

**BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON  
REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 3, 2012**

**1. Call to Order**

**2. Roll Call**

Councilwoman Danchuk, Councilman Sorge, Councilman Windish, Mayor Ondish. Elizabeth Valandingham, Borough Attorney, was also present.

- 3. 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 December 22, 2011; notice was posted on the bulletin board in the main hallway of the Municipal Building on December 14, 2011 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.

**4. Flag Salute**

**5. Certification of Election**

The Clerk read the Certification of Election into the record.

**6. Swearing in of New Council Members**

The Mayor asked Council Member Elect Stephen Sadow and Council Member Elect Michael Stanzilis to step forward to be sworn in to serve 3-year terms on the Borough Council ending December 31, 2014.

The Borough Attorney administered the Oath of Office and the Council Members took their places on the dais.

The Mayor asked Council Member Elect Andrew Cangiano to please step forward to be sworn in to serve a 2-year unexpired term on the Borough Council ending December 31, 2013.

The Borough Attorney administered the Oath of Office and Councilman Cangiano took his place on the dais.

**7. Roll Call of the 2012 Council Members**

Councilwoman Danchuk, Councilman Sorge, Councilman Sadow, Councilman Cangiano, Councilman Windish, Councilman Stanzilis, Mayor Ondish.

**8. Invocation**

Pastor Roy Roderick led the audience in prayer and delivered the Invocation.

**9. Guests in Audience**

Mayor Ondish recognized some of our guests in the audience.

**10. Nomination of Council President for 2012**

Motion to Nominate Councilman Sorge as Council President for 2012: Councilman Windish

Second: Councilman Cangiano

Roll Call:

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

None Opposed.

Motion Approved

**11. Mayor's Address**

The Mayor read his address into the record.

**12. Appointments:****Borough Officials**

The Mayor recommended appointment of the following Borough Officials:

Pension Certifying Official	Terry Smith - 1-year term
	Treasurer
DPW Supervisor	Paul Nelson - 1-year term

Motion to Approve: Councilman Sadow

Second: Councilman Windish

Roll Call:

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

Nay: None

Motion Approved

**Professional Services**

The Mayor recommended the following appointments for a 1-year term:

Borough Attorney	Matthew J. O'Donnell, Esq.
Borough Auditor	Nisivoccia LLP
Borough Bond Counsel	John Hudak, Esq.
Borough Engineer	Suburban Consulting Engineers
Borough Planner	George Ritter
Borough Special Counsel	Fred Semrau, Esq.
Borough Special Bond Counsel	John M. Cantalupo, Esq.
Budget Consultant	Joseph Kovalcik
Grant Consultants	Bruno Associates, Inc.
Land Use Board Attorney	Michael Selvaggi, Esq.
Stormwater Management Consultant	Suburban Consulting Engineers
Tax Appeal Appraiser	Scott Holzhauer, CTA, SCGREA
Zoning Official, Technical Assistant, Land Use Board Secretary	Suburban Consulting Engineers

Motion to Approve: Councilman Stanzilis

Second: Councilman Windish

Roll Call:

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion Approved

### Mayor's Appointments

The Mayor recommended the following appointments for a 1-year term:

Tax Search Officer	Patricia Simari
Assessment Search Officer	Linda DeSantis
Clean Communities Coordinator	Paul Nelson
Recycling Coordinator	Paul Nelson
Sussex County Water Quality Mgmt. Plan Policy Advisory Committee (PAC)	
Historian	Doug Zellman
County Open Space Committee	Virginia Rooney
Licensed Water Operator	Councilwoman Danchuk
Police Matron	Paul Nelson
League of Municipalities Rep.	Valerie Kourtz
Liaison to the Board of Education	Mayor Arthur Ondish
Liaison to the Board of Health	Councilman Stanzilis
Liaison to the Seniors Club	Councilman Cangiano
Borough Pastor	Councilman Sadow
MCJIF Commissioner	Pastor Roy Roderick
Alternate I	Carolyn Rinaldi
Public Safety Coordinator:	Councilman Cangiano
Public Safety Coordinator:	Police Chief Keith Licata
Public Safety Clerk:	Paul Nelson
Public Safety Clerk:	Patricia Simari
OEM Coordinator:	Terry Smith
Deputy OEM Coordinator:	Police Chief Keith Licata
Deputy OEM Coordinator:	Chief John Morsch
Deputy OEM Coordinator:	Paul Nelson
CDRS Representative by Mayor:	Patricia Simari
CDRS Alt. Rep. by Mayor:	Brian Kincaid
Temporary Chief Financial Officer	Mayor Arthur Ondish
	Carolyn Rinaldi

Motion to Approve: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Windish

Roll Call:

Aye: Danchuk, Council President Sorge, Sadow, Cangiano, Windish, Stanzilis  
None Opposed.

Motion Approved

#### **13. Council's Appointment to CDRS (1-year term)**

Motion to Nominate Council President Sorge: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Cangiano

Roll Call:

Aye: Danchuk, Council President Sorge, Sadow, Cangiano, Windish, Stanzilis  
None Opposed.

Motion Approved

#### **14. Council Committee Appointments**

The Mayor asked for confirmation of the following appointments to Chair the Council Committees for the Year 2012:

**Finance:**

Chair: Councilman Stanzilis

Members: Danchuk, Sadow

**Police:**

Chair: Councilwoman Danchuk

Members: Stanzilis, Windish

**Personnel & Public Relations:**

Chair: Councilman Cangiano

Members: Sorge, Windish

**Fire, Rescue & OEM:**

Chair: Council President Sorge

Members: Sadow, Cangiano

**Parks & Recreation:**

Chair: Councilman Windish

Members: Cangiano, Danchuk

**DPW, Buildings, Grounds & Utilities:**

Chair: Councilman Sadow

Members: Sorge, Stanzilis

Motion to Approve: Councilman Sadow

Second: Council President Sorge

Roll Call:

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

None Opposed.

Motion Approved

**15. Fire Department Officers & Fire Official**

The Mayor recommended appointment of the following to the Fire Department as Officers for January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012 (1-year term):

Fire Chief: John Morsch

Assistant Chief: Steve Norman

Captain: Brian Shatzel

Lieutenant: Aitor Ostolaza

Engineer: Nick Lima

Motion to Approve: Councilman Stanzilis

Second: Councilman Sadow

Roll Call:

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

None Opposed.

Motion Approved

Mayor Ondish asked those present to come forward and take their Oath of Office, administered by the Borough Attorney.

The Mayor recommended the appointment of the **New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Division of Fire and Safety**, as the **Fire Official** for the Year 2012 (1-year term)

Motion to Approve: Councilman Cangiano

Second: Councilman Stanzilis

Roll Call:

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

None Opposed.

Motion Approved

**16. Council's Appointment to the Land Use Board**

Motion to Nominate Councilman Windish as a Class III Member of the Land Use Board for the Year 2012: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Cangiano

Roll Call:

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

None Opposed.

Motion Approved

**17. Land Use Board Members**

The Mayor recommended the following appointments to the Land Use Board:

Class I Member - Mayor Arthur Ondish (1-year term, expires 12/31/12)

Class II Member - Carolyn Rinaldi, Borough Employee (1-year term, expires 12/31/12)

Class III Member – Councilman Windish (1-year term, expires 12/31/12)

Class IV Member - Marguerite Wilson (2-year term, expires 12/31/13)

Motion to Approve: Councilman Windish

Second: Councilman Stanzilis

Roll Call:

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

None Opposed.

Motion Approved

**18. Library Board of Trustees**

The Mayor recommended John Driscoll as Mayor's Alternate to the Library Board of Trustees for the Year 2012.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Stanzilis

Second: Council President Sorge

Roll Call:

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

None Opposed.

Motion Approved

The Mayor recommended Anna Travers as Library Trustee (5 year term, began 01/01/11 – expires 12/31/15)

Motion to Approve: Councilman Sadow

Second: Councilman Windish

Roll Call:

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

None Opposed.

Motion Approved

**19. Board of Health**

The Mayor recommended appointment of the following to the Board of Health:

Patricia Simari, Board of Health Administrator (1-year term, expires 12/31/12).

Anne Puskas, Member (3-year term, expires 12/31/14)

Roy Morance, Member (3-year term, expires 12/31/14)

Motion to Approve: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Cangiano

Roll Call:

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

None Opposed

Motion Approved

## 20. Board of Recreation Commission:

The Mayor recommended the following appointments to the Board of Recreation Commission; appointed members do not have to take an oath, but I ask that they please stand up to be recognized after confirmation of their appointments.

David Karpman, Full Member (1-year term, expires 12/31/12)

Jacquelyn Coy, Full Member (2-year term, expires 12/31/13)

Ruth Stone, Full Member (filling unexpired 4-year term, expires 12/31/13)

Brenda Temple, Full Member (filling unexpired 5-year term, expires 12/31/14)

Sharon McDonald, Full Member (filling unexpired 3-year term, expires 12/31/12)

Emil Cardona, Full Member (filling unexpired 3-year term, expires 12/31/13)

James Matthews, Full Member (2-year term, expires 12/31/13)

Paul Teodorescu, Alternate Member #1 (filling unexpired 2-year term, expires 12/31/12)

Holly Tappen Bisson, Alternate Member #2 (2-year term, expires 12/31/13)

Motion to Approve: Councilman Windish

Second: Council President Sorge

Roll Call:

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

None Opposed

Motion Approved

## 21. Lake Hopatcong Water Level Management Plan Review Committee

The Mayor recommended appointment of the following to the Lake Hopatcong Water Level Management Plan Review Committee:

Borough Representative: William Doran.

Borough Alternate Representative: Councilman Cangiano.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Sadow

Second: Councilman Windish: Seconds

Roll Call:

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

None Opposed

Motion Approved

## 22. Lake Hopatcong Commission

The Mayor recommended the appointment of the following to the Lake Hopatcong Commission:

Borough Representative: Anne Pravs, (2-year term, expires 12/31/12).

Borough Alternate Representative: Tom Foley, (2- year term, expires 12/31/12).

Motion to Approve: Councilman Windish

Second: Council President Sorge

Roll Call:

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

None Opposed

Motion Approved

### 23. Advisory Council Appointments

The Mayor stated that the Advisory Council appointed members do not have to take an oath, but I ask that they please stand up to be recognized after confirmation of their appointments. Their appointments are for a 1-year term.

The Mayor recommended the following appointments:

#### **Board of Education Working Committee**

Councilman Stanzilis, Chair

Council President Sorge

Councilman Sadow

#### **Building Committee**

Councilman Cangiano, Chair

Councilman Sadow

Councilman Stanzilis

Daren Phil

Paul Nelson

Maureen Cerasoli

Council President Sorge, Alternate

Carolyn Rinaldi

#### **Citizens Financial Advisory Committee**

Councilman Sadow, Chair

Councilman Cangiano

Roy Morance

Joanne Wiseberg

Sheila Studint

Andrew Danchuk

Nancy Absalon

Carolyn Rinaldi

#### **Community Emergency Response Team**

Chief Keith Licata

Fred Huykman, RACES

Ken Eicher, SARA

Lorraine Dzidual

Beth Ward

Bob Vanzee

Louis Wasas

Terry Dominick

**Green Team Committee**  
 Councilman Cangiano, Chair  
 Councilman Stanzilis  
 Daren Phil  
 Paul Nelson  
 George Cicero, Sr.  
 George Cicero, Jr.  
 Patti DiGeronimo  
 Frank Hughes  
 Lou DiFiore  
 David Karpman  
 Jane Jameson  
 Jacquelyn Coy  
 Darlene Kadel  
 Jonathan Smith  
 Marie Rotondella  
 Heidi Roldan  
 MAPS Student, to be named  
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**Landfill Committee**  
 Mayor Ondish  
 Councilman Sadow  
 Wendy Maler

**Master Plan Committee**  
 Mayor Ondish  
 Councilman Stanzilis  
 Councilman Cangiano  
 Councilman Sadow  
 Maureen Cerasoli  
 Daren Phil  
 Michael Selvaggi  
 George Ritter  
 Carolyn Rinaldi

**Mayor's Wellness Committee**  
 Councilman Stanzilis  
 Laura O'Reilly Stanzilis  
 Marie Rotondella  
 James Matthews  
 Judy Loughridge  
 LeeAnn Phil

**Technology Committee**  
 Councilman Windish, Chair  
 Councilman Sadow  
 Council President Sorge, Alternate  
 Police Chief Keith Licata  
 Fire Chief John Morsch  
 John Driscoll

**Water & Sewer Committee**

Councilwoman Danchuk, Chair  
 Councilman Windish  
 Councilman Stanzilis  
 Paul Nelson  
 Daren Phil  
 Maureen Cerasoli  
 Andrew Holt  
 Councilman Cangiano, Alternate  
 Carolyn Rinaldi, Rec. Sec'y

**Zoning Committee**

Council President Sorge, Chair  
 Councilman Stanzilis  
 Councilman Windish  
 Councilman Cangiano, Alternate  
 Joseph Weaver  
 Maureen Cerasoli  
 Mike Selvaggi, Esq.  
 Carolyn Rinaldi

Motion to Approve: Councilman Windish

Second: Councilman Sadow

Roll Call:

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

None Opposed

Motion Approved

**24. Borough Employees**

The Mayor recommended the continued employment of all Borough Employees who were on the payroll on December 31, 2011, except for any employees whose services with the Borough may have been terminated at or on December 31, 2011.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Sadow

Second: Council President Sorge

Roll Call:

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

None Opposed.

Motion Approved

**25. Council Meeting Dates for 2012**

The Mayor stated the Open Public Meetings Law, which is commonly referred to as the "Sunshine Law," establishes the right of all citizens to have adequate advance notice of all public meetings and the right to attend meetings at which any business affecting the public is discussed or acted upon.

It also requires the official announcement during the first ten days of the New Year of all the official meeting dates. The Council Meetings will commence at **7:00 p.m.** All Meetings will be held at the Municipal Building, 419 Howard Boulevard, Mount Arlington, New Jersey. We have scheduled the Council Meetings as follows:

Tuesday, January 3 Reorganization Meeting

Tuesday, July 10

Tuesday, January 17

Tuesday, February 7

Tuesday, August 7

Tuesday, February 21

Tuesday, March 6  
 Tuesday, March 20  
 Tuesday, April 3  
 Tuesday, April 24  
 Tuesday, May 1  
 Tuesday, May 15 – 10:00 a.m.  
 Tuesday, June 12  
 Tuesday, June 26

Tuesday, September 4  
 Tuesday, September 18  
 Tuesday, October 2  
 Tuesday, October 16  
**Monday**, November 5  
 Tuesday, November 27  
 Tuesday, December 4  
 Tuesday, December 18

The Mayor stated he thought it would be useful to mention at this time that the law specifies nine exceptions to the requirement for admitting the public to meetings. They are:

- (1) Matters ruled confidential by law.
- (2) Matters which would impair monies.
- (3) Matters constituting invasion of individual privacy.
- (4) Matters involving collective bargaining including negotiations.
- (5) Tactics and techniques involving protection, public safety and property and investigations of possible violations.
- (6) Matters involving acquisition of real property and investment of funds.
- (7) Litigation, contract negotiations, or matters involving attorney client relationship.
- (8) Personnel matters: hiring, firing, discipline, etc.
- (9) Deliberations after public hearing that may result in civil penalty or loss of license or permit.

## 26. Public Comment

None.

## 27. Resolutions

The Mayor stated the following resolutions have been referred to Members of the Borough Council for reading and study and are considered to be routine in nature and will be enacted by one motion of the Borough Council with no separate discussion. If separate discussion is desired, the resolution may be removed and subject to a separate roll call.

### Resolutions

- 2012-01** Resolution Establishing the Rate of Interest on Delinquent Municipal Charges for the Year 2012.
- 2012-02** Resolution To Allow Cancellation of Tax and Utility Overpayments or Delinquent Amounts Less than \$10.00 for the Year 2012.
- 2012-03** Resolution Authorizing a Tax Sale to Be Held in the Year 2012.
- 2012-04** Resolution Designating Official Newspapers of the Borough.
- 2012-05** Resolution Authorizing the Official Depositories of the Borough.
- 2012-06** Resolution 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.
- 2012-07** Resolution Authorizing Signatures on Payroll and Other Checks.
- 2012-08** Resolution Authorizing Municipal Attorney and Special Counsel to Undertake Certain Actions on Behalf of the Borough on Recommendation of the Tax Assessor.
- 2012-09** Resolution Appointing Rich Allocca, Advent Insurance Services, Inc., as the Borough's Risk Management Consultant.
- 2012-10** Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Risk Management Consultant's Agreement.
- 2012-11** Resolution Appointing Morris County Joint Insurance Fund Commissioner and Alternate I Member for the Borough of Mount Arlington.

- 2012-12 Resolution Adopting a Form Required To Be Used for the Filing of Notices of Tort Claims Against the Borough of Mount Arlington.
- 2012-13 Resolution Supporting the Lake Hopatcong Commission.
- 2012-14 Resolution Supporting and Participating in the Volunteer Tuition Credit Program (P.L. 1998, C. 145).
- 2012-15 Resolution Authorizing Professional Services Contracts for the Calendar Year 2012.
- 2012-16 Resolution Appointing the Local Emergency Planning Council.
- 2012-17 Resolution Recommending Lisa C. Thompson, Esq. Be Appointed Chief Prosecutor and Douglas Cabana, Esq. Be Appointed Prosecutor of the Joint Court of Dover.
- 2012-18 Resolution Recommending Dave Pennella, Esq. Be Appointed Chief Public Defender and Gerald Kelly, Esq. Be Appointed Public Defender of the Joint Court of Dover.
- 2012-19 Resolution Authorizing Creation of Community Emergency Response Team.
- 2012-20 Resolution Amending Petty Cash.
- 2012-21 Resolution Authorizing Temporary Appropriations for Operating Purposes.

Motion to Approve Resolution 2012-01 through 2012-21 By Consent: Councilman Windish  
 Second: Council President Sorge

Roll Call:

Aye: Danchuk, Council President Sorge, Sadow, Cangiano, Windish, Stanzilis  
 None Opposed.

Motion Approved

## 28. Adjourn

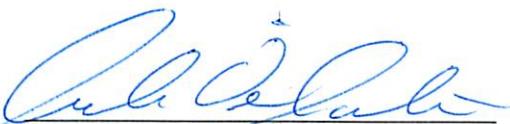
Motion to Adjourn: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Windish

All in Favor: Aye

None Opposed

Motion Approved



Linda DeSantis, R.M.C.  
 Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved at Council Meeting of February 7, 2012.

# STATEMENT OF DETERMINATION

A STATEMENT of Determination of the BOARD OF CANVASSERS, relative to an Election held in the BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON County of Morris and State of New Jersey, for the election of certain Municipal Officers for the Municipality on the 8th day of November, 2011.

The said Board does determine that at the said election:

NAME	OFFICE	TERM
Stephen W. Sadow	Borough Council	3 Years
Michael Stanzilis	Borough Council	3 Years
Andrew Cangiano	Borough Council	2 Year Unexpired

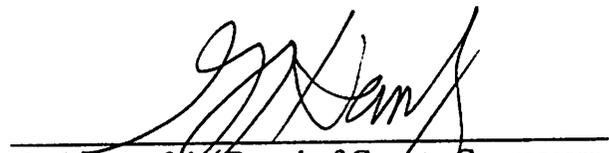
was or were duly elected to the office and for the term above set forth.

I DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true, full and correct statement of the determination of the Board of Canvassers therein mentioned.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 16th day of November, 2011.

Attest:

  
Joan Bramhall  
Morris County Clerk

  
Chairman of the Board of County Canvassers  
George T. Hanley

STATE of NEW JERSEY,  
COUNTY of MORRIS

I, Joan Bramhall, Clerk of the County of Morris, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, full and correct copy of the statement of the determination of the Board of County Canvassers relative to an election held in the Municipality or Political Subdivision thereof on the date therein noted, for certain Officers and the Certificate thereto appended as fully and entirely as the same remains on file in my office.

**Good evening and Happy New Year. I wish you health and prosperity in 2012. Thank you all for taking time out of your busy schedules to attend this reorganization meeting. This meeting is very important as it is in every municipality. This meeting puts the team in place who will serve our Borough during the year 2012.**

**I would like to congratulate Councilmen Sadow, Stanzilis and Cangiano for their successful re-elections. I look forward to working with all of you. Also not to be forgotten are the spouses and families of all of the members of Council and my own wife for their support and patience. Let us not forget that they are left alone while we are all serving our residents.**

**These are trying times to be a local elected official, for that matter, any elected official. We are facing some of the toughest economic times and that means having to find ways to do things that may differ from the past. It is time to think, “out of the box” so to speak. That can be a challenge but challenges can be good. It makes us all remain on our toes and be ready to move in a different direction if it is warranted. Even though we have to look for different ways sometimes, we still have a solid base to stand on in the ways we operate today. I am very proud of where we are in Mt. Arlington. We have made some good choices and have planned well over the past 10 years so that we are in a good place in comparison with many other municipalities during this economic crisis.**

**Serving as your Mayor is a team effort. I certainly owe much thanks to our team. Our Council, professionals, staff, employees, and many volunteers who make Mount Arlington a great Borough and a team I am proud to lead. Let me take a moment to thank a few people for their service over the past year.**

**I thank our many volunteers who selflessly serve our Borough. The members of the different boards and committees are to be commended for their time and energy dealing with the work of our Borough.**

**I thank our Fire Department for their diligence in responding to the needs of our residents. Thanks to outgoing Chief Heber for his leadership and I look forward to working with incoming Chief Morsch.**

**I thank our police department for their good work. This was a very unusual year in our police department's history. Early in the year they had to deal with a senseless homicide. This was the first homicide in Mount Arlington that I am aware of. Barbara Wilson was a wonderful person and member of our community. Our police, working with the Morris County Prosecutors office, did not rest until they arrested a suspect in the case of her brutal homicide. The investigation that took place was very intense and we can be assured that the suspect is the right person due to the diligence that was put into the investigation. I believe the correct person will be brought to justice.**

**Later in the year we had another first that we certainly could have done without. We lost an officer in the line of duty. Officer Joe Wargo tragically lost his life in an automobile accident on Interstate 80. We lost a dedicated officer who was a pillar of our community in his service. I personally learned a few lessons from this tragedy. One never knows how much time we have left on this Earth so tell the ones you care about how you feel. I learned that when it is your time it is your time. I also learned what a fantastic support group is in place for when a tragedy like this occurs. Officer Wargos wake and funeral were both incredible. I believe Joe was proud of everyone that day. I commend our officers and our Acting Chief for the way they handled themselves in dealing with this**

**tragedy. I couldn't have been more proud of all of them. I also would like to thank the many officers that came to aid our department and help us get through the ordeal. Let us pray that this will never happen again. Our officers safety is always put on the line when they put on that uniform. May God look over them each and every day.**

**Although it is too late to change what happened to Officer Wargo, I did take it upon myself to contact the Department of Transportation and the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority about installing needed guard rails along Interstate 80 from where they do not exist just West of Wharton, as far West as possible. There have been many accidents in the same area where Officer Wargo was struck by a vehicle that crossed over the median. I received word a week ago that they will be installing this guard rail in March 2012. I hope this will prevent any future senseless accidents from vehicles crossing the median.**

**On a very positive note, we will be moving forward with filling our vacant Police Chiefs position. Acting Chief Licata has proven his abilities to fill that position in so many ways, We are very proud of Keith and look forward to his being sworn in as our Police Chief on January 17<sup>th</sup>. Keith has served our Borough for 18 years and has been our Acting Chief since Chief Peterson retired. Our Borough will be placed in very good hands with Keith as our Chief.**

**I thank our Department of Public Works for all their good work. Under Paul Nelson's leadership the staff does a great job keeping our Borough operating smoothly. They are there when we need them. This past year had some strange opportunities for the DPW to show their talent. Between the many snow storms, the hurricane and the Halloween snowstorm they had their hands full. They did a great job and**

**I received many letters, emails and phone calls commending their performance.**

**I thank Saint Clare's for serving our community with great pride and tradition. I know they are a contracted service but they are members of our family here in Mount Arlington and serve us well.**

**I thank our Staff here in the Borough Hall. We have had some changes in our staff this year. Judy Bauer, our utilities clerk moved on to another job outside of the Borough. I want to thank her for her many years of service. We also had a change in our Clerks office. Tina Meyer left the position of Deputy Clerk and took on the role as Executive Director of our Library. Beth Dwyer has come to work for the Borough as deputy clerk and we welcome her to our team. I am sure she will be a great addition. We also now have a CFO/Administrator position since Carolyn Rinaldi took on the added responsibility of Administrator. I don't think we could have found a better candidate to assume these important responsibilities. Carolyn has many years of experience here in the Borough. She has held many different positions over the years. She has also spent many years attending classes and achieving many credentials. I believe Mount Arlingtons future is in very good hands.**

**I thank our School Board and School Superintendant Jane Jamison for the good work they do. Our schools have received many awards. I urge you to attend School Board meetings to hear of all the good things going on within our schools. We continue to work together with the School Board and are always exploring opportunities to share additional services and assist in order to reduce costs.**

**We did well in 2011 financially. We were able to keep our budget under the 2% cap imposed by the legislature. This was a challenge but we were successful with a minimal tax increase. We continue to find ways to be more streamlined and efficient. I am very pleased that I have not seen any unfunded mandates come from the state. I applaud Governor Christie for addressing this issue upon becoming Governor. I also appreciate his efforts to move the “took kit” issues to fruition. We have seen some relief and expect more upon the legislature acting and doing its’ part to provide solutions to decade old problems.**

**We do have some development that will happen, hopefully soon, that will help bring revenue to offset taxes. We are currently exploring a redevelopment plan that has the potential of providing significant additional tax revenue from land that is underused and therefore providing minimal tax revenue. This has been delayed for quite some time but I believe it will move forward in the near future. The economic downturn delayed this even longer but I believe the wheels are in motion to make some changes to move this forward. That will be good for our Borough.**

**We did have a great accomplishment that occurred within our Borough this past year, actually in November, was the opening of our first Compressed Natural Gas filling station. Blue Diamond Disposal on Howard Boulevard opened a filling station to service their fleet of 40 trucks. They have 17 CNG powered trucks so far and have plans to convert the entire fleet over the next couple years. This is exciting since it is the first filling station opened in this area of the East Coast. CNG is the way of the future due to the lower cost for Natural Gas as well as the better impact on the environment. I applaud Blue Diamond for making this important paradigm shift and we are very fortunate for this to have occurred in Mount Arlington.**

**There is much grant money out there for the purchase of new and the conversion of gasoline/diesel engines to CNG. We will begin to explore opportunities for our Borough to move in this direction.**

**I looked back over my forecast last year for what would be accomplished in 2011. We did well with that forecast in accomplishing the following:**

- We continue planning the redevelopment of our landfill. Working with the Highlands Council and the grant dollars they have afforded us for the planning.**
- We did receive a Department of Transportation grant for the extension of our street scape improvements from Altnebrand Ave to Memorial Park. I had hoped to see this begin in 2011 but it will be a 2012 project due to some issues with easements.**
- The sidewalks from the Train Station to our existing sidewalk network have been addressed. We did receive a sought out grant from the Department of Transportation and got to work on the sidewalks. We attempted to get the sidewalks installed before winter but time ran out. There were a mired of issues to deal with and it was just too much to complete this year. We do anticipate completing the project in the spring when the weather breaks. We**

**have installed most of the walkways so I feel that it is much safer for the walking public.**

- **Water lines were installed to Dunlop Street and reconstruction of Dunlop was completed. Reconstruction work was also completed on Rooney Road to take care of ongoing flooding issues.**
- **We now have a permanent digital message board and welcome sign at the entrance to town on Howard Boulevard. This is a great way to provide real time information to our residents. This was another project that took much work but it has been completed.**
- **We began the first phase of our beach improvement project. The former roller rink was beyond repair. We have now begun to rejuvenate that area.**

**For 2012 I anticipate to see the following:**

- **The extension of the Streetscape as I said a minute ago.**
- **Completion of the sidewalk project from the train station.**
- **Continued movement forward of the landfill redevelopment as previously stated.**
- **Continued rejuvenation of our beach area**

- **Reconstruction by Morris County of the Oneida Ave Howard Blvd intersection that will include sidewalk installation in that area. Morris County will provide most of the funding for this project. The project moving forward does largely depend on the County and their budget. We hope to see this happen this year.**
- **We will be exploring Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) vehicles for use in our Borough fleet.**
- **Gas lines will be installed by New Jersey Natural Gas on Bertrand Island. I have also asked NJR to install Natural Gas lines on Succasunna Road at the request of many residents. This may delay the reconstruction of Succasunna Road but it makes sense to get the line in before reconstruction.**

**We have yet to decide on our Capital project funding for 2012 so there may be some other projects slated depending on budget numbers. I am very pleased to welcome Bruno Associates on board as our grant writers. Depending on what we can achieve in grants, we may have more projects we can accomplish. We have a wish list.**

**2011 has been a very busy year. As your Mayor I have attended more meetings than I can list. I officiated over 30 weddings this past year. I attended a few Eagle Scout awards as well. These are always wonderful events that are some of the true pleasurable memories of being Mayor. I have assisted many residents with a variety of issues over this past year. I am always glad to help when I am called upon when it is within my ability to provide assistance. With the relationships I continue to develop, I can usual usually make a connection to help resolve problems.**

**For me personally it has been a very exciting year. In November I was elected President of the New Jersey State League of Municipalities. I look forward to this coming year serving in this capacity. I am proud to represent Morris County and best of all Mount Arlington. I am the first President from Mount Arlington in the Leagues 96 year history. I am the first President from Morris County in 20 years. I intend to do my best and will be sharing much information over the year. I look forward to working with Governor Christie and the Legislature representing all 566 municipalities across the state.**

**I have been serving as President of the Morris County League of Municipalities and that two years went by fast. I will be turning the gavel of the Morris County League over the**

**Councilman Bob Birmingham from Jefferson Twp in February.**

**I also continue to serve as President of the State League of Municipalities Education Foundation.**

**I was also reappointed to the Board of Directors of the State Conference of Mayors representing Morris County.**

**I continue to serve on the Patient Family Advisory Committee for Saint Clare's Health System. I will serve on that committee for another year completing the two year term. This committee focuses on how Saint Clare's can better serve their patients and the community. I look forward to serving in these capacities to help make a difference for many in New Jersey. In these capacities I will have the opportunity to learn much and contribute to positive changes that affect many. I choose to serve in these volunteer capacities in order to learn and grow so I can serve my constituents to the best of my ability.**

**In conclusion I can report that Mount Arlington is well positioned to face 2012 and beyond. Barring anything crazy coming down from the state, we will continue to manage our Borough effectively and efficiently. I am concerned with what is going on in the Middle East and that fuel prices are going to sky rocket but let us all pray things calm down and prices will**

**remain stable. That issue will not only affect our Borough but all businesses and residents that consume fuel.**

**I will continue to seek out opportunities to bring back information from my experiences especially in my capacity as President of the State League. I am in a great position to be privy to much information. I look forward to this Council and our staff working together as a team so we can be strong to face the issues that will inevitably come our way. Be it issues from the legislature or from nature, we will continue to be prepared to face what may come our way.**

**I encourage anyone who needs my assistance to contact me. I encourage anyone who has questions about the Borough, or if you hear a rumor that just doesn't sound right, to call me to get the facts. I am always open to feedback either positive or negative. We need your feedback. Visit our website where there is much information including my contact information.**

**God Bless all of you and God Bless our Armed Forces who serve all over the world. It is due to their service that we can enjoy our freedom. Please keep them and their families in your prayers since they do sacrifice everything for us.**