# BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON
# COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
# OCTOBER 1, 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 on December 22, 2012; notice was posted on the bulletin board in the main hallway of the Municipal Building on December 21, 2012 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 Windish, Mayor Ondish. Matthew O'Donnell, Esq., Borough Attorney, and Carolyn Rinaldi, CFO/Municipal Administrator, were also present. Councilman Stanzilis was absent.

5. **Presentations/Mayor's Appointments**
   - Proclamation to Designate January 11 Each Year As Human Trafficking Awareness Day. The Mayor read the Proclamation into the record.

   - Harvey Knight, North Jersey Marine, gave an overview of the recent Bergen BassMasters Tournament. Mr. Knight expressed his thanks to Mount Arlington, along with relaying compliments received from many of the visiting teams and spectators. Mr. Knight thanked United Water for donating water for all three competition days of this event. The next event was the Lake Hopatcong Challenge, a USO Benefit Tournament for the NY Metropolitan area to help US Veterans. Mount Arlington had donated the $1,000 Lunker Prize for this event. The USO raised well over $5,000 for the veterans from this event. Again, United Water supplied free water, as well as many other businesses provided merchandise and services.

   - Gene Paradiso, regarding update/status of possible Mount Arlington/Roxbury consolidation process. *Per Mr. Paradiso's request, postponed to November 12, 2013 Council meeting. Councilman Sadow stated he knew Mr. Paradiso's request to postpone came very late on Friday before the meeting and indicated both the public's time and Council's time is very valuable. Council agreed to place the presentation on the November 12th Agenda.

   - Borough Engineer Stan Puszcz regarding Orben Drive Road Improvement Project, Phase II. Mr. Puszcz reported on the sidewalk issues of one resident on Orben Drive; he visited the site with the resident, who was concerned about potential encroachment caused by a recent Borough road improvement job. The resident then met with the Tax Assessor and was satisfied that there were no issues of encroachment. Mr. Puszcz said that is all that has been addressed on Orben Drive in terms of any road project. Mr. Puszcz did familiarize himself with Orben Drive and the Lake Rogerene area and reported that DPW Supervisor Paul Nelson did address some issues further down Orben Drive. Councilwoman Danchuk complimented Mr. Puszcz for the way he addressed and handled the resident sidewalk issue. Ms. Rinaldi stated we typically hold a capital project meeting prior to our budget meetings so the road study and project priority will be

reviewed. Mr. Nelson has started basic repairs on Orben Drive; DPW has some basin work to complete but will then return to Orben Drive.

6. **Utility Receipt Report** for the Month of August, 2013.
   The Clerk read the Utility Receipt Report for August, 2013 into the record.
   Grand Total: $223,048.17

   **Tax Collectors' Report** for the Month of August, 2013.
   The Clerk read the Tax Collector's Report for August, 2013 into the record.
   Total Receipts: $1,862,537.05

7. **Finance Report** for the Month of August, 2013.
   Current Fund:
   Total Receipts: $2,618,341.97
   Total Disbursements: $1,936,056.15

8. **OPRA Report**
   The Mayor briefly explained the OPRA process and monthly report; there were no requests costing $100.00 or over in this report.

9. **Approval of Minutes**
   September 3, 2013 Regular Meeting

   Motion to Approve: Council President Sorge
   Second: Councilman Windish
   Roll Call:
   Aye: Danchuk, Cangiano, Council President Sorge, Sadow, Windish
   Absent: Stanzilis
   None Opposed
   Motion Approved.

10. **Mayor's Report**
    - The Mayor acknowledged and complimented the recent fishing events as mentioned by Harvey Knight and stated it was nice to see the Mount Arlington logo on everything.
    - The Mayor performed a few weddings this month.
    - The Mayor stated that he received a letter from Tom Foley, resigning as alternate representative to the Lake Hopatcong Commission. The Mayor would like to appoint Ron Morris to fill this position; there was no objection from the Council.
    - Our electronic signs are advertising for volunteers for the Lake Hopatcong Commission and they did get quite a few responses. The Mayor stated that recently he has been receiving many compliments about the town, Borough Hall, the police services, fire department, rescue squad and other services and wanted to convey his thanks to all and publicly express his pride in the Borough employees.
    - The Mayor made reference to the Township of West Milford Resolution regarding Senator Pennacchio addressing the recent proposed changes to OPRA, which was in the Council communications packets. Senator Pennacchio is not in our district but the Mayor agreed with the changes the Senator suggested and sent him a letter supporting his efforts and asking to keep him informed.

11. **Chief of Police Report**
    - The Chief stated that last year when there were a few incidents around the country, the Chief implemented increased police presence at the schools to add to residents peace of mind and to further protect our students. The added presence was so well received that the Department has maintained that extra level of security; the police are there every day and share a good relationship with the schools.
    - The Chief stated that the Police Department has been in the press lately, from animal issues to drug arrests, as the Department has been very busy. They are trying to get the word out in the papers to keep the community informed but at the same time, some issues are under legal restrictions so they cannot notice everything.
    - Chief Licata is looking forward to the community 5K this weekend.

- The Mayor said he loves the new speed sign on Seasons Drive; Council President Sorge agreed and stated that people are going a lot slower up that road.

**12. Municipal Administrator's Report**

- As Chief Financial Officer, it is Ms. Rinaldi's responsibility to complete and report on the Borough's 2013 Best Practices Inventory. The report is done to determine how much of the final 5% of our allocation of state aid we would receive; the figure is impacted based on the best practices inventory and the criteria that have to be met. We are in compliance with Best Practices Standards so we will continue to receive 100% of the aid dispersed. Ms. Rinaldi continued to summarize each category/requirement of the inventory.
- Ms. Rinaldi thanked Chief Licata for his efforts regarding the upcoming 5K; the Chief was the coordinator of the event this year. Ms. Rinaldi stated the details of signup, start times, etc.
- At the last Council meeting, School Superintendent Jane Jameson requested a gate at the Decker School parking lot entrance. Stan Puszcz, Borough Engineer, was present and stated after his initial inspection of the property, the area in question is on Littell Way, a road owned by the Borough. The Board of Education is really using Borough property but we can potentially provide the school with an easement to utilize the Borough road. Mr. Puszcz stated that if the Borough granted an easement and granted them a license to put a gate on the property, they could do so. Councilman Sadow stated that if this is a safety issue for the school, the gate should be on both sides of the parking lot; also, we are still thinking about doing something with the landfill and if the paper road provides access to the landfill, then providing a gate that is not under our control maybe shortsighted even with an easement that could be revoked. The Mayor stated that Berkshire Avenue is really the main entrance to the landfill; if there was a license on the easement, we would be able to revoke the license. Councilman Sadow is concerned with obstructing access to a public road that leads to the landfill; the Borough is not attempting to take away playground, parking spaces or anything that will affect the children and their education. Borough Attorney O'Donnell also requested Chief of Police Licata give any comments and concerns regarding the safety issues of erecting a permanent gate fixture.
- Ms. Rinaldi stated we submitted our grant application for road improvements on Succasunna Road. Stan Puszcz walked the property on Succasunna Road with Mike Kobylarz, Roxbury Engineer, to discuss what improvements we included in the scoping of the road base, curbing, drainage, and drainage connection. Mr. Puszcz stated we were able to jointly reduce the engineering planning cost and we summarized our understanding of the scope of the project. Chris Raths, Roxbury Manager has been communicating with the engineer and they specified they have $80,000 available for this project. We indicated we were going to be pursuing a local aid grant and asked if they would participate and issue a resolution but we were told it would be a problem. Mayor Ondish stated DOT does not usually fund secondary road repair. Councilman Sadow stated that there needs to be a public outcry at every meeting in Roxbury; this Council has made it clear we have the money, we have the where-with-all and we have done everything we could possibly do, Roxbury needs to know that we are serious. The Mayor suggested a letter to Roxbury stating we need a time frame on making their decision because we need to address this issue. Councilman Sadow stated he had spoken with Assemblyman Bucco, who is the township attorney for Roxbury, who said that if we came to a resolution with Roxbury, he and his father, Senator Bucco, would be happy to support us in any way and try to divert some funding towards the project. Council asked Carolyn Rinaldi to write a letter to Chris Raths, copying Roxbury Council and the Succasunna Road residents that attended a recent Council meeting in Mount Arlington.
- Carolyn Rinaldi met with Paul Nelson, Stan Puszcz and Craig Zimmerman to review our water/sewer system; a meeting of the Water/Sewer Committee is forthcoming.
- With regard to the NJLM Convention, Linda has to submit all paperwork to the League tomorrow so please see Linda if anyone else plans to attend.
- Carolyn Rinaldi stated the phone system is scheduled to be installed next week.
- The Mayor stated the meeting at the landfill with CBRE has been postponed but not rescheduled as of yet.

**13. Council Committee Reports**

**Councilman Windish:**

- Technology Committee: the phone system will be installed next couple of weeks.
- Land Use Board: we have the monthly update from Land Use Attorney Mike Selvaggi.
- Recreation: many members volunteered to help out at the 5K this coming Saturday.

**Councilman Sadow:**
- Commented on how frequently the new volleyball courts are used.

**Council President Sorge:**
- Council President Sorge stated the new phone system should be here next week; our current system has been "repaired" to hopefully last until the new installation.
- The Fire Department tanker is being built.

**Councilman Cangiano:**
- Councilman Cangiano expressed his thanks for the monthly Land Use memo's and the grant status reports from Bruno Associates.
- Green Team met recently and discussed the lake clean-up and the need for community involvement. Also discussed the possibility of doing a community garden in the location of the old tennis courts; Paul Nelson attended the meeting as well and gave some insight into cost and equipment needed.
- Board of Health: the septic system registrations are a great success; from 150 residents, we have issued and/or received documentation for approximately 130. Also, on the agenda tonight is an ordinance to remove a small section of the Board of Health code which is actually just housekeeping because the State has since revised the language.

**Councilwoman Danchuk:**
- Councilwoman Danchuk attended the Flood Mitigation Committee Meeting in Morristown this month.
- The Open Space Applications were brought in to the Committee last week; there will be presentations on the applications and then the Committee will vote on which applications to fund next year.

**14. Public Comment**

Donna Blakely, 175 Orben Drive:
- Ms. Blakely stated the trees on Orben Drive need to be trimmed, they are causing a line of sight obstruction. Paul Nelson said they did not seem to be hanging too low but when it rains, obviously they get heavier. The problem is they are private trees on two vacant lots; Carolyn will speak with Paul further. The Mayor stated that JCP&L is doing a pilot program with municipal tree trimming and he is anxious to see the results of the pilot because they will be working with other municipalities in the future.

Henry Henderson, 186 Orben Drive:
- Thanked the Mayor, Council and DPW for their work to make some interim repairs on Orben Drive. Carolyn Rinaldi stated that Mr. Nelson is not finished with the work; he has another project to tend to but will be back to do more work on Orben.
- At the last Council meeting, the priorities list for road work was Succasunna, Roosevelt, and then Orben. Mr. Henderson requested that Orben Drive be bumped up, maybe before Roosevelt, because it is a heavily travelled thoroughfare. Mr. Henderson wanted to know the timeframe as to when Council will decide on the priorities for the Borough; the Mayor stated our capital planning work begins at the end of this year, budget introduction should be in March, 2014. Mr. Henderson will come back to Council in February/March to ascertain the status of the road improvement planning.

**15. New Business**

None.

**16. Old Business**

None.

**17. Resolutions**

**2013-106** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Approving the Check Register Dated October 1, 2013.

Motion to Approve with the Exception of Check #12631: Council President Sorge
Second: Councilman Windish

Roll Call:
Aye: Danchuk, Cangiano, Council President Sorge, Sadow, Windish
Absent: Stanzilis
None Opposed
Motion Approved.

Motion to Remove Check #12631 from the Check Register Dated October 1, 2013:
Councilman Sadow
Second: Council President Sorge
Roll Call:
Aye: Danchuk, Cangiano, Council President Sorge, Sadow, Windish
Absent: Stanzilis
None Opposed
Motion Approved.

**2013-107** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Temporary Suspension of Parking Restrictions on One Side of Seasons Drive (the Outer Loop of Seasons Drive) as Set Forth in New Jersey Traffic Code 39:4-138. (Road Repair)

Motion to Approve: Council President Sorge
Second: Councilman Sadow
Roll Call:
Aye: Danchuk, Cangiano, Council President Sorge, Sadow, Windish
Absent: Stanzilis
None Opposed
Motion Approved.

**2013-108** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Declaring the Month of September as National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

Motion to Approve: Council President Sorge
Second: Councilman Sadow
Roll Call:
Aye: Danchuk, Cangiano, Council President Sorge, Sadow, Windish
Absent: Stanzilis
None Opposed
Motion Approved.

**2013-109** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Solicitation of Qualifications for Professional Services Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:4A-20.4, 20.5 et seq., Pursuant to a "Fair and Open" Process.

Motion to Approve: Council President Sorge
Second: Councilman Cangiano
Roll Call:
Aye: Danchuk, Cangiano, Council President Sorge, Sadow, Windish
Absent: Stanzilis
None Opposed
Motion Approved.

**2013-110** Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Naming National Benefit Services LLC as the Borough's Flexible Spending Account Provider.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Cangiano
Second: Council President Sorge

Roll Call:
Aye: Danchuk, Cangiano, Council President Sorge, Sadow, Windish
Absent: Stanzilis
None Opposed
Motion Approved.

**2013-111** Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Awarding Contract for Grinder Pump Sales and Services for the Borough Owned Grinder Pumps.

Motion to Approve: Council President Sorge
Second: Councilman Cangiano
Roll Call:
Aye: Danchuk, Cangiano, Council President Sorge, Sadow, Windish
Absent: Stanzilis
None Opposed
Motion Approved.

**18. Ordinances – Introduction**

**10-13** An Ordinance of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Amending and Supplementing Borough Code Chapter 132 Peddling and Soliciting, Article II Solicitors and Canvassers, Sections 132-13, 132-14, 132-14.1, 132-15, 132-17 and 132-18.

The Mayor read Ordinance 10-13 by Title.
Motion: Council President Sorge stated that Ordinance 10-13 be introduced by Title and passed on First Reading and that a meeting be held on November 12, 2013 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 Cangiano
No Council Discussion.
Roll Call:
Aye: Danchuk, Cangiano, Council President Sorge, Sadow, Windish
Absent: Stanzilis
None Opposed.
Motion Approved.

**11-13** An Ordinance of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Removing Borough Code Chapter 200 Nuisances, Public Health in its Entirety.

The Mayor read Ordinance 11-13 by Title.
Motion: Councilman Cangiano stated that Ordinance 11-13 be introduced by Title and passed on First Reading and that a meeting be held on November 12, 2013 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 Sadow
No Council Discussion.
Roll Call:
Aye: Danchuk, Cangiano, Council President Sorge, Sadow, Windish
Absent: Stanzilis
None Opposed.
Motion Approved.

**19. Ordinances – Second Reading**

**09-13** An Ordinance of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Granting Municipal Consent for the Operation of a Cable Television System within the Borough of Mount Arlington, New Jersey, to CSC TKR, LLC, d/b/a Cablevision of Morris.

The Mayor opened the Hearing to the Public on Ordinance #09-13 and read the Ordinance by title.
Gary Shaw, Government Affairs Division, Cablevision, Oakland, NJ, thanked the Mayor and Council for moving this ordinance forward for adoption and giving Cablevision the privilege of operating in the Borough and serving the residents of the Borough.
No Further Public Comment; the Mayor closed the Hearing to the Public.
Council President Sorge stated, I move for adoption and final passage of Ordinance #09-13.
Second: Councilman Windish
Roll Call:
Aye: Danchuk, Cangiano, Council President Sorge, Sadow, Windish
Absent: Stanzilis
None Opposed.
Motion Approved.

The Mayor declared that Ordinance #09-13 is passed on second reading and directed the Clerk to publish the notice of adoption as required by law.

**20. Motions**

None.

**21. Executive Session**

**2013-112** 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 Topic: Attorney Client Privilege
Action May Be Taken.

Motion to Go Into Executive Session: Council President Sorge
Second: Councilman Sadow
All in Favor – Aye.
Absent: Stanzilis.
None Opposed.
Motion Approved.

Motion to Return to Open Session: Council President Sorge
Second: Councilman Sadow
All in Favor – Aye.
Absent: Stanzilis.
None Opposed.
Motion Approved.

**Added Resolution:**

**2013-113** Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Borough Tax Appeal Appraiser Scott Holzhauer, CTA, SCGREA, to Proceed with an Appraisal Report of Borough Green Acres Properties.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Sadow
Second: Councilman Cangiano
Roll Call:
Aye: Danchuk, Cangiano, Council President Sorge, Sadow, Windish
Absent: Stanzilis
None Opposed
Motion Approved.

**22. Adjourn**

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

Linda DeSantis, RMC
Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved at Council Meeting of November 14, 2013.

# BOROUGH OF MT. ARLINGTON
## UTILITY RECEIPT REPORT

**MONTH OF AUGUST 2013**

Dated: Septembr 9, 2013

Completed by Patricia E. Simari, CTC

| AMOUNT | DESCRIPTION | COLLECTED IN AUGUST 2012 |
|---|---|---|
| $45,643.69 | SOLID WASTE RECEIPTS | $44,703.24 |
| $115,859.58 | SEWER RECEIPTS | $112,265.12 |
| $61,544.90 | WATER RECEIPTS | $61,669.96 |
| $0.00 | SEWER CONN FEE INSTALL PLAN | $5,100.00 |
| **$223,048.17** | **GRAND TOTAL** | **$223,738.32** |

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 August 2013**

Dated: September 9, 2013 Completed by Patricia E. Simari, CTC PS.

| | **Collections:** |
|---|---|
| Current Taxes (3-01-17-001-001) | $1,854,289.10 |
| S/C State Audit Chargeback Payments | $2,350.00 |
| 2012 Taxes (Collected at Tax Sale) | |
| Pre-Paid Taxes (3-01-17-001-004) | |
| Municipal Redemption (3-01-17-004-001) | |
| Interest & Costs (3-01-08-112-000) | $1,109.26 |
| 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) | $51.00 |
| 3rd Party Red./Subs (3-01-17-004-002) | $4,522.98 |
| 3rd Party Red. Int. (3-01-17-004-003) | $110.71 |
| 3rd Party Red. 6% YEP (3-01-16-500-025) | |
| 3rd Party Rec. Fee (3-01-17-004-003) | $104.00 |
| Misc. Copies (3-01-16-500-017) | |
| 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 | |
| **Total Receipts** | $1,862,537.05 |
| Total Receipts August 2012 | $2,948,048.47 |

cc: C. Rinaldi
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BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON
FINANCE OFFICE

Finance Report Current Fund

August 2013

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|---|---|
| Receipts | 2,618,341.97 |
| Disbursements | 1,936,056.15 |

## PROCLAMATION TO DESIGNATE JANUARY 11 EACH YEAR AS HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS DAY

**WHEREAS,** human trafficking is a borderless crime against individuals that violates the most basic human rights and deprives victims of every shred of personal freedom; and

**WHEREAS,** human trafficking occurs when a person is recruited, harbored, obtained, or exported through force, fraud, or coercion for the purposes of sexual or labor exploitation, involuntary servitude, and other types of mental and physical abuse; and

**WHEREAS,** human traffickers target impoverished and marginalized children, women and men, isolating them from society and supportive networks and exploiting them for personal and monetary gain; and

**WHEREAS,** human trafficking is the fastest growing criminal enterprise in the world today, and is tied with arms smuggling as the second largest international criminal industry, falling only behind the illicit drug trade; and

**WHEREAS,** the United Nations' International Labor Organization has estimated that at least 12.3 million adults and children worldwide are currently in forced labor, bonded labor, or forced prostitution; and it is estimated that more people are now harmed by Human Trafficking worldwide than have been at any other point in human history. Approximately 80% of the victims are women and girls, and 50% are younger than age 18; and

**WHEREAS,** many victims trafficked into the U.S. do not speak or understand English and are unable to communicate to seek rescue. Under U.S. law, any person under 18 involved in the commercial sex industry is considered a Human Trafficking victim; and victims include U.S. citizens and documented immigrants; and

**WHEREAS,** we recognize that New Jersey is a prime location for Human Trafficking because it is a major national and international transportation corridor and a culturally diverse state; and

**WHEREAS,** human trafficking is modern-day slavery, a practice that is in direct opposition to the fundamental principles of liberty and human rights upon which our nation was founded; and

**WHEREAS,** on February 1, 1865, President Abraham Lincoln signed the 13th Amendment to the United States Constitution. Once ratified, it officially outlawed slavery and involuntary servitude except as punishment for a crime; and

**WHEREAS,** although the federal government and the State of New Jersey have enacted laws to prosecute human traffickers and protect the victims of human trafficking, traffickers use techniques to keep their victims enslaved that severely limit self-reporting and that require broad public awareness of human trafficking issues for enforcement and prevention to occur; and

**WHEREAS,** the New Jersey State Constitution declares that all persons are by nature free and independent and have certain natural and unalienable rights; and

**WHEREAS,** the people of New Jersey, regardless of political persuasion, creed, race, or national origin, stand together with the global community to protect the fundamental freedoms and rights of all persons, to fight the proliferation of human trafficking in all of its forms, and to assist survivors of modern day slavery; and

**WHEREAS,** the Borough of Mount Arlington stands committed to protecting human rights and individual freedom by eliminating human trafficking.

**WHEREAS,** the Borough of Mount Arlington is resolved to support the goals and ideals of observing a National Day of Human Trafficking Awareness on January 11 of each year and to support all efforts by individuals, businesses, organizations, and governing bodies to raise awareness of and opposition to Human Trafficking.

**WHEREAS,** the Borough commends the work of the NJ Coalition Against Human Trafficking for its statewide efforts to end human trafficking through education, advocacy, and assistance to survivors and to increase coordination and visibility of New Jersey's commitment to end human trafficking.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** the Mayor and Borough Council hereby proclaim January 11 of each year as Human Trafficking Awareness Day in the Borough of Mount Arlington, to raise awareness about the signs and consequences of human trafficking, to promote opposition to human trafficking in all of its forms, and to encourage support for the survivors of human trafficking throughout the State of New Jersey and across the world to put an end to this criminal activity and restore freedom and dignity to its survivors.

Arthur R. Ondish, Mayor

October 1, 2013