

**BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 2, 2014**

**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. The Mayor asked for a special remembrance of Ray D'Agostino who owned Bertrand Island Park for many years and was a former Councilman, and the passing of our Clerk's father, decorated Marine Joseph DeSantis.

**4. Roll Call**

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

**5. Presentations/Mayor's Appointments**

Proclamation One Community One Book  
The Mayor read the Proclamation into the record.

**6. Utility Receipt Report for the Month of July, 2014.**

The Clerk read the Utility Receipt Report for July, 2014 into the record.  
Grand Total: \$328,407.11

**Tax Collectors' Report for the Month of July, 2014.**

The Clerk read the Tax Collector's Report for July, 2014 into the record.  
Total Receipts: \$1,048,271.44

**7. Finance Report for the Month of July, 2014.**

Current Fund:  
Total Receipts: \$1,419,405.67  
Total Disbursements: \$2,285,373.35

**8. OPRA Report**

The Mayor briefly explained the OPRA process and monthly report. There were 48 OPRA requests this month with three over \$100: 1) from Mr. Kugelman for Mount Arlington's email distribution list; 2) from Councilman Windish for Councilwoman Danchuk's complaint on signage including letter to Prosecutor, Chief of Police and Zoning Officers' letter; and, 3) from Debra Hill for Research, Analysis and Report prepared "Borough Green Acres Properties Appraisal Report for the Borough" (Resolution 2013-13). The total cost of the 48 requests is \$4,049.00. Councilman Sadow asked if there was any legislation pertaining to Mr. Kugelman's request since the residents signed up for this mode of notification voluntarily. Borough Attorney Valandingham stated her firm wrote to the GRC asking for guidance in this matter and requested additional time from Mr. Kugelman.

**9. Approval of Minutes**

August 5, 2014

Regular Meeting

Motion to Approve: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Windish

Roll Call:

Aye: Cangiano, Council President Sorge, Sadow, Windish

Abstain: Stanzilis

Absent: Danchuk

None Opposed.

Minutes Approved.

**10. Mayor's Report**

- Carolyn Rinaldi, Sabine Watson and the Mayor met with the NJDOT last Friday regarding the traffic light off the Route 80 Westbound ramp, going north on Howard Boulevard. Discussion was to move that exit and come off 80 behind the Exxon station and Davy's, proceeding to the light at Stierli Court. The DOT suggested possibly straightening out the exit ramp, with four lanes, two for right turns, two for left. Administrator Rinaldi stated we discussed the area in general, the existing lights, the stacking of the traffic, possibly constructing two lanes each way, and development in the area; the safety concern regarding the 80 exit ramp was the prime reason for the meeting. Sabine Watson was in attendance tonight as well.
- The Mayor read a letter from resident Judy Szabo into the record, commending DPW employee Mike Macula. Council President Sorge stated that all our employees "bend over backwards" to help the public. The Mayor stated this is why we are successful, everybody works together as a team and the Mayor expressed his appreciation.

**11. Chief of Police Report**

(moved to later in the meeting)

**12. Municipal Administrator's Report**

- Reminded Council of the NJLM Convention in November; speak with the Clerk for reservations, tickets, events.
- Reminded Council of Morris County League dinner on September 17<sup>th</sup>; speak with the Clerk for reservations as the due date for RSVP's is this week.
- Water/Sewer Committee meeting scheduled for next week.
- Pre-construction meeting last week for Fieldstone and ShadowWoods projects; meeting went well, they have a very ambitious schedule, and looking for tree clearing to start this week. Councilman Cangiano stated this is good news because now the gas lines will continue through the Lake Rogerene area. Ms. Rinaldi stated that was the agreement with NJ Natural Gas; as this project moved along, that would be the next step. The Mayor added this opens the possibility of water and sewer in that area in the future. The Mayor stated that United Water is going to build a new treatment plant Mount Arlington, replacing the old. Councilman Cangiano urged speaking with United Water with respect to the new plant, advising that there is a whole section (Lake Rogerene) interested in hooking up; Ms. Rinaldi will add this issue to the next Water/Sewer Committee meeting agenda.
- Tom Mahoney, Construction and Zoning Officer, will attend the October Land Use Board Work Session to discuss various ordinance revisions; the Land Use Board will then make their recommendations to the Mayor and Council.
- Roxbury has passed an ordinance for the funding (\$250,000) of their portion of the Succasunna Road improvements. Borough Engineer Sabine Watson has been working with Roxbury Engineer Kobylarz on fine-tuning the details of the Agreement; the scope of the project has been agreed upon. Sabine Watson stated we had received minor comments on the draft agreement we sent to Roxbury, nothing significant. Ms. Watson described the construction schedule, noting the project actually adds up to 80 days of work; will start in March due to their weather sensitivity and probably go out to bid in mid-October. The Mayor stated that Mount Arlington was ready to do this project this year but unfortunately we were held up; now it will be in the spring. The Mayor requested a letter be mailed to the Succasunna Road residents, once the Agreement is signed, to advise of the construction project status and basic time frame. Ms. Rinaldi stated that the Borough has to introduce an ordinance encompassing all the portions of this project, funding, the grant award, the Roxbury portion of the cost and the balance that will have to be authorized.

### 11. Chief of Police Report

- Presently in the midst of the patrolman hiring process, 61 applicants to move onto the second phase.
- Promotion process is moving along, the Sergeant's exam is September 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- In the planning stages of the Mayors Wellness Committee 5K Run/Walk on October 4<sup>th</sup>. There is also a Joe Wargo Memorial motorcycle event in Pennsylvania on September 20<sup>th</sup>.
- School starts in two days and there will be an increase in Police presence.

### 13. Council Committee Reports

#### Councilman Cangiano:

- Recreation is doing fine, fall soccer season starts this week; additional movie nights are scheduled, October 4, 2014 Joe Wargo 5k, October 25<sup>th</sup> is the Halloween Bash.
- Water and Sewer Committee Meeting scheduled for September 10, 2014. Councilman Cangiano will speak with United Water to ensure they include the Lake Rogerene area in their future capacity planning. Councilman Sadow suggested we invite United Water to meet after the upcoming committee meeting to address these issues. Councilman Cangiano stated it is excellent that Fieldstone and ShadowWoods are now in the planning stages because it is good news to the Lake Rogerene area for natural gas.

#### Council President Sorge:

- The new Dial a Ride bus is in-route; expect to receive delivery mid-September.
- There was a supplement put into Council's packet with copies of two envelopes that were addressed to Councilwoman Danchuk from the Prosecutor's Office. Council President Sorge requested this discussion be held at the next Council meeting due to the Councilwoman's absence this evening; Council agreed.

#### Councilman Sadow:

- The senior tax rebate program is coming to a close for 2014; applications need to be in by September 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Attended the Redevelopment Sub-Committee meeting. Fieldstone, the Atkins project to be built off Valley Road, has started site work, which has to be done before any formal groundbreaking celebration can be planned. Atkins Companies have a new associate, Woodmont Properties, who will be chief construction and management for this development; the change has no bearing on our Developers Agreement.

#### Councilman Windish:

- Nothing to report.

#### Councilman Stanzilis:

- Attended the Redevelopment Sub-Committee meeting and is looking forward to the Fieldstone project getting started.
- The Lake Hopatcong Yacht Club sent letters to those residents who had attended the Council meeting and voiced their opinion about the Club issues. The Club has done quite a bit to listen and address the neighbor's complaints, some things are out of their control, i.e., guests and members speeding, but they have made necessary repairs and changes.
- Please drive safely, school opens this week.

### 14. Public Comment

Gene Paradiso, 206 Howard Boulevard:

- Mr. Paradiso stated he sent the Clerk an email containing the official notice that the feasibility commission will be looking for the Mayor's appointments for Commissioner and Alternate Commissioner, and included contact information in the email. The Mayor stated he would make an appointment in October; Mr. Paradiso stated we have 60 days from notice to make the appointments and the notice date could be tonight. Mr. Paradiso asked if the study commission could use place their website address on the Borough website as a link; Attorney Valandingham stated the Borough does not allow other organizations to have a link on their website but she will look into what is allowed. Mr. Paradiso stated he wants to have as many avenues as possible available to the public. The Mayor stated we will look into the legality and let him know.

- Mr. Paradiso stated Garrett Temple recently completed his Eagle Project at Edith Decker School; cleared out all the brush from the front of the school and thanked the town for taking that brush away, and put two paver paths across the island. Garrett still has more landscaping to do; the person from Fullerton is also an Eagle Scout and has been very helpful to Garrett. Also, future Eagle Zack Miller is improving the flag retirement pit at the Elks and using memorial pavers. If anyone is interested in purchasing a paver, please speak to Mr. Paradiso or Mark Miller; the project should be completed in the Spring.

Meredith Juzwin, 582 Eric Lane:

- The gas lines have been put in all around Eric Lane, but no work has been done on Eric; what is status? The Mayor stated NJ Natural Gas is a private company installing infrastructure in town, we don't have control as to where they put the lines. The Mayor suggested she call Bob Gallo, our NJ Natural Gas representative; Ms. Rinaldi will give Ms. Juzwin Bob Gallo's contact information.
- Bensel, Oneida, and roads around Eric are a disaster and she thought the roads would be paved after the gas lines were installed. Engineer Sabine Watson stated that NJ Natural has not completed the final restoration; they will be out to pave over any depressed areas caused by the line trenches. The Mayor stated that we have a Road Study which indicates the various road conditions and when they need to be addressed; of course, safety is the first priority but he will look into where Eric Lane falls on the study chart.

Veronica Silkes, Succasunna Road:

- Regarding the email alert address list, Ms. Silkes does remember the Mayor stating these email addresses are opra-able; when the Borough does their due diligence, know that this was said, the public was informed.

## 15. New Business

None.

## 16. Old Business

None.

## 17. Resolutions

**2014-94** 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 September 2, 2014.

Motion to Approve: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Windish

Roll Call:

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

Absent: Danchuk

None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

**2014-95** 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 An Agreement Between the County of Morris and Certain Municipalities Located Therein Establishing a Cooperative Means of Conducting Certain Community Development and Home Activities Programs.

Motion to Approve: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Sadow

Roll Call:

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

Absent: Danchuk

None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

- 2014-96** 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: Cangiano, Council President Sorge, Sadow, Windish, Stanzilis

Absent: Danchuk

None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

- 2014-97** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Temporary Parking Restrictions and Road Closures During the Mayor's Wellness Committee 5K Run/Walk.

Motion to Approve: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Stanzilis

Roll Call:

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

Absent: Danchuk

None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

- 2014-98** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Awarding Contract for Solid Waste, Designated Recyclable Materials and Vegetative Waste Collection and Disposal Service.

Motion to Approve: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Sadow

Ms. Rinaldi stated the Borough will change to single-stream recycling, meaning all recyclables will be picked up each week. Also, the garbage fees to residents will not have to be addressed until possibly year 3 of the new contract. Councilman Sadow stated that Blue Diamond has converted the majority of their fleet to natural gas; they are located in the Borough and they are green and the new Dial A Ride van is retrofit-table to natural gas as well. Mayor and Council agreed that Blue Diamond has provided fantastic service to our residents.

Roll Call:

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

Absent: Danchuk

None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

- 2014-99** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing MATRIXNEWORLD Prepare a Solar Photovoltaic Feasibility Study and Economic Analysis on the Borough Landfill Property.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Sadow

Second: Council President Sorge

Councilman Sadow stated the Borough is conducting this study with the intention of going forward with a parking facility and a solar electricity production facility; we are possibly looking at two revenue streams for the Borough.

Roll Call:

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

Absent: Danchuk

None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

**18. Ordinances – Introduction**

None.

**19. Ordinances – Second Reading**

**08-14** Bond Ordinance Authorizing the Appropriation of a Sum Not to Exceed \$4,500,000 and Authorizing the Issuance of Refunding Bonds and/or Notes of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the Principal Amount Not to Exceed \$4,500,000, to Refund, In Full or In Part, the Outstanding Balance of General Improvement Bonds, Series 2003 and Series 2007A of the Borough and to Finance the Costs of Issuance of Such Refunding Bonds on Behalf of the Borough and to Provide for the Issuance of Such Refunding Bonds.

The Mayor opened the Hearing to the Public on Ordinance #08-14 and read the Ordinance by title.

Public Comment:

Veronica Silkes, Succasunna Road: Ms. Silkes stated that this ordinance going to be taking care of \$1,870,000 from the 2003 bond and \$3,385,000 from the 2007 bond, totaling the \$4,500,000 for this ordinance. When the Mayor was campaigning for the Primary, he was very adamant about saying we owed only \$2,000,000. (The Mayor did not recall using numbers at all; Ms. Silkes stated she has it in writing and on audio tape.) Ms. Silkes asked if the Borough owes more than \$4,472,000, are there any outstanding notes that haven't been paid, and is this the total amount of debt that we have. Ms. Rinaldi stated this is a refunding bond opportunity which affords us the opportunity, as discussed with our auditors and bond counsel, and if the opportunity arises, to obtain go out to bid for more favorable interest rates; if we could get a better rate, we would consolidate the two outstanding bonds and that would be the new dollar amount outstanding. There are these two serial bonds outstanding and there is a bond anticipation note, which is temporary financing, and it is also in our audit. The dollar amount is less than ½ million, which be paid off in its entirety. Further discussion ensued regarding staying under the 2% cap and savings related to the refunding bonds. The Mayor closed the Hearing to the Public.

Council President Sorge stated, I move for adoption and final passage of Ordinance #08-14.

Second: Councilman Stanzilis

No Council Discussion.

Roll Call:

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

Absent: Danchuk

None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

The Mayor declared that Ordinance #08-14 is passed on second reading and directed the Clerk to publish the notice of adoption as required by law.

**20. Motions**

Vendor's Permit, Schwan's Home Service, Inc., frozen food sales, no solicitation

Motion to Approve: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Windish

Roll Call:

All in Favor – Aye

Absent: Danchuk

None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

**21. Executive Session**

**2014-100** 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.

- Attorney-Client Privilege: Approval of Executive Minutes of August 5, 2014.  
*Action May or May Not Be Taken.*

Motion to Go Into Executive Session: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Windish

Roll Call:

All in Favor – Aye

Absent: Danchuk

None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

Motion to Return to Open Session: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Windish

Roll Call:

All in Favor – Aye

Absent: Danchuk

None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

Motion to Approve Executive Minutes of August 5, 2014: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Windish

Roll Call:

Aye: Cangiano, Council President Sorge, Sadow, Windish

Abstain: Stanzilis

Absent: Danchuk

None Opposed.

Minutes Approved.

**22. Adjourn**

Motion to Adjourn: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Sadow

Roll Call:

All in Favor – Aye

Absent: Danchuk

None Opposed.

Motion Approved.



Linda DeSantis, RMC  
Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved at Council Meeting of October 7, 2014.

**BOROUGH OF MT. ARLINGTON**  
**UTILITY RECEIPT REPORT**

MONTH OF JULY 2014

Dated: August 7, 2014

Completed by Patricia E. Simari, CTC

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<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>COLLECTED IN JULY 2013</u>
\$25,856.93	SOLID WASTE RECEIPTS	\$18,044.23
\$244,219.50	SEWER RECEIPTS	\$221,186.30
\$58,330.68	WATER RECEIPTS	\$54,441.52
\$0.00	SEWER CONN FEE INSTALL PLAN	\$0.00
<b>\$328,407.11</b>	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$293,672.05</b>

Mayor & Council  
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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 July 2014**

Dated: August 7, 2014

Completed by Patricia E. Simari, CTC

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**Collections:**

Current Taxes (4-01-17-001-001)	<u>\$1,002,061.41</u>
2013 Taxes (4-01-15-499-200)	
2013 Taxes (Collected at Tax Sale)	
Pre-Paid Taxes (4-01-17-001-004)	<u>\$7,082.46</u>
Municipal Redemption (4-01-17-004-001)	
Interest & Costs (4-01-08-112-000)	<u>\$4,311.38</u>
Interest & Costs (Collected at Tax Sale)	
Return Check Fee (4-01-16-500-017)	
Tax Searches (4-01-08-105-010)	
Duplicate Bills (4-01-16-500-016)	<u>\$45.00</u>
O/S Lien Red./Subs (4-01-17-004-002)	<u>\$32,014.83</u>
O/S Lien Red. Int. (4-01-17-004-003)	<u>\$2,677.36</u>
O/S Lien Red. 6% YEP (4-01-16-500-025)	
O/S Lien Rec. Fee (4-01-17-004-003)	<u>\$64.00</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% YEP/Year End Penalty (4-01-16-500-025)	
Tax Paid Certification (4-01-16-500-013)	<u>\$15.00</u>
Redemption Calculation Fee	
<b><u>Total Receipts</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,048,271.44</u></b>
<b><u>Total Receipts July 2013</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,067,285.14</u></b>

cc: C. Rinaldi  
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BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON  
FINANCE OFFICE

Finance Report Current Fund

July 2014

Receipts	1,419,405.67
Disbursements	2,285,373.35

August 13, 2014

Dear Artie,

Believe me, it was a great pleasure to support you during the latest election, and it was wonderful that you had won with a landslide, a well deserved one, I might add.

I wanted to call your attention to another very pleasant experience I had at the recycling center, but the bad news is that I may not remember the gentleman's name correctly, but I think it was either Mike or Michael.

On June 28, I was involved in an accident in Dover, and since I had hit a telephone pole, I had to replace my 1999 Toyota with a 2004 version. When I went to the recycling center, it turned out that I was unable to close the trunk lid on my "new to me" car, and Michael/Mike was very helpful. Eventually he managed to close it, but it was not easy, and I truly appreciated his efforts. Obviously, I did not want to drive home with a trunk that might open at any second.

Much to my delight, I am hearing good news about your health. It is not easy, but you WILL conquer it.

Louis and George send you their love and best wishes.

Sincerely,

*Judy Szabo*

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, One Community One Book programs are grass roots initiatives designed to restore reading and discussion to the center of American culture; and

**WHEREAS**, The Morristown Festival of Books brings together acclaimed authors with readers and book lovers. The festival will feature 17 authors in Morristown on Friday evening and all day Saturday, September 26-27. In this inaugural season the Morristown Festival of Books introduces One Community One Book (OCOB). OCOB encourages curiosity, dialogue and discovery by engaging community book groups, high school students and teachers, library patrons and the public at large in discussions using a single book that appeals to a diverse readership; and

**WHEREAS**, In recognition of NJ350, the One Community One Book Committee has selected Morris County resident Lisa Colozza Cocca's novel Providence as this year's One Book. The chosen book will be a recommended summer reading selection for Morristown High School and other area schools. Book clubs throughout the county will join in the discussion in the months surrounding the festival. Other events around the area include a June OCOB Kickoff and an in-depth panel discussion on the themes addressed Providence. The author, Lisa Colozza Cocca, will be speaking on Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> during Morristown Festival of Books; and

**WHEREAS**, One Community One Book events are created to address the national decline in literacy reading and to encourage reading by asking communities to come together to read and discuss a single book. Providence will be available through the Bookworm in Bernardsville, the official bookseller of OCOB for the Morristown Festival of Books and the M.A.I.N. Library system.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington recognize and support the efforts of the Morristown Book Festival Initiative One Community One Book.

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the Borough of Mount Arlington this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2014.

  
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Arthur R. Ondish, Mayor  
September 2, 2014