

**BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON
REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 7, 2014
6:00 p.m.**

1. Call to Order

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

2. Roll Call

Councilman Sorge, Councilman Sadow, Councilman Windish, Councilman Stanzilis, Mayor Ondish, Matthew O'Donnell, Esq., Borough Attorney, and Carolyn Rinaldi, CFO/Municipal Administrator, were also present.

3. Adequate notice of this meeting of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington was given as required by the Open Public Meetings Act as follows: Notice was published in the 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.

4. 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.

5. Certification of Election

The Clerk read the Certification of Election into the record.

6. Swearing in of New Council Members

Mayor: Will Council Member Paula Danchuk please step forward to be sworn in to serve a **3-year term** on the Borough Council, ending December 31, 2016.
The Borough Attorney administered the Oath of Office and Councilwoman Danchuk took her place on the dais.

Council Elect Andrew Cangiano was not present at this time.

7. Roll Call of the 2014 Council Members

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

8. Invocation

Pastor Roy Roderick was not present at this time.

9. Guests in Audience

The Mayor publicly acknowledged some of the guests in the audience.

10. Nomination of Council President for 2014

Councilwoman Danchuk nominated Councilman Sadow to serve as Council President for 2014.

Councilman Windish nominated Councilman Sorge to serve as Council President for 2014. Councilman Sadow stated that at this time he would like to decline the nomination and thanked Councilwoman Danchuk for the nomination.

Second: Councilman Sadow to nominate Councilman Sorge.

Roll Call:

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

Absent: Cangiano

None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

11. Mayor's Address

The Mayor read his address into the record.

12. Appointments:**Borough Officials**

Mayor: I recommend appointment of the following Borough Officials:

Pension Certifying Official Terry Smith - **1-year term**
Treasurer

DPW Supervisor Paul Nelson - **1-year term**

Councilman Sadow moved for confirmation of these appointments.

Second: Councilman Windish

Roll Call:

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

Absent: Cangiano

None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

Mayor: Will Council Member Andrew Cangiano please step forward to be sworn in to serve a **3-year term** on the Borough Council, ending December 31, 2016.

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

Roll Call of the Full 2014 Council Members:

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

Professional Services

Mayor: I recommend the following appointments for a **1-year term**:

Borough Attorney	Matthew J. O'Donnell, Esq.
Borough Auditor	Nisivoccia LLP
Borough Bond Counsel	John Hudak, Esq.
Borough Engineer	CP Engineering LLC
Borough Special Engineer	Alaimo Group Cons. Engineers
Borough Planner	J. Caldwell Associates, Inc.
Borough Special Bond Counsel	John M. Cantalupo, Esq.
Budget Consultant	Joseph Kovalcik
Grant Consultants On-Call	Bruno Associates, Inc.
Land Use Board Attorney	Michael Selvaggi, Esq.
Stormwater Management Consultant	CP Engineering LLC
Tax Appeal Appraiser	Scott Holzhauser, CTA, SCGRE

Council President Sorge moved for confirmation of these appointments

Second: Councilman Stanzilis

Councilman Sadow stated he is in opposition to hiring Bruno Consultants, even on an on-call basis; does not feel they were worthy of a retainer last year. Councilwoman Danchuk questioned the RFP process and hiring an on-call consultant; the difference is the Borough will not be appointing anyone with a retainer. The Mayor stated that Bruno Associates will bring anything pertinent to our attention, at no charge; if we want to move forward from that point, we would then have to compensate them for the services. Councilman Sadow stated the Council had said they did not want this; and stated we are giving the appearance of endorsement to Bruno by even appointing them on call.

Roll Call on All Appointments Except Grant Consultants:

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

Motion Approved.

Motion to Appoint Bruno Associates as an On-Call Grant Consultant: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Stanzilis

Roll Call:

Aye: Cangiano, Council President Sorge, Stanzilis
Opposed: Danchuk, Sadow, Windish
Tie Vote: Mayor voted Aye.

Motion Approved.

Mayor's Appointments

Mayor: I recommend the following appointments for a **1-year term**:

Tax Search Officer	Patricia Simari
Assessment Search Officer	Linda DeSantis
Clean Communities Coordinator	Paul Nelson
Recycling Coordinator	Paul Nelson

Sussex County Water Quality Mgmt. Plan Policy Advisory Committee (PAC)	Doug Zellman
County Flood Mitigation	Councilwoman Danchuk
Licensed Water Operator	Paul Nelson
Police Matron	Valerie Kourtz
League of Municipalities Rep.	Mayor Arthur Ondish
Liaison to the Board of Education	Councilman Stanzilis
Liaison to the Board of Health	Councilman Cangiano
Liaison to the Seniors Club	Councilman Sadow
Borough Pastor	Pastor Roy Roderick
MCJIF Commissioner	Carolyn Rinaldi
Alternate I	Mayor Ondish
Public Safety Coordinator	Police Chief Keith Licata
Public Safety Coordinator	Paul Nelson
Public Safety Clerk	Terry Smith
OEM Coordinator	Police Chief Keith Licata
Deputy OEM Coordinator	Fire Chief Steve Norman
Deputy OEM Coordinator	Paul Nelson
CDRS Representative by Mayor	Brian Kincaid
CDRS Alt. Rep. by Mayor	Mayor Arthur Ondish
Chief Financial Officer	Carolyn Rinaldi

Council President Sorge moved for confirmation of these appointments

Second: Councilman Sadow.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Approved.

The Borough Attorney administered the Oath of Office to those present.

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

Councilman Windish nominated Councilman Sadow as Council's Representative to CDRS.

Second: Councilman Cangiano

Roll Call:

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

Motion Approved.

14. Council Committee Appointments

Mayor: I ask for confirmation of the following appointments to the Council Committees for the Year 2014:

Finance:

Chair: Councilman Sadow

Members: Stanzilis, Danchuk

Police:

Chair: Council President Sorge

Members: Sadow, Stanzilis

Personnel & Public Relations:

Chair: Councilman Windish

Members: Sorge, Cangiano

Fire, Rescue & OEM:

Chair: Councilman Stanzilis

Members: Windish, Cangiano

Parks & Recreation:

Chair: Councilman Cangiano

Members: Windish, Danchuk

DPW, Buildings, Grounds & Utilities:

Chair: Councilwoman Danchuk

Members: Sorge, Sadow

Councilman Sadow moved for confirmation of these appointments

Second: Council President Sorge

Roll Call:

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

Abstain: Windish

None Opposed

Motion Approved

15. Fire Department Officers & Fire Official

Mayor: I recommend appointment of the following to the Fire Department as Officers for **January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 (1-year term):**

Fire Chief: Steve Norman

Assistant Chief: Brian Shatzel

Captain: Aitor Ostolaza

Lieutenant: Nick Lima

Engineer: Mike Lima

Council President Sorge moved for confirmation of these appointments

Second: Councilman Cangiano

Roll Call:

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

None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

The Borough Attorney administered the Oath of Office to those present.

Mayor: I recommend the appointment of the following:
New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Division of Fire and Safety, as the Fire Official for the Year 2014 (1-year term)

Councilman Cangiano moved for confirmation of this appointment.

Second: Council President Sorge

Roll Call:

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

Motion Approved.

16. Council's Appointment to the Land Use Board

Council President Sorge nominated Councilman Windish as a Class III Member of the Land Use Board for the Year 2014.

Second: Councilman Sadow

Roll Call:

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

Motion Approved.

17. Land Use Board Members

Mayor: I recommend the following appointments to the Land Use Board:

- Class I Member - Mayor Arthur Ondish (1-year term, expires 12/31/14)
- Class II Member – Carolyn Rinaldi, Borough Employee (1-year term, expires 12/31/14)
- Class III Member – Councilman Windish (1-year term, expires 12/31/14)
- Class IV Member – Rob VanDenHende (2-year term, expires 12/31/14)
- Class IV Member - Marguerite Wilson (2-year term, expires 12/31/15)
- Class IV Member – Melissa Fostle (4-year term, expires 12/31/17)
- Class IV Member – Maureen Cerasoli (4-year term, expires 12/31/17)
- Class IV Member – Ray Simard (unexpired 4-year term, expires 12/31/14)
- Class IV Member – Lee Loughridge (unexpired 4-year term, expires 12/31/14)
- Alternate 1 Member – Tom Foley (3-year term, expires 12/31/16)
- Alternate 2 Member – Fran Hallowich (unexpired 2-year term, expires 12/31/14)

Alternate 3 Member – John Driscoll **(2-year term, expires 12/31/14)**

Alternate 4 Member – Bill Keuntje **(2-year term, expires 12/31/14)**

Council President Sorge moved for confirmation of these appointments

Second: Councilman Stanzilis

Roll Call:

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

Motion Approved.

18. Library Board of Trustees

Mayor: I recommend Council President Sorge as Mayor's Alternate to the Library Board of Trustees **for the Year 2014.**

Councilman Cangiano moved for confirmation of this appointment

Second: Councilman Windish

Roll Call:

Aye: Danchuk, Cangiano, Sadow, Windish, Stanzilis

Abstain: Council President Sorge

None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

Mayor: I move for confirmation of the following appointments:
Maureen Cerasoli, President **(5-year term, expires 12/31/18)**
Fran Hallowich, Secretary **(5-year term, expires 12/31/14)**
John Driscoll, Treasurer **(5-year term, expires 12/31/16)**
Jackie Coy, **(5-year term, expires 12/31/16)**
Anna Travers, **(5 year term, expires 12/31/15)**
Ana VanDenHende, **(5-year term, expires 12/31/17)**
Sheila Studint, **(5-year term, expires 12/31/16)**
Mayor Arthur Ondish
Council President Sorge, Mayor's Alternate, **(1-year term, expires 12/31/14)**
Jane Jameson, Superintendent of Schools
Linda Nadzeika, Superintendent's Alternate, **(1-year term, expires 12/31/14)**

Council President Sorge moved for confirmation of these appointments

Second: Councilman Sadow

Roll Call:

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

Motion Approved.

19. Board of Health

Mayor:

I recommend appointment of the following to the Board of Health:
 Christopher Anderson, President **(3-year term, expires 12/31/15)**
 Anne Marie Westerfield, Vice President **(3-year term, expires 12/31/15)**
 Linda Tuorinsky **(3-year term, expires 12/31/15)**
 Anne Puskas, Member **(3-year term, expires 12/31/14)**
 Roy Morance, Member **(3-year term, expires 12/31/14)**
 Laura O'Reilly-Stanzilis, **(3-year term, expires 12/31/16)**
 Patti DiGeronimo, **(3-year term, expires 12/31/16)**
 Frank Wilpert, Health Officer
 Patricia Simari, Board of Health Administrator **(1-year term, expires 12/31/14).**

Council President Sorge moved for confirmation of these appointments

Second: Councilman Cangiano

Roll Call:

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

Abstain: Stanzilis

None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

20. Board of Recreation Commission:

Mayor:

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

Mike Strickler, **(5-year term, expires 12/31/14)**

Emil Cardona, **(5-year term, expires 12/31/15)**

Edwin Botero, **(5-year term, expires 12/31/16)**

Ruth Stone, **(5-year term, expires 12/31/17)**

Sharon McDonald, **(5-year term, expires 12/31/18)**

James Matthews, **(5-year term, expires 12/31/17)**

Kathy Appleby, **(5-year term, expires 12/31/18)**

Paul Metz, Alt. #1 **(5-year term, expires 12/31/15)**

Jennifer Tamburo, Alt. #2 **(5-year term, expires 12/31/16)**

Council President Sorge moved for confirmation of these appointments

Second: Councilman Cangiano

Roll Call:

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

None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

21. Lake Hopatcong Water Level Management Plan Review Committee

Mayor: I recommend appointment of the following to the Lake Hopatcong Water Level Management Plan Review Committee:
 Borough Representative: William Doran.
 Borough Alternate Representative: Councilman Cangiano.

Council President Sorge moved for confirmation of these appointments

Second: Councilman Sadow

Roll Call:

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

Abstain: Cangiano

None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

22. Lake Hopatcong Commission

Mayor: I recommend appointment of the following to the Lake Hopatcong Commission:

Borough Representative: Anne Pravs, (2-year term, expires 12/31/14).

Borough Alternate Representative: Ron Morris, (unexpired 2-year term, expires 12/31/14).

Council President Sorge moved for confirmation of these appointments

Second: Councilman Cangiano

Roll Call:

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

None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

23. Advisory Council Appointments

Mayor: Advisory Council appointed members do not have to take an oath, but I ask that they please stand up to be recognized after confirmation of their appointments.

Their appointments are for a **1-year term**.

Mayor: I recommend the following appointments:
Board of Education Working Committee

Councilman Stanzilis, Chair

Council President Sorge

Councilman Sadow

Building Committee

Councilwoman Danchuk, Chair

Councilman Sadow

Councilman Stanzilis

Stan Puszcz

Paul Nelson

Maureen Cerasoli

Council President Sorge, Alternate

Carolyn Rinaldi

Citizens Financial Advisory Committee

Councilman Sadow, Chair

Councilman Cangiano

Roy Morance

Joanne Wiseberg

Sheila Studint

Andrew Danchuk

Nancy Absalon

Carolyn Rinaldi

Code Committee

Councilman Cangiano

Councilman Windish

Carolyn Rinaldi

Linda DeSantis

Matthew O'Donnell, Esq.

Fun Day Committee

Councilman Cangiano

Councilman Stanzilis

Chief Keith Licata

Chief Steve Norman

Paul Nelson

Carolyn Rinaldi

Brenda Temple

Jackie Coy

Mike Strickler

Emil Cardona

Green Team Committee

Councilman Cangiano, Chair

Councilman Stanzilis

Carolyn Rinaldi, Mayor's Appointment

Paul Nelson

Jane Jameson

Jacquelyn Coy

Viviana Migliore

Kathy Appleby

Joyce Murphy

Darlene Kadel

Nita Galate

Marie Rotondella

Heidi Roldan

Debbie Wefferling

Landfill Committee

Mayor Ondish
Councilman Sadow
Wendy Maler
Carolyn Rinaldi

Master Plan Committee

*Mayor Ondish, Alternate
Councilman Windish
Councilman Cangiano
Councilman Sadow
Maureen Cerasoli
Stan Puszcz
Michael Selvaggi
Jessica Caldwell
Carolyn Rinaldi

Mayor's Wellness Committee

Mayor Ondish
Councilman Stanzilis
Helen Giles
Judith Loughridge
James Matthews
Christopher Merker
Leann Phil
Marie Rotondella
Sharon Voytush
Carolyn Rinaldi

Parking Authority Committee

Mayor Ondish
Carolyn Rinaldi
Councilman Sadow
Councilman Windish
Matthew O'Donnell, Esq.
*Added: Councilman Cangiano, Alternate

Technology Committee

Councilman Windish, Chair
Council President Sorge
Councilman Sadow, Alternate
Chief Keith Licata
Fire Chief Steve Norman
John Driscoll
Matt Zuccaro
Carolyn Rinaldi

Water & Sewer Committee

Councilman Cangiano, Chair

Councilman Sadow

Councilman Stanzilis

Paul Nelson

Stan Puszcz

Maureen Cerasoli

Councilman Windish, Alternate

Carolyn Rinaldi

Zoning Committee

Council President Sorge, Chair

Councilman Stanzilis

Councilman Windish

Councilman Cangiano, Alternate

Tom Mahoney

Maureen Cerasoli

Mike Selvaggi, Esq.

Carolyn Rinaldi

Councilman Sadow moved for confirmation of these appointments

Second: Councilman Stanzilis

Roll Call:

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

None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

24. Borough Employees

Mayor:

I recommend the continued employment of all Borough Employees who were on the payroll on December 31, 2013, except for any employees whose services with the Borough may have been terminated at or on December 31, 2013.

Council President Sorge made the Motion to approve

Second: Councilman Sadow

Roll Call:

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

None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

25. Council Meeting Dates for 2014

Mayor:

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

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

We have scheduled the Council Meetings as follows:

Tuesday, January 7	Reorganization Meeting 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, January 21	Tuesday, July 1
Tuesday, February 4	Tuesday, August 5
Tuesday, March 4	Tuesday, September 2
Tuesday, April 1	Tuesday, October 7
Tuesday, May 6 10:00 a.m.	Thursday, November 6
Thursday, June 5	Tuesday, December 2

I think that it will be useful for me to mention at this time that the law specifies nine exceptions to the requirement for admitting the public to meetings. They are:

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

26. Public Comment

Marlene Ackerman, 56 Rogerene Way:

- Ms. Ackerman wished all a happy new year and expressed her best wishes and prayers, along with those of members of her church, for Mayor Ondish's health and well-being. She also congratulated Councilwoman Danchuk and Councilman Cangiano for being re-elected. Ms. Ackerman expressed her wishes for 2014, to see more harmony among Council, and she thanked the Mayor and Council for the amount of hours they serve our community.

- Ms. Ackerman stated she was saddened that the Council chose not to listen to a presentation regarding the potential consolidation with Roxbury; Councilman Windish did attend. Ms. Ackerman stated that if there is the slightest chance to do something good for the study, she would hope that Council would support that.

27. Resolutions

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

2014-01 Resolution Establishing the Rate of Interest on Delinquent Municipal Charges for the Year 2014.

2014-02 Resolution To Allow Cancellation of Tax and Utility Overpayments or Delinquent Amounts Less than \$10.00 for the Year 2014.

- 2014-03** Resolution Authorizing a Tax Sale to Be Held in the Year 2014.
- 2014-04** Resolution Designating Official Newspapers of the Borough.
- 2014-05** Resolution Authorizing the Official Depositories of the Borough.
- 2014-06** Resolution Providing For and Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Mount Arlington to Approve Disbursements Prior to Their Payment From the Borough's Petty Cash Fund.
- 2014-07** Resolution Authorizing Signatures on Payroll and Other Checks.
- 2014-08** Resolution Authorizing Municipal Attorney to Undertake Certain Actions on Behalf of the Borough on Recommendation of the Tax Assessor.
- 2014-09** Resolution Appointing Rich Allocca, Advent Insurance Services, Inc., as the Borough's Risk Management Consultant.
- 2014-10** Resolution Appointing Morris County Joint Insurance Fund Commissioner and Alternate I Member for the Borough of Mount Arlington.
- 2014-11** Resolution Adopting a Form Required To Be Used for the Filing of Notices of Tort Claims Against the Borough of Mount Arlington.
- 2014-12** Resolution Supporting the Lake Hopatcong Commission.
- 2014-13** Resolution Supporting and Participating in the Volunteer Tuition Credit Program (P.L. 1998, C. 145).
- 2014-14** Resolution Authorizing Professional Services Contracts for the Calendar Year 2014.
- 2014-15** Resolution Appointing the Local Emergency Planning Council.
- 2014-16** Resolution Authorizing Creation of Community Emergency Response Team.
- 2014-17** Resolution Authorizing Recreation Commission Petty Cash Fund.
- 2014-18** Resolution Authorizing Temporary Appropriations for Operating Purposes.
- 2014-19** Resolution to Affirm Civil Rights Policy with Respect to All Officials, Appointees, Employees, Prospective Employees, Volunteers, Independent Contractors, and Members of the Public that Come into Contact with Municipal Employees, Officials and Volunteers.
- 2014-20** Resolution Appointing Councilman Andrew Cangiano Commissioner to the Musconetcong Sewerage Authority.
- 2014-21** Resolution Authorizing Petty Cash Fund.

Council President Sorge moved to approve all the above resolutions with this one motion.

Second: Councilman Stanzilis

Roll Call:

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

None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

Pastor Roy Roderick gave a Benediction, praising the Mayor and members of the governing body and praying for blessings, contentment and peace in the coming year.

28. Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilwoman Danchuk

All in Favor – Aye.

None Opposed.

Motion Approved.



Linda DeSantis, R.M.C.
Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved at Council Meeting of January 28, 2014.

Good evening and Happy New Year. I wish you good health, happiness, and prosperity in 2014. Your attendance at our reorganization meeting is appreciated. This meeting puts the team in place who will serve our Borough during the year 2014.

Congratulations Councilman Cangiano and Paula Danchuck on being reelected to serve our Borough. Working together we have been successful in moving our Borough forward. It is a challenge and it becomes more challenging every year. I must also thank our spouses who sacrifice time away from us while we do the work of the Borough.

Thank you to our staff here at Borough Hall who continue to serve us well. They are the faces who most residents see on a regular basis. They are the ones who take the payments and answer the questions. They do it so well and treat everyone who comes in this building with respect and dignity. They understand that it is their actions that define Mt Arlington's reputation as a friendly and professional place to reside and do business.

I thank our professionals who continue to provide sound advice to myself and the Council.

I thank our many volunteers who selflessly serve our Borough. The members of the different boards and committees are to be commended for their time and energy dealing with the work of our Borough. The Borough does not run itself and without volunteers we would not be able to survive.

I thank our police department for their good work. Our police officers respond to such a variety of calls. They are on the front lines and always know what to say and do when they are called on. It is with great pride that I hear such positive feedback on

their interactions with the general public. I also am glad when I hear it in the wind, “don’t speed through Mt Arlington”. Speeding on our local roadways is an ongoing issue. I believe we have taken many measures to address this ongoing problem. I really like the electronic speed sign what was installed on Seasons Drive. This seems to have helped make drivers think and slow down. I know Chief Licata and the department are doing what they can to address this issue but really it comes down to our residents minding their speed as they drive on our local roadways. Please think as you drive and keep your eye on your speed.

I also want to commend our Police Department for working with surrounding communities to address the ongoing illegal drug rings that are poisoning our youth. Mt Arlington Police have been part of some very large operations and I am always proud to see them receive credit when the story unfolds. We have also had some good work done here in town to rid some of local dealers. This is not easy work but they do it well and I want to recognize and thank them for their efforts.

I thank our Fire Department for their diligence in responding to the needs of our residents. This was a busy year for Chief Norman and our Department. We started out in January with the tragic fire that claimed our beloved Pub 199. Many departments responded to help with that incredible fire. There have been others during the year but this was the big one. Thanks to all who responded and for their dedication throughout the year. Understand these are men and women who volunteer their time. Calls come at all hours of the night or day. One thing that continues to trouble me is when I hear a call in the wee hours of the morning for a smoke detector or CO2 detector. Most of these turn out to be low batteries. Please do check and change batteries so that these folks don’t have to respond to these kinds of calls and then get up for work in the morning. Another place where these volunteers spend much

time is on mutual aid calls to our neighboring communities. Obviously Jefferson Twp, Roxbury and Hopatcong are much larger communities and see more activity. Our department assists them often and this is also to be recognized and appreciated.

I thank our Department of Public Works for all their good work. Under Paul Nelson's leadership the staff does a great job keeping our Borough operating smoothly. They did a great job cleaning up after Sandy this past year as well as their regular work. There is much that they do that no one really notices but if they didn't do their jobs it would be obvious.

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

I also want to be sure and commend the staff at our Public Library. I receive so much positive feedback about how kind and helpful the library staff is when called upon. I am very proud of our local Library and want to commend the staff for their good work. This adds to Mt Arlington's reputation of being a friendly place providing great customer service to our community.

I thank our School Board and School Superintendant Jane Jamison for the good work they do. Our schools have received many awards. I urge you to attend School Board meetings to hear about the good things going on within our schools. We continue to work together with the School Board and are always exploring opportunities to share additional services and assist in order to reduce costs. I also want to thank outgoing School Board President Liz D'Abbraccio. Her service and sacrifices of time to our Borough are greatly appreciated.

Congratulations are in order to Sheila Studint who was elected School Board President last evening along with John Longtine who was elected School Board Vice President. I look forward to continuing our collaboration to provide the best service to our community. I am very proud of the job our School Board does with the budget constraints they face.

This has been a fairly quiet year for Mt Arlington. We have had some nice events and improvements as well as drama. As I said earlier, the Pub 199 Fire in January was significant. The Pub is one of our major businesses in town. George Markou employs over 50 people and it was a tragedy to see them put out of work after the fire. Working together through our permitting process and inspecting I was very proud to see the Pub back open in just 86 days. This is very unheard of and something we should all take pride in. This is how things can get done when everyone is focused on the goal. George was not given any slack in his required permitting and regulations. As a matter of fact he was very closely monitored. What worked was that when there was an issue it was addressed promptly and resolved so not to slow down the process. It helped that George was able to finance much of the work prior to receiving insurance compensation. With all that said, I am very proud of how everyone came together and we got those 50 people back to work as soon as we could. This is the beauty and benefit of a small community. I highly doubt this kind of progress would have been made if we were not as efficient and accountable. I also want to be sure to mention Mrs. Ceil Markou who is the rock upon which George stands. She and George continue to work hard and because of the decades of hard work they have a great place for a family to enjoy a good meal and fun time. George and Ceil have always been incredibly generous to the Borough. We thank them and wish them many more years of success with the new Pub 199.

Some of the accomplishments I predicted for 2013 did not come to fruition as anticipated for a mired of reasons including the volatile economy:

I did anticipate Succasunna Road to be improved and that is still in the works but moving steadily forward. The natural gas lines were installed and we have had progressive conversations with Roxbury Twp about completing the improvements. Succasunna Road is jointly owned and both Municipalities need to collaborate on the reconstruction plan and share in the cost.

The Oneida Ave intersection improvements were not completed in 2013 as I had anticipated. Due to the many changes going on with Morris County, this project is on the books but funding did not happen. Being Howard Blvd is a County Road, we are very dependent on the County for this project to happen. I am hopeful it will happen this year.

Recreation improvements at our Beach have not moved ahead as anticipated but I am hopeful to see the next phases beginning this coming year.

We continue to explore opportunities to make use of our closed Landfill. We have had a company come in and evaluate the area to give us some ideas on what would be a good use. That is still ongoing and we will continue to explore in 2014.

Some other progressive advances I see in 2014 are the following:

Our Pilot project is anticipated to begin construction. This is the first Payment in Lew of Taxes project Mt Arlington has done. Many municipalities across the state have taken

advantage of this program to develop land that is devalued. This will be a good addition to our Borough. This will take land that was valued basically as unimproved land and increase our tax base for the improvement. The initial increase will almost triple the tax base. As the 300 units are constructed, the value will continue to rise and revenue will increase. This is a project that will be ongoing for a several years.

Natural Gas lines will continue to be expanded through the Borough. Currently lines are being installed in the Landing section of Mt Arlington. We anticipate the next phase will include Lake Rogerene. Due to the pilot project there is a need to create a loop in the gas service. The line that ends on Orben Dr will be expanded through Lake Rogerene and over the mountain into the Pilot area on Valley Road.

We are anxious to see NG expansion throughout the Borough but it is not our choice or decision on where expansion takes place. It is the Utility who makes these plans and decisions. What we do is support NJR and assist those anticipated areas with outreach and notification of expansion. This will be ongoing and I look forward to each expansion since it gives residents a choice and chance to convert if they wish.

I am very excited that we received word that Quick Chek is pursuing lease of the property where North Jersey Marine is currently located. They are working toward building a new facility much like they have on Lakeside Blvd in Hopatcong and on Route 15 in Jefferson Twp where it would be a store and gas station. This will be a nice addition to our Route 80 corridor. I also asked Quick Chek to look into installing a Natural Gas filling station for alternative fueled vehicles. This is a key area where a NG fill station would be very welcome. There is no such access to NG from the Delaware Water Gap to NYC. Mt Arlington would be on the map, once again, as being a leader in installing such a site. This is all speculation at

this time but I am very hopeful to see it move forward. We have been considering converting our municipal fleet to NG vehicles in order to take advantage of the savings. This could open that door if it comes to fruition. If not there has been discussion about a shared filling site for local municipal fleets. That would take some time to put together but worthwhile. We will have to see how this works out. I would like to thank Harvey Knight, the owner of North Jersey Marine for his years of being a generous business in town. Harvey opened in the mid 80's and has been a great business in town. I understand he plans on moving North Jersey Marine to another location and his son will take over the business. I wish Harvey a long and enjoyable retirement and his son the best of luck with the business in the new location.

2013 also saw the closing of another long time business in Mt Arlington. The Arlington Caterers closed its doors late in the year. They wound up selling to Times Square Church. The Arlington was a great place to have an event for many years. Most of my events were held at the Arlington and I officiated many weddings there over my 11 years of being Mayor. I wish Danny and Tom much success in their future endeavors. We welcome Times Square Church to our Community. They had been operating out of leased space in Succasunna for a few years. They have quite a following in the area and their search committee decided it was time to find a permanent home. They fell in love with the Arlington. They made application with our Land Use Board for some minor changes to the property, were approved and completed the work. They are now are open for worship. I look forward to working with them along with our other houses of worship.

Another important achievement for Mt Arlington was our obtaining certification in the Sustainable Jersey program through the League of Municipalities. We received our Bronze

certification and I am very proud of our Green Team and the work that was done to achieve this. This will open doors for future grant money to continue to do good things in Mt Arlington that help save money and are good for the environment. There is discussion of working toward a Community Garden this coming year. That is something I have been asked to pursue for quite some time. I look forward to this moving forward. If anyone would like to understand more about Sustainable Jersey and what it is all about, you can visit the Sustainable Jersey website. We also have information on our own Borough website. If anyone would like to volunteer their time, please let me know and you would be welcome to become a member of the Green Team.

I am happy to report we are very financially stable. We did well in 2013 with a minimal tax increase to keep up with escalating costs that are out of our control. I do not see more than a minimal increase for the upcoming year. Once again, this is to keep up with the cost of living increases, insurance, benefits, and utility costs. This will not be a large increase and that is due to our diligent planning and continual monitoring of ways to operate as efficiently as possible. As I said earlier, we monitor every one of our tax dollars spent to be sure it is being used most effectively.

I was very pleased to see Lake Hopatcong have the 5 year 60 inch drawdown at the end of 2013. This is a necessary happening that has been going on for decades. This provides an opportunity for the lake to be cleaned out as well as provides lake front home owners a chance to repair their docks, bulkheads and seawalls. There was much construction done once the water was down. There was also a very large effort made to clean out the lake bottom. The Lake Hopatcong Foundation organized a cleanup weekend that was very

successful. Over 500 tires were removed along the Mt Arlington Shore line. Much more debris was also cleaned out such as bottles, cans, metal, wood, old concrete and much more. It was great to see such an undertaking that will benefit the health of our lake and its many users. Now that it has gotten cold, the roots of many of the intrusive weeds should be frozen and killed. This will help with reducing the weed growth for next season.

There were a few locals who tried to stop the drawdown using the fear of not having the lake recover in the spring. I personally have no doubt the lake level will be just fine. Mother Nature has always refilled the lake. The only times it did not recover were when the dam was left open for state projects that were held up and not completed in the scheduled time frame. The dam was actually closed early this year so the lake should fill up in plenty of time for next season.

I want to thank Ann Pravs and Ron Morris who serve as Commissioners representing Mount Arlington on the Lake Hopatcong Commission. I also want to thank Bill Doran who serves on the Lake Level Management Committee representing our interests. Lake Hopatcong is a very important asset to Mount Arlington and everyone who visits the lake. Not only is it a beautiful natural resource but also a source of revenue for our local businesses. Even if you don't live on the lake, you are directly or indirectly impacted by what happens to our Lake.

Personally I continue to keep busy with my involvement serving on board and committees serving Morris County and the State. This helps keep me informed of what goes on outside of Mount Arlington so I can bring information back for this Council to use in making decisions on how we move the Borough forward. I am blessed that my employer, PSE&G, supports what I do and afford me opportunity to serve.

I remain the President of the League of Municipalities Education Foundation.

I am now an officer in the New Jersey Conference of Mayors serving as 3rd Vice President.

I now serve as a trustee of the Sustainable Jersey Board of Trustees.

I serve as a trustee on the Clean Cities New Jersey board. This organization focuses on Alternative Fueled Vehicles of all types.

I serve as an Advisory member of the US Green Building Council - New Jersey.

I serve as a member of the St Clare's Patient Family Advisory Committee.

I serve as a board member of Transoptions which is the Morris County board looking at all transportation issues around the County.

I have officiated at least 50 weddings this past year as well as attended several Eagle Scout Ceremonies. I have also responded to the needs of many of our residents and will continue to do so. Call on me if I can be of service.

In conclusion I can report that Mount Arlington is well positioned to face 2014 and beyond. We continue to monitor what comes out of Trenton and hope our legislature will resolve issues and provide relief to all Municipalities in NJ. The energy tax issue is a battle the League of Municipalities will continue to wage on our behalf. This money has the

potential to provide serious tax relief to those whom is rightfully belongs. We will continue to monitor the progress. The other major issue is S-2 which focuses on shares services and consolidation. I continue to be open minded to any opportunity to save money and be more efficient. Shared services are the answer. No one saves a fortune but if you seek out many, they add up to considerable savings. Smaller municipalities are much more efficient and accountable. If bigger was better than the larger cities would be the most efficient and we all know that is not the case. Consolidation looks good on paper and in theory but in reality, it doesn't save money and reduces the accountability and efficiency. Quality of service has a value. That must always be taken into consideration.

I encourage anyone who has questions about the Borough to contact me to get the facts. I welcome all feedback. I encourage you to monitor or website which is continually updated to provide our residents with real time information as well as what is posted on our electronic message boards. If you have a smart phone, download the Mt Arlington App. We are one of the only municipality to have an app thanks to our web professional Matt Zaccaro. Matt is a local college student who

has proven to be a great asset to Mt Arlington with the service he provides. Check it out!

Let me take a moment to thank all of you for your kindness and support during my recent diagnosis of cancer. I am being treated and am doing just fine. I will continue to work with my Doctors and move forward. There is much to be done and I plan on serving long into the future. I am humbled by all of the support and prayers that have come my way. Thank you all very much!

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

Thank you.

STATEMENT OF DETERMINATION

A STATEMENT of Determination of the **BOARD OF CANVASSERS**, relative to an Election held in the **BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON** County of Morris and State of New Jersey, for the election of certain Municipal Officers for the Municipality on the **5th day of November, 2013**.

The said Board does determine that at the said election:

NAME	OFFICE	TERM
Paula J. Danchuk	Borough Council	3 Years
Andrew Cangiano	Borough Council	3 Years

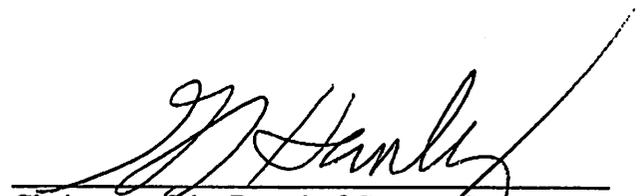
was or were duly elected to the office and for the term above set forth.

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this **14th day of November, 2013**.

Attest:


Joan Bramhall
Morris County Clerk


Chairman of the Board of County Canvassers
George Hanley