

**BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 19, 2013**

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 12, 2013; notice was posted on the bulletin board in the main hallway of the Municipal Building on December 4, 2013 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.

3. Flag Salute

The Mayor asked for a moment of silence to remember all those who put themselves in harm's way to protect our freedoms.

4. Roll Call

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

5. Presentations/Mayor's Appointments

Mayor's Presentation to Youth Clean-Up Volunteers

- The Mayor expressed appreciation and thanks to all the youth volunteers and presented each volunteer with a personalized certificate.

6. Utility Receipt Report for the Month of November, 2013.

The Clerk read the Utility Receipt Report for November, 2013 into the record.

Grand Total: \$298,800.78

Tax Collectors' Report for the Month of November, 2013.

The Clerk read the Tax Collector's Report for November, 2013 into the record.

Total Receipts: \$1,967,656.35

7. Finance Report for the Month of November, 2013.

Current Fund:

Total Receipts: \$2,464,655.21

Total Disbursements: \$1,903,692.85

8. OPRA Report

The Mayor explained the OPRA process and monthly report; there were no requests costing \$100.00 or over in this report; there were 19 OPRA requests filed this month.

9. Approval of Minutes

November 14, 2013

Regular Meeting

Motion to Approve: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Sadow

Roll Call:

Aye: Danchuk, Cangiano, Council President Sorge, Sadow

Absent: Windish

Abstain: Stanzilis

None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

10. Mayor's Report

The Mayor read his report into the record.

11. Chief of Police Report

- Chief Licata stated that 2013 was very productive for the Police Department; will submit numbers in January.
- Attended the graduation of Lieutenant Ed LaBruno who recently graduated the Command of Leadership Academy, created by West Point, and now offered through the State Chiefs of Police Association; this is a very prestigious, difficult and worthwhile class. Council President Sorge asked Chief Licata to send the Council's congratulations and appreciation to Lieutenant LaBruno.
- Sunday the Police brought their donation box to the Toys for Tots; good to give in the season.

12. Municipal Administrator's Report

- With regard to a plaque at the Civic Center, commemorating the 25th Anniversary, the plaque will read, "Borough of Mount Arlington Civic Center built in 1988, Funded in part by Generous Donations from the following, Tom Valiente, Bill Box, Joseph Marshlek, Rick Savage, James Cerasoli, Douglas Zellman, Bob Dannucci, Robert and Anita Aughey, Mr. & Mrs. Edward Gengenbach, and the Pioneers of America, NJ Bell, Chapter Morristown. Thank You from the Mayor and Council." We will add the date of the Certificate of Occupancy and any other names, if needed; the order has not yet been placed.
- Our Engineers and Roxbury Engineers are trying to coordinate another meeting regarding Succasunna Road to revisit the scope of work and associated costs. Councilman Sadow stressed that while the engineers are paring down the cost, he wants to be assured the job is done correctly, especially the curbing. Ms. Watson, CP Engineers, was present at the Council meeting.
- CP Engineers has been working with Nolan's Ridge regarding their Phase II bond reduction request. We are seeing progress with Phase III and CP Engineers has written a recommendation for the bond reduction of Phase II; the resolution will be added to tonight's agenda.
- Distributed a draft of the Re-Organization Meeting script, for Council's review prior to the meeting; any objections or questions, please contact Ms. Rinaldi.

13. Council Committee Reports**Councilman Stanzilis:**

- Publicly thanked and commended the Department of Public Works for the outstanding job clearing and plowing during the recent snow falls.
- Asked the status of the new fire truck. Ms. Rinaldi stated it is presently being built, the estimate given was a June completion date.

Councilman Sadow:

- Publicly remembered Nelson Mandella, a great leader.
- Attended the Tree Lighting on December 6th.
- Toys for Tots started about four years ago in the Borough; this year the Girl Scouts were involved. We had a kick-off at Nolan's Ridge with the United States Marine's, Girl Scouts and seniors who were involved. This year we came close to collecting 1,000 toys and hope to make it a bigger program throughout the Borough next year.

Council President Sorge:

- One of the fire trucks had a broken belt last week. Council President Sorge would like to meet with the Fire Chief to discuss a better maintenance schedule for the vehicles and possibly look into maintenance agreements.
- The Mayor stated the Fire Chief was in a car accident in front of the Post Office; the head-on collision was not the Chief's fault and he is fine.

Councilman Cangiano:

- Asked about attending the NJLM Newly Elected Officials course on January 11, 2014. The Clerk responded that she has reserved tickets for Councilwoman Danchuk, Councilman Windish and Councilman Cangiano.

Councilwoman Danchuk:

- Attended two meetings this month, the last Open Space Meeting for our municipality and a Flood Mitigation meeting; she will remain on Flood Mitigation for the next two years.
- Attended the Board of Education meeting. Ms. Rinaldi stated that the Board of Education meetings will be listed on the Borough calendar.

- Council President Sorge state the new phone system has been installed for a while now and we have not had any problems.

14. Public Comment

Nancy Absalon, 15 Oak Street:

- Ms. Absalon stated she is concerned about regular maintenance and the condition of the fire equipment and about Borough insurance coverage regarding live burns and out-of-state training; she questioned various items on the bill list related to the Fire Department. Council President Sorge stated the maintenance issues will be addressed with the Fire Committee and Fire Chief. The Mayor stated the training at Marshall's Creek, Pennsylvania is free and we are covered by insurance.

Gene Paradiso, 206 Howard Boulevard:

- Mr. Paradiso inquired the status of the petition regarding the consolidation feasibility study which was given to the Borough Clerk on November 1, 2013. The Clerk deferred to Matthew O'Donnell who stated the Clerk is in the process of certifying the signatures and will be completed shortly. Council President Sorge stated there is no procrastination but some people wanted their signatures off the petition and the Clerk has been in contact with the State. Matthew O'Donnell reiterated that it is in process and will be done shortly.

Charles Squires, 26 Birch Terrace:

- Mr. Squires attended a recent Roxbury Council meeting and the recent Board of Education meeting and expressed his opposition to the petition and study. Mr. Squires also stated at each meeting that he did not consider it ethical for a council member nor a school board member spearhead the petition and actively secure signatures. Mr. Squires recently spoke with Mr. Paradiso and questioned his motives with regard to the quality of education in Mount Arlington. Mount Arlington Strong.

Harvey Knight, North Jersey Marine, Howard Boulevard:

- Mr. Knight will be retiring and selling the North Jersey Marine property, which will entail a change of use. Mr. Knight stated he loves the community, has enjoyed a wonderful business relationship and has a deep regard for the residents. Mr. Knight's son will be taking over North Jersey Marine at another local location and Quik Chek will be buying the Howard Boulevard property. The Mayor expressed thanks to Mr. Knight for all the years of a successful and personal relationship and the Council expressed their thanks to Mr. Knight, congratulating him on his retirement.

15. New Business

None.

16. Old Business

None.

17. Resolutions

- 2013-129** 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 December 19, 2013.

Motion to Approve: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Cangiano

Roll Call:

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

Absent: Windish

None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

- 2013-130** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing a Transfer of Funds.

Motion to Approve: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Sadow

Roll Call:

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

Absent: Windish

None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

- 2013-131** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing a Contribution to Morris County Adaptive Recreation Program (McARP).

Motion to Approve: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Cangiano

Roll Call:

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

Absent: Windish

None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

- 2013-132** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Awarding a Contract for Broker/Consultant of the Borough of Mount Arlington's Insurance Programs to Alamo Insurance Group, Inc.

Motion to Approve: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Cangiano

Roll Call:

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

Absent: Windish

None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

- 2013-133** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Requiring All Employees, with the Exception of Collective Bargaining Police Department Employees, to Contribute 50% of the Rates for Dental Benefit Coverage.

Motion to Approve: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Cangiano

Roll Call:

Aye: Danchuk, Cangiano, Council President Sorge, Stanzilis

Absent: Windish

Opposed: Sadow

Motion Approved.

- 2013-134** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Approving and Authorizing Execution of the 2014 American Appraisal Associates, Inc. Consulting Services Agreement.

Motion to Approve: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Sadow

Roll Call:

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

Absent: Windish

None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

- 2013-135** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Consenting to the Proposed Water Quality Management (WQM) Plan Amendment Entitled: Chatham Township, Morris County, Municipal Chapter Proposed Amendment to the Upper Delaware, Upper Raritan and Northeast Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP).

Motion to Approve: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Cangiano

Roll Call:

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

Absent: Windish

None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

- 2013-136** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Designating Council Meeting Dates for the Year 2014.

Motion to Approve: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Cangiano

Roll Call:

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

Absent: Windish

None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

- 2013-137** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Establishing Holiday Schedule and Closure of Borough Hall Offices for Calendar Year 2014.

Motion to Approve: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilwoman Danchuk

Roll Call:

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

Absent: Windish

None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

- 2013-138** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Municipal Administrator to Execute NJ Transit Documentation Regarding the Park and Ride Lot.

Motion to Approve: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Sadow

Roll Call:

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

Absent: Windish

None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

- 2013-139** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Person-to-Person Transfer of Alcoholic Beverage License #1426-44-008-004 from Suhradham, LLC (Super Saver Liquors) to Shree Umiya Gauri, LLC.

Motion to Approve: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Sadow

Roll Call:

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

Absent: Windish

None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

Added Resolution:

- 2013-141** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Approving the Performance Bond Reduction for Nolan's Ridge Phase II. (Carolyn Rinaldi read the letter from CP Engineers, dated December 17, 2013, into the record).

Motion to Approve: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Cangiano

Roll Call:

Aye: Danchuk, Cangiano, Council President Sorge, Stanzilis

Absent: Windish

Abstain: Sadow

None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

18. Ordinances – Introduction

None.

19. Ordinances – Second Reading

None.

20. Motions

None.

- With reference to the draft Re-Organization Meeting script, Councilman Sadow asked about the appointment of Borough Grant Consultants, stating he does not feel we are getting our money's worth by having as retained grant writer. After a brief discussion, the Mayor complied with Council's request to remove the Grant Consultants from the Borough Professional list and not make an appointment at the Re-Organization Meeting. The Mayor will contact Bruno Associates to appoint them as our consultants on an as-needed basis.

21. Executive Session

2013-140 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: Attorney Client Privilege:

Tax Appeals

Executive Minutes November 14, 2013

Action May Be Taken

Motion to Go Into Executive Session: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Sadow

Roll Call:

All in Favor - Aye

Absent: Windish

None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

Motion to Return to Open Session: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Stanzilis

Roll Call:

All in Favor - Aye

Absent: Windish

None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

Motion to Approve the November 14, 2013 Executive Minutes: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Cangiano

Councilwoman Danchuk did not agree with the written Minutes and feels Council is confused as to what transpired; the Mayor stated everyone is in agreement, not confused. Councilman Cangiano stated we discussed everything in open at the December 3, 2013 meeting. The discussion in the November 14, 2013 Executive Session was about Councilwoman Danchuk's involvement with the petition.

Roll Call:

Aye: Cangiano, Council President Sorge, Sadow, Stanzilis

Absent: Windish

Opposed: Danchuk

Motion Approved.

The Mayor asked if there was any further discussion regarding the Executive Minutes; no Council Member responded.

22. Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Stanzilis

Roll Call:

All in Favor - Aye

Absent: Windish

None Opposed.

Motion Approved.



Linda DeSantis, RMC
Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved at Council Meeting of January 28, 2014.

BOROUGH OF MT. ARLINGTON
UTILITY RECEIPT REPORT

MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2013

Dated: December 4, 2013

Completed by Patricia E. Simari, CTC

PS

AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION	COLLECTED IN NOVEMBER 2012
\$43,366.49	SOLID WASTE RECEIPTS	\$31,148.42
\$158,668.78	SEWER RECEIPTS	\$171,512.30
\$96,327.76	WATER RECEIPTS	\$71,700.20
\$437.75	SEWER CONN FEE INSTALL PLAN	\$3,825.00
\$298,800.78	GRAND TOTAL	\$278,185.92

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 and disbursements for:

The Month of November 2013

Dated: December 4, 2013

Completed by Patricia E. Simari, CTC

PS

Collections:

Current Taxes (3-01-17-001-001)	<u>\$1,958,372.39</u>
S/C State Audit Chargeback Payments	<u>\$750.00</u>
2012 Taxes (Collected at Tax Sale)	
Pre-Paid Taxes (3-01-17-001-004)	<u>\$6,951.65</u>
Municipal Redemption (3-01-17-004-001)	
Interest & Costs (3-01-08-112-000)	<u>\$1,515.31</u>
Interest & Costs (Collected at Tax Sale)	
Return Check Fee (3-01-16-500-017)	
Tax Searches (3-01-08-105-010)	
Duplicate Bills (3-01-16-500-016)	<u>\$27.00</u>
3rd Party Red./Subs (3-01-17-004-002)	
3rd Party Red. Int. (3-01-17-004-003)	
3rd Party Red. 6% YEP (3-01-16-500-025)	
3rd Party Rec. Fee (3-01-17-004-003)	
Lien Recording Fee (To Be Refunded)	<u>\$40.00</u>
Tax Sale Costs (3-01-16-500-018)	
Tax Sale Costs (Collected at Tax Sale)	
Tax Sale Premiums (Trust Account)	
6% Delinquent Penalty (3-01-16-500-025)	
Tax Paid Certification	
Redemption Calculation Fee	
<u>Total Receipts</u>	<u>\$1,967,656.35</u>
<u>Total Receipts November 2012</u>	<u>\$3,074,546.14</u>

cc: C. Rinaldi

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BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON
FINANCE OFFICE

Finance Report Current Fund

November 2013

Receipts	2,464,655.21
Disbursements	1,903,692.85

Mayor report for 12/19/13

Since our meeting on 12/3/13

12/6/13- Attended the Lighting of our Borough Christmas Tree

12/11/13- Attended the Leagues Education Foundation meeting in Trenton

12/11/13- Attended Walt Van Kirk retirement party at Cinders. I thanked Walt for his many years of help to Mt Arlington when we needed it. Also thanked him for working with us and the shared services we enjoy working together to save both Wharton and Mt Arlington tax dollars.

12/13/13- Officiated a wedding here at Boro Hall

12/17/13- Attended a Executive Board meeting and Board of Directors meeting on the New Jersey Conference of Mayors

12/19/13- Officiated a wedding here at Boro Hall