeSantis.

Councilwoman Mulligan: I am distributing a proposal for the Paver Program; I did not have a chance to put it on the agenda, it is hot off the press as of late Friday night and if everyone could just take a look at page 2 and give me some guidance and opinion as I would hate to wait another month as to their thoughts, to proceed or not. Page 2 is that if you are coming into the park, facing the flagpoles, the cement sidewalks are the entrance way. We met with the engineer and the paving company and the committee on Friday night and we are thinking of doing every other paver engraved.

Scott Levitt: It would be 160, so to get that commitment, this is the suggested layout.

Councilwoman Mulligan: The Committee decided not to do it on the pathway entering the park, then the question becomes which way should the writing face and you are also stepping on the memorials of these very special people. We should do some landscaping on either side of that, in the dark charcoal border and then the light color. That is all we would do at Memorial Park right now, we think we can do Phase I Memorial Park and not even discuss

the playground because it is not completed yet and see how we go with this and take it from there. We are open to suggestions and we cannot do it in the circular nor do I think that is appropriate.

Mayor: What about the whole sidewalk idea.

Councilwoman Mulligan: If you are presenting from the park or you are enjoying that little circular paver area, and you are looking back, everything is upside down. Someone also had the point that these are really for the memorials of our lost and fallen people and to walk on them, having people stand on them while we are doing a presentation or event we thought would be inappropriate; they should be set off to the side where they are not going to be trampled on, outlined in some landscaping, to give it that special effect. It was Daren Phil's idea to do it this way, as well as person from Grunnel.

Mayor: Council's thoughts? It looks good and I do not have a problem with it.

Councilman Doran: The pavers are on either side of the sidewalks at the main entrance way; the bricks will extend about another foot beyond the black entranceway, it will not butt up to the pillars and there will be room to put flowers, etc. Council did agree to this concept. I agree to move ahead with it but stated I want to take a look and get a copy of this concept to DPW because last we left, they were going to do the installation and the reason why it was set up with cutting the concrete walkway out is that that material is pretty well compacted under the concrete right now. We are able to pull it out and put some side retainers in and then a little sand and stones; I would like to get an idea what this means to DPW.

Mayor: I think this concept is fine.

Councilman Stone: Just a reminder, the Fire Department Dinner is on Saturday night.

Mayor: I extend best wishes for a Happy Easter to everyone.

16. Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn: Council President Driscoll.

Second: Councilman Stone.

All in Favor – Aye; None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

Linda DeSantis, RMC
Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved at Council Meeting of June 12, 2006.

PROCLAMATION

IN HONOR OF

LINDA NADZEIKA

BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council wish to publicly express their appreciation to Linda Nadzeika for over ten years of service and significant contributions to the Mount Arlington Library Board of Trustees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington that they wish to honor, thank and recognize the efforts and contributions of Linda Nadzeika as a Member of the Mount Arlington *Library Board of Trustees*.

Arthur R. Ondish, Mayor

April 10, 2006

BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON

MOUNT ARLINGTON, NEW JERSEY

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Myasthenia Gravis is a neuro-muscular disease striking children and adults, affecting control of voluntary muscles and afflicting several hundred of our fellow New Jerseyans; and

WHEREAS, the symptoms of this disorder include, but are not limited to, difficulty moving, breathing, swallowing, speaking and seeing; and

WHEREAS, the Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of America, Inc. is a non-profit organization founded, "to facilitate the timely diagnosis and optimal care of individuals affected by myasthenia gravis and closely related disorders, and to improve their lives through programs of patient services, public information, medical research, professional education, advocacy and patient care;" and

WHEREAS, Myasthenia Gravis is the most common neuromuscular disorder affecting the residents of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting to recognize the many physicians who demonstrate an untiring effort to treat this disease and search for a cure.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey proclaim June 2006 as Myasthenia Gravis Awareness Month in the Borough of Mount Arlington.



Arthur R. Ondish, Mayor

April 10, 2006

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Autism is a pervasive developmental disorder affecting the social, learning and behavioral skills of those affected by it; and,

WHEREAS, Autism was once thought to be a relatively rare disorder, affecting only one in 10,000 people; and,

WHEREAS, as more and more health professionals become proficient in diagnosing Autism, more children are being diagnosed on the autistic spectrum, resulting in rates as high as one in 166 children; and,

WHEREAS, while there is no cure for Autism, it is well-documented that if individuals with Autism receive treatment early in their lives, it often is possible for those individuals to lead significantly improved lives; and,

WHEREAS, The New Jersey Center for Outreach and Services for the Autism Community (COSAC), and Autism Speaks is spearheading an awareness effort in order to educate parents, professionals and the general public about Autism and its effects.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Mayor Arthur R. Ondish do hereby proclaim April as AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH in the Borough of Mount Arlington, and urge all employees and residents to become better educated on the subject of autistic spectrum disorders.



Arthur R. Ondish, Mayor

April 10, 2006