

**BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 9, 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 for troops overseas but also a special moment of silence for sudden passing of our school board administrator Ralph Radisch.

4. Roll Call

Council President Driscoll, Councilwoman Galate Goodman, Councilwoman Mulligan, Councilwoman Cerasoli, Councilman Doran, Mayor Ondish. Matthew Giacobbe, Borough Attorney, was also present. Councilman Robert Sorge and Borough Administrator JoAnne Sendler were not present.

5. Presentations/Mayor's Appointments

1. Mayor's Presentation of Donation to Daytop Village of NJ, Inc.

The Mayor won a door prize from NJ American Water for \$1,500.00 at the recent Mayor's Conference and would like to donate his prize to his favorite charity, Daytop Village, a preparatory school for children in Mendham. NJ American Water's representative, Kevin Watson, presented the check to Mayor Ondish and, in turn, Mayor Ondish presented the check to Daytop's representative, Ms. Giordana. The Mayor also donates all wedding ceremony fees to Daytop.

2. Marty Kane, Lake Hopatcong Historical Society, to discuss plaque for Bertrand Island Park.

Marty Kane, Lake Hopatcong Historical Museum, stated that this year is the 25th anniversary of the closing of Bertrand Island Park; the Park was in existence for over 70 years and the Historical Society would like to commemorate and acknowledge the site by dedicating a plaque, probably close to Labor Day when the Park closed for the last time. Mr. Kane stated that Lakeshore Village Condominium Board and Property Management are in favor of this project. Mr. Kane is requesting Council support in DPW assisting in the installation of the sign. The Mayor asked if the plaque would be on an easement and who would be responsible for maintenance of the plaque. Mr. Kane stated that Lakeshore would take ownership of the sign. The Borough Attorney stated that if it is not on Borough property, we would need an easement to do maintenance on it; however, Lakeshore Village said they would maintain it. The Mayor and Council agreed to help with DPW support.

The Mayor read two resignation letters into the record. Mary Johanna LoPonte is resigning as Chairman of the Land Use Board and Donna Blakely is resigning from the Recreation Committee.

6. Old Business

1. Letter from Picatinny Arsenal, received April 10, 2008, regarding Fire and Emergency Services Mutual Aid Agreement.
Mayor and Council approved the agreement with Picatinny for fire service and Hazmat and authorized signatures.

7. New Business

1. Letter from Assemblyman DeCroce, received June 2, 2008, regarding Resolution Supporting Joint NJ Senate and Assembly Republican Budget Alternative.
The Clerk was directed to list this resolution as Old Business at the next meeting with a prepared resolution if Council decides to adopt.

8. Utility Receipt Report for the Month of May, 2008.

The Clerk read the Utility Receipt Report for the Month of May, 2008 into the record:
Grand Total: \$216,193.59.

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

The Clerk read the Tax Collector's Report for the Month of May, 2008 into the record:
Total Receipts: \$2,077,048.70

9. Finance Report for the Month of May, 2008.

The Clerk read the Finance Report for the Month of May, 2008 into the record:
Ending Balance: \$5,944,733.54

10. Open to Public

Steve Lardiere, 45 Kadel Drive:

Mr. Lardiere asked if there was an opportunity for Council to hire an accountant or auditor versed in school budgets and if so, did we follow their recommendations. Council President Driscoll stated that we did not hire anyone nor was that recommended to us. Councilwoman Cerasoli stated that the school had performed an audit which was very competent and did not require Council to question it.

Chris Kelley, 52 Summit Avenue:

Mr. Kelley stated that he has 15-20 volunteers who would be willing to fix the problems at the old library building. Daren Phil was present and stated that it should be discussed with the Building Committee; there are architectural plans for that building and the firehouse and volunteers could help save money. The Borough Attorney stated that the volunteers would be required to know the scope of the project and the Borough would also confirm proper bonding and liability coverage. Councilman Doran stated that we are trying to consolidate the rescue squad into the firehouse because the ambulance bays need to be heated during the winter. Councilman Doran further stated that we have done enough work at the old library to stop continuous damage every time we had rain, to try to preserve the building. The Mayor stated this would be a wonderful community project. Daren Phil stated that the materials cost is over the threshold; the Borough Attorney stated that material donations would be acceptable but we would still have to advertise and obtain bids for materials, or go under a state purchase. Mr. Kelley gave his phone number to Council for future contact to meet with the Building Committee.

Mr. Kelley asked about the erosion on the side of the old library building; there is only enough room for one car to pass due to the burm. Mr. Phil stated that it was a temporary burm and can be moved back now that the excavation has been completed.

Veronica Silkes, 668 Succasunna Road:

Ms. Silkes referenced a past meeting where John Windish stated that he was not pleased with the amount of OPRA's and the amount of information being requested. Ms. Silkes prepared and distributed a print screen of Mount Arlington's web page indicating Meeting Minutes and Meeting Agendas. Ms. Silkes stated that one of the reasons for so many OPRA requests is that 3 months of Meeting Minutes are not accessible.

Ms. Silkes asked if the newly purchased fire truck is the same fire truck referenced in Ordinance 13-07; the Mayor stated it is the same fire truck.

Ms. Silkes asked about the letter of resignation from Carolyn Rinaldi and wanted to know the policy and procedure for the Borough to claim the money spent for her classes. Councilwoman Mulligan stated that she thought the policy was that an employee must remain employed by the Borough for up to two years or they have to pay back the tuition. The Borough Attorney stated that Council can talk about the policy, but not individual employees.

Ms. Silkes asked about resolutions 2008-101 and 2008-102 on tonight's agenda which are requesting grant money; are they new capital projects. The Mayor stated that we always go for grants but these two resolutions are for projects we have had slated for quite a while.

John Decena, 5 Robert Terrace:

Mr. Decena asked if the Borough was working with Verizon to get fiber optic cable. Council President Driscoll stated that FIOS bypassed us in the first round no timetable is set as of yet.

Mr. Decena mentioned that there is a bad odor by Oneida and MAPS in the morning. Mr. Decena wanted to be sure the Borough was alerted and the Mayor stated that residents should call the Police if they smell something that might be dangerous.

James Grant; 90 Rogerene Way:

Mr. Grant stated that the home next to him has been converted to a two or three family home and he met with the Building Inspector in January. The Building Inspector and the Zoning Official were unable to gain access to the house at that time and now, six months have passed and nothing has been done. Mr. Grant has done research, obtaining records from the Borough and the County, and met with a lawyer. Mr. Grant wants the situation investigated because there are garbage issues, septic issues, parking issues and 3 electric meters on the house. The Mayor has spoken with Sandy Nyari and Al Thompson and they will follow up. The Mayor stated that the Zoning Officer is aware of the situation, and Sandy Nyari has looked into it. The Borough Attorney stated that we will look into this and get back to Mr. Grant.

Scott Oatley, 42 Crestview Lane:

Mr. Oatley commented on the recent school budget cuts which were purely cut from capital improvements while keeping the interest of our students in mind. Because the cuts will not directly affect the educational process or the ability of our students to learn, Mr. Oatley does understand the reasons behind Council's decision. Mr. Oatley stated that he hopes this Council uses the same set of eyes and thought process when considering the municipal budget. Mr. Oatley noted the recent tax scenarios presented by the CFO and stated that even though certain funding has already been allocated for improvements, it would be wise to reconsider and reallocate these funds for other areas experiencing shortages; in time of fiscal crisis it would not be the time to make unneeded cosmetic improvements.

Paula Danchuk, 50 Elizabeth Way and President of the Lake Rogerene Civic Association:

Ms. Danchuk stated that the Association Membership voted to support James Grant, 90 Rogerene Way, in his endeavor to do something with his neighbor's house; this situation is of great concern of the Association.

Ms. Danchuk stated that the work on Orben Drive will be starting and the alternate traffic route would be through the fire lane on the far side of the lake where there are two large trees that have caused damage to the fire trucks; any emergency vehicles would also have to use that entrance. The trees are supposedly on Borough property and but the resident says they are private trees and will not allow removal. Ms. Danchuk is asking Council to look into this.

The Mayor said we had dealt with this a while ago and he believes they are private trees. Daren Phil stated that Paul Nelson had asked Suburban to do a property survey on the fire lane and stake the property line; the Mayor stated he would look into this further. Ms. Danchuk requested a letter be sent to the Association stating the outcome. Ms. Danchuk reminded Council of the erosion at the lake when we had the storm; the road has been repaired to prevent water from running over the sand. Ms. Danchuk called the contractor to give him the information for the new sand and ascertain when it would be delivered; Tomaro Contractors said they would not take care of replacing the sand. Ms. Danchuk is asking the Borough for assistance. Daren Phil stated that the contractor, after lowering the road to prevent further erosion, attempted to take the sand from the lake; there is money in the budget from that project and it would be easier to have the Borough supply the sand with the money in the budget. Borough Attorney recommended we get two price quotes on the cost and submit them to the Borough so it can pre-approved before the Association purchases it. Daren will follow up with Paul Nelson. Ms. Danchuk commented on the smell at Oneida; the Fire Department actually responded to a call the night before but the odor is actually skunkweed that bloomed. Ms. Danchuk stated that we have a contract with Saint Clare's to do our ambulance services but they were filling up gas at our Borough tanks. The Mayor confirmed that this is part of our contract with Saint Clare's.

Pat Esposito, 4 Hopatcong Avenue:

Mr. Esposito attended a Recreation Committee meeting recently and noted that about five years ago, the Borough started to fill another field behind Fireman's Field, and asked when are we going to be able to use that field. The Mayor stated that one of the biggest problems is irrigation, we do not have nor can we get the water allocation. The Borough has adopted an ordinance limiting outdoor water usage to odd/even days because of the lack of water. The Mayor stated we are looking at grant money but this is not a priority right now; we have supported Recreation through the years but now there is a shortfall with the economy. Mr. Esposito asked the Council's projected plans; the Mayor stated that possibly the Fire Department could water it with water from the lake or pond and Councilman Doran and the Recreation Committee will look into some other way to water the field if it becomes a crisis, more an emergency action than routine.

Chris Kelley, 52 Summit Avenue:

Mr. Kelley stated that when he first moved here in 1987, the firefighters took water from the lake and provided training to junior firefighters at the field; Mr. Kelley suggested Recreation pay for the gas and the trainees take care of the field while learning. Mr. Kelley will look into this further.

John Windish, 650 Succasunna Road:

Mr. Windish stated that his OPRA statement recently was geared to the coffee situation and the \$20 of miscellaneous charges rather than OPRA's for Minutes. The Mayor stated that the Clerk informed him that all Minutes have been approved and should be on the accessible on the website.

Mr. Windish stated that the school budget is audited by the Business Administrator, then by the auditor for the district, then to the Board for approval, then to the County BA and County Superintendent for review and approval, and then sent back to the Board. When the budget is returned, it is clear and concise and the Mayor and Council did not delve into anything but capital projects.

11. Approval of Minutes

May 12, 2008 Special Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Motion to Approve: Council President Driscoll.

Second: Councilwoman Mulligan.

Councilwoman Galate Goodman and Councilman Doran noted corrections to be made.

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

Motion Approved.

12. Resolutions

2008-96 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 June 9, 2008.

Motion to Approve: Councilwoman Mulligan.

Second: Councilwoman Cerasoli.

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

Motion Approved.

2008-97 Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, Rejecting All Bids for the Howard Boulevard and Altenbrand Avenue Roadway Improvements Project.

Motion to Approve: Council President Driscoll.

Second: Councilwoman Mulligan.

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

Motion Approved.

2008-98 Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, Appointing Lifeguards for the 2008 Summer Season.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Doran.

Second: Councilwoman Cerasoli.

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

Motion Approved.

2008-99 Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Establishing Swimming Lesson Fees for the Year 2008.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Doran.

Second: Council President Driscoll.

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

Motion Approved.

2008-100 Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Renewal of Plenary Retail Consumption/Distribution and Club Licenses for the Licensing Period Commencing July 1, 2008.

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

- 2008-101** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Mayor and Borough Clerk to Submit a Discretionary Aid Grant Application to NJDOT for Howard Boulevard and Altenbrand Avenue Roadway Improvements.

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

- 2008-102** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Mayor and Borough Clerk to Submit a Municipal Aid Grant Application to NJDOT for Altenbrand Avenue Intersection Realignment.

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

- 2008-103** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the 2008 Temporary Budget.

Motion to Approve: Council President Driscoll.
 Second: Councilwoman Galate Goodman.
 The Mayor confirmed that there were no new changes and nothing added.
 Roll Call: Council President Driscoll, Galate Goodman, Mulligan – Yes (confirming nothing new was added), Cerasoli, Doran.
 Motion Approved.

13. Ordinances – Introduction

None.

14. Ordinances – Second Reading

- 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 opened the Hearing to the Public on Ordinance #08-08 and read the Ordinance by title.
 Council President Driscoll stated, I move for adoption and final passage of Ordinance #08-08.
 Second: Councilwoman Cerasoli.
 Council President Driscoll stated this ordinance deals with the FAR which he does not think is needed by the Borough; he thinks it is going to add another layer of bureaucracy and make it more difficult for people to use their property.
 Council President Driscoll stated that the Land Use Board can maintain the existing laws; we do not have to increase anything. Councilwoman Cerasoli

stated that with the new ordinance, many homeowners will not have to go before the Land Use Board; the new ordinance is very easy to read, saves the homeowners the process, and would be easier on the homeowners as well as less cost to them. Councilwoman Galate Goodman stated that Daren Phil had a report that was given to the Land Use Board and after looking at lots all over the Borough, they feel this would affect the majority of the town positively. Council President Driscoll said he never objected to FAR until at the end it was presented that it was a state statute for a D variance; if it was just an alternative way to calculate how and when someone comes before the Land Use Board, he would not have objections.

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

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

- 09-08** An Ordinance of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Amending and Supplementing the Code of the Borough of Mount Arlington By Repealing Article I, Recycling, of Chapter 144, Solid Waste, in its Entirety and Its Replacement with A New Article I, Recycling, of Chapter 144, Solid Waste, in the Borough Code.

The Borough Attorney stated this ordinance is being tabled because it requires Land Use Board and County Planning Review Board approval before our Public Hearing. Upon receipt of approvals, we will re-advertise for the Public Hearing.

Motion to Table the Public Hearing of Ordinance #09-08: Councilman Doran.

Second: Councilwoman Mulligan.

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

Motion Approved.

15. Motions

1. Donation to Lake Hopatcong Yacht Club, in the amount of \$1,500, for the Fourth of July Fireworks Display.

Motion to Approve: Approve: Council President Driscoll.

Second: Councilwoman Galate Goodman.

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

Motion Approved.

2. Donation to Mount Arlington Public School to honor outstanding male and female graduating students.

Motion to Approve: Councilwoman Mulligan.

Second: Councilman Doran.

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

Motion Approved.

3. Letter of Resignation from Carolyn Rinaldi, dated May 29, 2008.

Motion to Approve: Council President Driscoll with great regret.

Second: Councilman Doran.

All in Favor – Aye; None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

16. Mayor's Report

The Mayor read his report into the record.

17. Borough Administrator's Report

The Borough Administrator was not present at the meeting.

18. Executive Session

2008-104 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.

Motion to Go Into Executive Session, After a Five-Minute Break, to Discuss Shared Services, Contract Negotiations and Legal Advice: Councilwoman Mulligan.

Second: Councilman Doran.

All in Favor – Aye; None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

Motion to Return to Open Session: Councilwoman Mulligan.

Second: Councilwoman Galate Goodman.

All in Favor – Aye; None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

19. Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn: Council President Driscoll.

Second: Councilwoman Mulligan.

All in Favor – Aye; None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

Linda DeSantis, RMC
Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved at Council Meeting of July 14, 2008.

BOROUGH OF MT. ARLINGTON

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UTILITY RECEIPT REPORT FOR

MONTH OF May 2008

<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NO.</u>
\$ 36,988.03	SOLID WASTE RECEIPTS	190-0353-097
\$ 123,408.19	SEWER RECEIPTS	190-0356-097
\$ 55,797.37	WATER RECEIPTS	190-0354-097
\$ 216,193.59	GRAND TOTAL	
\$ 568.00	(TRUST ACCT) SEWER CONNECTION FEE INSTALLMENT PLAN RECEIPTS	
	WATER REPAIR RECEIPTS (INCLUDED IN WATER RECEIPT TOTAL)	



Patricia E. Simari, CTC

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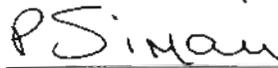
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To the **Mayor & Council** of the Borough of Mt. Arlington:
I hereby submit my report of receipts & disbursements for

The Month of May 2008

Dated June 2, 2008



Patricia E. Simari, CTC

Collections:

Current Taxes (5-01-17-001-001)	\$ <u>2,039,752.17</u>
<u>2007</u> Taxes (5-01-17-001-002)	\$ <u>29,736.96</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)	\$ <u>5,307.96</u>
Interest & Costs (Collected at Tax Sale)	
Return Ck. Fee (5-01-16-500-021)	\$ <u>40.00</u>
Tax Searches (5-01-08-105-010)	
Duplicate Bills (5-01-16-500-021)	\$ <u>9.00</u>
3 rd Party Red. (5-01-17-004-002)	\$ <u>624.05</u>
3 rd Party Red. Int./Subs (5-01-17-004-003)	\$ <u>1,321.06</u>
Misc. Copies (5-01-16-500-021)	\$ <u>7.50</u>
Tax Sale Costs (5-01-17-001-005)	\$ <u>250.00</u>
Tax Sale Premiums	
6% Delinquent Penalty (5-01-16-500-021)	
Tax Paid Certification	
Total Receipts	\$ <u>2,077,048.70</u>

(Includes Return Check Fees)

BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON
FINANCE OFFICE

Finance Report for May 2008

Beginning Balance	5,188,049.15
Receipts	2,352,361.44
Disbursements	1,595,677.05
Ending Balance	5,944,733.54

**BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON
FINANCE OFFICE**

Mayor report for 6/9/08:

5/13/08 Attended Armed Forces Day at Picatinny
Attended the Ribbon Cutting at Nolans Ridge

5/14/08 Accepted invitation to lead the pledge of
allegiance at the Spanish Chamber of Commerce Annual
Luncheon at the Madison Hotel

Attended the Morris County Freeholders meeting
where Adam May was honored and admitted into the
Morris County 200 Club. This is a group of special people
who have gone above and beyond in their service to their
town and Morris County.

5/15/08 Officiated a wedding at the Arlington

5/17/08 Officiated a wedding in Hackensack

5/19/08 Testified before the Senate Environmental
Committee in Trenton about the proposed legislation to
enable user fees on Lake Hopatcong

Chaired Lake Hopatcong Commission meeting

5/25/08 Officiated a wedding at the Arlington

5/26/08 Attended the Memorial Day Parade- Think it was
done so well and my kudos to those involved in making it
happen. Thank you to all those who volunteered and

donated cars and whatever was needed to make it a great success. Special thank you to Lisa Abline and Kelly Turner as well as the rest of our Recreation Committee who took the lead on the parade this year. I have to also thank the Borough Staff that helped them as well. I know Carolyn Rinaldi lent her past years experience to help them avoid some pitfalls from the past. Thank you to the Elks for inviting everyone to their picnic after the parade and thank you to Davies Dogs for providing the hot dogs, free of charge, to the Elks. I want to thank John Blanco for his acceptance to be the Grand Marshall and leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance. I have already heard talk from the Rec Committee that next year will be even better.

5/28/08 Attended the Legislative Review Committee in Princeton.

5/30/08 Daren and I met with the Highlands Council to discuss what is going on with the development in the PUD.

Left for a weekend in Gettysburg Pa as a Chaperone with a group of 27 high school young adults from Morris Knolls with Mayor Chegwidden who is a teacher at Morris Knolls. If you have not taken the time to visit Gettysburg, I highly recommend it.

6/2/08 Attended the Jr Solar Sprinters at JCPL headquarters in Morristown as a volunteer to help with the finals. This is an event sponsored by Morris Counties TransOptions that focuses on solar energy. Schools from all over the state get together and build solar cars and then

competitively race them. Mount Arlington's group finished very well.

In their division they took:

First, Second, third and fourth place in Technical Merit.

Tenth place in Craftmanship.

Fifth and Eighth place in Innovation.

Eighth and ninth place in Documentation.

Twelfth place in speed

In the inter-county finals they took:

Second and Seventh in Technical Merit

Third and eighth in Craftmanship

Fourth and Fifth in Innovation.

I will be attending the school board meeting on Tuesday June 17th to acknowledge those participating students and their teacher Mrs. Crawford.

Chaired a special Lake Hopatcong Commission meeting about user fees

6/3/08 Chaired a special Lake Hopatcong Commission meeting about user fees with invited guest DEP Commissioner Lisa Jackson

6/5/08 Chaired an Emergency meeting of the Lake Hopatcong Commission about user fees. The bottom line is that the DEP came up with legislation that would enable to LHC to charge fees. The legislation was not perfect but it

would have begun the process of our ability to begin implementation of a user fee system to fund the LHC operating budget starting Jan 1, 2009. The legislation was attached to a bill that will grant Greenwood Lake the ability to charge user fees. Greenwood Lake and the Greenwood Lake Commission are all in favor of a user fee system because they get no funding from the state of NJ. Greenwood Lake is split between NY and NJ. NY passed the legislation for the fees to happen and have been waiting for NJ to get similar legislation in place so they can begin to move forward with charging. Both states have to have the same legislation in place before the fees can be put in place. The legislation that NY put in place was set to expire by the end of June if NJ did not get their part in place. The bill was fast tracked in order to get the legislation through this last session before the NJ legislators go on summer recess. Due to the fact the Lake Hopatcong Commission had entered into an MOA (Memorandum of Agreement) with the DEP, in order to receive funding from a year ago March through July 1 08, with the agreement that we would have some kind of user fees structure in place to have us be self sufficient. We did not get the work done in time, for a bunch of reasons, and so the money is going to run out. The state told us there is no more money for the LHC. For this reason, the need was there to get the process in place. The DEP helped write the passive legislation, which is the first step, and Commissioner Jackson was able to get Assemblyman McKeon and Senator Bob Smith to add the Lake Hopatcong legislation to the bill in order for it to get in place now rather than having to wait until the fall session. The commissioners had difficulty with the

legislation and felt it was not comprehensive enough. Amendments were made but not enough to warrant the majority to pass a vote to move forward. The legislation was removed from the bill with Greenwood Lake and now the LHC will have to get the acceptable legislation together for the next senate session. I just hope the LHC will make it through without running out of money. I don't see that it can but we will see. Senator Bucco introduced a bill appropriating 600k for the LHC but according to the DEP Commissioner and Senator Smith, there is no money available or to be allocated to the LHC. Time will tell.

Lastly, we did get word that we have the final signatures necessary to move the Circle Parker and Southard sewer line installations. We are waiting for the final permit and should have it within a month or two then we can move ahead.

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May 8, 2008

Mayor Arthur Ondish
Mount Arlington Borough
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Dear Mayor Ondish:

It is with great pride that we send our sincere congratulations on your recent nomination to the Board of Directors of the New Jersey Conference of Mayors.

You have demonstrated a true interest in the best future for your community and the Great State of New Jersey. We salute you on behalf of all New Jersey Mayors.

We look forward to your special assistance in developing consensus, maintaining membership, and active participation from all Mayors in your County.

Please complete the enclosed Board Member Profile at your earliest convenience and mail to our Trenton Offices, so our next Magazine will include Your Honor.

With congratulations,

Handwritten signature of Colleen M. Mahr in cursive.

Mayor Colleen Mahr
Fanwood Borough
President

Handwritten signature of Richard J. Knight in cursive.

Richard J. Knight
Executive Director

President

Mayor Malcolm Fraser
Cape May Point Borough

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