

**BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 13, 2009**

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Arthur Ondish welcomed all in attendance and called the meeting 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 Wednesday, December 31, 2008; notice was posted on the bulletin board in the main hallway of the Municipal Building on December 31, 2008 and has been available to the public; notice of this meeting is on file in the office of the Borough Clerk. Notice of this meeting was subsequently re-advertised as a Change in Meeting Date Notice in the Daily Record on October 7, 2009; was posted on the bulletin board in the main hallway of the Municipal Building on October 7, 2009 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**

Mayor Arthur Ondish led the flag salute.

Mayor Ondish also asked for a moment to pause to remember our armed forces fighting for us and pray for their speedy and safe return.

**4. Roll Call**

Councilman Driscoll, Councilman Sorge, Councilwoman Galate, Council President Cerasoli, Councilman Doran, Mayor Ondish, Borough Administrator - JoAnne Sendler and Borough Attorney-Matthew Giacobbe, were also present. Councilman Sadow Absent.

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

Mayor's Appointments of Roy Morance as Member to the Board of Health, Keith Licata as OEM Coordinator and Paul Nelson as Deputy OEM Coordinator. Roy Morance was absent from the meeting and will be sworn in at a later date. Borough Attorney, Matthew Giacobbe administered the oaths for OEM Coordinator and Deputy OEM Coordinator when both Paul Nelson and Keith Licata were present which took place after Old Business Discussion.

## 6. Old Business

### 1. Discussion Re: Borough Planner.

Borough Administrator, JoAnne Sendler stated that there was a Zoning Meeting to plan for next year; to be prepared for redoing the Borough's Master Plan and be an understanding of what will be an impact on the budget and to assess the dollars. At this meeting, the suggestion from the committee and the professionals on the committee was to look at the vision for the community and to interview planners to see what they have to offer the Borough of Mount Arlington. Mayor Ondish stated that he has appointed a Borough Planner, Donna Holmquist, who has forward thinking and is using new technology. Mayor Ondish invited Ms. Holmquist to attend today's meeting so she could meet everyone and touch base but she was unable to attend. Mayor Ondish stated that he would like to have a meeting with Ms. Holmquist and Council. Councilman Sorge suggested that the Council meet with other Planners in addition to Ms. Holmquist to compare. The Mayor welcomed the suggestion. Councilman Sorge asked the rest of Council for their thoughts on his suggestion of meeting with other candidates in addition to Ms. Holmquist. Other members of Council concurred. Councilman Doran stated that the Borough would need a quote due to the fact that it is a requirement to update the Master Plan. It will be thousands of dollars. Mayor Ondish stated that you do not need a quote but Borough Attorney, Matthew Giacobbe stated that you can interview or do a Request for Proposal. Councilman Doran stated that he would like to see this as part of the interview process to see what the costs will be for the Borough. Borough Administrator, JoAnne Sendler stated that she would get back to the Zoning Committee about one person already. Council President Cerasoli asked about the Land Use Board and asked if they have an input on the Master Plan. The Borough Administrator stated that Mike Selvaggi, Land Use Board Attorney and Daren Phil, Borough Engineer asked to be included in the interviews, but the Borough Engineer did not want to be considered as Planners.

### 2. Council Committee Reports.

#### Councilwoman Galate- POLICE LIAISON REPORT

The FOP had a car show two weekends ago. Officer Pat DeRosa organized it and there is a lot of work that goes into it. Lieutenant Licata organized a bike race last weekend and on the 25<sup>th</sup> is a Karate Tournament. Detective DiStasio did an Identity Theft Seminar with the Seniors at the Carriage Club and Seasons Glen. Board of Ed: Schools are Open. Sustainable New Jersey: will be applying for certification January 1, 2010.

#### Council President Cerasoli-DPW, BUILDINGS, GROUNDS & UTILITIES REPORT

Has extensive DPW Reports to be made part of the minutes. The DPW Supervisor has been very busy pouring asphalt, repairing roads and catch basins, Meals on Wheels.

#### Councilman Doran-FIRE, RESCUE & OEM REPORT

Sorry to have missed the forty mile bike-a-thon. With the help of the Borough Administrator, JoAnne Sendler, some ideas were developed to offer safe locations for the Fire Department to make collections. One location was Lee County Park because of the large events that are held there and the potential for large groups of people who are non-resident visitors who can support the Fire Department. This information was shared with the Fire Chief. Mayor Ondish asked how the regular bucket collections at Quik Check were going. Councilman Doran stated that he did not hear any feedback. Construction at the firehouse is proceeding. A lot of work has been completed. Looking to complete the

new home for the Rescue Squad by the end of the month. Councilman Doran concluded by stating that we are getting to the heating season and looking at the past season with the house fires. Many can be traced to defects in chimneys and wood burning stoves. Suggested when feasible to include as many reminders as possible to the public over the next couple of months to have their chimneys inspected because it may save a life or save a house. The electronic sign is a good option to use as well. Mayor Ondish asked about the company that came in and talked about chimney fires. The Borough Administrator stated that the Fire Department handled that. Councilman Doran stated that it is important to get it into the minds of people who are wood burners that they need to clean and maintain their chimneys because when they use their stoves they create creosote and this becomes one of the causes of a chimney fire.

**7. New Business**

The Mayor stated there was no new business.

**8. Utility Receipt Report for the Month of September, 2009.**

The Deputy Clerk read the Utility Receipt Report for the Month of September 2009 into the record: Total Amount: \$47,206.34.

**Tax Collector's Report for the Month of September, 2009.**

The Deputy Clerk read the Tax Collector's Report for the Month of September 2009 into the record: Total Receipts: \$163,303.52.

**9. Finance Report for the Month of September, 2009.**

The Deputy Clerk read the Finance Report for the Month of September 2009 into the record: Ending Balance: \$8,065,179.82.

**10. Open to Public**

-Nick Andrews – 121 Orben Drive

Living across the street from a home built on wetlands and the owner has fines against him. The home is half finished, has broken glass, poses a health issues. Chief complaint is dying trees. Presented Council with copy of Ordinance Chapter 53 regarding trees. The Zoning Officer needs to address the dying trees. The trees are near the school bus stop.

-Bill Kosch – 526 Henmar Drive

Questioned if the vegetation between the emergency vehicles parking area and Pat's Bar could be cut back for better visibility when pulling out. Mayor Ondish stated that the Borough would look into it.

Questioned that the school had an article in the paper regarding putting in a new boiler and the saved \$30,000 by doing so and asked where does the money go. Borough Attorney, Matthew Giacobbe stated as a general rule that anything over 2 to 2.5 percent goes back in the form of tax relief. Councilwoman Galate and Mayor Ondish stated that this is an issue to address with the Board of Education.

Questioned the bus shelters and asked if they can be removed. The Borough Administrator stated that we have tried but they are on County property and it is difficult,

but they are bus shelters for the children. The Mayor stated that the Borough looked into redoing them several years ago but it is difficult because they are on County property.

Questioned who paid for the DPW worker's salary when the Borough had trouble with weeds on the Lake this past summer. Mayor Ondish stated that the Borough had a shared service agreement with the four towns and two Counties in order to do some work on the lake. Everyone donated employees and we received some money from the State. Council President and DPW Liaison Cerasoli stated it was a very limited amount of time.

Veronica Silkes – 668 Succasunna Road

Questioned if the new Salary Resolution will be retroactive to January 2009. Mayor Ondish stated it would be.

Questioned if the Mayor and Council will still be investing time and energy in investigating a trolley service for the town when newspaper statistics say ridership is down. Mayor Ondish stated that Councilman Sadow is heading this topic up and he is not present today to comment. Councilman Doran stated that he read the same Opinion Section newspaper article by Rob Jennings with interest and mentioned how this article gave numbers based on the worst employment time in New Jersey. Councilman Doran further stated that the article did not comment on how some of the loss of ridership or lack of increase in ridership could be due to the fact that there is ten percent unemployment, and Amtrak reported that they have lost over one million riders and most of it is in the North East because of the economy and the loss of jobs. Councilman Doran stated that he feels that there is a relationship there and it is inaccurate to present the opinions that were made without including some comment about the impact of the economy on ridership anywhere.

Frank Hughes – 436 Howard Boulevard

Mr. Hughes stated that he has lived in the Borough for 43 years and has watched the middle of the town go down and continue go down until this year when the work was done on Streetscape. Mr. Hughes congratulated the Mayor and Council for a nice job and for fixing up the old part of town. Mayor Ondish thanked Mr. Hughes for positive feedback and stated that the Streetscape was ten years of planning starting with Mayor LoPonte. The Mayor stated so much goes into it from the Borough Engineer to grants and permits and it helps protect the Borough and make it a better asset. Councilman Doran stated that of any project he has been involved in this project he has received so much favorable review. Councilwoman Galate stated the Borough is always looking towards the future and planning for the future with regard to the train station and the town itself so the Borough is first in line not last in line. The Mayor discussed the potential train services.

Paula Danchuk – 50 Elizabeth Way

Questioned the money for tree replacement that was promised to the Borough from the rock fall project on Route 80 and now money is being used to by property in Wharton. Mayor Ondish stated he is aware of the tree replacement project and Borough Administrator, JoAnne Sandler stated that the Borough Clerk was in touch with this issue prior to being out and the Borough was told we were going to receive \$7,500.

Questioned the Ordinance up for Introduction, #23-09 and asked where the \$53,000 is coming from and asked if the Borough is financing more money. The Borough Administrator stated that the \$53,000 is a direct contribution from the County and there are no Borough funds involved and further explained that in order for the Borough to spend money there has to be an Ordinance and the Ordinance will state that no debt is being incurred. Mayor Ondish stated that a few meetings ago he publicly thanked the County for picking up the tab on this project.

## **11. Resolutions**

- 2009-153** 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 October 12, 2009.
- Motion to Approve: Councilman Sorge  
 Second: Council President Cerasoli  
 Roll Call: Driscoll, Sorge, Sadow (Absent), Galate, Council President Cerasoli, Doran  
 Motion Approved.
- 2009-154** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue and Appropriation.
- 2009-155** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Requesting Approval from the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to Establish a Dedicated Trust by Rider for Landfill Escrow.
- 2009-156** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Requesting Approval from the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to Establish a Dedicated Trust by Rider for Affordable Housing.
- 2009-157** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing an Agreement Between the Borough of Mount Arlington and the County of Morris Providing for the Reimbursement for the Windemere Roadway Reconstruction and Howard Boulevard Pedestrian Walkway Improvements, Milling and Paving.
- 2009-158** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Awarding Contract for Borough Wide Landscaping Services.
- 2009-159** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Appointing Lieutenant Keith Licata OEM Coordinator.
- 2009-160** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Appointing Paul Nelson as Deputy OEM Coordinator.

**2009-161** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Appointing the Local Emergency Planning Council.

Motion to Approve Resolutions #2009-154-#2009-161 by Consent:

Councilman Sorge

Second: Councilman Driscoll

Roll Call: Driscoll, Sorge, Sadow (Absent), Galate, Council President

Cerasoli, Doran

Motion Approved.

## **12. Ordinances – Introduction**

**23-09** An Ordinance of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Providing for the Howard Boulevard Street Scape Improvements in the Borough of Mount Arlington, and Appropriating \$59,770 for Said Improvements Authorized to be Undertaken in and by the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris.

Mayor Ondish read Ordinance 23-09 by Title.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Driscoll made the motion and stated that Ordinance 23-09 be introduced by Title and passed on First Reading and that a meeting be held on November 9, 2009 at 6:00 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: Council President Cerasoli

Mayor Ondish asked the Council for any discussion.

Roll Call: Driscoll, Sorge, Sadow (Absent), Galate, Council President Cerasoli, Doran

Motion Approved.

## **13. Ordinances – Second Reading**

**22-09** An Ordinance of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Amending Chapter 17.24.8 Signs of the Code of the Borough of Mount Arlington.

The Mayor opened the Hearing to the Public on Ordinance #22-09 and read the Ordinance by Title.

Paula Danchuk – 50 Elizabeth Way

Questioned new rules and regulations in Ordinance regarding holiday signs, stork baby signs, writing on balloons and why these were included. Borough Attorney, Matthew Giacobbe stated that signs need to be treated the same across the board, do not obstruct traffic or become a public safety hazard.

Ms. Danchuk stated that it is the feeling of the people in town that administration is encroaching on the rights of the citizens by over administrating, taxing, and regulating. Questioned how this new sign Ordinance can be enforced since the zoning and property maintenance Ordinance is hard to enforce currently due to the amount of work. Councilwoman Galate stated that if you don't see signs it doesn't affect you, so the Ordinance has to be enforceable for everyone. The Borough Attorney stated that regarding private property as long as it complies with the Ordinance and the other Borough Ordinances you are permitted to do it.

#### Veronica Silkes – 668 Succasunna Road

Presented to Council four, first amendment, freedom of speech and freedom of press handouts. Discussed the handouts. Ms. Silkes stated that the current Sign Ordinance could be enforced and by making it overbroad allows the government to make a decision on a case by case basis and that is not what the law is suppose to do. Ms. Silkes chose not to move into a gated community because she and her husband wanted the freedom to be able to do what they wanted with their property. Councilman Sorge asked Ms. Silkes if she has driven through Seasons Glen or Ridgeview and noticed how aesthetically nice looking these communities are. Councilman Sorge further stated that this is due to the rules and regulations that prohibit any signs or any type of advertisement and it is enforced. Councilwoman Galate asked Ms. Silkes what specific sign she wanted to put up that this Ordinance might prevent her from doing and the Council can address it and further stated she was trying to understand her issue. Borough Attorney, Matthew Giacobbe stated there is no content restriction on a sign other than obscenities. Sign Ordinance allows people to put up signs with rules even on their private property. Further stated regarding the first amendment that the Supreme Court said you can have time, place and manner restrictions.

#### Scott Levitt – 137 Crestview Lane

Questioned if a resident had a blow up figurine on their law in the shape of a football player, Jets or Giants is that considered a billboard. Also the blowup Halloween Figures. Borough Attorney, Matthew Giacobbe stated he would have to look at the Borough Zoning Laws and further stated if a neighbor wanted to put up a 20 x 10 foot billboard in the front yard to take a position on abortion, that is not permitted although the neighbor is allowed to put up a sign which is aesthetically more pleasing.

Mr. Levitt stated that the Treasurer's name no longer needs to be on the political signs, only the name of political committee and address according to the Election Law website. Stated that the candidate is responsible for the signs and feels it is not practical to have any more information on the sign than is required by ELEC. Mr. Levitt suggested that the Zoning Officer spend time on the Election Law website to acquire the names of the candidates and phone numbers to make the calls to enforce the removal of the signs and feels it is overregulation and the Ordinance is unenforceable. Questioned that isn't the purpose of a sign to distract a person for a moment so that you can look at it. The Borough Attorney stated that the purpose is not to distract people from driving a car and creating accidents. Councilwoman Galate asked Mr. Levitt what his specific concern is with the Ordinance. Mr. Levitt stated that the Borough was requiring too much

information above what the Election Law Enforcement Commission requires. Borough Attorney, Matthew Giacobbe stated that the NJ Election Law Enforcement Commission does not regulate signs in regard to size and placement rather that they require the name of the Treasurer, the name of the political committee etc. He further stated that this Ordinance is asking for the name, address and telephone number of the person responsible for the removal of the sign and there are 527's, political action committees, pro-life, pro-choice groups, and some of these are not regulated by ELEC so there would not be ELEC information on these signs. The Borough Attorney further stated that tax payer dollars should not be spent researching the NJ Election Law website to see whose signs these are. Mayor Ondish stated that the Borough has a part-time Zoning Office and the Ordinances that the Borough is putting into place give the Zoning Officer the tools to do his job.

Councilman Driscoll stated, I move for adoption and final passage of Ordinance #22-09.

Second: Councilman Sorge.

Roll Call: Driscoll, Sorge, Sadow (Absent), Galate, Council President Cerasoli, Doran

Motion Approved.

The Mayor declared that Ordinance #22-09 is passed on second reading and directed the Clerk to publish the notice of adoption as required by law.

#### **14. Motions**

Mayor Ondish stated that there were no Motions.

#### **15. Mayor's Report**

Mayor Ondish read his report into the record.

#### **16. Borough Administrator's Report**

Borough Administrator, JoAnne Sandler stated that the police contract will be up on the website by the end of the week. Further stated that the bus shelter files were very old and that Matt's office has never addressed this issue yet. Borough Administrator stated discussed issue with Mayor and would like thoughts of possibly moving Council meetings to Tuesday evenings for next year. Borough Attorney stated first and third evenings would work for him. Councilman Driscoll asked for the reason for the suggested move. The Borough Administrator stated that for the Clerk's Office and for Council it works better to allow for the review of the packets and time to deal with any problems. Mayor Ondish stated it also helps with the Holiday conflicts that fall on Mondays. Councilman Doran stated that he would like to participate in reviewing the calendars. Councilman Sorge asked if the Council could get a copy of the videotape from the resident who was taping the meeting. The Borough Attorney stated that as long as it does not interfere with the meeting, residents can videotape or tape record meetings. Councilman Sorge stated that he was concerned with how things can be turned around with today's technology. The Borough Attorney stated that he can check into case law regarding videotaping.

Mayor Ondish addresses the Communication's Packet and Item #47, Inherently Beneficial Uses and a Sample Resolution. The Mayor asked the Council if they would be interested in passing it. The Mayor stated that he passed some material on the Borough attorney regarding limitations on where wind and solar can be installed which can avoid problems in the future. Council Doran commented on what he read in the Lake Commission minutes regarding the Lake Level being maintained with never a draw down. Mayor Ondish stated that there is a member that comes to the Commission meetings and insists that the Lake never be lowered. The Mayor stated that he needs to appoint someone from the Council or town to sit on the Lake Level Management Plan Committee. The Mayor and Councilman Doran discuss how the Lake draw down works. The Mayor asks Councilman Doran if he would be interested in being on the committee. Councilman Doran stated will help during the off season and help any way he can during the summer months.

The Mayor asked if anyone had anything else before adjourning to go into Executive Session. Frank Hughes asked why the Borough Calendar does not include the Board of Education Meetings. The Borough Administrator commented that the Board of Education has their own calendar. The Mayor stated it might be something to consider and thanked Mr. Hughes and thanked the public for coming.

#### **17. Executive Session**

**2009-162** 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.

The Mayor read the Resolution into the record.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Sorge  
 Second: Councilman Doran  
 All in Favor – Aye; None Opposed.  
 Motion Approved.

Motion to Return to Open Session: Councilman Sorge  
 Second: Councilman Doran  
 All in Favor – Aye; None Opposed.  
 Motion Approved.

#### **18. Adjourn**

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

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Tina Mayer  
Deputy Borough Clerk

Council Minutes Approved at Meeting of November 10, 2009.

# BOROUGH OF MT. ARLINGTON

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## UTILITY RECEIPT REPORT FOR MONTH OF September 2009

<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>COLLECTED IN AUGUST 2008</u>
\$ 11,479.73	SOLID WASTE RECEIPTS	\$ 9,963.97
\$ 28,946.81	SEWER RECEIPTS	\$ 30,984.85
\$ 6,779.80	WATER RECEIPTS	\$ 5,427.85
\$ 47,206.34	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	\$ 46,376.67
\$ 0.00	(TRUST ACCT) SEWER CONNECTION FEE INSTALLMENT PLAN RECEIPTS	
	<u>WATER REPAIR RECEIPTS (INCLUDED IN WATER RECEIPT TOTAL)</u>	

Completed By Patricia E. Simari, CTC

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

## The Month of September 2009

Dated Oct. 2, 2009

Completed By Patricia E. Simari, CTC

### Collections:

Current Taxes (9-01-17-001-001)	\$ <u>153,867.89</u>
2010 Taxes (9-01-17-001-002)	\$ <u>494.77</u>
____ Taxes (Collected at Tax Sale)	
Future Taxes (9-01-17-001-004)	
Municipal Redemption (9-01-17-004-001)	
Interest & Costs (9-01-08-112-000)	\$ <u>3,360.10</u>
Interest & Costs (Collected at Tax Sale)	
Return Ck. Fee (9-01-16-500-021)	\$ <u>20.00</u>
Tax Searches (9-01-08-105-010)	
Duplicate Bills (9-01-16-500-021)	\$ <u>3.00</u>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Party Red./Subs (9-01-17-004-002)	\$ <u>5,236.31</u>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Party Red. Int./Fees (9-01-17-004-003)	\$ <u>261.45</u>
Misc. Copies (9-01-16-500-021)	\$ <u>30.00</u>
Tax Sale Costs (9-01-17-001-005)	
Tax Sale Costs (Collected at Tax Sale)	
Tax Sale Premiums	
6% Delinquent Penalty (9-01-16-500-021)	
Tax Paid Certification	\$ <u>30.00</u>
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$ <u>163,303.52</u></b>
 <b><u>Total Receipts August 2008:</u></b>	 <b>\$ <u>157,674.71</u></b>

cc: Carolyn  
Monica  
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BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON  
FINANCE OFFICE

Finance Report for September 2009

Beginning Balance	8,947,384.25
Receipts	460,343.13
Disbursements	1,342,547.56
Ending Balance	<b>8,065,179.82</b>

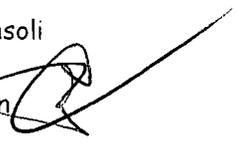


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## Memorandum

Date: 9-24-09

To: Maureen Cerasoli

From: Paul Nelson 

Cc: Mayor and Council

Subject: DPW Weekly Report for 9-18 to 9-24-2009

Trim back over growth of brush on Park Ave down to and around the corner of Arlington Ave up towards Howard Blvd to improve line of sight. Replaced stop sign and post on Park Ave @ Arlington Ave along with 2 do not enter signs on Arlington Ave section were it is one way off of Howard Blvd.

Quarterly town water meter readings were completed.

Damaged guardrail was repaired on Oneida by Benzel Dr. Bill will be submitted to the insurance company of the responsible party for reimbursement.

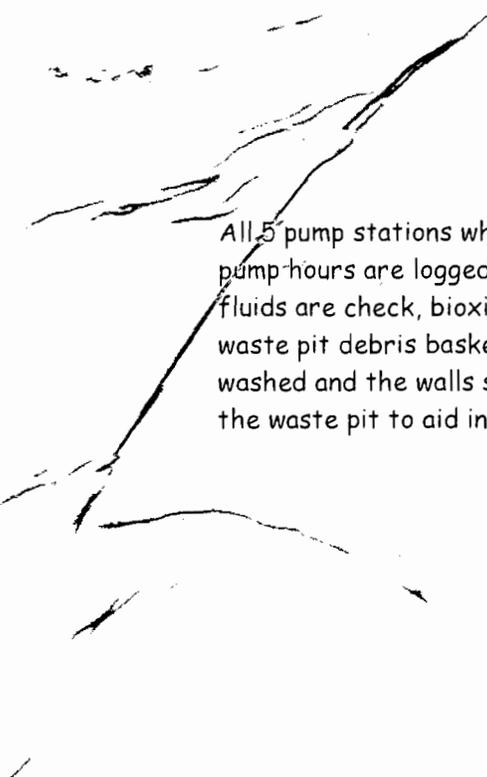
Rebuild 2 walls on a catch basin on a double catch basin at Henmar Dr and Eric Lane

Rebuilt collapsing catch basin on Eric Lane and installed 1inch catch basin riser to achieve proper slope for drainage.

Asphalted various pot holes in town and drainage trench in the parking lot at 404 Howard Blvd.

Delivered meals on wheels Monday and Thursday. There are 10 residents in the program with 41 meals being delivered on Mondays and 34 meals being delivered on Thursdays every week.

Cleaned and emptied office garbage cans at the Borough hall, civic center and the police station every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.



All 5 pump stations were inspected Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Every inspection day pump hours are logged, all alarms are inspected for proper operation, emergency generators fluids are checked, bioxide system is checked and gallons used and left in tank are logged, waste pit debris baskets are checked and cleaned if necessary. Every Friday waste pits are washed and the walls scraped down to remove grease then a degreasing agent is added to the waste pit to aid in the decomposition of grease that's builds up on the walls of the pit.

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## Memorandum

Date: 10-8-09

To: Maureen Cerasoli

From: Paul Nelson 

Cc: Mayor and Council

Subject: DPW Weekly Report for 10-2 to 10-8-2009

Started cleaning catch basins on Bertrand Island Area with the Vactor Truck.

Exercise and clean out water system gate valve boxes on McGregor Ave, James Drive, Cove Rd.

Replace starter motor on rack truck

Started pre season salt machine and plow checks and repairs and maintenance.

Removed and cut down multiple trees around town from wind storm.

Monthly water coli-form sampling was performed 2 samples from the main system and 1 sample from the Kadel system. At the same time the monthly Chlorine residuals were taken for both systems.

Install asphalt burm in Lake Rogerene section and repave road edge at Larson Ln and Howard Blvd

Install a new air conditioning condenser in police car #103

Saw cut asphalt around manholes on Richards Dr and Kadel Drive. Excavate old asphalt repair manhole risers as needed. Lay in new asphalt and compact to make a smooth transitions so snow plows will not get caught on manholes and possible cause damage to equipment.

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Mayor report for 10/13/09:

Since our meeting on Sept 14:

9/16- Attended the Morris County League of Municipalities fall meeting at the Lake Hopatcong Yacht Club. The topic of discussion was the H1N1 virus.

9/18- Attended the change of Command Ceremony at Picatinny arsenal.

9/20- Attended a fund raiser in Rockaway Twp.

9/21- Chaired Lake Hopatcong Commission meeting.

9/22- Councilwoman Galate, Superintendent Jameson and I spent the day in Trenton learning about the Mayors Book Club opportunity that Mount Arlington has been afforded the chance to be involved with. It was very interesting and I think it will be a great opportunity. More details will be forthcoming.

At lunchtime, while in Trenton, Councilwoman Galate and I also visited the DEP where we attended the NJ Wetlands Restoration Partnership awards lunch. We were there to see the Raritan Highlands Compact receive an award for the work with rain gardens. We will be seeing a rain garden installation at Mount Arlington School in the spring. All materials will be provided at no cost.

9/24- Attended Mayors Committee for Green Future Executive board meeting in New Brunswick.

9/25- Attended a wind energy symposium at Rutgers. I obtained some information about ordinances that we will need to get in place to proactively avoid problems in the future.

Came back to town and officiated a wedding ceremony at a private residence in town.

9/28- Attended a meeting with the Picatinny work group.

Attended a fund raiser in Hopatcong Borough

9/29- Attended a meeting of the League of Municipalities School Funding Action Planning meeting in Trenton. This is a committee put together to examine alternative ways to fund education outside of property taxes.

Per an invitation from Mayor DeFillipo, I attended a beefsteak dinner in Roxbury.

9/30- Attended a meeting in my office with JoAnne, Paul Nelson, Daren and the MUA to make sure our lines of communication are open. It was a productive meeting.

Attended a League of Municipalities Legislative Review Committee meeting in Princeton.

10/5- Attended a "Next Level" discussion meeting about Sustainable Jersey, with the Mayors Committee for a Green Future at the Bluestein School in New Brunswick.

10/6- Called into conference call with health representatives in Washington DC for a discussion with Mayors nationwide about H1N1

Officiated a wedding at Memorial Park for a local couple.

10/7- Called a meeting of the Mayors and Freeholder Administrators to discuss Lake Hopatcong.

10/8- Attended the Lt Governors Debate in Monmouth.

10/9- Attended a feedback session about Sustainable Jersey in New Brunswick. Many of the towns that went for certification came out to discuss what was good about the process and where changes need to be made.

10/10- Officiated a wedding at the Arlington.

Councilman Driscoll joined me in attending the Maplewood Green Fair.

Let me explain how I create this report each month. As you might expect, with my schedule it is difficult to remember all of my activities. I create this report by looking back over my calendar. What I don't log on my calendar are the many calls I receive from residents and professionals involving Borough activities. Let me give you a quick overview of the past couple of weeks from memory.

Residents from Lake Rogerene called about speeding vehicles.

Residents from Sandra drive called about speeding vehicles.

Resident from Succasunna Road called about paving the street.

Resident from Howard Blvd called about ongoing effort to control odor from sewer lines. We finally got that under control.

Resident from Howard Blvd called about having a paper street plowed and sanded come winter time.

Several residents called and emailed me about the sewer hook up situation in the newly sewerred North end of town.

Resident emailed me about trimming trees on Hover Dr.

Resident called me about a dead tree on McGregor.

Resident called me about a zoning issue on McGregor.

Resident called me about a zoning issue on Southard

Resident called me about a zoning issue on Bertrand Isl.

Resident called to ask me about installing benches on the newly reconstructed municipal dock

Resident called me about following up on an issue with the Streetscape project.

Resident called me about manhole covers on Howard Blvd  
I speak to JoAnne several times a day about the various projects going on in town and about other issues that arise on a day to day basis.

I spoke to our planner about upcoming needs.

I spoke to our attorney about many things going on around town.

I spoke to the newspapers about issues going on in town.

There are many others as well. I make it a point to get back to anyone who reaches out to me ASAP, usually within an hour or two. At most in 12-24 hours. I find out what they need and work on a solution and have most issues resolved in short order. Understand that this requires calls to our various department heads and our professionals. Sometimes it requires personal visits. I do also ride around town, especially where we have projects going on, several times a week. It takes a lot of time to keep on top of what goes on. I guess my over 30 years in the customer service business has helped me be organized and responsive. Over my career there have been those few whom are just not satisfied no matter what I have done to try to help them. I love a challenge and really try hard to bring someone around and make them happy. Thank goodness they are very few and far between. Most people appreciate when someone goes out of their way to help them. In the case of these people, I work with them for as long as I can and then have to move on and understand that there was nothing more I could do.