

**BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 6, 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 all those who put themselves in harm's way to protect our freedom.

4. Roll Call

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

5. Presentations/Mayor's Appointments

- The Mayor advised Council that he would like to appoint Michael Strickler to the Recreation Commission, Alternate 1, filling the two-year unexpired term of Paul Teodorescu, expiring on 12/31/2012. The formal appointment will be made at the March 20, 2012 Council meeting.

6. Finance Report for the Month of January, 2012.

The Clerk read the Finance Report for January, 2012 into the record.

Total Receipts:	\$1,258,374.47
Total Disbursements:	\$1,374,111.29

7. Approval of Minutes

February 21, 2012 Regular Meeting

Motion to Approve: Councilman Sadow

Second: Councilman Stanzilis

Roll Call:

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

Absent: Windish

None Opposed.

Motion Approved

8. Mayor's Report

The Mayor read his report into the record.

9. Council Committee Reports

Councilman Cangiano:

- Councilman Cangiano stated the Boy Scouts have 50 sapling trees they would like to plant within the Borough for Arbor Day.
- Councilman Cangiano reported the Green Team met and discussed the possibility of starting a town wide composting initiative; composting containers would be available to residents for a fee and Rutgers University would provide training.

Councilman Stanzilis:

- Councilman Stanzilis reported the Board of Education will be reviewing their budget on Saturday March 10th at 9:00 a.m. at MAPS School. The budget is expected to be under the 2 % cap. Council agreed the budget review meeting date be posted on the electronic sign and on the Borough's web site.
- Councilman Stanzilis suggested the Borough adopt a resolution opposing the NJ Public Water Supply Fluoridation Act. Council agreed to adopt such resolution at the next Council meeting.

Councilman Sadow:

- Councilman Sadow had nothing to report at this time.

Council President Sorge:

- Council President Sorge stated Councilman Windish was absent from tonight's meeting due to a budget meeting in Trenton; Councilman Windish anticipates missing several more Council meetings.

Councilwoman Danchuk:

- Councilwoman Danchuk reported the Finance Committee has been working on budget which will be presented tonight.

10. Municipal Administrator's Report

Road Study

Carolyn Rinaldi reported the Road Study is available for Council review.

Website: Ordinances

Carolyn Rinaldi stated the Borough Ordinances are not posted on the website when adopted, only when codified into the Code twice a year. Council agreed to place adopted ordinances, beginning January 2012, onto the website.

Forestry Grant

The \$3,000.00 Forestry Grant money allows for the hiring of a consultant who will develop a forestry plan for the Borough. Once the plan is approved, the Borough will become eligible for grant funds; Carolyn Rinaldi will contact Bruno Associates.

Councilwoman Danchuk raised an issue related to outdated information on the Borough website. Council agreed that each Board send copies of meeting minutes and agendas to the Clerk to be added to the Borough website. Carolyn Rinaldi will send a memo to the various board members to advise of this new procedure.

Capital Project Status

Carolyn Rinaldi reported the Beach Improvement Project will restart in mid-April for a duration of four weeks; to date, Schenley Construction has been paid \$46,706.

The Howard Boulevard Project is scheduled to restart the week of April 16 for a duration of eight weeks and the Transit Sidewalk Project is scheduled to begin April 23 for approximately three weeks.

Councilman Sadow asked if any progress has been made with the developer at Nolans Ridge regarding the sidewalks; the Mayor will follow-up. Councilman Sadow also

suggested that, due to the mild weather, Schenley Construction start the Beach Project sooner than mid-April; Carolyn Rinaldi will contact Schenley.

Councilman Sadow recommended the Affordable Housing trust fund money totaling \$217,000.00 be returned to the State; the rehabilitation projects for 404 Howard Boulevard and the old telephone building on Altenbrand Avenue will require more money than what is available through the fund. Council agreed to the Engineer performing a feasibility study conducted prior to the July 1st deadline.

11. Public Comment

None.

12. New Business

None.

13. Old Business

- Letter from George Ritter, Borough Planner, regarding Village Core Redevelopment Plan. A lengthy discussion was held regarding the Borough redevelopment plan; George Ritter was present as well as Michael Selvaggi, Esq., Land Use Attorney, and John Inglesino, Esq. (present for another matter but added to the discussion). The objective of the plan is to ascertain ways to increase investment in the Borough through modification to the zoning codes. This is a long term vision to provide future opportunities within the Borough.

Added

Resolution:

2012-54 Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, In the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Ritter & Plante Associates, LLC, to Proceed with the Village Core Redevelopment Plan, At A Cost Not to Exceed \$10,000.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Cangiano

Second: Council President Sorge

Roll Call:

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

Absent: Windish

None Opposed

Motion Approved

14. Ordinances – Introduction

05-12 Ordinance of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, To Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a CAP Bank (N.J.S.A. 40:A4-45.14) For the Calendar Year 2012.

The Mayor read Ordinance 05-12 by Title.

Councilman Sadow stated that Ordinance 05-12 be introduced by Title and passed on First Reading and that a meeting be held on April 3, 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: Councilman Cangiano

Joseph Kovalcik, the Borough's Budget Consultant, explained the cap rules and detailed various aspects of the cap.

Roll Call:

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

Absent: Windish

None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

15. Resolutions

- 2012-50** 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 March 6, 2012.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Stanzilis

Second: Council President Sorge.

Councilman Sadow referenced check #10837 regarding the replacement of two lamp posts; Carolyn Rinaldi explained the lamp posts were damaged by car accidents, insurance money was received and used to replace the lamps.

Councilman A question was raised regarding Bruno Associates billing, referring to check #10784 in the amount of \$4360.00; Council agreed to pull this check from the current bill list.

Roll Call:

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

Absent: Windish

None Opposed.

Motion Approved

- 2012-51** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the 2012 Temporary Budget.

Motion to Approve: Council President Sorge.

Second: Councilman Cangiano.

Roll Call:

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

Absent: Windish

None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

- 2012-52** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Introducing the 2012 Municipal Budget.

The Clerk read the Resolution into the record.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Sadow

Second: Councilwoman Danchuk

Joseph Kovalcik gave an overview of the budget and emphasized how well the budget has been managed, especially to produce the highest fund balance level since 2007. The Borough is at a 2.54% tax base increase. The total budget increased 1.89%; the total tax increase Borough-wide is \$172,000 which is the lowest increase in the last five years.

Roll Call:

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

Absent: Windish

None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

The Clerk read the Notice of Public Hearing into the record.

16. Ordinances – Second Reading

- 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 opened the Hearing to the Public on Ordinance 03-12 and read the Ordinance by title.

Councilman Sadow stated, I move for adoption and final passage of Ordinance 03-12.

Second: Council President Sorge

Roll Call:

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

Absent: Windish

None Opposed.

Motion Approved

The Mayor declared that Ordinance 03-12 is passed on second reading and directed the Clerk to publish the notice of adoption as required by law.

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 opened the Hearing to the Public on Ordinance 04-12 and read the Ordinance by title.

Councilman Sadow stated, I move for adoption and final passage of Ordinance 04-12.

Second: Council President Sorge

Councilman Cangiano requested a detailed update from Land Use Attorney Michael Selvaggi regarding the last Land Use meeting. Councilman Cangiano stated he was concerned height allowance being consistent with the rest of the Borough. Mr. Ritter explained the idea to build up is to provide more open green space within the project. Discussion ensued including detailed explanations from Michael Selvaggi, Esq., John Inglesino, Esq. and George Ritter. It was recommended that the Council approve the plan as read and then determine if amendments are needed in the future.

Roll Call:

Aye: Council President Sorge, Sadow, Cangiano, Stanzilis

Abstain: Danchuk

Absent: Councilman Windish

None Opposed.

Motion Approved

The Mayor declared that Ordinance 04-12 is passed on second reading and directed the Clerk to publish the notice of adoption as required by law.

Council and the attorneys present discussed the Land Use Board letter, dated February 24, 2012 and agreed to accept the amendments to the Redevelopment Plan as recommended by the Land Use Board; the contents of the letter will become part of the present Redevelopment Plan.

Motion to Approve the Amendments to the Redevelopment Plan: Councilman Cangiano.

Second: Council President Sorge

Roll Call:

Aye: Council President Sorge, Sadow, Cangiano, Stanzilis

Abstain: Danchuk

Absent: Windish

None Opposed.

Motion Approved**17. Executive Session****2012-53**

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

Motion to Withdraw the Executive Session Resolution: Councilman Sadow.

Second: Council President Sorge

All in Favor – Aye.

Absent: Windish.

None Opposed

Motion Approved.

Attorney O'Donnell commended the Clerk for the successful outcome of two OPRA law suits by Jesse Wolosky. The GRC ruled in the Boroughs favor, therefore, no fees have been incurred.

18. Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn: Council President Sorge
Second: Councilman Sadow
All in Favor – Aye.
Absent: Windish
None Opposed
Motion Approved.



Linda DeSantis, RMC
Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved at Council Meeting of March 20, 2012.

BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON
FINANCE OFFICE

Finance Report for January 2012

Current Fund

Receipts	1,258,374.47
Disbursements	1,374,111.29

Mayor report for 3/6/12

Since our meeting on Feb 21, 2012:

2/22/12- Attended an energy symposium at Stockton State College and had a chance to see EPA Commissioner Lisa Jackson. Alternative energy is certainly on the rise.

2/22/12: I Officiated 2 weddings in the evening.

2/22/12- Attended the Regular Land Use Meeting.

2/23/12- Met with Acting Attorney General Jeff Chiesa, State Treasurer Andrew Sidamon-Eristoff, and DEP Commissioner Martin as my continuing meet and greet meetings as President of the League. I also attended a meeting with the Executive Director of the ESGR to discuss how we will move forward with a very large Military Job Fair.

2/24/12- Officiated a wedding at Boro Hall.

2/27/12- Testified before the Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee. This was testimony opposing Senate Bill S-2 that deals with LUARC usurping the authority of the people in determining if a shared service opportunity will have to move forward even if the voters turn it down. My testimony can be found on the League website.

2/27/12- Officiated a wedding at Boro Hall.

2/28/12- Attended a Legislative Review Committee meeting of the League of Municipalities in Princeton.

2/28/12- Attended my first Board meeting since being elected a member of the New Jersey Clean Cities Coalition. That meeting was in Cranberry. This coalition focuses on alternative fueled vehicles.

2/29/12- Participated in Read Across America day. I read to Ms Magnificos kindergarten class. It was a great experience as usual.

3/1/12- Continuing my meetings as President of the League of Municipalities I met with Michael I. Halfacre, Acting Director State of New Jersey Department of Law & Public Safety. It was quite education learning about liquor licenses and how they are issued and managed. Then I met with Acting Chief of Staff to the Governor Charlie McKenna. Chief of Staff McKenna was Director of Homeland Security and recently changed jobs. I will meet with the new Director of Homeland Security when he is in the job.

I will be appointing Michael Strickler to the Board of Recreation at our next meeting. Mr. Strickler has a great resume. He has lived in town for over 5 years and has a son Zachary in our schools. He has coaching experience and I am very pleased that Brenda Temple suggested he called me and volunteer to serve on the Board of Recreation.

I also want to commend our DPW for the great job they did painting and reorganizing the décor of the Council Chambers.