

**BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 4, 2015**

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 December 11, 2014; notice was posted on the bulletin board in the main hallway of the Municipal Building on December 3, 2014 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 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

- Lake Hopatcong Foundation Presentation regarding the Third Annual Lake Loop.
Rebecca Rubenstein gave a short presentation announcing the Third Annual Lake Loop which will include cycling, kayaking, and trail hiking. Ms. Rubenstein thanked the Mayor and Council for their continued support of Foundation events.

6. Tax and Utility Report

None.

7. Finance Report

None.

8. OPRA Report

- The Mayor briefly explained the OPRA process and monthly report and stated there were too many OPRA's costing \$100 or more to read each one. Councilman Sadow questioned the attorney fees associated with each OPRA request, asking if it is necessary that the Borough attorney review each and every request. Attorney O'Donnell explained that his office review is similar to an insurance policy, ensuring there is absolutely nothing questionable in our OPRA responses. Ms. Rinaldi stated the Clerk's Office has been directed by Council to send everything to the attorney for review. Ms. Rinaldi will revisit this review policy and report back to Council.

9. Approval of Minutes

July 7, 2015 Council Meeting

Motion to Approve with Correction on Page 4: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Sadow

Roll:

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

Abstain: Stanzilis (absent from July 7, 2015 meeting)

None Opposed

Motion Approved.

10. Mayor's Report

- The Mayor performed a few weddings this past month.
- The Mayor underwent surgery on July 29, 2015 and assured Council and the public that the surgery was a success and he is doing well.
- The Mayor stated there are numerous major projects going on in the Borough: Succasunna Road Improvements, Howard Boulevard/Oneida roadway improvements, construction of ShadowWoods, construction of Fieldstone, Quack Chek and the landfill redevelopment project. However, the Borough has decided to put the brakes on the Howard/Oneida project at this point. Borough Engineer Sabine Watson was present and gave a brief explanation as to why the project will be held until early Spring, 2016.
- The Mayor stated there are no major problems with the Joint Dover Court, despite a recent letter from the Borough of Rockaway. The Joint Court municipalities plan to meet over the next few weeks.
- The Mayor stated the Borough received a letter from NJ Natural Gas regarding the Lake Rogerene area and new construction areas. The Mayor emphasized that the gas will be coming through the Rogerene area in the near future.

11. Chief of Police Report

None; the Chief was attending the Morris County National Night Out event.

12. Municipal Administrator's Report

- The Succasunna Road Improvements project bid opening is scheduled for August 12, 2015. Due to our time constraints of completing the project by November, 2015, Council might have to add another Council meeting date in August to formally award the bid.
- Chief Licata received a letter from Harry Gedicke, Lake Hopatcong Chapter of the Antique and Classic Boat Society, commending and thanking Sergeant James DiStasio for an outstanding job during the Yacht Club Boat Show. Ms. Rinaldi read the letter into the record.

13. Council Committee Reports

Councilman Stanzilis:

- Commended the Police Department for their outstanding efforts with regard to the events surrounding the tragic death of Chris D'Amico.

Councilman Windish:

- Nothing to report.

Councilman Sadow:

- Nothing to report.

Council President Sorge:

- Council President Sorge stated he would like to see a decorative street sign, placed above the existing street sign at Memorial Park, reading "Veteran's Way". All Council members agreed to this idea.

Councilman Cangiano:

- Nothing to report.

Councilwoman Danchuk:

- The DPW monthly report has been distributed to Council members
- Stated that some residents in the Rogerene area have had trouble with their water/wells due to the blasting for new construction in the area. Ms. Rinaldi stated that any resident with questions or concerns should be directed to Borough Engineer Sabine Watson.

14. Public Comment

None.

15. New Business

- Street Sign at Memorial Park – discussed during Council Committee Reports.

16. Old Business

- Lake Hopatcong Weed-Harvesting Discussion. (postponed)

17. Resolutions

- 2015-96** 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 August 4, 2015.

Motion to Approve with the Exception of Item #14724: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Windish

Roll:

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

None Opposed

Motion Approved.

Motion to Approve Item #14724: Councilman Windish

Second: Councilman Sadow

Roll:

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

Abstain: Danchuk (litigation)

None Opposed

Motion Approved.

- 2015-97** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, To Determine the Extended Grace Period Date for Third Quarter 2015 Tax Payments.

Motion to Approve: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Windish

Roll:

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

None Opposed

Motion Approved.

- 2015-98** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Temporary Suspension of Parking Restrictions on Seasons Drive as Set Forth in New Jersey Traffic Code 39:4-138.

Motion to Approve: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Sadow

Roll:

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

None Opposed

Motion Approved.

- 2015-99** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, To Cancel Water, Sewer and Solid Waste Fees for Property Known as Block 17, Lot 6.

Motion to Approve: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Stanzilis

Roll:

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

None Opposed

Motion Approved.

18. Ordinances – Introduction

- 07-15** An Ordinance of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Private Sale of Certain Municipal Property Owned by the Borough of Mount Arlington Not Required For Public Purposes Pursuant to NJSA 40A:12-13(B)(5).

The Mayor read Ordinance 07-15 by Title.

Motion: Council President Sorge stated that Ordinance 07-15 be introduced by Title and passed on First Reading and that a meeting be held on September 1, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 419 Howard Boulevard, Mount Arlington, NJ, for a Public Hearing, consideration of Second Reading and Passage of said Ordinance, and that the Clerk be directed to publish, post and make available said Ordinance in accordance with the requirements of law.

Second: Councilman Stanzilis

No further Council Discussion.

Roll:

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

None Opposed

Motion Approved.

19. Ordinances – Second Reading

None.

20. Motions

None

21. Executive Session

- 2015-100** 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:

- Litigation

- Litigation – Tax Assessor
- Professional Services
- Approval of Executive Minutes: July 7, 2015

Action May or May Not Be Taken.

Motion to Go Into Executive Session: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Windish

Roll:

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

Motion Approved.

Motion to Return to Open Session: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Windish

Roll:

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

Motion Approved.

Motion to Approve Executive Minutes of July 7, 2015: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Sadow

Roll:

Aye: Danchuk, Cangiano, Sadow, Windish, Council President Sorge
Abstain: Stanzilis (absent for July 7, 2015 Executive Session)

None Opposed

Motion Approved.

Added Resolution:

2015-101 Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, Approving and Authorizing the Execution of Consent Order Resolving Pending Litigation in the Matter of Shawn G. Hopkins v. Chatham Borough et al., Filed Under Docket Number MRS-L-657-15.

Motion to Approve: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Stanzilis

Roll:

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

Motion Approved.

22. Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Windish

Roll:

All in Favor: Aye
None Opposed

Motion Approved.



Linda DeSantis, RMC
Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved at Council Meeting of September 1, 2015.