

**BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 10, 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**

Borough Attorney Matthew O'Donnell led the flag salute, followed by a moment of silence, and to please keep Mayor Ondish in your thoughts and prayers.

**4. Roll Call**

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

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

None.

**6. Tax and Utility Report for the Month of September, 2015**

Total Tax Collections:	\$2,328,229.57
Total Utility Collections:	\$ 104,241.60

**7. Finance Report for the Month of September, 2015**

Current Fund:	
Total Receipts:	\$2,617,049.23
Total Disbursements:	\$1,283,232.80

**8. OPRA Report**

**OPRA 2015 Quarter 3 Top 10**

Council acknowledged and accepted both the monthly and quarterly reports.

**9. Approval of Minutes**

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Motion to Approve: Councilman Windish

Second: Councilman Cangiano

Roll:

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

None Opposed

Motion Approved.

**10. Mayor's Report**

None

**11. Chief of Police Report**

None

**12. Municipal Administrator's Report**

- Attended the Lake Hopatcong meeting, along with members of the DEP and neighboring municipalities, with regard to weed harvesting on the lake. Nothing new to report; discussed alternative methods for removing the weeds from the lake and trying to find solutions to the lack of funding. Councilman Stanzilis voiced concern over the amount of weeds at our local beach; Councilman Cangiano suggested we pay to just have our one spot treated for weeds. Council agreed that Administrator Rinaldi would speak to Paul Nelson regarding possibilities for treating weeds at our beach.

**13. Council Committee Reports****Councilman Stanzilis:**

- Congratulated Council President Sorge and Councilman Windish on their re-elections.
- Attended the recent Chris D'Amico, Jr. Memorial Concert, which was a huge success.

**Councilman Windish:**

- Nothing to report.

**Councilman Sadow:**

- Attended the Veteran's Day Ceremony at MAPS today; great opportunity to see the students connect with the Veteran's which was moving and heartwarming.
- Seniors are taking Chair Yoga.
- With regard to the CP Engineering monthly report, Councilman Sadow pointed out a typo in a date, and further asked if there was a way we could push the developer of Shadow Woods to pave Maple Path now so we don't have to constantly regrade the road. Sabine Watson, CP Engineers, will speak with the developer.

**Council President Sorge:**

- Attended the Fireman's Dinner on Saturday evening, very nice time; Councilwoman Danchuk attended the dinner as well.
- Attended the Veteran's Ceremony at MAPS this morning and it was great to see the students connect with the Veteran's; Andrew Cangiano, Jr., interviewed Council President Sorge during the event. One of the highlights was when Council President Sorge presented the veterans with the Veteran's Way sign to be placed in Memorial Park; the veterans were very appreciative to the Council.

**Councilman Cangiano:**

- Board of Health did not meet this month, next meeting in December.
- Received a letter from Sustainable Jersey that Mount Arlington has achieved the Bronze Certification, which is good through 2018; our application for Silver Certification is on review. The Borough will be honored at the League of Municipalities Convention on November 17<sup>th</sup>.
- The application for natural gas in the Rogerene area is still moving forward with NJ Natural Gas; they have to file their application for the road opening permit and once that is complete, they will have an open public meeting for informational purposes.
- Has been working with Recreation to help with electronic scheduling, registrations, etc.; they are moving forward. Ms. Rinaldi stated there are a variety of programs for on-line payments/registrations and a lot of research is being done; some approvals will be needed both from Council and the auditors.

Councilwoman Danchuk:

- Met with the County Flood Mitigation Committee.
- Attended the Fireman's Dinner and the Veteran's Day Ceremony this morning.
- All Council have received copies of the DPW Monthly Report.

#### 14. Public Comment

Veronica Silkes, Succasunna Road:

- Wanted to follow-up on the landfill discussions from the last Council meeting. It was discussed between the CFO and Councilman Sadow that the \$139,000 spent was from a trust and an escrow account, and a comment was made that it was not taxpayer money so her question is where did the funds come from. Councilman Sadow stated the comment is taken out of text; the comment refers to the fact that it is not current budget money, these were monies that were set aside long ago as escrow and reserve for landfill use; these are not current funds. Councilman Sadow stated that he can guess there were some tipping fees at the landfill during the time of use, which goes back 30 years, so there may have been use fees that generated those funds; I can't speak to that specifically but I can tell you that there are no current funds involved in the \$139,000.
- Ms. Silkes asked if the bond borrowed for this project will affect our bond rating. Councilman Windish stated that any money that is borrowed, bonded or encumbered by the Borough affects the Borough's ability to borrow, bond and encumber future dollars; yes, it does affect the credit rating of the Borough, whether it is positive or negative. Councilman Sadow stated the bond rating has to do with the ability of the municipality to shoulder and pay debt; we have demonstrated our ability to shoulder, pay and pay off debt which has caused our credit rating to increase yearly over the last several years. The fact that we borrow is not a plus or a minus, the amount that we borrow for this project is a diminimus amount in the bond market. This has no effect whatsoever on our ability to bond further. As municipalities go, we are under bonded, we have a large space between what our maximum allowable ratio would be, according to our auditors, and we have an excellent and rating. Councilman Stanzilis stated that if you don't have any debt or percentage of debt, it causes a negative effect on your credit rating.

Nancy Absalon, 15 Oak Street:

- Roxbury Baseball is by Sombrero, a totally separate division of Roxbury Recreation. Administrator Rinaldi assured Ms. Absalon there is no issue with Sombrero, we are aware of the company, and are doing our due diligence in finding a solution for our recreation needs.
- Ms. Absalon asked Council if they considered asking the residents if they wanted to bond out for the solar project now. Councilman Sadow stated the landfill is capped and closed and there is no further action from the NJDEP, so we are not afraid to do what the NJDEP told us to do at the landfill. We did have residents come to a meeting regarding the landfill redevelopment and their only objections were regarding the parking segment, potential vandalism and run-off issues. However, there were no concerns or qualms from the residents with regard to the solar farm. The Borough's bill for electricity should be reduced, if the proforma is correct, by approximately 35%, that would be a considerable savings; the residents will see that savings by taxes possibly not being raised if we if we were paying our current electricity charges. There is also money that will be coming in to the Borough as a direct result of taking a cost center (landfill) and turning it into a profit center. So every dollar that comes in to the Borough from this project that we didn't have before are dollars we don't have to collect from the taxpayer. The professionals had previously stated, tell us what you want us to do; Councilman Windish feels we are still quite far from that answer. I am not convinced that this is a money-making opportunity and at the fifteen year mark, we own, maintain and operate the landfill/solar farm in its entirety and he is not sure if he wants the Borough to be an electrical utility.

#### 15. New Business

None

#### 16. Old Business

Landfill Redevelopment Project

Administrator Rinaldi stated the RFP's are ready for distribution.

## 17. Resolutions

**2015-120** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Approving Transfer of Funds.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Cangiano

Second: Councilman Sadow

Roll:

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

None Opposed

Motion Approved.

**2015-121** 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 November 10, 2015.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Sadow

Second: Councilman Cangiano

Roll:

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

None Opposed

Motion Approved.

**2015-122** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Approving the Supplemental Check Register Dated November 10, 2015.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Cangiano

Second: Councilman Sadow

Roll:

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

Abstain: Danchuk (due to litigation)

None Opposed

Motion Approved.

**2015-123** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Issuance of Towing Licenses for the Period January 1, 2016 Through December 31, 2016.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Cangiano

Second: Councilman Stanzilis

Roll:

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

None Opposed

Motion Approved.

**2015-124** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Announcing that One (1) Police Officer Position is Vacant and Will Be Filled at the Salary Amount Set Forth in the Agreement Between the Borough of Mount Arlington and the Mount Arlington Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #78.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Sadow

Second: Councilman Stanzilis

Roll:

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

None Opposed

Motion Approved.

**2015-125** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Removal of Items from Fixed Asset Ledger.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Cangiano

Second: Councilman Stanzilis

Roll:

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

None Opposed

Motion Approved.

**2015-126** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Supporting Borough Participation in the G.I. Go Jeans for Troops Day to Honor Veteran's Day.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Sadow

Second: Councilman Stanzilis

Roll:

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

None Opposed

Motion Approved.

**2015-127** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Cancellation of Unexpended Balances of Improvement Authorizations.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Cangiano

Second: Councilman Stanzilis

Roll:

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

None Opposed

Motion Approved.

**2015-128** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue and Appropriation, NJSA 40A:4-87. (Highlands Plan Conformance Grant)

Motion to Approve: Councilman Sadow

Second: Councilman Stanzilis

Roll:

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

None Opposed

Motion Approved.

**2015-129** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue and Appropriation, NJSA 40A:4-87. (No Net Loss Agreement)

Motion to Approve: Councilwoman Danchuk

Second: Councilman Cangiano

Roll:

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

None Opposed

Motion Approved.

**2015-130** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue and Appropriation, NJSA 40A:4-87. (Kadel Water Pump Generator)

Motion to Approve: Councilman Cangiano

Second: Councilman Stanzilis

Roll:

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

None Opposed

Motion Approved.

**2015-131** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue and Appropriation, NJSA 40A:4-87. (Hazard Mitigation Grant Generator Project)

Motion to Approve: Councilman Sadow

Second: Councilman Stanzilis

Roll:

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

None Opposed

Motion Approved.

**2015-132** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Requiring All Employees, with the Exception of Collective Bargaining Police Department Employees, to Contribute 50% of the Rates for Dental Benefit Coverage.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Cangiano

Second: Councilman Stanzilis

Roll:

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

None Opposed

Motion Approved.

**2015-133** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Receipt of Bids. (Snow Removal)

Motion to Approve: Councilman Stanzilis

Second: Councilman Cangiano

Roll:

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

None Opposed

Motion Approved.

**2015-134** 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 For Continuing Disclosure Agent Services and Independent Registered Municipal Advisor of Record.

Motion to Approve: Councilwoman Danchuk

Second: Councilman Windish

Roll:

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

None Opposed

Motion Approved.

**2015-135** 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 November as "Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month" in the Borough of Mount Arlington.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Danchuk

Second: Councilman Cangiano

Roll:

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

None Opposed

Motion Approved.

## **18. Ordinances – Introduction**

**13-15** An Ordinance of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing and Appropriating \$400,000.00 from Capital Fund Balance and Capital Improvement Fund for the Purchase and Installation of Water Meters.

Council President Sorge read Ordinance 13-15 by Title.

Motion: Councilman Cangiano stated that Ordinance 13-15 be introduced by Title and passed on First Reading and that a meeting be held on December 15, 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 Sadow

No further Council Discussion.

Roll:

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

None Opposed

Motion Approved.

**14-15** An Ordinance of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Amending Chapter 135, Sewers, of the Code of the Borough of Mount Arlington.

Council President Sorge read Ordinance 14-15 by Title.

Motion: Councilman Cangiano stated that Ordinance 14-15 be introduced by Title and passed on First Reading and that a meeting be held on December 15, 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

Council Discussion: Administrator Rinaldi stated this is the annual amendment to the sewer ordinance; every year the auditors assess the charges associated with the sewer connection fees. This year the fee has actually gone down \$100.

Roll:

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

None Opposed

Motion Approved.

## 19. Ordinances – Second Reading

**12-15** An Ordinance of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, To Electronically Codify and Supplement Chapter 17, Land Development Code.

Council President Sorge opened the Hearing to the Public on Ordinance #12-15 and read the Ordinance by title.

No Public Comment; Council President Sorge closed the Hearing to the Public.

Councilwoman Danchuk stated, I move for adoption and final passage of Ordinance #12-15.

Second: Councilman Cangiano

No further Council Discussion.

Roll:

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

None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

Council President Sorge declared that Ordinance #12-15 is passed on second reading and directed the Clerk to publish the notice of adoption as required by law.

## 20. Motions

None.

## 21. Executive Session

**2015-136** 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: October 6, 2015

- Personnel **Added at Meeting**

*Action May or May Not Be Taken.*

Motion to Go Into Executive Session: Councilman Sadow

Second: Councilman Windish

Roll:

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

None Opposed

Motion Approved.

Motion to Return to Open Session: Councilman Cangiano

Second: Councilman Sadow

Roll:

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

None Opposed

Motion Approved.

**Added****Resolution:**

**2015-137** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Hiring Mary Beth Doran as Alternate Part-Time Dial-A-Ride Driver.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Stanzilis

Second: Councilman Windish

Roll:

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

None Opposed

Motion Approved.

Motion to Approve the Executive Minutes of October 6, 2015: Councilwoman Danchuk

Second: Councilwoman Cangiano

Roll:

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

None Opposed

Motion Approved.

Councilman Sadow suggested emailing the monthly reports to Council prior to a meeting, rather than include them with the agenda packets. Attorney O'Donnell stated his concern is that documents can be disseminated to the public prior to Council discussion. Mr. O'Donnell said the mail/communications packet is different; the monthly reports contain information that may be sensitive or controversial, causing unanticipated inquiries for any project.

**22. Adjourn**

Motion to Adjourn: Councilman Stanzilis

Second: Councilman Windish

Roll:

All in Favor: Aye

None Opposed

Motion Approved.



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Linda DeSantis, RMC  
Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved at Council Meeting of December 15, 2015.

# Borough of Mt. Arlington

Tax & Utility Office

To the Mayor & Council of the Borough of Mt. Arlington  
I hereby submit my report of collections for:

## The Month of September 2015

Dated: October 6, 2015

Completed by: Jon Rheinhardt, CTC

### Tax Collections:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Account #</u>	<u>Collections</u>
Current Taxes	5-01-17-001-001	\$ 2,305,376.03
2014 Taxes	5-01-15-499-200	9,737.95
2014 Taxes (Collected at Tax Sale)		
Prepaid Taxes	5-01-17-001-004	10,124.42
Municipal Redemption	5-01-17-004-001	
Interest & Costs	5-01-08-112-000	2,971.17
Interest & Costs (Collected at Tax Sale)		
Return Check Fee	5-01-16-500-017	20.00
Tax Searches	5-01-08-105-010	
Duplicate Bills	5-01-16-500-016	
O/S Lien Red./Subs	5-01-17-004-002	
O/S Lien Red. Int.	5-01-17-004-003	
O/S Lien Red. 6% YEP	5-01-16-500-025	
O/S Lien Red. Rec. Fee	5-01-17-004-003	
Misc. Copies	5-01-16-500-017	
Tax Sale Costs	5-01-16-500-018	
Tax Sale Costs (Collected at Tax Sale)		
Tax Sale Premiums	Trust Account	
6% Year End Penalty	5-01-16-500-025	
Tax Paid Certification	5-01-16-500-013	
Redemption Calculation Fee		
Total Tax Collections		<u>\$ 2,328,229.57</u>

### Utility Collections:

Solid Waste		\$ 11,699.33
Sewer		74,233.42
Water		18,308.85
Sewer Connection Fee Install Plan		
Total Utility Collections		<u>\$ 104,241.60</u>
Total Collections for the Month		<u>\$ 2,432,471.17</u>

BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON  
FINANCE OFFICE

Finance Report Current Fund

September 2015

Receipts	2,617,049.23
Disbursements	1,283,232.80