

**BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 1, 2014**

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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 Roxbury Register on January 2, 2014; notice was posted on the bulletin board in the main hallway of the Municipal Building on December 20, 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 Windish, Councilman Stanzilis, Mayor Ondish. Matthew O'Donnell, Esq., Borough Attorney, and Carolyn Rinaldi, CFO/Municipal Administrator, were also present.

5. Presentations/Mayor's Appointments

- Mayor's Appointment: Nita Galate, Mount Arlington Volunteer Representative, Lake Hopatcong Foundation, Trails and Open Space Efforts Around Lake Hopatcong. The Foundation is working on a trail system around the lake and Ms. Galate has volunteered to work on this project.

- Mayor's Appointment: Nita Galate, Mount Arlington Volunteer Representative, Morris County/Borough of Mount Arlington Historic Sites Survey. The County is putting together an application with all the historic sites in Morris County and Ms. Galate volunteered to represent Mount Arlington.

The Mayor questioned Ms. Veronica Silkes as to why she was video-taping/recording the meeting; she said it was for her own use. Council President Sorge indicated he felt it was intrusive and offensive.

- Re-Appointment of Mount Arlington Fire Company Line Officers for 2014.
Postponed to April 15, 2014 Council meeting.

- Morris County Freeholder John Krickus, County Budget Presentation.
Freeholder Krickus gave a brief overview of the 2014 Morris County budget, followed by questions and statements from Mayor Ondish. (The presentation outline is attached to the Minutes.)

- Proclamation Honoring Patrolman Gregory Shallop.
The Mayor read a letter from Judy Shoudy, Saint Clare's EMS, followed by the Proclamation, into the record. The Mayor presented the Proclamation to Patrolman Shallop.

- Proclamation Honoring Sergeant James DiStasio and Patrolman Matthew Fortunato.
The Mayor read a letter from resident Carlos Irmia, followed by the Proclamation, into the record. The Mayor presented a Proclamation to Sergeant DiStasio and Patrolman Fortunato.

6. Utility Receipt Report for the Month of February, 2014.

The Clerk read the Utility Receipt Report for February, 2014 into the record.
Grand Total: \$273,789.95

Tax Collectors' Report for the Month of February, 2014.

The Clerk read the Tax Collector's Report for February, 2014 into the record.
Total Receipts: \$3,015,075.84

7. Finance Report for the Month of January, 2014.

Current Fund:

Total Receipts: \$1,317,371.86

Total Disbursements: \$1,680,578.41

Finance Report for the Month of February, 2014.

Current Fund:

Total Receipts: \$3,393,872.55

Total Disbursements: \$1,304,585.96

8. OPRA Report

The Mayor briefly explained the OPRA process and monthly report. There were 38 OPRA requests this month with a total cost of \$1,339.00; only one request exceeded the \$100 which was \$125 for a drainage report.

9. Approval of Minutes

February 4, 2014

Regular Meeting

Motion to Approve the Minutes: Councilman Windish

Second: Councilman Sadow

Councilwoman Danchuk asked to table these minutes to the April 15, 2014 meeting because she has questions about one section and has not had a chance to complete her review.

Motion to Table the Minutes to the April 15, 2014 Council Meeting: Council President

Sorge

Second: Councilwoman Danchuk

Roll Call:

Aye: Danchuk, Cangiano, Council President Sorge, Stanzilis

Opposed: Sadow, Windish

Motion to Table Approved.

March 4, 2014

Regular Meeting

Motion to Approve the Minutes: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Cangiano

Roll Call:

Aye: Danchuk, Cangiano, Council President Sorge, Stanzilis

Abstain: Sadow, Windish

None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

March 11, 2014

Special Meeting

Motion to Approve the Minutes: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Sadow

Roll Call:

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

None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

10. Mayor's Report

The Mayor read his report into the record.

11. Chief of Police Report

- Chief Licata recently met with NJ Grants regarding money we received through a federal grant for generators. The award amount has been confirmed but the present part of the application process details our information and will then go to FEMA. The award includes power sources, hook-ups, etc., with no cost to the Borough.
- The Sheriff's Department was at the Police Station today because the medical drop box was filled to the maximum. The drop box is used often and CVS is advertising the Mount Arlington box as its closest location.
- With Spring coming and more children walking to school, crossing signs for Oneida Avenue have been ordered; DPW will install.
- Regarding speed signs, they had been tabled for the winter months but Police are working on them.
- Councilman Sadow noted the amount of accidents on Howard Boulevard, northbound, and the entrance ramp to Route 80 West. The Chief stated the traffic light has cut down on the amount of accidents tremendously but drivers seem to want to beat the traffic.

The Mayor commended the Police Department for their efforts last week when a power line came down at the train station.

The Mayor also mentioned a recent article in the Daily Record wherein Mount Arlington is listed as being the 6th lowest taxed town in Morris County.

12. Municipal Administrator's Report

- Our garbage contract will be expiring at the end of this year so we are working on the bid proposals.
- We are advertising for lifeguards and working on preparations for the Memorial Day Parade.
- Meetings have been scheduled for the Board of Education Committee and the Citizens Financial Advisory Committee. Also, a Special Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 15, 2014 for the budget introduction.
- Ms. Rinaldi stated she will need a Personnel Committee meeting because she has had some requests. Ms. Rinaldi will reach out to the Committee tomorrow to confirm a meeting date.

13. Council Committee Reports

Councilman Stanzilis:

- Attended the Board of Education meeting where they introduced their budget; they are staying within the 2% CAP.
- School held their Super Sunday.
- Attended the Boy Scouts Eagle Scout Awards ceremony and the Scouts hosted a very successful Pancake Breakfast.
- Attended the Sewer and Water Committee meeting where they discussed the water line extension up and off of Kadel, and the possibility of wireless meters.

Councilman Windish:

- In the process of scheduling a Personnel Committee meeting.
- New phone system is up and running and everyone seems happy with it.
- With beach season coming, will review the parking lot to insure that Borough residents are able to park.

Councilman Sadow:

- Attended Super Sunday at the school as well; great to see students of all ages receiving awards.
- There will be a Citizens Financial Advisory Committee meeting in advance of the budget introduction.

Council President Sorge:

- It appears that an Executive Session appeared on U-Tube, saying something like you shouldn't have missed this meeting. Council President Sorge asked if anyone has ever recorded one of our Executive Sessions, directing the question to each Councilmember, Municipal Administrator/CFO, Mayor, Attorney and Clerk; each and every one replied No. Council President Sorge stated he would like to hire an investigator but that would be costly. Councilwoman Danchuk stated she saw it on U-Tube as well but the recording is actually an open session, but entitled Executive Session. The

Borough Attorney stated it is perfectly okay for anyone to record an open meeting but the Clerk is the only one who can record Executive Sessions; similar to some municipalities, we can codify our ordinances to impart some type of penalty or fine for recording Executive Sessions.

Councilman Cangiano:

- Thanked Chief Licata for reporting on the LED signs, indicating the timing is perfect.
- Personally thanked Councilman Stanzilis for making the presentations at the Eagle Scout Award ceremony.
- Attended the Board of Health meeting on March 11, 2014. Frank Wilpert, Health Officer, and his team from Mount Olive are excellent in addressing and resolving any compliance issues. They are continuing to monitor the Saint Clare's situation, not only for the ambulance but for outpatient services that were formerly provided by Saint Clare's.

Councilwoman Danchuk:

- DPW is doing fine; there were complaints regarding gas lines being installed but Paul Nelson has quickly addressed the complaints.

Councilman Sadow stated he has tried numerous times during the meeting to view the aforementioned U-Tube video and it is conceivable that the site has been taken down because he cannot access it.

14. Public Comment

Marlene Ackerman, 56 Rogerene Way:

- Ms. Ackerman thanked the Police Department for being so diligent in handling an incident on Lake Rogerene, where Ms. Ackerman has been a resident for 25 years.
- There was a article in the Roxbury Register announcing a tour of a new hiking trail named Ice Age Trail in Landing, 10 Orben Drive.
- Thanked the Mayor and Council for attending and participating in the Feasibility Study meeting last Thursday; she has been here for 25 years and wants the best for her community.

Gene Paradiso, 206 Howard Boulevard:

- Thanked Councilman Stanzilis and Councilwoman Danchuk for attending the Eagle Scout Award Ceremony, and those members of Council who attended the Pancake Breakfast.
- The Board of Education recognized their janitors at their recent meeting; the winter has been stressful and the work has been far above normal.
- Thanked Mayor and Council members who attended the Feasibility Study meeting last week and noted there were more Mount Arlington residents in attendance than Roxbury residents.
- Regarding the gas lines, Mr. Paradiso just converted to gas this past winter and his cost was down to about between one-quarter and one-third his normal bills; so much better, cleaner, no smells, and thanked the Borough for bringing gas into town.
 - Mr. Paradiso gave the Clerk a full copy of the Feasibility Study Application, which can be viewed by the public, along with the consolidation website where the public can download the completed application. With regard to advertising the Feasibility meetings on the electronic signs, Council President Sorge stated that the meetings are not Borough business. Mr. Paradiso stated he is not for or against the consolidation, he just wants to get all the information and put the question to bed.

Wendy Maler, 75 Mountainview Avenue:

- Ms. Maler stated at the last meeting, she mentioned the pot hole on Berkshire and Howard Boulevard and thanked Council for having the repair made within 48 hours. She stated that now a manhole cover/storm drain has sunk on Mountainview Avenue.
 - Ms. Maler stated that if this is a public meeting, open to the public, what is the issue with the meetings being taped? The Mayor stated this issue has been talked about throughout the state; some people will not come to a meeting if the meeting is being recorded. The Mayor feels he wants everyone to feel comfortable to attend a meeting and he is against anything that will discourage anybody.

15. New Business

None.

16. Old Business

- Letter from Morris County Prosecutor's Office to Mayor and Council, received March 3, 2014. The Mayor read the letter into the record. Councilman Windish suggested Council reply, indicating they do not agree with it, are looking to appeal it, and need the information to see what was actually said that caused the Prosecutor to make this decision. We should have a third party attorney, which will cost money, but Councilman Windish does not want to authorize more than \$15,000. Attorney O'Donnell stated after reading the letter, he was in shock to be accused of something not knowing what you are being accused of or what proofs or allegations were presented. Attorney O'Donnell was surprised at how the Prosecutor's Office rushed to judgment on this matter; he feels a letter to the Prosecutors Office is warranted, asking who made the complaint, and what discovery was provided to his office to substantiate these claims. Attorney O'Donnell stated that if Council chooses to pursue this path, Council should assign an independent counsel and move quickly and swiftly to get this done. Councilwoman Danchuk stated that rather than admit that we talked about something in Executive that was not guaranteed executive privilege, Council wants to fight it. Councilwoman Danchuk said the Prosecutors Office is saying that this subject is not allowed to be talked about in Executive, it is an Open Meeting subject, that was his determination.

Motion to Retain Third Party Counsel, Not to Exceed the Cost of \$15,000, for a Determination of What Actually Transpired, the Allegations, the Lack of Council Being Questioned and the Final Determination (The Mayor asked to be advised before any money is spent): Councilman Windish

Second: Council President Sorge.

Council discussed that if the U-Tube video proves to be a recording of Executive Session, the special counsel will address that as well. Matthew O'Donnell will recommend an attorney familiar with these types of matters. Councilman Sadow stated that when an item is discussed inadvertently in Executive Session but then discussed again in Open, that mitigates the error; the expenditures of the Borough are going to be due to Councilwoman Danchuk's actions and a stupid waste of taxpayer dollars. Councilwoman Danchuk stated she has other subjects discussed in Executive to bring forth to the Prosecutor so if Council is going to take this route, she has to mention the other subjects; Council may be subject to additional allegations.

Motion to Take a Short Break: Councilman Stanzilis

Second: Councilman Cangiano

Roll Call:

All in Favor – Aye.

None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

Motion to Return to Open Session: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Sadow

Roll Call:

All in Favor – Aye.

None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

Motion to Amend the Motion on the Table:

Motion to Retain Third Party Counsel, Not to Exceed the Cost of \$5,000, for a Determination of What Actually Transpired, the Allegations, the Lack of Council Being Questioned and the Prosecutor's Determination: Councilman Windish

Second: Council President Sorge.

Matthew O'Donnell stated since the allegations are directed at Council, Council needs to be represented by the special attorney. Matthew O'Donnell stated that he represents all Council but since this is an allegation brought by one Council member, this creates an adverse situation for the Borough Attorney.

Roll Call:

Aye: Council President Sorge, Sadow, Windish, Stanzilis

Opposed: Danchuk

Abstain: Cangiano
Motion Approved.

17. Resolutions

2014-48 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 April 1, 2014.

Motion to Approve: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Sadow

Roll Call:

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

None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

2014-49 Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, In the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing a Temporary Budget.

Motion to Approve: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Sadow

Roll Call:

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

None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

2014-50 Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, In the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing a Traffic Safety Plan Associated with the Annual Fourth of July Fireworks Display.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Sadow

Second: Council President Sorge

Roll Call:

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

None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

2014-51 Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, To Refund a Tax Payment Made Erroneously Due to an Error on the 2013 New Jersey State Audit for Senior Citizen Deductions, Block 113, Lot 35.

Motion to Approve: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Windish

Roll Call:

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

None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

2014-52 Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, In the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Execution of a Shared Services Agreement for Construction Official and Building Code Inspection Services Between the Township of Jefferson and the Borough of Mount Arlington.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Sadow

Second: Council President Sorge

Roll Call:

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

None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

2014-53 Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, In the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing a Reserve for Preliminary Plans for Succasunna Road Improvements.

Motion to Approve: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilwoman Danchuk

Sabine Watson, CP Engineers, was present and explained Roxbury is again working on modifications to the concept plan; Sabine has not received the modified plans as of yet.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Approved.

2014-54 Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, In the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Reduction of Performance Bonds For Nolan's Ridge Phase III.

Motion to Approve: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Stanzilis

Sabine Watson, CP Engineers, stated that the improvements to the public infrastructure at Nolan's Ridge Phase III are approximately \$1.4 million. As of Friday, the improvements have been reduced with regard to those being installed to approximately \$750,000, which is the amount the requestor is requesting be bonded and covers the amount of improvements that have not been installed as of yet. Phase I and II will have to re-establish a bond for their work.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Approved.

2014-55 Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, In the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Execution of a 911 Service Agreement Amendment Between Saint Clare's Hospital, Inc. and The Borough of Mount Arlington.

Motion to Approve: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Cangiano

Ms. Rinaldi stated the Agreement is for one year with a 60-day opt-out clause.

Councilman Sadow asked why the Borough is providing rooming for the EMT's when they are only here on a roving basis. Matt O'Donnell requested the Administrator ensure that paragraphs 7 and 10 of the Agreement be reviewed and accepted by JIF.

Councilman Cangiano stated he would like the Borough to research what other vendors can provide; there is no reason to wait to look. Councilwoman Danchuk suggested possibly providing our own service, similar to Hopatcong; the Mayor indicated he would speak with the Mayor of Hopatcong this week. The Mayor stated this is not a service that the Borough has to provide statutorily, as opposed to fire and police, but we are doing this because we feel it is the right thing to do.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Approved.

18. Ordinances – Introduction

None.

19. Ordinances – Second Reading

04-14 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 4, Administration of Government, Section 4-5 Borough Council, Section B Meetings, Item (4) At the Regular Meetings, the Following Order of Business Shall Be Observed.

The Mayor opened the Hearing to the Public on Ordinance #04-14 and read the Ordinance by title.

No Public Comment; the Mayor closed the Hearing to the Public.

Council President Sorge stated, I move for adoption and final passage of Ordinance #04-14.

Second: Councilman Windish

Councilwoman Danchuk confirmed that the only change is the agenda will list the bullet points for Executive Session and the phrase "action may or may not be taken." If there is something that falls under the four categories, we can list it.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Approved.

The Mayor declared that Ordinance #04-14 is passed on second reading and directed the Clerk to publish the notice of adoption as required by law.

20. Motions

- Vendor Permit, Andy's Roadside Dive, Food Truck Vendor at Lee's Park.

Motion to Approve: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Windish

Roll Call:

All in Favor –Aye
None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

21. Executive Session

2014-56 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 – Approval of Executive Minutes

Executive Topic *Removed* from Resolution: Scott Holzhauer, Tax Appeal Appraiser

Action Will Be Taken.

Motion to Go Into Executive Session: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Windish

Roll Call:

All in Favor –Aye
None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

Motion to Return to Open Session: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Sadow

Roll Call:

All in Favor –Aye
None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

Motion to Approve March 4, 2014 Executive Session Minutes: Councilman Sadow.

Second: Councilman Windish

Roll Call:

Aye: Danchuk, Cangiano, Council President Sorge, Windish

Abstain: Sadow, Stanzilis

None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

22. Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Stanzilis

Roll Call:

All in Favor –Aye

None Opposed.

Motion Approved.



Linda DeSantis, RMC
Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved at Council Meeting of May 6, 2014.

PROCLAMATION
IN HONOR OF
PATROLMAN GREGORY SHALLOP
BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON
POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council wish to publicly express their gratitude to Patrolman Gregory Shallop for his courage and confidence in assisting on a medical emergency call on North Bertrand Island Road on February 14, 2014; and

WHEREAS, during this emergency call, Patrolman Shallop assisted in moving a patient from his home to the waiting ambulance in a very steep area which was snow and ice covered; and

WHEREAS, if it were not for the assistance and immediate action taken by Patrolman Shallop, a life might not have been saved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington that they wish to honor and recognize the bravery, courage and confidence of Mount Arlington Police Department Patrolman Gregory Shallop.



Arthur R. Ondish, Mayor

April 1, 2014



Linda DeSantis, RMC, CI
Borough Clerk

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Borough of
Mount Arlington

February 15, 2014

Mayor Ondish,

I want to bring to your attention the fantastic job done by Patrolman Gregory Schallop on a medical emergency call on North Bertrand Island Road on February 14th.

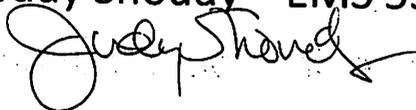
EMS 5341 responded to the call and met Patrolman Schallop in the home attending to the unconscious patient. After assessment of the patient by those responding, the patient was removed from the home by a reeves carrying device.

Patrolman Schallop assisted my partner in carrying the 200 pound patient up a steep, ice and snow covered, approximately 60 foot incline, to get the patient to the ambulance.

Patrolman Schallop's assistance with this medical emergency helped to get the ill patient moved quickly so he could be taken to the hospital for further treatment.

Respectfully,

Judy Shoudy EMS 5341



Cc : Mayor Ondish

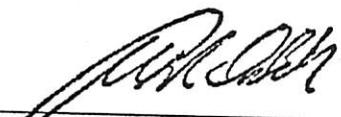
PROCLAMATION
IN HONOR OF
SERGEANT JAMES DiSTASIO
BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON
POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council wish to publicly express their gratitude to Sergeant James DiStasio for his bravery, courage and heroic actions in saving a young man's life on Floyd Drive on February 13, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the young man was trapped under a canopy that had collapsed from heavy snow and ice and Sergeant DiStasio put his own life in danger to manually dig the boy out, never hesitating due to a possible further structure collapse; and

WHEREAS, if it were not for the assistance and immediate action taken by Sergeant DiStasio, a life might not have been saved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington that they wish to honor and recognize the bravery, diligence and professionalism of Mount Arlington Police Department Sergeant James DiStasio.



Arthur R. Ondish, Mayor

April 1, 2014



PROCLAMATION

IN HONOR OF

PATROLMAN MATTHEW FORTUNATO

BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON

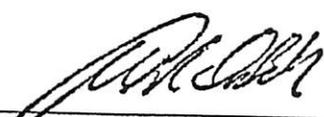
POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council wish to publicly express their gratitude to Patrolman Matthew Fortunato for his bravery, courage and heroic actions in saving a young man's life on Floyd Drive on February 13, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the young man was trapped under a canopy that had collapsed from heavy snow and ice and Patrolman Fortunato put his own life in danger to manually dig the boy out, never hesitating due to a possible further structure collapse; and

WHEREAS, if it were not for the assistance and immediate action taken by Patrolman Fortunato, a life might not have been saved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington that they wish to honor and recognize the bravery, diligence and professionalism of Mount Arlington Police Department Patrolman Fortunato.



Arthur R. Ondish, Mayor

April 1, 2014



On Tue, Feb 18, 2014 at 02:14 PM, Skicarlito@aol.com wrote:

Dear Chief Licata and Mayor Ondish,

My name is Carlos Irimia. My family and I have been residents of Mount Arlington since 1997. Never have I ever been more proud of our police department.

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of a job well done by the members of the emergency services your department provides.

On Thursday, Feb. 13th, 2014, my 17 year old son Carlos and his brother Pedro were out on our deck removing snow. Within a split second our lives changed. Pedro ran in yelling that our canopy had collapsed and Carlos was trapped underneath.

I ran out to the deck to find a mangled mess of snow, ice, and metal support rods covering what I could only see of Carlos, his snow boots protruding from the base of the canopy. He was buried in the pile, he laid covered non responsive and motionless.

My daughter immediately called 911, as my wife and I dug with our hands in an effort to relieve some of the pressure off his body.

Within minutes, (which for the record, as a Dad, it felt like hours), officers from the Mt. Arlington Police department arrived.

The officers that responded immediately, got on their hands and knees to dig with us. Moments later EMS, DWP and FD arrived at our home. All were extremely instrumental and tenacious in freeing our son.

As a fellow law enforcement officer, I have responded to numerous emergency situations in my 30 year career, I cannot think of a time where I have felt so helpless & scared. I reacted as an emergency responder should, yet I was fearing the worst. I thought we had lost Carlos.

The emergency first responders showed nothing less than relentless effort. They put their own lives in danger not thinking about a further collapse. They fought to get him out as if Carlos was their own child. Thanks to their diligence and professionalism Carlos' life was saved. Thank God, Carlos was removed from under the snow and didn't suffer any significant injury.

It is with utmost gratitude that I take this time, to applaud all the efforts of the men and women who respqnded. Their professionalism goes far above and beyond the call of duty.

Gentlemen I apologize that I don't know or have the responders names. I ask you to please acknowledge their job well done, and my family's appreciation for them.

May God bless them and their families.

Keep up the great work,

Carlos Irimia
6 Floyd Drive
Mt Arlington, NJ 07856

Mayor report for 4/4/14

Since our meeting on 3/4/14

3/7/14- Chaired a Leagues Education Foundation meeting in Trenton.

3/10/14- Attended Sewer and Water Committee Meeting

3/11/14- We had our special meeting to address St Clare's and the change of our service with them.

3/12/14- I attended Mayors Legislative Day in Trenton. Good chance to network with many of our legislators as well as Christie Administration Cabinet members.

3/20/14- Attended monthly St Clare's Patient Family Advisory Committee meeting in Denville.

3/25/14- Attended Leagues Tax Reform Committee Meeting in Trenton. This is the committee that is dealing with finding alternative ways to fund school education in the municipalities.

3/26/14- our land use board meeting was cancelled.

3/27/14- Officiated a wedding at Boro Hall.

I attended the consolidation meeting in Roxbury Twp at the High School.

3/28/14- Attended the Morris County Chamber Legislative Lunch in Parsippany. It was good to speak to Assembly Speaker Prieto and Minority Assembly Leader John Bromnick. I appealed to them that if there was any kind of increase in the gas tax, which is being considered to pay for the infrastructure repairs caused by this bad winter, to make sure it is a dedicated tax increase that goes not into the general fund but a dedicated fund for this purpose. I also said they need to change the way the state is run with a general fund to a line item budget like the municipalities. They agreed it should go into a dedicated fund.

I officiated a wedding in Hopatcong.

4/1/14- Earlier today I participated in a League conference call about the 2% interest arbitration status.

BOROUGH OF MT. ARLINGTON
UTILITY RECEIPT REPORT

MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2014

Dated: March 5, 2014

Completed by Patricia E. Simari, CTC

PS

<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>COLLECTED IN FEBRUARY 2013</u>
\$57,764.58	SOLID WASTE RECEIPTS	\$28,255.56
\$153,843.52	SEWER RECEIPTS	\$110,085.66
\$62,181.85	WATER RECEIPTS	\$75,267.67
\$0.00	SEWER CONN FEE INSTALL PLAN	\$3,400.00
\$273,789.95	GRAND TOTAL	\$217,008.89

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 February 2014

Dated: March 5, 2014

Completed by Patricia E. Simari, CTC

PS

Collections:

Current Taxes (4-01-17-001-001)	<u>\$2,978,900.24</u>
2013 Taxes (4-01-17-001-003)	<u>\$21,125.76</u>
2013 Taxes (Collected at Tax Sale)	
Pre-Paid Taxes (4-01-17-001-004)	
Municipal Redemption (4-01-17-004-001)	
Interest & Costs (4-01-08-112-000)	<u>\$1,886.11</u>
Interest & Costs (Collected at Tax Sale)	
Return Check Fee (4-01-16-500-017)	<u>\$20.00</u>
Tax Searches (4-01-08-105-010)	
Duplicate Bills (4-01-16-500-016)	<u>\$24.00</u>
3rd Party Red./Subs (4-01-17-004-002)	<u>\$10,939.94</u>
3rd Party Red. Int. (4-01-17-004-003)	<u>\$2,108.24</u>
3rd Party Red. 6% YEP (4-01-16-500-025)	
3rd Party Rec. Fee (4-01-17-004-003)	<u>\$52.00</u>
Misc. Copies (4-01-16-500-017)	
Tax Sale Costs (4-01-16-500-018)	
Tax Sale Costs (Collected at Tax Sale)	
Tax Sale Premiums (Trust Account)	
6% Delinquent Penalty (4-01-16-500-025)	<u>\$4.55</u>
Tax Paid Certification	<u>\$15.00</u>
Redemption Calculation Fee	
<u>Total Receipts</u>	<u>\$3,015,075.84</u>
<u>Total Receipts February 2013</u>	<u>\$2,901,288.99</u>

BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON
FINANCE OFFICE

Finance Report Current Fund

January 2014

Receipts	1,317,371.86
Disbursements	1,680,578.41

BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON
FINANCE OFFICE

Finance Report Current Fund

February 2014

Receipts	3,393,872.55
Disbursements	1,304,585.96



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Borough Clerk

February 25, 2014

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Mayor Arthur R. Ondish and
Borough Council Members
Borough of Mt. Arlington
419 Howard Boulevard
Mt. Arlington, New Jersey 07856

Borough of
Mount Arlington

Re: Mt. Arlington Borough Council
MCPO File No.: PSU-13-254

Dear Mayor Ondish and Council Members:

It has come to our attention that on occasion you have continued your discussion of public session issues after having reconvened in executive session. One such instance occurred on November 12, 2013 with respect to the issue of merging with Roxbury Township.

Please be reminded of the strict limitations the Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA) places on the types of issues that may be discussed in executive session. After reconvening in executive session, all discussion of public session issues should cease. Future violations of the OPMA could result in monetary penalties being assessed (See N.J.S. 10:4-17).

Very truly yours,

Robert A. Weber, Esq.
Supervising Assistant Prosecutor/SDAG

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c: Matthew O'Donnell, Esq. (Town Attorney)
File

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Budget Committee

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Hank Lyon, Freeholder, Committee Chair

John Krickus, Freeholder, Committee Member

David Scapicchio, Deputy Director

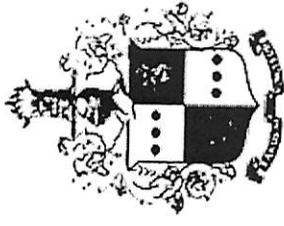
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John Cesaro, Freeholder

Kathryn A. DeFillippo, Freeholder

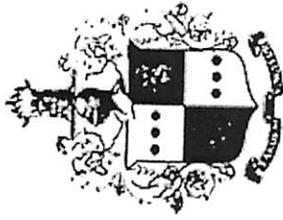
2014 Morris Budget Highlights

A new direction



2 Years- Lower taxes, lower debt, lower spending

- For the second consecutive year, a 0% tax increase in county operating taxes after 15 years of increases
- A 0.5% total tax cut with reduction of \$1.2M in open space tax, \$5.1M in 2 years, while preserving all aspects of the program
- Total spending is below 2012 level
- Debt reduced \$8.3M, planned \$64M reduction in 5 years
- All while maintaining essential services



2014 Budget Trends

0 spending/tax increase since 2012

NOTE: Budget increase due to state mandated/funded disabled and psychiatric offset 85% by state revenue, increased grants, and pension costs

	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
Total Expenses	\$317.3	\$311.1	\$317.3	\$313.0	\$308.1	\$299.7	\$294.3
Expense Change	\$6.2	(\$6.2)	\$4.3	\$4.9	\$8.4	\$5.4	\$9.5
Total County Property Taxes	\$217.9	\$217.9	\$217.9	\$214.0	\$210.0	\$201.4	\$193.5
Total Property Tax Change:	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$3.9	\$4.0	\$8.6	\$7.9	\$7.4

All numbers in millions

Zero tax increase achieved by...

Controlling employee costs, budget scrutiny



63 fewer budgeted positions in 2013 due to reorganizations:

- Morris View
- Library
- Planning & Public Works
- Admin- Employee resources and adjuster
- Net result: salaries lower for second year in a row*

Over \$1M in various expense reductions for expanded budget review

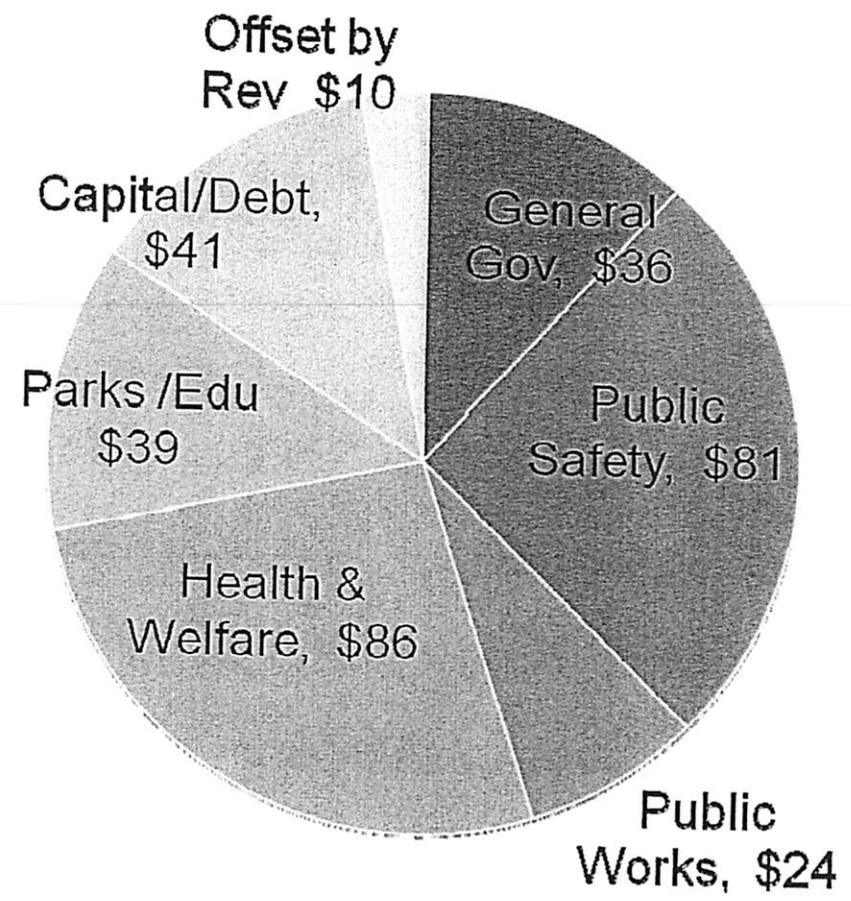
Outsourcing of golf course operations

\$1.1M in additional revenue from County Clerk's office

* Salaries lower after adjusting for reorganization of Mosquito Commission and inclusion of \$1.2M of salaries previously in independent budget

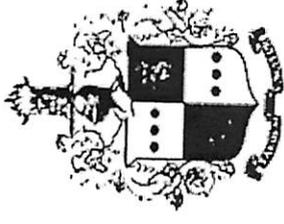
Budget by Service Area

In millions



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Increased services and expenditures



Public safety- Enhancement from the Sheriff's Office

- Forensic Training for all Municipal Police Officers
- County Wide Sheriff's Emergency Response (SERT TEAM)
- Courthouse security enhancements

- Shared services- County will provide health services to Morristown
- \$725,000 increase in capital fund to \$2.3M means less borrowing
- \$200,000 for winter operations

\$2M of state mandated costs that did impact budget

- \$859,000 for county share of psychiatric/disabled care
- \$1.0M for pension- 8% increase per employee (3% fewer employees at end of 2013 with 5% increase in statutory costs), \$200k unemployment/social sec.

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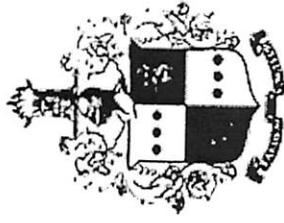
Highlights of services provided



- Over 490K Meals annually provided to Morris County Senior Citizens
- Morris View Health Care remains home to 283 individuals
- Level Funding allocated to:
 - County College of Morris – \$11.6M
 - Morris County School of Technology - \$6.2M
 - Morris County Park Commission – \$13.7M (golf outsourcing held down costs)
- The continued provision of a wide variety of Human/Social Service programs:
 - Aging, Disabilities , and Veteran Services
 - Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services
 - Emergency Assistance Services
 - Transportation Services

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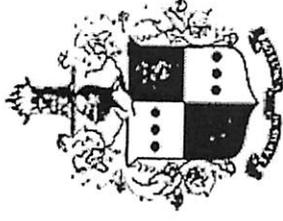
Public Safety Services



- **Sheriff's Office**
 - Court House Security
 - Crime Scene Investigation Services provided to all Municipalities
 - Canine services provided to all Municipalities
 - Forensic Training provided to all Municipal Police Departments
- **Prosecutor's Office**
- **County Correctional Facility**
- **County Office of Emergency Management**
- **Public Safety Training Academy**
 - Certified Police/Fire/ EMS Training Facility
- **911 Emergency Communication Center**
 - Providing Emergency Dispatch Services for 23 Municipalities
 - Providing Interoperable Communications for all Municipalities
- **Office of Health Management –**
 - LINCS Communications / Public Health Planning
 - Environmental Health Services, Hazmat response
 - Provides Health Services to 4 Municipalities
- **Juvenile Detention Center/Youth Shelter (Shared Service with 4 Counties)**
- **Medical Examiners Office (Shared Service with 3 Counties)**
- **County Wide Weights and Measures Services**

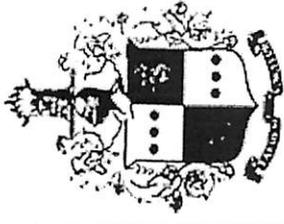
2014 Capital budget

Focused on Roads and Bridges



- \$14.2M funding for roads and bridges
 - \$7.5M for bridges
 - \$6.1M for roads, county funding \$2.2M, 55% increase in 2014 and up from \$745k three years ago
- Additional pot hole repair equipment.
- \$2.5M allocated for Law and Public Safety Initiatives.
- Education: \$2.1M CCM / \$1.3M Morris Vo-Tech
- \$1.0M Park Commission / \$1.0M to Morris View Healthcare Center and Senior Citizen and Disabled Transportation

Year	County Debt
14	\$23.8M
13	\$21.5M
12	\$29.2M
11	\$40.9M
10	\$33.2M

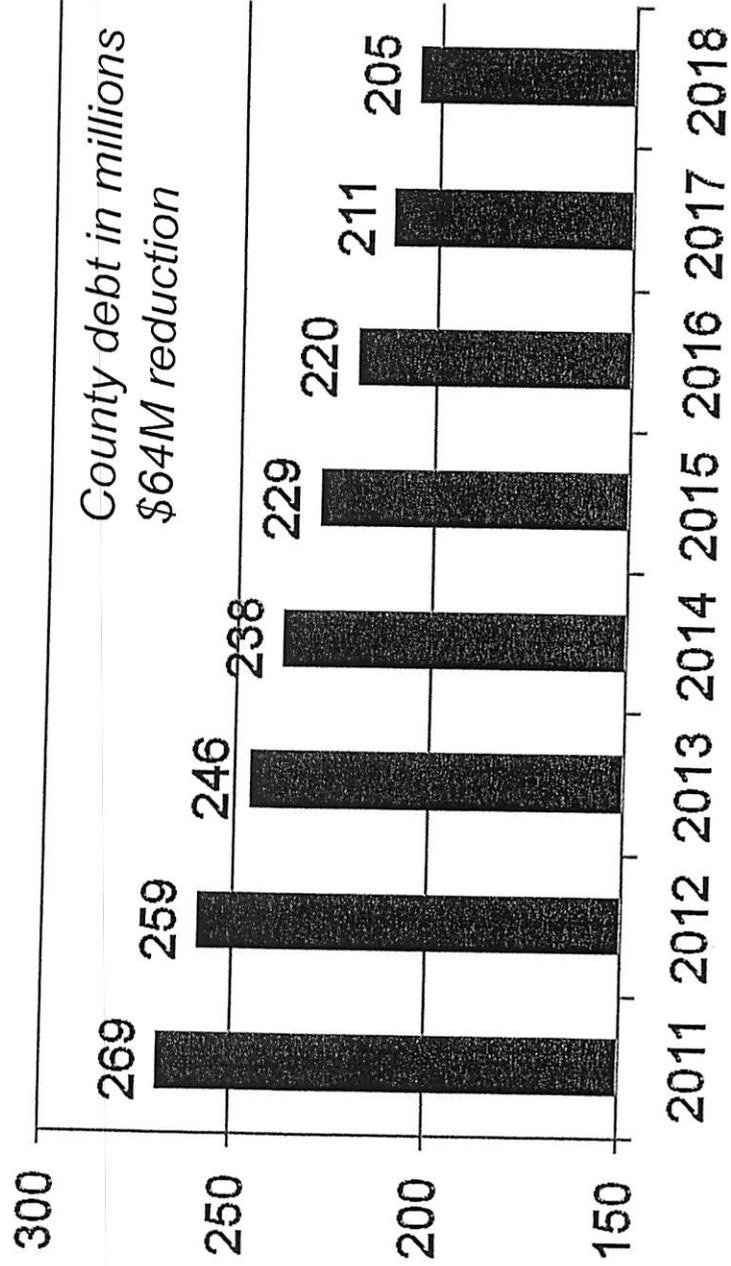


Total county debt, in millions

\$64M reduction with focused capital program

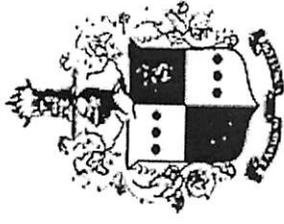
Benefit: \$4.7M reduction in debt service in 4 years

With conservative assumptions on debt, capital funding



2014 Morris County Budget

Strong Financial Structure

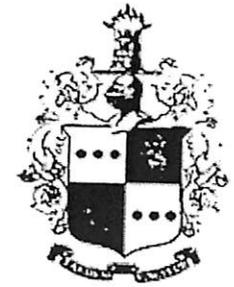


Triple A rating reaffirmed, maintained with:

- Conservative fiscal policies limiting spending growth
- Reasonable contract terms, addressing long term health care liabilities
- Stronger financial position with debt reduction plan tied to capital spending controls and...
- Prudent use of surplus/county regeneration of surplus which grew by \$7.3M
- Long term financial planning (next 2 slides)

2014 Strategic Planning

Measure "Actual" instead of budget



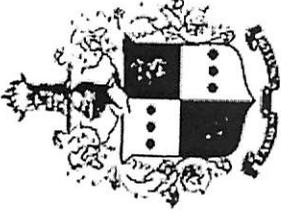
Track, measure performance vs. actual spending/staffing

Actual FT Staffing	Dec-11	Dec-12	Dec-13
Total Actual Full Time	1,610	1,581	1,528
Change		-29	-53
Corrections	193	205	193
Prosecutor	150	146	151
Office Temp. Assist.	149	150	155
Morris View	275	271	227

- Department Heads to receive monthly actual measures
- Freeholder Board to review on quarterly basis

2014 Morris County Budget

Strategic Planning- Risks/Opportunities



- **Risks to budget**
 - Managed Medicaid funding reduction potential to Morris View
 - Exposure to Solar bond guarantees
 - Failure by State Legislature to renew Salary Cap (expires April-14), Health Benefit Contribution (expires May-15)
 - Continued increase in pension costs due to legislative inaction and/or unfavorable arbitration rulings

- **Opportunities to budget**
 - Potential for savings from self-insurance health plan
 - Operational reviews identifying efficiencies and savings
 - Passage of Governor's proposals on sick pay and civil service reform