

**BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 14, 2008**

**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 Thursday, March 20, 2008; notice was posted on the bulletin board in the main hallway of the Municipal Building on March 11, 2008 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**

The Mayor asked for a moment of silence to remember our troops and those that have paid the ultimate price

**4. Roll Call**

Council President Driscoll, Councilwoman Galate Goodman, Councilwoman Mulligan, Councilwoman Cerasoli, Councilman Doran, Mayor Ondish. JoAnne Sendler, Borough Administrator, and Matthew Giacobbe, Borough Attorney, were also present. Councilman Sorge was out ill.

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

Local Assistance Board Re-appointment:

- Sally Cambiotti, one year term; expires 12/31/08.

Motion to Approve Appointment: Councilwoman Cerasoli.

Second: Council President Driscoll.

All in Favor – Aye; None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

Appointment of Beautification Committee Members:

- The Mayor read the Beautification Plan 2008/Preliminary Mission Statement into the record, along with the names of the Committee Members.

Motion to Approve Appointments: Councilwoman Cerasoli.

Second: Councilman Doran.

All in Favor – Aye; None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

- Sharon McDonald stated she has a plan for the beach clean-up, including the Fire Department using their dive suits to go into water, the DPW will be involved, there is a truckload of sand being donated for volley ball court, painting the flower boxes; she has quire a big crew willing to help. The Mayor and Council thanked Ms. McDonald for her ideas and assistance.

- Sharon McDonald also stated that she has two daughters, 21 and 18, willing to get their lifeguard certification. The Borough is trying to bring the Red Cross Certification lessons to the beach, which will be open to all residents. Liz D'Abbraccio stated she has a 15 year old daughter who would be willing to take the Certification course; the minimum age for a

waterfront lifeguard is 16. The Borough has advertised for certified lifeguards in many different venues with no response.

**6. Old Business**

None.

**7. New Business**

Fire Department Equipment

**8. Utility Receipt Report** for the Month of March, 2008.

The Clerk read the Utility Receipt Report for the Month of March, 2008 into the record:

Grand total: \$47,260.10.

**Tax Collector's Report** for the Month of March, 2008.

The Clerk read the Tax Collector's Report for the Month of March, 2008 into the record:

Total Receipts: \$86,906.31.

**9. Finance Report** for the Month of February, 2008.

The Clerk read the Finance Report for the Month of February, 2008 into the record:

Ending Balance: \$4,160,695.04.

**Finance Report** for the Month of March, 2008.

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**10. Open to Public**

Nancy Papa, 3 Brookside Lane:

- Ms. Papa stated that the Dial-A-Ride program offers a choice of shopping or a pharmacy pick-up, not both, and, the hours are limited only from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Councilwoman Galate Goodman stated that due to the fact that we do not have a driver right now, Diane Perillo indicated that these services will be back up and running soon. Ms. Papa also complimented Ryan Sherburne for doing such a good job.

Molly Tufano, 16 Magnolia Lane:

- Ms. Tufano thanked the Mayor and Council for addressing their Dial-A-Ride concerns at the last Council Meeting, and she voiced her appreciation that there was no interruption in service while the Borough is trying to hire a driver. Ms. Tufano's main issue and concern is that the driver assist the seniors off the van and help carry groceries to their doors; she wants this written in the ordinance before it is passed. Ms. Tufano thanked Diane Perillo, Frank Hughes and Ryan Sherburne for all their assistance. Councilman Doran stated that he had requested the driver's job description reflect this assistance to the door and it has been covered as a requirement of the job with the newly hired driver. The Borough Attorney stated that we can adopt resolutions amending the rules and regulations from time to time, as needed, and this has been included in job description. Ms. Tufano suggested a copy of the rules be distributed to the seniors and placed on the bus itself.

Charles Squires, 26 Birch Terrace:

- Mr. Squires referred to a recent newspaper article regarding the Borough employees getting free coffee; he does not understand why someone would bring that up. The Mayor stated that the Borough is still going to provide coffee to the employees and commented on the ridiculousness of the news article and the numerous phone calls he received. The Administrator stated that at times she has used her credit card at Barnes & Noble for the gift certificates for the Litter Program and purchased the Chief's watch for his 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary but she will not do it ever again, not by cash or credit card; everything will be on purchase orders. Any purchase will come to the Council for approval. The Mayor stated that employees and the Administrator refuse to be under such scrutiny any more and will only go through the purchase order system.

Scott Oatley, 42 Crestview Lane:

- Mr. Oatley stated that after the dismal outlook on the budget from the CFO at the last meeting, he looked closer at the Borough's spending and questioned repayment of the August 1, 2007 bond. The Mayor stated we received a better rate with the newer bond. We actually refinanced; we had new projects and then absorbed the old projects with a new rate. Mr. Oatley suggested cutting back on projects, reducing spending and eliminating some of the work at the Municipal Building to reduce taxes. The Administrator stated that there will be no new projects and we are absolutely looking at possibly limiting some of the projects; it does not decrease the debt by not doing the projects. CFO Joe Kovalcik will speak with Mr. Oatley directly.

Debbie Hill, 352 Howard Boulevard:

- Ms. Hill requested the status of the SAGE grant for the Police Study. The Mayor read a letter from the NJ Department of Community Affairs, received April 14, 2008, into the record, indicating that the Borough will be receiving a grant in the amount of \$20,000.

- Ms. Hill asked about the break-in at Borough Hall and if the missing documents were ever found. The Borough Attorney clarified that there was no break-in; a box of documents were missing from the basement. We notified the Police who completed a Police Report; we are in the process of recreating those documents because they do exist elsewhere. The Mayor stated that we have taken measures to increase security and had a new key system installed to enter the basement.

Veronica Silkes, 668 Succasunna Road:

- Ms. Silkes stated that at the last meeting, the CFO painted a dismal picture of taxes going up significantly and Council voted not to provide the Firemen \$1,500 in part because of the current budget. Ms. Silkes stated this is in contrast to the Mayor's December 10, 2007 year end statement when he said we were in such good fiscal shape. Ms. Silkes reviewed last year's budget and in looking at the October 2007 expenses, approximately \$1,200 was spent to send Borough personnel to the convention. The Mayor clarified that employees should be able to go for training; his statement to cut back on the Convention expenses referred to Council Members. Ms. Silkes went over numbers pertaining to Nolan's Ridge, homeland security and the Borough's bonding practice. The Administrator suggested Ms. Silkes pose these questions to the CFO at a public meeting. Ms. Silkes asked the Borough Attorney if it was possible to reverse a bond ordinance. The Borough Attorney stated that the Council can repeal an ordinance; in particular to the bond, the Attorney would have to look at the bond and research her question. The Borough Attorney stated that he will speak with the Bond Counsel and give an explanation of the bonds at a later date. The CFO will be here for the budget hearings so the Attorney suggested she attend these meetings and address these issues with the CFO.

Frank Hughes, 436 Howard Boulevard:

- Mr. Hughes stated that Roxbury explains the Dial-A-Ride rules and regulations to every new rider, suggesting this may be the way the Borough could inform new riders. Diane Perillo will be distributing the ordinance to the riders once it is approved and passed by the Council.

- Mr. Hughes was in Cape May over the weekend and saw a parking lot with flowers, etc. and a sign "Park for Water Conservation". Mr. Hughes was wondering if the Fox & Kelly property owners could be contacted to do the same, i.e., make it greener, nicer and collect some water for conservation. The Mayor stated he spoke to the owner about a year ago, they really want to build on it; he will try to contact him again but it is private property and the Borough can not touch it.

## 11. Approval of Minutes

February 25, 2008

Worksession

Motion to Approve: Councilman Doran.

Second: Council President Driscoll.

Roll Call: Council President Driscoll, Galate Goodman – Abstain,  
Mulligan, Cerasoli, Doran.

Motion Approved.

Motion to Amend the Agenda and Move Executive Session to the End of the Meeting: Council President Driscoll.  
 Second: Councilwoman Cerasoli.  
 All in Favor – Aye; None Opposed.  
 Motion Approved.

### 13. Resolutions

- 2008-60** 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 April 14, 2008.

Motion to Approve: Council President Driscoll.  
 Second: Councilwoman Mulligan.  
 Roll Call: Council President Driscoll, Galate Goodman – yes but abstain from check #6284, Mulligan – yes with exception of check #6260, Cerasoli, Doran – yes with exception of check #6238.  
 Motion Approved.

- 2008-61** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, Hiring Joyce O'Donnell as Part-time Dial-A-Ride Driver.

Motion to Approve: Council President Driscoll.  
 Second: Councilman Doran.  
 Roll Call: Council President Driscoll, Galate Goodman, Mulligan, Cerasoli, Doran.  
 Motion Approved.

- 2008-62** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, 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.

Motion to Approve: Councilwoman Mulligan.  
 Second: Council President Driscoll.  
 Councilwoman Mulligan requested an updated policy in writing on the procedure of petty cash.  
 Roll Call: Council President Driscoll, Galate Goodman, Mulligan – yes, with a policy to follow, Cerasoli, Doran.  
 Motion Approved.

- 2008-63** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Opposing the State's Reduction in State Aid to Municipalities.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Doran.  
 Second: Councilwoman Mulligan.  
 Roll Call: Council President Driscoll, Galate Goodman, Mulligan, Cerasoli, Doran.  
 Motion Approved.

- 2008-64** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Execution of Professional Service Contracts.

Motion to Approve: Council President Driscoll.  
 Second: Councilwoman Cerasoli.  
 Roll Call: Council President Driscoll, Galate Goodman, Mulligan, Cerasoli, Doran.  
 Motion Approved.

- 2008-65** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Payment Pro Rata to the Town of Dover with Respect to a Feasibility Study to Share Municipal Court Services with Certain Morris County Municipalities.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Doran.

Second: Councilwoman Cerasoli.

Councilwoman Mulligan stated that this resolution was being presented without prior discussion; previously the Mayor had asked her by telephone if she was interested in the Borough doing this study. Councilman Doran read part of the resolution into the record, which clearly states the purpose of the resolution. Nisivoccia & Company will be conducting the study; the study costs a reasonable amount of money to get an independent agency to specify the current costs, to be used for the Dover proposal and brought to Roxbury. Analysis was done about two years ago but now there are substantial changes in our Court. The tape machine recently purchased was partly for the Court (mandatory) but there are three other regularly scheduled meetings where it is utilized.

Roll Call: Council President Driscoll, Galate Goodman, Mulligan – No, Cerasoli, Doran.

Motion Approved.

- 2008-66** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Clarifying Resolution 2008-56 Authorizing the Release of Draft Minutes of Borough Meetings Prior to Their Approval By the Mayor and Council.

Motion to Approve: Council President Driscoll.

Second: Councilwoman Mulligan.

The Borough Attorney clarified that the previous resolution authorizing the release of draft minutes only pertains to the public minutes, not executive minutes. The Draft minutes will be stamped “draft, unapproved meeting minutes” on every page.

Roll Call: Council President Driscoll, Galate Goodman, Mulligan, Cerasoli, Doran.

Motion Approved.

- 2008-67** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Opposing the Failure of the Governor’s Proposed State Budget for the 2008-2009 Fiscal Year to Treat Property Tax Relief as Our Priority.

Motion to Approve: Council President Driscoll.

Second: Councilwoman Galate Goodman.

Roll Call: Council President Driscoll, Galate Goodman, Mulligan, Cerasoli, Doran.

Motion Approved.

- 2008-68** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Police Presence at the Municipal Beach During the Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Labor Day Holidays.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Doran.

Second: Councilwoman Mulligan.

Roll Call: Council President Driscoll, Galate Goodman, Mulligan, Cerasoli, Doran.

Motion Approved.

- 2008-69** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Temporary Closure of the Mount Arlington Beach and Mount Arlington Beach Parking Lot.

Motion to Approve: Council President Driscoll.

Second: Councilman Doran.

The Mayor explained that this resolution closes the beach for the fireworks only.

Roll Call: Council President Driscoll, Galate Goodman, Mulligan, Cerasoli, Doran.

Motion Approved.

- 2008-70** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing a Traffic Safety Plan Associated with the Annual Fourth of July Fireworks Display.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Doran.

Second: Council President Driscoll.

Councilman Doran mentioned a correction be made on the resolution.

Roll Call: Council President Driscoll, Galate Goodman, Mulligan, Cerasoli, Doran.

Motion Approved.

- 2008-71** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Temporary Parking Restrictions and Road Closures During the Memorial Day Parade.

Motion to Approve: Council President Driscoll.

Second: Councilman Doran.

Councilman Doran made a correction to the road closures.

Roll Call: Council President Driscoll, Galate Goodman, Mulligan, Cerasoli, Doran – with corrections.

Motion Approved.

- 2008-72** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Reversal of Adjustments Made For Property Known as Block 4, Lot 10.

Motion to Approve: Council President Driscoll.

Second: Councilman Doran.

The Administrator stated that we want this on the tax sale.

Roll Call: Council President Driscoll, Galate Goodman, Mulligan, Cerasoli, Doran.

Motion Approved.

#### **14. Ordinances – Introduction**

- 08-08** An Ordinance of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Amending Chapter 17, Land Development Ordinance, of the Code of the Borough of Mount Arlington.

The Mayor read Ordinance 08-08 by Title.

Motion: Council President Driscoll stated that Ordinance 08-08 be introduced by Title and passed on First Reading and that a meeting be held on June 9, 2008 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 Cerasoli.

Council President Driscoll stated that this is basically the same ordinance that was defeated last fall and while it has some good items, it is covering up items that he does not feel are good for the Borough; mainly, the Floor Area Ratio

which was brought up as an alternative to our 20% rule. It is not simply a calculation but a state statute that introduced the D variance which makes it more difficult with people with small lots to do anything without an increase in cost. Last fall the ordinance was turned down at the first reading.

Roll Call: Council President Driscoll – No, Galate Goodman, Mulligan - No, Cerasoli, Doran.

Motion Approved.

## **15. Ordinances – Second Reading**

**03-08** An Ordinance of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Amending and Supplementing Chapter 72, Dial-a-Ride Van, Part II, General Legislation, of the Code of the Borough of Mount Arlington.

The Mayor opened the Hearing to the Public on Ordinance #03-08 and read the Ordinance by title.

Molly Tufano requested the “driver carry groceries to the door” written in the ordinance. The Borough Attorney stated that we will do a Resolution to Amend the Rules and Regulations to include this clause at the next meeting.

Council President Driscoll stated, I move for adoption and final passage of Ordinance #03-08.

Second: Councilman Doran.

Roll Call: Council President Driscoll, Galate Goodman, Mulligan, Cerasoli, Doran.

The Mayor declared that Ordinance #03-08 is passed on second reading and directed the Clerk to publish the notice of adoption as required by law.

**04-08** An Ordinance of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Amending and Revising Chapter 25, Section 1.A. Criminal History Background Checks of Employees and Volunteers, To Require Checks for Lifeguards and Volunteers to be Conducted Every Three Years.

The Mayor opened the Hearing to the Public on Ordinance #04-08 and read the Ordinance by title.

Council President Driscoll stated, I move for adoption and final passage of Ordinance #04-08.

Second: Councilwoman Galate Goodman.

Roll Call: Council President Driscoll, Galate Goodman, Mulligan, Cerasoli, Doran.

The Mayor declared that Ordinance #04-08 is passed on second reading and directed the Clerk to publish the notice of adoption as required by law.

**05-08** An Ordinance of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Amending Chapter 4-14, Police Department, Section A, of the Code of the Borough of Mount Arlington.

The Mayor opened the Hearing to the Public on Ordinance #05-08 and read the Ordinance by title.

Council President Driscoll stated, I move for adoption and final passage of Ordinance #05-08.

Second: Councilman Doran.

The Borough Attorney explained that there is a case that mandates the municipality have a table of organization of the Police Department, specifically delineating potential officers of each rank.

Roll Call: Council President Driscoll, Galate Goodman, Mulligan, Cerasoli, Doran.

The Mayor declared that Ordinance #05-08 is passed on second reading and directed the Clerk to publish the notice of adoption as required by law.

## **16. Motions**

None.

## 17. Mayor's Report

The Mayor read his report into the record; copy attached to the Minutes.

- The Mayor's Report includes a paragraph pertaining to a free brief magazine written by two Mount Arlington boys. The brothers, Tyler Cicero and George Cicero, 380 Howard Boulevard, attended the meeting and received a round of applause from the Mayor and Council.

The Mayor asked the status of additional information being placed on the website. Council President Driscoll is looking into possibly contracting services; the Borough Attorney will be forwarding information.

The Mayor reminded the public that School Board Elections were on April 15, 2008 from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

## 18. Borough Administrator's Report

All matters will be discussed in Executive Session.

## 12. Executive Session

**2008-59** 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.

Topics for Discussion in Executive Session:

- Executive Minutes
- Personnel Matters: Borough contracts and potential appointments.
- Pending and Anticipated Litigation: contracts dealing with Borough employees and shared services.

When these matters are no longer confidential we will alert the public so the Minutes can be disclosed to the public.

Motion to Go Into Executive Session After a Five-Minute Break:  
Councilwoman Cerasoli.

Second: Councilman Doran.

All in Favor – Aye; None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

Motion to Return to Open Session: Council President Driscoll.

Second: Councilman Doran.

All in Favor – Aye; None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

## \*Approval of Executive Minutes

Motion to Approve the Executive Session Minutes of **February 11, 2008**:  
Council President Driscoll.

Second: Councilwoman Galate Goodman.

Roll Call: Council President Driscoll, Galate Goodman, Mulligan,  
Cerasoli – Abstain, Doran.

Motion Approved.

Motion to Approve the Executive Session Minutes of **March 10, 2008**:  
Councilwoman Mulligan.

Second: Council President Driscoll.

Roll Call: Council President Driscoll, Galate Goodman, Mulligan,  
Cerasoli, Doran.

Motion Approved.

Motion to Approve the Executive Session Minutes of **March 24, 2008**:  
Council President Driscoll.  
Second: Councilwoman Cerasoli.  
Roll Call: Council President Driscoll, Galate Goodman, Mulligan – No,  
Cerasoli, Doran.  
Motion Approved.

**Added Resolutions:**

**2008-73** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Clarifying the Travel Allowance Provided to the Borough Administrator.

Motion to Approve: Council President Driscoll.  
Second: Councilman Doran.  
Roll Call: Council President Driscoll, Galate Goodman, Mulligan,  
Cerasoli, Doran.  
Motion Approved.

**2008-74** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Appointing an OPRA Clerk to Assist the Borough Clerk as Custodian of Records in Fulfilling OPRA Requests.

Motion to Approve: Councilwoman Cerasoli.  
Second: Council President Driscoll.  
Roll Call: Council President Driscoll, Galate Goodman, Mulligan – No,  
Cerasoli, Doran.  
Motion Approved.

**19. Adjourn**

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

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Linda DeSantis, RMC  
Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved at Council Meeting of May 12, 2008.

# BOROUGH OF MT. ARLINGTON

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## UTILITY RECEIPT REPORT FOR

MONTH OF March 2008

<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NO.</u>
\$ 16,570.66	SOLID WASTE RECEIPTS	190-0353-097
\$ 23,298.57	SEWER RECEIPTS	190-0356-097
\$ 7,390.87	WATER RECEIPTS	190-0354-097
<b>\$ 47,260.10</b>	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	
\$ 1,420.00	(TRUST ACCT) SEWER CONNECTION FEE INSTALLMENT PLAN RECEIPTS	
	WATER REPAIR RECEIPTS (INCLUDED IN WATER RECEIPT TOTAL)	
\$ 40.00	RETURNED CHECK FEE (GARBAGE)	
\$ 40.00	RETURNED CHECK FEE (SEWER)	



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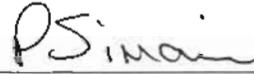
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To the Mayor & Council of the Borough of Mt. Arlington:  
I hereby submit my report of receipts & disbursements for

## The Month of March 2008

Dated April 3, 2008



Patricia E. Simari, CTC

### Collections:

Current Taxes (5-01-17-001-001)	\$ 69,456.48
<u>2007</u> Taxes (5-01-17-001-002)	<u>\$ 14,778.73</u>
_____ Taxes (Collected at Tax Sale)	
Future Taxes (5-01-17-001-004)	
Municipal Redemption (5-01-17-004-001)	
Interest & Costs (501-08-112-000)	\$ 1,430.60
Interest & Costs (Collected at Tax Sale)	
Return Ck. Fee (5-01-16-500-021)	
Tax Searches (5-01-08-105-010)	
Duplicate Bills (5-01-16-500-021)	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Party Red. (5-01-17-004-002)	\$ 244.53
3 <sup>rd</sup> Party Red. Int./Subs (5-01-17-004-003)	\$ 975.72
Misc. Copies (5-01-16-500-021)	\$ 20.25
Tax Sale Costs (5-01-17-001-005)	
Tax Sale Premiums	
6% Delinquent Penalty (5-01-16-500-021)	
Tax Paid Certification	
<b>Receipts</b>	<b><u>\$ 86,906.31</u></b>

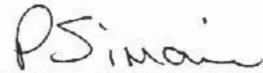
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Municipal Redemption (5-01-17-004-001)	
Interest & Costs (501-08-112-000)	\$ <u>1,430.60</u>
Interest & Costs (Collected at Tax Sale)	
Return Ck. Fee (5-01-16-500-021)	
Tax Searches (5-01-08-105-010)	
Duplicate Bills (5-01-16-500-021)	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Party Red. (5-01-17-004-002)	\$ <u>244.53</u>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Party Red. Int./Subs (5-01-17-004-003)	\$ <u>975.72</u>
Misc. Copies (5-01-16-500-021)	\$ <u>20.25</u>
Tax Sale Costs (5-01-17-001-005)	
Tax Sale Premiums	
6% Delinquent Penalty (5-01-16-500-021)	
Tax Paid Certification	

**Receipts**

**\$ 86,906.31**

Beginning Balance	1,913,466.22
Receipts 02-08	2,695,093.49

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Finance Report

March 2008

Beginning Balance	4,160,695.04
Receipts 03-08	167,713.18
Disbursements 03-08	284,831.79
Ending Balance	4,043,576.43

# Finance Report

February 2008

Boro of Mt. Arlington

Finance Office





## Borough of Mount Arlington

Beautification Plan 2008

Preliminary Mission Statement

### INTRODUCTION

This plan is a fundamental element of the continual effort to provide the community with the highest level of service to the citizens of Mount Arlington. The borough is implementing this plan to reflect on the priorities and the direction in which the Borough of Mount Arlington is striving to achieve to make a better place for citizens, business, and visitors to come.

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#### Mission

The mission of the Borough of Mount Arlington Beautification Plan is to provide residents, businesses, and visitors with the highest level of service by providing professional municipal management in the areas of public safety, Code Enforcement, City aesthetics, community and economic development.

#### Our Values

In order to accomplish our mission and make our vision reality, we must make integral these shared values:

- Integrity
  - Commitment
  - Accountability
  - Initiative
  - Efficiency
  - Communication
  - Creativity
  - Discipline
  - Leadership
  - Teamwork
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- Trust
  - Being the Best

The Borough of Mount Arlington recognizes the importance of litter and nuisance management for the community and the protection, conservation and enhancement of the natural environment in our town. Through the implementation of this plan and the cooperation and positive action from local businesses, community groups, home owners associations (HOA), schools and individual citizens we can work together to continue to make Mount Arlington a great place to live, work and visit.



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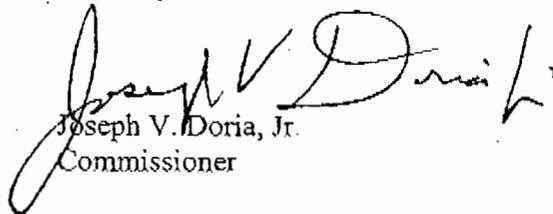
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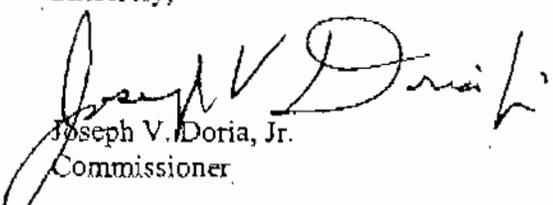
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Mayor report for 4/14/08:

This report is a little longer than usual due to the fact we have a workshop in between our regular meetings. I take the time to make this report because I want everyone to know what I do on behalf of this Borough. I am afraid many think I only show up for 2 meetings a month. I work with JoAnne and our staff every day of the week, even weekends, to ensure I am doing the most I can for our Borough. We are a small Borough but we have a lot going on, 24/7. I want to ensure we are and continue to be the best we can. That requires time and energy. I am fortunate to have both at this point in my life. I want to thank those Councilmembers who share my positive energy. Working together we can accomplish much.

March 8-15, 2008 on mission trip to New Orleans. When I see what the folks in New Orleans are facing every day, our problems are not as big as they looked prior to my trip. I encourage anyone who has the time or desire to volunteer some time, contact the many organizations that offer an opportunity to go help. We saw Habitat, NOAH and other organizations there aside from the many Faith Based missionary trips.

I fielded a phone call from News 12, while in New Orleans, about my making a statement about email use. I was told that someone, (look at Gayle), said I didn't like to use email because it is not traceable? I never said that and it is a shame that someone is trying to spread more misinformation. Let me make this perfectly clear, I do not

like to use email as a way to communicate. It is the poorest form of communication. It is more like dictation than communication and does not work for me. I have been misinterpreted in the past and I am not going to fall in that trap again. If someone needs my help they can contact me any time via phone, in person or by letter. I have made my cell phone accessible to anyone who needs my help or wants information. There are many who can confirm their contact with me and how I helped them.

The fact is I said if someone contacts me via email, I am going to ask them to either call me or give me their phone number and I will contact them. I can also schedule a meeting with them in person if they wish. That way we can communicate and understand each other.

March 18, 08- Chaired the Lake Hopatcong Commission meeting. User fees will not be implemented for this upcoming boating season. The Commission will manage to make it through this upcoming season. With careful management of funds, we will make it to the end of 08. We plan on having the fees implemented by Jan 09. Because it is all being created, at this time, I have no details of the amount of fees that will be charged but just be it known there will be user fees for next year. This gives everyone plenty of notice that they are coming. When complete details are worked out, I will be sure to report back to our Community.

March 19, 08- Attended the Morris County Economic Development Summit at County College of Morris.

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March 20, 08- Attended the Morris County Planning Board Meeting. Reported on the approval from the Highlands about Parker, Southard and Circle sewer installation waiver.

March 25, 2008- Attended a Legislative Review Committee meeting, in Princeton, of the NJ League of Municipalities.

March 26, 2008- Attended the senior meeting at the Elks and gave them an update on the state of things in town. They asked many good questions.

Later that day I was interviewed by the Ross reporters who are publishing a free brief magazine in the Lake Hopatcong Area. I am very proud of them. They took the initiative to start this paper and work very diligently to make it interesting and informative. As I always say, communication is so important and they are getting information out to those willing to read. They found a very positive way to spend their time helping others. Bravo!!

March 27, 2008- Attended a Raritan Highlands Compact meeting and chaired the meeting. Since President Walter Kritch was ill, as Vice President I took the lead. Subsequently, Walter is doing much better and is back to work.

March 29, 2008- Attended Congressman Frelinghuysen's campaign kickoff meeting at the Madison Hotel.

March 31, 2008- JoAnne and I attended a shared services meeting.

April 2, 2008- Attended the MAPS DARE graduation. I got there at the tail end, but was recognized and I had the chance to congratulate the students individually.

April 4, 2008- Attended an ELC (Elected Leaders Council) meeting which is a grass roots organization subsidiary of the New Jersey Business and Industry Association. Senator Bucco was the guest speaker with information about what is going on in Trenton from his perspective.

Later that day had a meeting with Senator Orahó . I gave him an update on what is going on with the Lake Hopatcong Commission and how things are looking to affect our residents in the future with the addition of user fees. There were several things he was misinformed about. The state is not abandoning Lake Hopatcong, they want the operating budget to be funded by user fees. They will continue to fund grants for projects to improve the lake, and will provide help with the administration and enforcement of the user fee system. It was a very good meeting.

April 8, 2008- Daren, JoAnne, Paul and I met with representatives from New Jersey Transit to discuss alternatives to the parking at the train station.

April 10-12, 2008- Attended the Mayors Conference in Atlantic City. Had many good discussions with Mayors

about what they are doing to combat their increased costs and demands for service. We discussed many ways that services are being shared. I learned more information about COAH, learned more about OPRA and attended seminar on Ethics that featured speakers from the US Attorneys office. Chris Christie was supposed to speak but he was called to Newark so one of the deputy attorneys spoke. It was very informative. I had the opportunity to ask questions and learn about things to be alert about including gang activity and other major issues facing NJ. These factions are growing and making their way into even the most remote communities. It is not just a "city" problem any longer.

I also spent time strengthening our relations with the DEP.

I also won \$1500. dollars from New Jersey American Water. This was a door prize, at the Friday lunch, and they will make the donation to my charity of choice. I will be putting together that presentation for our next regular meeting.

April 14, 2008- Enjoyed lunch with the Interfaith Dialog Council in Newark with featured speaker Chris Christie, our US Attorney. Had the opportunity to spend some time speaking with him about issues that are facing NJ.

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Getting all of our information on the web site. Update on the progress