

**BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 7, 2012**

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 Daily Record and the Roxbury Register on December 22, 2011; notice was posted on the bulletin board in the main hallway of the Municipal Building on December 14, 2011, has been available to the public, and 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.

*This Meeting shall conclude no later than 10:30 p.m. If business is to be conducted past 10:30 p.m., a Motion by the Council must be passed in order to exceed the time limit.

3. Flag Salute

The Mayor asked for a moment of silence to remember our troops and those who put themselves in harm's way to protect our freedom, including the Police Officers of Mount Arlington.

4. Roll Call

Councilwoman Danchuk, Council President Sorge, Councilman Sadow, Councilman Cangiano, Councilman Windish, Councilman Stanzilis, Mayor Ondish. Carolyn Rinaldi, Municipal Administrator, and Matthew O'Donnell, Esq., Borough Attorney, were also present.

5. Presentations/Mayor's Appointments

1. Proclamation Endorsing March 2, 2012 as NEA's Read Across America-NJ.
Mayor Ondish read the Proclamation into the record.
2. Proclamation Endorsing February 3, 2012 as the American Heart Association's National Wear Red Day for Women.
Mayor Ondish acknowledged the importance of this Proclamation Endorsing February 3, 2012 as the American Heart Association's National Wear Red for Women Day. In addition the Mayor's Wellness Committee is also supporting this effort.
3. Library Board of Trustees Appointments:
The Library Board of Trustees is made up of citizens and they have added two individuals to the Board. Mayor Ondish appointed:
 - John Driscoll, 5 year term, expires 12/31/2016
 - Sheila Studint, 5 year term, expires 12/31/2016
 In addition Mayor Ondish reappointed his Library Board Alternate to a member of Council, appointing Council President Sorge.

6. Utility Receipt Report for the Month of December, 2011.

The Clerk read the Utility Receipt Report for December, 2011 into the record.
Grand Total: \$83,061.65

Tax Collector's Report for the Month of December, 2011

The Clerk read the Tax Collector's Report for December, 2011 into the record.

Total Receipts: \$284,130.47

7. Finance Report for the Month of December, 2011

The Clerk read the Finance Report for December, 2011 into the record.

Total Receipts: \$ 501,237.31

Total Disbursements: \$1,372,421.48

8. Approval of Minutes

November 22, 2011 Regular Meeting

Motion to Approve: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Stanzilis

Roll Call:

Aye: Danchuk, Council President Sorge, Sadow, Cangiano,
Windish, Stanzilis

None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

December 13, 2011 Regular Meeting

Motion to Approve: Councilman Windish

Second: Council President Sorge

Roll Call:

Aye: Danchuk, Council President Sorge, Sadow, Cangiano,
Windish, Stanzilis

None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

January 3, 2012 Re-Organization Meeting

Motion to Approve: Councilman Sadow

Second: Council President Sorge

Roll Call:

Aye: Danchuk, Council President Sorge, Sadow, Cangiano,
Windish, Stanzilis

None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

January 17, 2012 Regular Meeting 5:00 p.m.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Cangiano

Second: Council President Sorge

Roll Call:

Aye: Danchuk, Sadow, Cangiano, Windish

Abstain: Council President Sorge and Councilman Stanzilis

None Opposed.

Motion Approved:

January 17, 2012 Special Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Cangiano

Second: Councilman Sadow

Roll Call:

Aye: Danchuk, Sadow, Cangiano, Windish

Abstain: Council President Sorge and Councilman Stanzilis

None Opposed.

Motion Approved:

9. Mayor's Report

- The Mayor read his report into the record.

- Council discussed the memorial plaque dedication for Jack Richards; the issue will be further discussed between the Council and the Library Board.

10. Council Committee Reports

Councilwoman Danchuk

- Councilwoman Danchuk commented on the new Police Car.

Council President Sorge

- Council President Sorge mentioned that he was unable to attend meetings this month because of his personal loss and thanked all who reached out to him during this most difficult time.

Councilman Sadow

- Councilman Sadow reported that the DPW is well within their budget for sand, grit and salt. Councilman Sadow stated the October 29th storm clean up material came from the 2011 budget and the replenishment is well within the 2012 budget.

Councilman Stanzilis

- Councilman Stanzilis stated he had the opportunity to read to his son's class for the Read Across America effort last year and highly recommended Council participation.

Councilman Windish

- Councilman Windish reported that the kindergarten through sixth grade recreation programs remain strong; growth in the munchkins and toddler age groups are picking up as well as the adult programs. Councilman Windish said Recreation needs additional fields for playing time.
- Two capital improvement projects are underway - the beach project and the Fireman's Field lighting project. Councilman Sadow asked how much of the increase in enrollment in the Recreation programs come as a direct result from the programs cut by the school. Councilman Windish said the Recreation Committee has not qualified the recreation enrollment but felt the increase was due to school cuts. A discussion was held regarding the availability of the local school gyms and school fields. Councilman Windish suggested a committee be formed with representatives from the Council and Board, to look into the issues regarding the local fields.

Councilman Cangiano

- Councilman Cangiano reported that our new Tax Department Assistant started recently. Councilman Cangiano asked to review copies of the DPW resumes Paul Nelson has chosen.

11. Municipal Administrator's Report

On-line tax and utility payments

Carolyn Rinaldi reported that Edmund's and Associates is the provider of the program currently used for the Borough's financial programs and suggested it would be the most effective and efficient method for on-line payment of taxes/utilities. The Borough will pay an annual fee totaling \$2400.00; the residents using this service will be charged a transaction fee. A suggestion was made that a link should be made from the Borough's web site to Edmund's with a notation indicating that the Borough is not keeping the transaction fee.

Lifeguards

Carolyn Rinaldi will start the process of advertising and hiring lifeguards.

Seminar/Meeting Cancellation Policy

Carolyn Rinaldi reminded Council the bills associated with seminars and meetings are paid regardless of attendance; the Borough has to pay whether you attend or not.

Memorial Day Parade

Carolyn Rinaldi reported that since the Recreation Commission would like to get involved in activities outside sporting events, she asked Council if they could help with the Memorial Day Parade; Council approved.

Website

Carolyn Rinaldi wanted to clarify that all website related information go to the Clerk and the Mayor for approval.

Other Municipal Administrator Discussions:

- March 7th is the projected budget introduction date; Budget Committee meetings must be scheduled prior to March 7th.

- The Green Acres resolution is on for approval at tonight's meeting; an extensive grant list has been developed for Bruno Associates.
- The School Board elections have been moved to November by resolution adopted by the School Board. The public will not vote on the school budget unless it exceeds the 2% CAP; if it is over the 2% CAP, a referendum would be held in early 2013. Councilman Sadow asked if the School Board's Budget would be reduced by the amount it costs to run an election. Board Member Sheila Studint was in attendance and indicated this issue would be discussed further at the next School Board meeting.
- Carolyn Rinaldi reported she and Mayor Ondish met with a group of Borough eighth grade students to discuss the possibility of a youth center. There were no commitments made by the Borough but both the Mayor and Ms. Rinaldi were encouraged by the effort and enthusiasm these young students brought to the meeting.

12. Public Comment

Andrea Dealmagro, 17 Skidmore Trail, Hopatcong:

- Ms. Dealmagro, a retired chemist, raised the issue related to hydraulic fracking and its impact on water quality. Ms. Dealmagro requested that the Borough, as well as other municipalities, develop a resolution against the fracking process.

13. New Business

None.

14. Old Business

None.

15. Resolutions

2012-37 Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, In the County of Morris, New Jersey, Approving the Check Register Dated February 7, 2012.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Sadow

Second: Council President Sorge

Roll Call:

Aye: Danchuk, Council President Sorge, Sadow, Cangiano, Windish, Stanzilis

None Opposed

Motion Approved

2012-38 Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, In the County of Morris, New Jersey, Hiring Lisbeth Karpman as Part-time Recreation Commission Secretary.

Motion to Approve: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Sadow

Roll Call:

Aye: Danchuk, Council President Sorge, Sadow, Cangiano, Windish, Stanzilis

None Opposed

Motion Approved

2012-39 Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, In the County of Morris, New Jersey, Regarding the Lake Hopatcong Commission.

Motion to Approve: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Stanzilis

The Mayor explained the purpose of this resolution is to keep the lake maintenance process and equipment with the local communities.

Roll Call:

Aye: Cangiano, Windish, Stanzilis, Ondish

Nay: Danchuk, Council President Sorge, Sadow

Aye: Mayor Ondish
Motion Approved

- 2012-40** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, In the County of Morris, New Jersey, Authorizing an Agreement with the NJDEP-Green Acres Program, Requesting Funding for the Mount Arlington Public Beach Park Improvements Project, Phase 4.

Motion to Approve: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Sadow

Carolyn Rinaldi explained this resolution allows the Borough to submit a Green Acres application to fund Phase 4 of the beach project; the Green Acres application is a 2% loan with no obligations, not a grant. Councilman Sadow expressed concerns related to the adjacent beach properties and definition of the property borders; the Borough Attorney will look into this matter.

Roll Call:

Aye: Danchuk, Council President Sorge, Sadow, Cangiano, Windish, Stanzilis

None Opposed

Motion Approved

Mayor Ondish presented a resolution to Council urging support of a job fair for military veterans to be held at Giant Stadium; Council agreed to wait until the February 21, 2012 Council meeting to approve this resolution.

The Clerk advised Council that she now receives the NJLM Mayor's Advisories via e-mail; Council requested they be distributed with the Communications packages.

16. Ordinances – Introduction

- 03-12** Ordinance of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, To Amend and Supplement the Code of the Borough of Mount Arlington, Chapter XII, Salaries, Personnel and Standards.

The Mayor read Ordinance 03-12 by Title.

Councilman Cangiano stated that Ordinance 03-12 be introduced by Title and passed on First Reading and that a meeting be held on March 6, 2012 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: Councilman Stanzilis.

Roll Call:

Aye: Danchuk, Council President Sorge, Sadow, Cangiano, Windish, Stanzilis.

None Opposed

Motion Approved.

- 04-12** Ordinance of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Adopting a Redevelopment Plan for Block 61, Lots 42.01 and 42.02 in the Borough of Mount Arlington.

The Mayor read Ordinance 04-12 by Title.

Councilman Sadow stated that Ordinance 04-12 be introduced by Title and passed on First Reading and that a meeting be held on March 6, 2012 at 7:00 pm 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 Sorge

Roll Call:

Aye: Council President Sorge, Sadow, Windish, Stanzilis

Abstain: Danchuk, Cangiano

None Opposed

Motion approved

17. Ordinances – Second Reading

None.

18. Executive Session

2012-41 Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, Authorizing An Executive Session of the Mayor and Borough Council and Excluding the Public from That Portion of the Meeting.

Executive Topics: Collective Bargaining Discussion
Attorney Client Privilege
Personnel Matter

Motion to Go Into Executive Session: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Stanzilis

All in Favor – Aye.

None Opposed.

Motion Approved

Motion to Return to Open Session: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Cangiano

All in Favor – Aye.

None Opposed.

Motion Approved

Added Resolution

2012-42 Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, In the County of Morris, New Jersey, Authorizing Payment in the Amount of \$4286.25 In Order to Comply With the Court Order Issued Under GRC No.:2008-80 and Appellate Division Docket No.: A-004501-09T2.

Motion to Approve: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Sadow

Roll Call:

Aye: Danchuk, Council President Sorge, Sadow, Cangiano, Windish,
Stanzilis

None: Opposed

Motion Approved

19. Adjourn

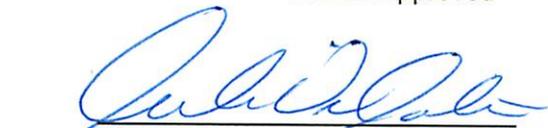
Motion to Adjourn: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Windish

All in Favor – Aye.

None Opposed.

Motion Approved



Linda DeSantis, RMC
Borough Clerk

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UTILITY RECEIPT REPORT FOR
MONTH OF DECEMBER 2011

<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>COLLECTED IN DECEMBER 2010</u>
\$ 7,075.04	SOLID WASTE RECEIPTS	\$ 12,253.12
\$ 57,555.44	SEWER RECEIPTS	\$ 23,742.00
\$ 9,506.17	WATER RECEIPTS (WATER REPAIR RECEIPTS INCLUDED IN WATER RECEIPT TOTAL)	\$ 7,016.69
\$ 8,925.00	(TRUST ACCT) SEWER CONN FEE INSTALL PLAN	\$ 7,650.00
\$ 83,061.65	GRAND TOTAL	\$ 50,661.81

Completed By Patricia E. Simari, CTC *PS*

cc: Mayor & Council
C. Rinaldi
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BOROUGH OF MT. ARLINGTON
TAX & UTILITY OFFICE

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

The Month of December 2011

Dated January 12, 2012

Completed By Patricia E. Simari, CTC

PS

Collections:

Current Taxes (1-01-17-001-001)	\$ <u>138,872.06</u>
2010 Taxes (1-01-17-001-003)	
2010 Taxes (Collected at Tax Sale)	
Pre-Paid Taxes (1-01-17-001-004)	\$ <u>125,925.39</u>
Municipal Redemption (1-01-17-004-001)	\$ <u>5,336.84</u>
Interest & Costs (1-01-08-112-000)	\$ <u>3,981.88</u>
Interest & Costs (Collected at Tax Sale)	
Return Ck. Fee (1-01-16-500-017)	\$ <u>20.00</u>
Tax Searches (1-01-08-105-010)	
Duplicate Bills (1-01-16-500-016)	\$ <u>15.00</u>
3 rd Party Red./Subs (1-01-17-004-002)	\$ <u>6,466.56</u>
3 rd Party Red. Int. (1-01-17-004-003)	\$ <u>306.24</u>
3 rd Party Rec. Fee. (1-01-17-004-003)	\$ <u>156.00</u>
Misc. Copies (1-01-16-500-017)	\$ <u>.50</u>
Tax Sale Costs (1-01-16-500-018)	
Tax Sale Costs (Collected at Tax Sale)	
Tax Sale Premiums (Trust Account)	
6% Delinquent Penalty (1-01-16-500-025)	
Tax Paid Certification	
Redemption Calculation Fee	\$ <u>50.00</u>
Total Receipts	\$ <u>281,130.47</u>
<u>Total Receipts December 2010:</u>	<u>\$ 133,599.65</u>

cc: C. Rinaldi
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BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON
FINANCE DEPARTMENT

DECEMBER 2011 MONTHLY REPORT

RECEIPTS	501,237.31
DISBURSEMENTS	1,372,421.48

Mayor report for 2/7/12

Since our meeting on December 13, 2011:

12/20/11- The Raritan Highlands Compac was dissolved. All assets were transferred to the North Jersey Resource Conservation and Development Council ("RC&D).

1/24/12- Had the opportunity to meet with Senator Sweeney's office to discuss issues with a shared service bill that is going to be before the legislature. This is actually a bill from last legislative session that did not make it onto the floor S2794. It is now being recycled and modified and is S2. Please keep an eye on information coming out about this bill.

1/24/12- Attended library Trustee meeting. It was decided to expand the board to include two additional trustees. Also changed my alternate to Bob Sorge. The board also felt it inappropriate to install a plaque dedicating any part of the library to Jack Richards. They felt that the library was in Jack's wife Pegs honor and that is how Jack would have wanted it to stay. They suggest we do something maybe at Memorial Park like we did for Al Ferrara.

1/25/12- Officiated a wedding at Boro Hall

1/25/12- Attended Land Use Reorg meeting

1/26-27/12- Attended the State Chamber Walk to Washington Train trip.

1/30/12- I, along with Mayor Petillo from Hopatcong and Mayor Hall from Roxbury, attended St Theresa's Catholic celebration week and read to some of the students. I read to 2nd graders. It is always a great experience to spend some time with the young children in our schools. They are so much fun and it is always interesting the questions they ask.

The last couple weeks in my role as President of the NJLOM I have had the privilege of meeting with many of the Commissioners in the Christie administration. It has been a great experience learning about the each of the different departments and what issues they face.

So far I have met with the Brigadier General Cunniff for the National Guard, BPU President Hanna, Lt Governor Guidagno, Commissioner Blake from Children and Family Services, and Secretary Fisher from the Department of Agriculture. I have many more meetings to attend.

2/2/12- I attended the Morris County Chamber Dinner at the Hanover Marriott. Keynote speaker was Gov Jeb Bush. He was very interesting and focused on our need to change the education system across our country. He cited very good results in Florida during his tenure.

2/6/12- Congressman Lance came to visit. This was a chance for him and me to get to know each other a little better and to learn more about Mt Arlington. He is now our Congressman due to the redistricting. It was a nice visit. I

invited Carolyn to join us until she has to attend interviews with Paul Nelson for the open DPW position.

Tomorrow is Mayors Legislative Day in Trenton. It should be a very interesting day. The event is sold out. We will be presenting BettyLou DeCroce a League Resolution honoring her late Husband and late Assembly Minority leader Alex in between all of the other activity.

Next Wed we have our Morris County League of Municipalities reorganization meeting at Birchwood Manor. I will be turning the gavel over to Bob Birmingham, Councilman in Jefferson Twp. It is amazing how fast those two years of being President went by. This is our largest meeting of the year with an update from Bill Dressel, Executive Director of the State League.

On February 18 at the Venetian in Garfield, I will be honored as League President, on behalf of the League of Municipalities, along with several others by DARE for our strong support of the DARE program.