

**BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 9, 2016**

**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 the Roxbury Register on December 24, 2015; notice was posted on the bulletin board in the main hallway of the Municipal Building on December 29, 2015, 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 for our veterans and armed forces around the world who protect our freedom, and for police officers throughout the country.

**4. Roll Call**

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

**5. Presentations**

Morris County Freeholder Kathryn DeFillippo – Overview of County 2016 Budget

- Freeholder DeFillippo distributed the 2016 Morris County Budget overview; her presentation was based on the document, discussing each page in detail. (a copy of the overview is attached)
- Councilman Sadow discussed tax increases, bonding regarding infrastructure maintenance, and health care issues.
- Mayor Stanzilis stated the big building built for the Mountain Lakes Rowing Club at Lee's Park has frustrated a lot of people that live in the area. Someone gave a presentation about 2 years with ideas about the pavilion which is owned by the taxpayers of the entire county; the pavilion has a huge impact on us and it is part of our town. The Mayor stated it would be great to have the pavilion as something everyone can use. Ms. DeFillippo will speak to Freeholder Cabana, Chair of the County Parks and Recreation. Councilwoman Danchuk stated many times the County does come and tell us after the fact; we would like to have input on a project from the start.

Blue Diamond Recycling Program Presentation

- John Shortino, President/Owner of Blue Diamond, and Mark Roderick, Cascade Engineering, were present. Mr. Shortino stated that Blue Diamond is offering this new recycling pick-up method free of charge to Mount Arlington residents; Mount Arlington is the company's home base and this is the first community he is making this offer/proposal. Automated service is a special type of truck that uses a hydraulic arm which only collects from the right side of the truck which is much safer for employees, picks up container, dumps it, returns it to where it was. Mr. Shortino would like to provide a 64 gallon "toter" to each Borough customer, which is on wheels and includes a lid. Each container has a label that corresponds to the street address; a scanner on the truck reads the container, where it is, what time it was picked up. Mark Roderick showed a power point presentation showing the trucks,

containers, operating, etc. Mr. Shortino spoke about employees' safety and staffing during this transaction. It will take time for people to make the transition, but within a 30 day period after the introduction we would hope to be 100% up and running; the toters are free to the community as well. Mark Roderick brought in a 64 gallon cart to show as an example.

- Mayor Stanzilis complimented the existing services, the Blue Diamond employees, and thanked Mr. Shortino for offering this cutting-edge technology to the Borough. The Mayor asked about an implementation plan and if there was a price differential between traditional pick-up and toters. Mr. Shortino stated he would be able to deliver the toters on October 1, 2016 and he would need a list of homeowners to link the cart #'s with the address. They will also take away old recycling containers for free. Mr. Shortino stated that usually when the container is delivered, there is informational literature hanging on the container, both inside and out. Mr. Shortino stated he would pay for one mailing town-wide to help introduce the new service.

- Councilwoman Danchuk suggested letting our residents know that if they mix recycling in with their garbage, Blue Diamond receives a Notice of Violation; and, with the smart trucks, Blue Diamond will be able to track the residents not complying with recycling.

- Councilman Cangiano stated he is pleased about the recycling program and looks forward to implementing this system for trash as well.

- Councilman Sadow stated this program will enhance the recycling program but questioned the reason recycling material is not generating revenue for Blue Diamond. Mr. Shortino stated there is no revenue for recyclables, it is a cost avoidance.

\*The Mayor opened the discussion up to the public, any questions or comments on this recycling program proposal:

- Wendy Mahler, Mountainview Avenue:

Ms. Mahler stated her daughter had this service in Florida and it was great.

- Rosemarie Szablewicz, Zachary Way:

Ms. Szablewicz asked how often the automatic arm on the truck breaks down. Mr. Shortino stated that if the trucks break down, he has trucks that have a hydraulic lift in the back; if the one arm truck breaks down, they will rear load it with two men. Mr. Shortino stated that as his company grows, he will be purchasing more trucks.

- Veronica Silkes, Succasunna Road:

Ms. Silkes lives on a very steep hill; Mr. Shortino emphasized that anywhere that there is a steep incline problem or a risk, he will pick up with the current method.

- Bill Szablewicz, Zachary Way

Mr. Szablewicz asked the life expectancy of the cans and replacement costs. Mr. Roderick stated the can has a 10 year warranty, average life is 16-17 years; the tags are warrantied for the 10 years as well.

- Council President Sorge stated that as a reminder, when the Borough sends out reminders, e-blasts, notifications, we should state that this does not apply to Seasons Glen and the other developments in the Borough who do not use Blue Diamond service.

- Lee Moreau, on behalf of the Lake Hopatcong Foundation and the Block Party, publicly thanked Mr. Shortino and his company for their support; they provided free containers and pick-up and separation of the food stuff and recycling at the recent Block Party.

- Mayor Stanzilis asked Council their thoughts on this project and the possible roll out date of October 1, 2016. Councilman Sadow stated that Mr. Shortino is a forward thinker, a leader in his industry, and he is happy to be at the forefront of the next wave of change. Mayor Stanzilis stated it appears that the Governing Body is in favor of this, along with good comments from the public, and it seems that it is a win-win situation. Mr. Shortino stated he will set up a meeting with the Administrator, pick a date to send out a mailer, and we will move as quickly as we can. Mr. Shortino has the containers, he has the manpower, but would need a homeowner list to set up the cart id's/resident address. Mayor Stanzilis stated Councilman Sadow will be a liaison, Carolyn Rinaldi will meet with Mr. Shortino and asked Mark Roderick to send us his power-point presentation to be added to our website. Mr. Shortino said he could film a Blue Diamond truck to demonstrate the process, with the exact can the residents will be given.

#### Certificate of Appreciation Awarded to Captain Lee Moreau

- Council President Sorge and Councilman Windish, both veterans and passengers on the recent Miss Lotta cruise, presented the Certificate to Captain Lee Moreau. Council President Sorge stated that both he and Councilman Windish are Vietnam veterans and when they came home, they were not treated very nicely; it was very nice to see all the people around the lake waving flags and cheering on the veterans on the cruise. Mr. Moreau thanked the owners and managers of the boat, who were also present.

#### Jessica Murphy, Lake Hopatcong Foundation

- Jessica Murphy, President of the Foundation, and Marty Kane, Chairman of the Board of the Foundation and President of the Lake Hopatcong Historical Museum, were present. Ms. Murphy gave an overview of the Foundation including working on the weed situation with the NJDEP, partnerships with universities to study the health of the lake, work with invasive species, lake steward program which is run out of the County park and Hopatcong State Park, dredging the lake, trying to establish a lake trail system that would fully go around the lake with different spurs to other sites, dock number program very successful, school-field trip programs ongoing, July is shop local month. Thanked Mayor and Council for their involvement in the Block Party and the Lake Loop; a special thanks to Chief Licata who has been instrumental in the success of the Lake Loop. Lake Hopatcong Foundation Gala was at Lake Hopatcong Yacht Club recently.

- Marty Kane gave an overview of the progress of the construction at the train station which will be the Foundation offices. Internal structural work is completed, masonry work on the roof being completed, opening bids tomorrow for the roof, perennial garden is in, and they have received wonderful community support. The focus now is to complete the roof, put in the HVAC, get the bathrooms up and running so that by spring they will be able to host meetings and events; planning to have train displays each Christmas for the public to enjoy, but will not be ready for this year.

- Ms. Murphy stated they have an agreement between the State Police and the County Sheriff's Office for added patrols on the weekends. Additionally, they had arranged the meeting regarding the proposals for the pavilion, but they were not part of the discussions regarding the boat house. Mr. Kane stated it is a major thorn in their side but one thing we are all working toward is not to allow the County to budget the money earmarked for the pavilion; the county promised to restore the pavilion, they have the funding, we have met with them and assured the engineering work is going on, and we are hopeful we can start to revisit that project. Mayor Stanzilis agreed and stated the use for the pavilion will not be dedicated to a non-public entity.

- Councilman Cangiano asked how long the metal building was going to stay at Lee's Park. Mr. Kane stated that the official response from the County is that it is a temporary building. Mayor Stanzilis stated the architectural review of the pavilion was well done and the building still has the original fixtures.

#### 6. Tax and Utility Report for the Month of May, 2016

Tax and Utility Report for the Month of June, 2016

Tax and Utility Report for the Month of July, 2016

The Clerk read the Tax and Utility Reports by title only.

#### 7. Finance Report for the Month of May, 2016

Finance Report for the Month of June, 2016

Finance Report for the Month of July, 2016

The Clerk read the Finance Reports by title only.

#### 8. Approval of Minutes

July 12, 2016

Council Meeting

Motion to Approve: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Windish

Councilman Sadow requested correction of a word on Page 3; Council agreed.

Roll:

Aye: Danchuk, Delaney, Sadow, Windish, Cangiano, Council President Sorge  
 None Opposed  
 Motion Approved with Correction.

### 9. Mayor's Report

- Attended Board of Education meeting with Councilman Sadow.
- Attended a NJ Natural Gas meeting and acknowledged Mike Obremski, who was present and also attended that meeting.
- Spent a week camping with the Boy Scouts.
- Pokemon-Go, here and around the country, has received a lot of complaints and calls from residents; it's like a zombie apocalypse and there are some very rare poke-stops on Bertrand Island which is causing traffic at 1, 2, 3 in the morning on the island. The Mayor complimented Lt. LaBruno and his team for being out there, providing presence; the neighbors are concerned with so many strangers on Bertrand Island around the clock.

### 10. Chief of Police Report

- Lt. Edward LaBruno stated that things are going smoothly in the Chief's absence.
- We have received multiple calls from residents thanking the police for saturating Bertrand Island with officers; people are there specifically for Pokemon-Go. Lt. LaBruno has put in a request to have the Pokemon-Go Stops removed from town; Sgt. Greene will be checking on the status of our request
- Howard Boulevard/Oneida road project is in full swing and from a safety standpoint, they have not had any issues, very minor delays. Mayor Stanzilis stated he drives Howard Boulevard every day and the Police Department is doing a great job; the traffic has not been an issue at all.
- There was an incident on July 14, 2016 where a young man, for whatever he was going through in his life, wanted to take his life. Our officers responded along with help from Roxbury Police Department and they were able to provide quick medical aid and saved his life. Lt. LaBruno has thanked the officers, thanked Roxbury and sent letters, and he will be nominating the officers for the 200 Club Award. Lt. LaBruno stated we have spoken to the young man, he is doing well, a new zest for life and he realizes he made a mistake; if it wasn't for our officers' actions, he would not be with us here today. The Mayor asked the Administrator to coordinate when the Council can recognize the officers as well.

### 11. Municipal Administrator's Report

- With regard to the construction on Howard Boulevard, we are putting out weekly updates, through e-blast, which seemed to work very well with the last project, just to keep our residents updated and informed.
- There is a resolution on tonight's agenda to award the 2016 Road Restoration Project; we will have a number of roads under construction simultaneously and Ms. Rinaldi plans to adopt the same format to keep everyone in the Borough aware of where we are and what repairs are being done.
- Ms. Rinaldi has been working with Councilman Windish and the Recreation Department regarding an on-line registration proposal; they found an opportunity that will work for them and is in compliance with all the regulations the Borough has to uphold.
- Met with the Fire Department regarding preliminary budget discussions.
- Will be meeting with the Finance Committee, Water/Sewer Committee, regarding budget preparation work for the coming year.
- Continuing to work on preliminary agreements with HESP, along with other contract renewals.

### 12. Council Committee Reports

#### Councilman Cangiano:

- The ongoing water meter replacement project is about 50% complete, moving along very well, and the vendor doing the installations has been successful with contacting the residents.
- Plans and designs are underway for the water main replacement project for the water tank off Kadel Drive; we hope to replace the waterline in October/November.

**Councilman Windish:**

- Land Use Board has not met.
- Recreation continues to move forward; we will have to address the beach project at some point.
- Technology Committee will be looking at some new technology.

**Councilman Sadow:**

- Board of Education:
  - Tanya Flowers is the new Board of Education secretary/administrator, lives in Hillside.
  - Effective October 1, 2016, Superintendent of Schools Jane Jameson will be retiring after 18 years as Superintendent in our district, for a total of about 35 years in the school community. The Board intends to find an interim superintendent while they search for a permanent replacement.
  - Board of Education running a little behind in their construction and renovation projects but certainly will be ready when school opens. They are looking for help with the top soil on the islands that the Scouts cleaned up; DPW has stepped in and assisted.
  - There is an old well on the Decker School property and the ownership of the land is 40 years into a 100 year lease; there will be future discussion.
- Councilman Sadow attended a recent meeting of the Lake Hopatcong Public Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting held at the State Park; he commented that there has never been a concentration of such passion in one place with a level of sophistication, science, and trumping emotion. In the last two years, the lake was down 4 inches last year and 3 inches this year. The last time they changed the drawdown was 1991 and they are looking now to change the drawdown, make their own guidelines and by-laws responsive to the lake, the season and the precipitation in real time. There are several causes for damage to docks and sea walls but none are directly responsive to the drawdown. There will be a meeting on September 19, 2016 and the public is invited to make any comments concerning anything related to the lake. Administrator Rinaldi added that the NJDEP will be sending public notice to all lakefront property owners about the meeting; there are about 1900 lakefront owners. Mayor Stanzilis thanked Councilman Sadow for attending that meeting.

**Councilwoman Danchuk:**

- Mendham asked to use our camera equipment to investigate a water/sewer problem; Paul Nelson assisted Mendham.
- Getting calls regarding Maple Path; apparently it is not paved well. The runoff from the first storm after the paving work washed up rocks onto the street. Joe Badgley had called DPW to make some repairs; James Landry (present) sent email correspondence to Woodmont after that storm to clean up the road and make some repairs along the shoulder; we will be working with them to stabilize the shoulders.

**Councilman Delaney:**

- Quiet few weeks, attended committee meetings and a CERT meeting

**Council President Sorge:**

- Attended the Board of Education meeting; very factual, felt the Board was willing to work with us on certain items, and appreciate what was accomplished at the meeting. Council President Sorge expressed congratulations to Jane Jameson on her retirement.
- Fire Department monthly reports are very comprehensive and complete; congratulated the Fire Chief and Assistant Chief. Mayor Stanzilis stated Chief and Assistant Chief Lima have brought a new level of professionalism to the department; they are raising the bar and we will see great things for the Fire Department. Councilwoman Danchuk stated the Fire Department invited all Council to their dinner. Administrator Rinaldi stated the Department has another coin collection scheduled for Saturday, September 3, 2016; their last collection was very successful.

Councilman Sadow asked about the CP Engineering report as it relates to the QuickChek development and the cross-access agreement. James Landry, CP Engineering, stated that when the traffic signal timing came through on Howard Boulevard by QuickChek, it was a short term improvement; our feedback has been positive on that improvement. We recognized that was not the only thing that could and really needed to be done; QuickChek is in discussions with the Marriott to

express their desire to establish a cross-access agreement; we are trying to keep that pressure on to keep that moving forward. QuickChek has reached out to the Marriott twice and now the Marriott has contacted their corporate offices.

### 13. Public Comment

Veronica Silkes, Succasunna Road:

- Ms. Silkes asked about her questions regarding the Pilot Program. Mayor Stanzilis stated nothing is through yet, it's absolutely coming.
- Ms. Silkes voiced her concern regarding the last Council meeting. When she first arrived, she noticed that both Mrs. Ondish's were here with Art's brother. At the beginning of the meeting, Council President Sorge read into the record a Proclamation that was presented to Mrs. Yvonne Ondish on Art's behalf. Ms. Silkes is concerned that the Open Public Meetings Act was broken; she assumes why this was not done in public but she is more concerned about if the Council was aware they were breaking a rule or if you did not received legal advice that you were breaking the rule. Ms. Silkes stated that she does not think this type of thing should continue.

Meredith Juzwin, 582 Eric Lane:

- In the spring Ms. Juzwin was told her section of town was going to be paved this summer. Ms. Juzwin has not seen any activity; the roads are getting worse and school will be starting in a few weeks. Councilman Sadow first thanked Ms. Juzwin for again bringing this to Council's attention and advised the Oneida/Howard Boulevard project is underway and should be completed on or before October 6, 2016; the road restoration should be completed by mid-November.

### 14. New Business

Council Chambers Cameras

- Mayor Stanzilis stated that the Governing Body would like to push the envelope on transparency in government, which leads to government accountability and we are looking at closed circuit cameras in the Council chambers, security cameras, and other new technology. Councilman Windish, Chairman of the Technology Committee, stated the Committee will be looking into an overall project – overhead projectors, drop down screens, cameras in place for Council meetings which will videotape all angles of the Chambers, therefore having un-edited tapes of Council meetings. The Committee will also address security outside the buildings. This project will tackle a number of different issues and it is a worthwhile venture; we will be coming back to Council with status updates and approval of costs. Mayor Stanzilis stated this new technology will not just be for presentations and security but to usher forward a higher level of transparency and accountability.

### 15. Old Business

None

### 16. Resolutions

- 2016-115** 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 9, 2016

Motion to Approve: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Sadow

Councilman Sadow stated he does not have a problem paying for work done by our professionals; he does have a problem with paying our Borough Planner and Borough Attorney a total of \$18,310 all in the name of COAH. We have been through Round One and Round Two, we have spent countless thousands of dollars on COAH compliance yet there is no actual COAH law. In Round One, Two and proposed Round Three (prior to its withdrawal) we have realized that we are built out and have no COAH responsibilities whatsoever. I would like to propose that our Borough Attorney help us, along with our Planner, to devise a plan to say no more; we're not going to pay these bills anymore, we are not going to comply any longer. We are spending thousands of dollars to try to comply with a law that doesn't exist; we should take a leadership role with the state and

say we are not going to do this anymore; we are totally compliant and until you put out a law, we are done. Attorney O'Donnell stated we are not in compliance, it is pending litigation and we cannot discuss it; he would be happy to meet with our Planner and the Councilman to discuss exactly the status of the Supreme Court case. Mr. O'Donnell stated we cannot discuss it because it is litigation, which will expose us; some of the things you said are not true, we do have obligations. Mayor Stanzilis asked to heed those words from counsel; we can discuss this during Executive Session at our next meeting. Councilman Sadow stated he would like to be forewarned; this is all news to the Councilman. Councilman Sadow stated that his point is not with the litigation that he didn't even know was going on but rather has to do with spending countless thousands of dollars and getting nothing. Councilwoman Danchuk asked why that surprised Councilman Sadow, the Council is not forewarned about any litigation or tax appeals, etc. Councilman Windish stated he highly recommends we stop here and if there are any questions when we get our packages, we should go directly to our Administrator or the Mayor and get a rudimentary answer. Administrator Rinaldi stated Councilman Sadow and she spoke and his questions tonight are based on that conversation. Councilman Cangiano stated he does not know the details of the COAH situation and where we stand. Mayor Stanzilis stated we will place this topic on the Executive Session for our next Council meeting.

Roll:

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

Motion Approved.

- 2016-116** 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 August 9, 2016

Motion to Approve: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Delaney

Roll:

Aye: Delaney, Sadow, Windish, Cangiano, Council President Sorge  
Abstain: Danchuk (litigation)  
None Opposed

Motion Approved.

**Resolution 2016-117 through 2016-124 To Be Voted on By Consent:**

- 2016-117** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Approving the Corrective Action Plan Recommended in the Annual Report of Audit for 2015
- 2016-118** 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
- 2016-119** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Execution of a Contract Between Action Data Services and the Borough of Mount Arlington
- 2016-120** 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 with the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council (MCCPC) to Renew Membership Therein for the Period of October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2021
- 2016-121** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Accepting the Bid and Awarding the Contract for the 2016 Road Restoration Project to Intercounty Paving Associates, LLC
- 2016-122** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, To Redeem a Third Party Tax Lien Certificate of Sale #15-00026 for Property Known as Block 56, Lot 14

**2016-123** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, To Redeem a Third Party Tax Lien Certificate of Sale #15-00021 for Property Known as Block 41, Lot 6, QUAL C0003

**2016-124** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, for Refund of Sewer and Garbage Duplicate Payment Due to Payment Posting Error by the Tax Department, Block 98, Lot 19

Motion to Approve #2016-117 through #2016-124 By Consent: Council President Sorge  
Second: Councilman Cangiano

Roll:

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

None Opposed

Motion Approved.

**17. Ordinances – Introduction**

None

**18. Ordinances – Second Reading**

None

**19. Motions**

- Clothing Bin permit application – Mount Arlington FOP Lodge 78

**Added at Meeting:**

- Clothing Bin permit application – Millennium International Textiles, Inc.

Councilman Sadow stated we had a requisition in the past for clothing bins and also had a requisition for a red box outside of QuickChek when it was in the plaza; both of those were turned down because of zoning and possibly Land Use. His concern is that the FOP's request could be tainted by this other request if we don't approve both even though the FOP box will be on Borough property. The Clerk stated the Millennium application was received in June, it was complete, went to the Zoning Officer and as per the Ordinance, she has written approval from the Zoning Officer. The Mayor stated that this in our hands to vote on it; if it meets the ordinance, it is at Council's discretion. Council agreed that since the Millennium application was added on to the agenda just today, they would table it to the September 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Motion to Approve the FOP Lodge 78 Clothing Bin: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Sadow

Roll:

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

None Opposed

Motion Approved.

**20. Executive Session**

**2016-125** 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: June 14, 2016

- **Added at Meeting** Potential Litigation

Action May or May Not Be Taken.

Motion to Go Into Executive Session: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Windish

Roll:

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

None Opposed

Motion Approved.

Motion to Return to Open Session: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Windish

Roll:

All in Favor – Aye

None Opposed

Motion Approved.

Motion to Approve the June 14, 2016 Executive Minutes: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilwoman Danchuk

Roll:

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

Abstain: Cangiano (absent at June 14, 2016 meeting)

None Opposed

Motion Approved.

**21. 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 with Correction at Council Meeting of September 13, 2016.

**CERTIFICATE OF  
APPRECIATION  
AWARDED TO  
  
CAPTAIN  
LEE MOREAU**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Borough Council wish to express their appreciation and gratitude to *Captain Lee Moreau* for organizing and directing the recent Veterans Cruise upon Lake Hopatcong Cruises boat Miss Lotta; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Borough Council wish to commend *Captain Lee Moreau* for his kindness, devotion and continuous efforts in honoring our local Veteran's; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Borough Council wish to thank *Captain Lee Moreau* for taking the time to celebrate each Veteran's service by giving them a day trip dedicated to remember and honor their years of service and dedication in our country's armed forces.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN**, that the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington wish to honor, thank and recognize the efforts and dedication of *Captain Lee Moreau*.

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Michael Stanzilis, Mayor  
Borough of Mount Arlington  
August 9, 2016

# 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 May 2016

Dated:

Completed by: Jon Rheinhardt, CTC

### Tax Collections:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Account #</u>	<u>Collections</u>
Current Taxes	6-01-17-001-001	\$ 2,539,814.15
2015 Taxes	6-01-15-499-200	9,072.91
2015 Taxes (Collected at Tax Sale)		
Prepaid Taxes	6-01-17-001-004	
Municipal Redemption	6-01-17-004-001	
Interest & Costs	6-01-08-112-000	2,163.00
Interest & Costs (Collected at Tax Sale)		
Return Check Fee	6-01-16-500-017	
Tax Searches	6-01-08-106-010	
Duplicate Bills	6-01-16-500-016	
O/S Lien Red./Subs	6-01-17-004-002	
O/S Lien Red. Int.	6-01-17-004-003	
O/S Lien Red. 6% YEP	6-01-16-500-025	
O/S Lien Red. Rec. Fee	6-01-17-004-003	
Misc. Copies	6-01-16-500-017	
Tax Sale Costs	6-01-16-500-018	
Tax Sale Costs (Collected at Tax Sale)		
Tax Sale Premiums	Trust Account	
6% Year End Penalty	6-01-16-500-025	
Tax Paid Certification	6-01-16-500-013	
Redemption Calculation Fee		
Total Tax Collections		<u>\$ 2,551,050.06</u>

### Utility Collections:

Solid Waste		\$ 42,433.80
Sewer		75,007.55
Water		64,229.17
Sewer Connection Fee Install Plan		
Total Utility Collections		<u>\$ 181,670.52</u>
Total Collections for the Month		<u>\$ 2,732,720.58</u>

# Borough of Mt. Arlington

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## The Month of June 2016

Dated:

Completed by: Jon Rheinhardt, CTC

### Tax Collections:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Account #</u>	<u>Collections</u>
Current Taxes	6-01-17-001-001	\$ 151,300.50
2015 Taxes	6-01-15-499-200	8,082.11
2015 Taxes (Collected at Tax Sale)		
Prepaid Taxes	6-01-17-001-004	
Municipal Redemption	6-01-17-004-001	
Interest & Costs	6-01-08-112-000	4,784.80
Interest & Costs (Collected at Tax Sale)		
Return Check Fee	6-01-16-500-017	
Tax Searches	6-01-08-106-010	
Duplicate Bills	6-01-16-500-016	
O/S Lien Red./Subs	6-01-17-004-002	
O/S Lien Red. Int.	6-01-17-004-003	
O/S Lien Red. 6% YEP	6-01-16-500-025	
O/S Lien Red. Rec. Fee	6-01-17-004-003	
Misc. Copies	6-01-16-500-017	
Tax Sale Costs	6-01-16-500-018	
Tax Sale Costs (Collected at Tax Sale)		
Tax Sale Premiums	Trust Account	
6% Year End Penalty	6-01-16-500-025	
Tax Paid Certification	6-01-16-500-013	
Redemption Calculation Fee		
Total Tax Collections		<u>\$ 164,167.41</u>

### Utility Collections:

Solid Waste		\$ 9,745.82
Sewer		122,701.33
Water		5,390.36
Sewer Connection Fee Install Plan		
Total Utility Collections		<u>\$ 137,837.51</u>
Total Collections for the Month		<u>\$ 302,004.92</u>

# 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 July 2016

Dated:

Completed by: Jon Rheinhardt, CTC

### Tax Collections:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Account #</u>	<u>Collections</u>
Current Taxes	6-01-17-001-001	\$ 766,875.20
2015 Taxes	6-01-15-499-200	3,727.34
2015 Taxes (Collected at Tax Sale)		
Prepaid Taxes	6-01-17-001-004	16,897.32
Municipal Redemption	6-01-17-004-001	
Interest & Costs	6-01-08-112-000	2,015.18
Interest & Costs (Collected at Tax Sale)		
Return Check Fee	6-01-16-500-017	
Tax Searches	6-01-08-106-010	
Duplicate Bills	6-01-16-500-016	
O/S Lien Red./Subs	6-01-17-004-002	
O/S Lien Red. Int.	6-01-17-004-003	
O/S Lien Red. 6% YEP	6-01-16-500-025	
O/S Lien Red. Rec. Fee	6-01-17-004-003	
Misc. Copies	6-01-16-500-017	
Tax Sale Costs	6-01-16-500-018	
Tax Sale Costs (Collected at Tax Sale)		
Tax Sale Premiums	Trust Account	
6% Year End Penalty	6-01-16-500-025	
Tax Paid Certification	6-01-16-500-013	
Redemption Calculation Fee		
Total Tax Collections		<u>\$ 789,515.04</u>

### Utility Collections:

Solid Waste		\$ 13,508.17
Sewer		140,323.96
Water		66,222.70
Sewer Connection Fee Install Plan		
Total Utility Collections		<u>\$ 220,054.83</u>
Total Collections for the Month		<u>\$ 1,009,569.87</u>

BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON  
FINANCE OFFICE

Finance Report Current Fund

May 2016

Receipts	1,592,497.67
Disbursements	2,202,943.75

BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON  
FINANCE OFFICE

Finance Report Current Fund

June 2016

Receipts	1,682,183.46
Disbursements	1,580,412.17

BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON  
FINANCE OFFICE

Finance Report Current Fund

July 2016

Receipts

816,321.05

Disbursements

2,394,509.82

# 2016 Morris County Budget



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**Hank Lyon, Deputy Director**

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# 2016 Morris County Budget Goals

- The goal of the Freeholder Board is to develop, adopt, and manage an annual County Operating Budget that:
  - Remains Financially and Operationally efficient
  - Maintains all Public Safety initiatives
  - Sustains all Human Service programs
  - Ensures the maintenance of all critical county wide infrastructure
  - Protects the County's long standing "aaa" bond rating
  - Preserves the prudent and methodical use of Fund Balance

# 2016 Operating Budget Development Process:

- The development of the annual Operating Budget began with a detailed and thorough review of every Department's Budget, analyzing all:
  - Expense and Revenue opportunities
  - Potential service and funding areas
  - Future year's budget considerations
  - Identified Risk Areas
    - State / Federal funding changes
    - Pension costs
    - Healthcare costs

# Morris County Budget 2016 vs. 2015

- Managing the impact of anticipated changes to State /Federal Funding combined with increased operating costs, the 2016 Operating Budget rose \$11.3M

## Increase Included:

- \$6.35M for Health Insurance
- \$1.75M for Anticipated Salary Adjustments
- \$1.20M for State Human Service/Mental Health needs
- \$.82M For the provision of various Human Service Programs
- \$.24M Pension Increases

# 2016 Morris County Budget Highlights

- Maintains all County services in the midst of difficult economic times
- Provides valuable Shared Services for other Counties and Morris County Municipalities
- Delivers critical services for those in need of emergency assistance
  - Supports the various unique assets of Morris County
    - Educational Institutions
    - 18,900 Acre Park System
  - Historical and Heritage Associations
    - Resource Management
      - Water / Aquifers
      - Recycling Facilities
  - Solid Waste Management Facilities

# 2016 Morris County Budget Highlights

- While the 2016 Total Composite Tax effort is up 2.39%, the overall four (4) year, (2012 to 2016) composite tax effort, is up a total of one half of one percent or .5%
  - 2016        2.39%
  - 2015        0
  - 2014        < .54%>
  - 2013        <1.72%>
- The most significant aspect of the 2016 Budget increase is related to health insurance which rose 18.9%
  - In order to minimize this increase a Health Care Carrier RFP was issued in the fall of 2015 with a new provider beginning in 2016

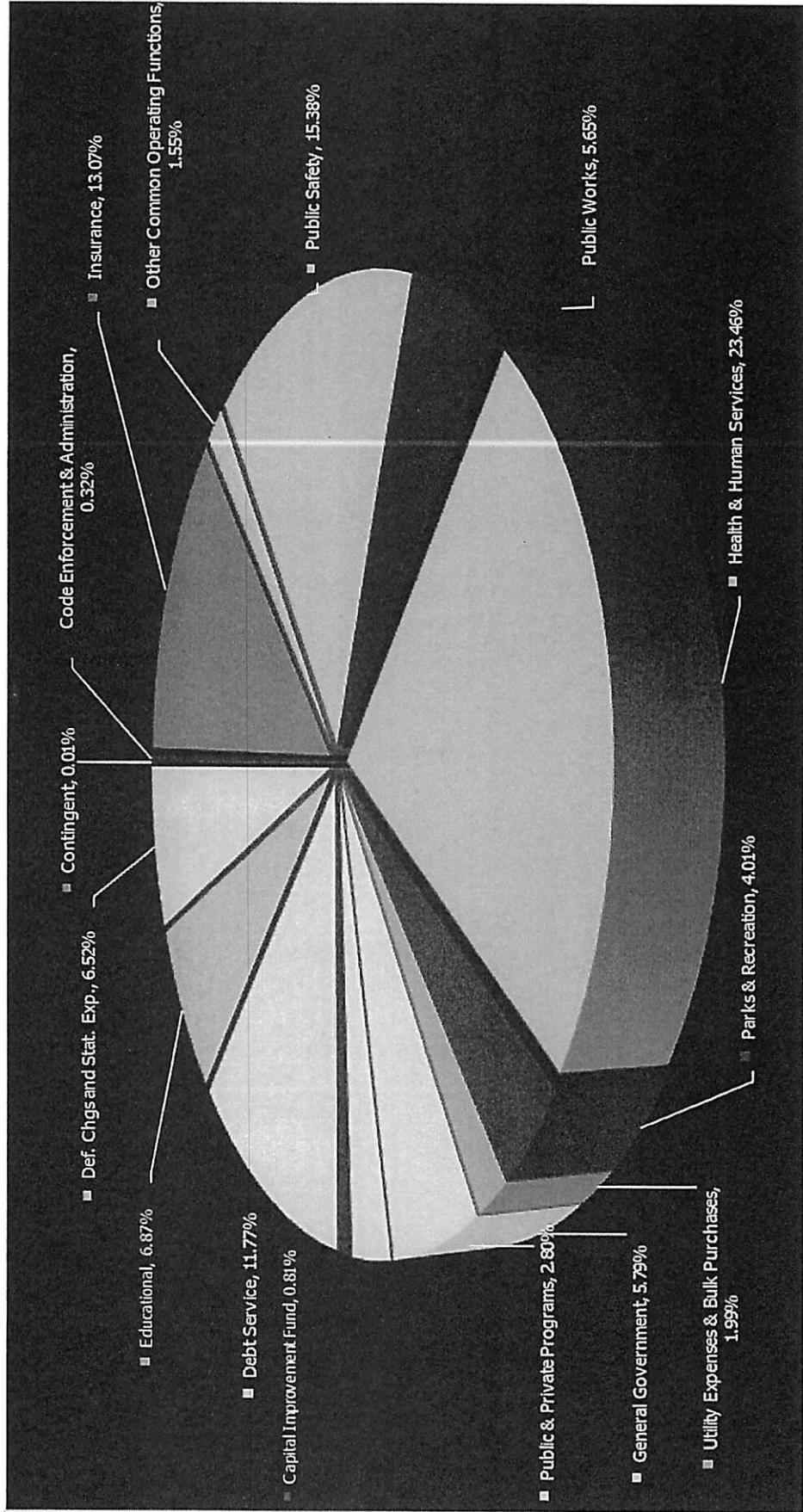
# 2016 Morris County Operating Budget Trends

- After three years of no tax increase experiences a moderate 2015 increase is introduced

	<u>Introduced Budget</u>	<u>Total Tax Effort</u>
2016	\$340,650,110	\$225,384,598
2015	\$329,353,292	\$217,899,755
2014	\$317,327,448	\$217,899,755
2013	\$311,089,690	\$217,903,029
2012	\$317,334,110	\$217,917,846

# 2016 Morris County Budget

Ensures the broad delivery of services to our residents



# 2016 Morris County Budget

## Ongoing Investments in Education/ Recreation

- \$11.8M investment in the County College of Morris
- \$6.2M investment in the Morris County School of Technology
- \$13.7M investment in the Morris County Park Commission

# 2016 Morris County Budget

## Highlight of Services to be Provided

- Over 500K Meals will be provided to Morris County Senior Citizens
- Morris View Health Care will remain home to 283 individuals.
- The continued provision of a wide variety of Human/Social Service programs:
  - Aging, Disabilities, and Veteran Services
  - Mental Health Services
  - Substance Abuse Services
  - Emergency Assistance Services
  - Transportation Services

# 2016 Morris County Budget Focused on Public Safety Services

- **Sheriff's Office**
  - Court House Security
  - Crime Scene Investigation Services provided to all Municipalities
  - Canine services provided to all Municipalities
- **Prosecutor's Office**
- **County Correctional Facility**
- **County Office of Emergency Management**
- **Public Safety Training Academy**
  - Certified Police/Fire/ EMS Training Facility
- **911 Emergency Communication Center**
  - Providing Emergency Dispatch Services for 23 Municipalities
  - Providing Interoperable Communications for all Municipalities
- **Office of Health Management –**
  - LINCS Communications / Public Health Planning
  - Environmental Health Services, Hazmat response
  - Provides Local Health Services to 5 Municipalities
- **Juvenile Detention Center/Youth Shelter (Shared Service with 4 Counties )**
- **Medical Examiners Office ( Shared Service with 3 Counties)**
- **County Wide Weights and Measures Services**

# 2016 Morris County Debt Management

- The 2016 Capital Budget authorizes \$26.1M (To be reduced by \$1.5M Chapter 12 Aid from State) in Debt for various Capital Projects
  - Continued Emphasis on Road / Bridge Infrastructure
  - \$7.6M for 22 miles of County Road Resurfacing
    - 2015 \$7.6M
    - 2014 \$4.8M
    - 2013 \$2.2M
  - \$3.3M for the design of 16 of Bridges and construction of 6 Bridges
    - 2015 \$3.2M
    - 2014 \$2.9M
    - 2013 \$3.7M
  - \$3.7M for Educational Facilities (to be reduced by \$1.5M Ch.12 Bonds)
  - \$1.0M for Criminal Justice Reform
- Historical Capital Budget Debt Authorized:

2015 - \$26.4M	2013 - \$21.5M
2014 - \$23.8M	2012 - \$29.2M

# 2016 Morris County Budget Structural Balance

- Morris County's Financial Strength is maintained through:
  - The long standing "aaa" Bond rating
  - Continued conservative budgeting practices
  - The oversight of the Governing Body
  - The ongoing engagement of a Budget Sub-Committee
  - Continued advanced Planning in preparation for future reductions in Managed Medicaid Revenues

# 2016 Morris County Budget Structural Balance

The prudent and methodical use of Fund Balance ensures stability in the annual use of Reserves and the continuation of the County's "aaa"

- 2015 Ending Fund Balance \$53M
  - 2016 Projected Ending Fund Balance \$50M to \$55M
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- **How the Rating Agency's Evaluate Fund Balance:**
    - *A September 2014 Moody's Investor Service presentation notes that conservative budgeting is one where the entity "appropriates surplus with a strategy to regenerate"*
    - *Moody's Investor Service December 2015 "aaa" Rating notes "ending Current Fund Balances remain strong at about \$53M"*
    - *Standard & Poor's Rating Services December 2015 "aaa" Rating "The county has a history of maintaining strong –to-very strong current fund balances... Management expects fund balance to remain at least equal to \$53M at 2015 year end"*

# 2016 Morris County Budget Strategic Planning is Critical

- **Future Budget Risks:**

- Continued uncertainty of Medicaid funding for Morris View Health Care Center partially recognized in 2016
- Potential increases in Health Insurance and Pension costs
- Impact of Criminal Justice Reform and Speedy Trial
- County Guarantee for Debt Service for Solar I & Solar II Programs
  - Moderating this risk through the completion of 10 remaining sites in Solar II; along with the stabilization of the SREC market
- Understanding the economic trends and changing demographics in Morris County

# 2016 County Budget In Summary / In Perspective

- The Aggregate 2012-2016 combined Tax Effort represents one half of one (.5%) increase
- While the 2016 Operating Tax effort will increase 3.43%, the reduction in the Open Space Tax, has resulted in an overall 2.39% Tax increase
  - This was accomplished through the \$1 Billion increase in County ratables coupled with the 1/8 of a cent reduction in the Open Space Tax
- The average household change is approximately \$20 annually based on the average residential value of \$373,000
- Protects the County's "aaa" bond rating
- Permits the final 10 sites in the Solar 2 Project to be completed