

**BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 12, 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**

Interim Mayor Stanzilis asked for a moment of silence to remember our armed services serving around the world.

**4. Roll Call**

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

**5. Presentations**

Interim Mayor Stanzilis read the following proclamations into the record:

- Proclamation Naming March, 2016, American Red Cross Month
- Proclamation Naming April, 2016, Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month
- Proclamation Naming April, 2016, National Autism Awareness, Acceptance and Inclusion Month

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

Total Tax Collections:	\$726,179.53
Total Utility Collections:	\$269,197.46

**Tax and Utility Report for the Month of January, 2016**

Total Tax Collections:	\$695,250.16
Total Utility Collections:	\$370,865.91

**Tax and Utility Report for the Month of February, 2016**

Total Tax Collections:	\$3,406,190.48
Total Utility Collections:	\$ 199,994.06

**7. Finance Report for the Month of January, 2016**

Current Fund:	
Total Receipts:	\$1,111,757.73
Total Disbursements:	\$1,584,669.01

### Finance Report for the Month of February, 2016

Current Fund:

Total Receipts: \$3,686,374.52

Total Disbursements: \$1,886,297.89

### 8. Approval of Minutes

February 9, 2016 Council Meeting

Motion to Approve: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Windish

Roll:

Aye: Danchuk, Cangiano, Windish, Council President Sorge

None Opposed

Abstain: Sadow (absent on 02/09/16)

Motion Approved.

March 8, 2016 Council Meeting

Motion to Approve: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Windish

Roll:

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

None Opposed

Motion Approved.

April 5, 2016 Council Meeting

Motion to Approve: Councilman Sadow

Second: Council President Sorge

Roll:

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

None Opposed

Motion Approved.

### 9. Interim Mayor's Report

- Interim Mayor Stanzilis stated he has named Councilman Windish as the Grand Marshall of the upcoming Memorial Day Parade. Councilman Windish is a decorated veteran of the Vietnam War and the Mayor thanked him for being Grand Marshall this year.

- Interim Mayor Stanzilis stated he has received two resignation letters from the Consolidation Commission; he would like the Council to consider Melissa Fostle for the Commission seat and Lee Loughridge for the Alternate Commissioner seat.

#### Added

#### Resolution:

**2016-75** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, Authorizing Appointments to the Roxbury/Mount Arlington Consolidation Feasibility Study Commission

Motion to Approve: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Sadow

Roll:

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

None Opposed

Motion Approved.

### 10. Chief of Police Report

- Standard, day-to-day operations going well.

- Regarding the large snowstorm this winter, we have an opportunity to obtain replacement funds from FEMA for our expenses; Chief is working on that.

- Chief Licata briefly described the Unity Tour, established 20 years ago, which is a bicycle tour from New Jersey to Washington, DC to raise awareness and funds for the Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, DC. Mayor Stanzilis stated Officer Wargo's name is etched in stone on that memorial in Washington, DC. The Chief thanked the Council for always being so supportive of the Tour.
- Chief Licata publicly congratulated Interim Mayor Stanzilis.

#### **11. Municipal Administrator's Report**

- The Municipal Beach will open May 28<sup>th</sup> and the parade will be May 30<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Rinaldi stated most of our beach lifeguards are returning this year but we are always looking for more as it is good to have alternates.
- Miss Lotta Salute to Veteran's Cruise is a complimentary cruise aboard Miss Lotta for a limited amount of service veterans in the four Lake Hopatcong border towns. Each town, Jefferson, Hopatcong, Roxbury and Mount Arlington are offered an allotment of 24 tickets. The cruise for Mount Arlington veterans will be between 12:30 – 2:00 on Fourth of July weekend. Brenda Temple, Recreation Clerk, will reach out to our veterans as the cruise is on a first come, first served, basis.
- This year will be the Third Annual Lake Hopatcong Block Party hosted by the Lake Hopatcong Foundation, Saturday, May 7 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The four lake bordering municipalities set up tables and offer a variety of information to residents, along with vendors and local businesses. Interim Mayor Stanzilis stated it is a great event and the Boy Scouts will be there as well.
- Ms. Rinaldi stated that at the beginning of the year, we talked about setting up a meeting with the Board of Education Committee. Interim Mayor Stanzilis stated it has been a while since the Committee met relative to the redevelopment; the Mayor asked that a meeting be scheduled with the Committee members.
- The Howard Boulevard/Oneida Realignment project is presently out to bid; we are anticipating the project to start on or about June 1<sup>st</sup>. Ms. Rinaldi stated we will be noticing on our signs and send out an e-blast as we get closer to the start date; hoping to have an award of the bid at the May 10, 2016 Council meeting.

#### **12. Council Committee Reports**

##### **Councilwoman Danchuk:**

- Councilmembers received a copy of the DPW Monthly Report and Councilwoman Danchuk reiterated the highlights of the report.

##### **Councilman Cangiano:**

- New Jersey Natural Gas is making fantastic progress on Lake Rogerene; we had the preconstruction meeting in March where they indicated they would start April 1<sup>st</sup> and they actually started prior to that date.
- On February 25, 2016, Councilman Cangiano was appointed as Commissioner to the Musconetcong Sewer Authority, the regional sewer authority that encompasses Netcong, Roxbury, Stanhope, Hopatcong and Mount Arlington; this ties in well because Councilman Cangiano is a member of the Borough Sewer/Water Committee.
- On March 21, 2016, the Mount Arlington Schools were awarded a Sustainable Jersey Grant for \$2,000 for a rain garden and Councilman Cangiano was asked to attend.
- Attended a Personnel Committee meeting last week; hopefully have filled the Tax and Utility Clerk position and will discuss further in Executive Session.
- Today the Borough received a \$20,000 grant from PSE&G through Sustainable Jersey, which we are a Bronze Level Member, to construct a community garden. Councilman Cangiano publicly thanked Carolyn Rinaldi for applying for the grant. Interim Mayor Stanzilis acknowledged the efforts of Councilman Cangiano and Carolyn Rinaldi regarding their efforts.

##### **Council President Sorge:**

- Attended the Personnel Committee meeting regarding a Tax and Utility Clerk.

**Councilman Sadow:**

- Seniors' trips are going smoothly; they have a wonderful system and organization and thanked all the Seniors in the audience.
- Finance Committee issues will be discussed later in the meeting.

**Councilman Windish:**

- Recreation is moving along strongly and they continue to grow.
- Councilman Windish is anxious to have the Green Acres diversion resolved so the Borough can move ahead with further Municipal Beach improvements. Councilman Windish stated the beach improvements will not affect the volleyball courts; the adult volleyball program is extremely successful.

**13. Public Comment**

Rosemary Szablewicz, 48 Zachary Way:

- Rosemary and her husband Bill have been residents of Nolan's Ridge for nine years and have witnessed much progress in Mount Arlington. Progress is a good thing if it progresses with the consideration of safety for the Mount Arlington residents. Since the opening of the Quick Chek on August 12, 2015, there have been 13 vehicular accidents at that location, which obviously does not include near misses which occur on a daily if not weekly basis. This is not the quality of life we expect here. Residents are concerned for lives, safety; there may be additional traffic studies underway to address this hazardous intersection but the situation is worsening and we have not even reached the high summer traffic nor the traffic from the 300 unit complex. Quick Chek has been a prominent and generous member of our community since 1976 and the residents do not want to impact their profits but safety is more important and they are asking that immediate measures be taken to address and correct this perilous condition on Howard Boulevard. The residents are asking for a temporary solution while studies, etc., are performed; a large traffic sign installed stating No Left Turn across Howard Boulevard going north and another large sign stating Entrance Only – No Left Turn to be placed at the entrance to Quick Chek. Ms. Szablewicz requested a plan of action be submitted to the citizens of Mount Arlington by June 15, 2016.

Marilyn Vicenzino, 33 Ridgeview Lane

Sheila Studint, 88 Ridgeview Lane

Diana and George Kunka, 117 Ondish Court

Lawrence Goodstein, 83 Zachary Way

- Each of the above individuals separately voiced their concerns about the traffic on Howard Boulevard and the safety issues.

Interim Mayor Stanzilis thanked all those attending the meeting this evening to discuss the traffic on Howard Boulevard by the Quick Chek and stated we all are experiencing this situation and Council wants to get ahead of the problem; we are all citizens in Mount Arlington and concerned about this issue. The Interim Mayor asked Chief Licata if he could suggest a quick solution; it is a county road but possibly a little more police presence during peak times would help. The Manager of Quick Chek was present as well as the District Leader, Bonnie Lozier. Ms. Lozier assured the residents that Quick Chek is concerned for everyone's safety as well and will have their engineers look at this for both the short and long term to make it a better and more cohesive place. The Interim Mayor thanked both Dan and Bonnie for their attendance and concern and willingness to partner with us to come up with a solution. Borough Engineer Stan Puszczyk stated that since Howard Boulevard is a county road, we have to go through their jurisdiction; he is thankful Quick Chek is giving us the ability to work with their engineers to look at innovative solutions. Mr. Puszczyk will work with Chief Licata to review the accident profiles, and speak with the County; we are at the foot of the exit ramps from Route 80, we may have to engage conversation with the NJ DOT as well.

Diane Lapretta, 107 Ridgeview Lane

Lee Loughridge, 51 Kadel Drive

Sheila Studint, 88 Ridgeview Lane

Bill Szablewicz, 48 Zachary Way

- The above individuals separately voiced their concerns, including performing another traffic study and the future impact of Woodmont coming into Valley into Seasons, into Howard. The Interim Mayor asked Engineer Puszcz to keep that extra volume in mind as well. Councilman Sadow stated that the traffic has increased in our Borough; previous to Quick Chek's build-out, this was already the highest traffic accident area in our Borough. Councilman would like to see the study/plan to include southbound left turns into Exxon and Davy's; it is a high impact area and would like to see the comprehensive aspect be addressed.

Rosemary Szablewicz, 48 Zachary Way:

- Mrs. Szablewicz asked if the Borough and/or the County would get back to us by June 15<sup>th</sup>, before the summer traffic starts, with some type of a plan and permission for signs. Engineer Puszcz stated that we would need to approach the County regarding placing temporary signs; we must have the County consent and maybe they would want to take control of the situation and provide a solution. The Interim Mayor stated it is hard to commit to a timeline but he will contact Rosemary and keep her up to date; we just need to have the County understand what we are dealing with and move forward.

Veronica Silkes, Succasunna Road:

- Congratulated Interim Mayor Stanzilis, wishing him best of luck.  
 - Ms. Silkes asked Council to consider naming the Community Garden, just awarded by a grant, to be named after Mayor Ondish. Interim Mayor Stanzilis stated that Mayor Ondish was the one that originally pushed us toward Sustainable Jersey and was recently named Sustainability Hero.  
 - Ms. Silkes understands that Council cannot speak to this issue and spoke about the censure and Councilwoman Danchuk. Ms. Silkes stated that when this situation started, the now Interim Mayor Stanzilis' comment was it was like an employee being written up; the Council has approved \$75,000 to be spent, which seems like a lot of money for a write-up. Borough Attorney O'Donnell stated this is pending litigation but it should be noted that this governing body is being sued so they are defendants; this money is being earmarked to defend every one of the council members. Ms. Silkes stated Councilwoman Danchuk sued the Council because her name was being thrown through the mud but she is a Councilwoman who needs her name cleared.

Marlene Ackerman, 56 Rogerene Way:

- Understands that there is a large amount of money that Mount Arlington has contributed to Open Space but we have never taken advantage of that money; she proposed that the property behind Lake Rogerene be made a green space for the community. We have lost thousands of trees due to all the building in Lake Rogerene. Interim Mayor stated that most Council members did receive phone calls from concerned citizens from the Lake Rogerene area concerning those lots of property; this is a real estate matter so we would like to refer this to our professionals to perform a study and look at our options. Ms. Ackerman stated the run-off from these properties will have a negative impact on Lake Rogerene. The Interim Mayor stated we have a lot of respect for the integrity of that little lake in Rogerene so we will pass this over to the professionals for their review  
 - Ms. Ackerman commended the Police Department on their assistance at Lake Rogerene during the construction for natural gas.

Gene Paradiso, 206 Howard Boulevard:

- Publicly congratulated Interim Mayor Stanzilis.  
 - Wanted to confirm there were two new appointees to the Feasibility Study Commission, which had occurred prior to Mr. Paradiso attending the meeting. Mr. Paradiso stated the new appointees could be sworn in at tomorrow night's meeting if they can attend.

Greg Puskas, 173 Orben Drive:

- Regarding the property in Lake Rogerene, the property is over 16 acres, the last large piece of property left in town. The Morris County Open Space Tax was initiated in 1993 and since that time, the residents of Mount Arlington have contributed over \$3.4 million and have not taken advantage of this funding. Without the 16 acre piece, the access to Roxbury's Ice Age Trail would be very limited. Mr. Puskas feels there is no reason why the town should not pursue this; the Morris County Open

Space Tax is a county tax that is applied to all towns in the county. Interim Mayor Stanzilis stated that after receiving phone calls, Council has already asked our professionals to look into it.

Meredith and Pete Juzwin, 582 Eric Lane:

- Ms. Juzwin stated she is concerned with the condition of the roads; the roads in her area have been patched and if she were looking for a home in Mount Arlington, she would not buy because it looks like the roads are not being cared for. Councilman Sadow stated Eric Lane is on the list for this year but will elaborate on his report later in the meeting.

- Mr. Juzwin inquired about the quarterly sewer billing because the loan on the construction was paid off 1 year/1-1/2 years ago, maybe in 2014. The Interim Mayor read the letter to residents, dated December 2014, into the record. Councilman Cangiano, Chairman of the Water/Sewer Committee, stated we are looking into this; as the sewer system was expanded, bonds were added in, and we are doing our best to keep the rates as low as possible. The Committee is looking to reassess the system as a whole as to what the appropriate costs should be; we are hoping to have some answers within the year. He continued that someone hooking up now has a much higher hook-up cost to equalize the bills the current sewer users have been paying. Interim Mayor Stanzilis also stated the original installation did not include all the roads, so it is continually expanding and there is a cost for that expansion. Administrator Rinaldi stated we adopt an ordinance every year with a new connection fee for new users for the current year; much higher than what residents paid twenty years ago to hook up. Interim Mayor Stanzilis stated it is our system, we are not making any profit, but we have to be sure that it works and is self-sustaining.

Motion to Take a 5-Minute Break: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Sadow

Roll:

All in Favor – Aye

None Opposed

Motion Approved.

Motion to Return to Open Session: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Sadow

Roll:

All in Favor – Aye

None Opposed

Motion Approved.

#### **14. New Business**

None

#### **15. Old Business**

- Green Acres Diversion

Borough Engineer Stan Puszcz updated Council on the Green Acres Diversion; he has submitted the comprehensive response report to the issues raised by Green Acres on March 17, 2016. We are keeping pressure on Green Acres to move this through; they are addressing the survey, appraisal, preliminary assessment report and some procedural items. We will be having a conference call with the Green Acres environmental specialist and anticipate receiving any comments by early next week. We are pushing for a June deadline; looking to hold Public Hearing in June.

#### **16. Resolutions**

**Resolutions 2016-66 through**

**2016-70 Approved By Consent:**

**2016-66** 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 Item from Fixed Asset Ledger (DPW Dodge van)

- 2016-67** 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 Item from Fixed Asset Ledger (patrol car #109)
- 2016-68** 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 Item from Fixed Asset Ledger (patrol car #105)
- 2016-69** 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 Item from Fixed Asset Ledger (Ford tanker fire truck)
- 2016-70** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Signatures on Borough Checks

Motion to Approve By Consent: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Windish

Roll:

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

None Opposed

Motion Approved.

- 2016-64** 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 April 12, 2016

Motion to Approve: Councilman Cangiano

Second: Council President Sorge

Councilwoman Danchuk stated there was a lot of work done regarding the mayor's vacancy and does not know if work should be paid for by the Borough because all of the work was done by the Republican County Committee; they were the ones responsible for this procedure and she is not sure why we had the Borough Attorney prepare a narrative on the process. Attorney O'Donnell stated research had to be done regarding timing of the elections and there were a lot of discussions with the County Clerk's office; this was much more the governance of this Council, not the Republican County Committee. The Clerk stated that she was disappointed with the County because no matter what the question or how the question was worded, she was told to bring it back to the Borough Attorney. Councilman Cangiano attested to the Clerk's disappointment and stated the attorney's research was to protect the Borough, to insure we were proceeding correctly. Matthew O'Donnell stated he was charged by the Council President to undertake this task. The Borough Attorney publicly thanked the efforts and perseverance of the Clerk and Administrator Rinaldi during this emotional time.

Roll:

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

None Opposed

Motion Approved.

- 2016-65** 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 April 12, 2016

Motion to Approve: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Windish

Roll:

Aye: Cangiano, Sadow, Windish, Council President Sorge

Abstain: Danchuk (litigation)

None Opposed  
Motion Approved.

- 2016-71** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Approving and Authorizing the Execution of the Municipal Group Agreement with Econsult Solutions, Inc.

Motion to Approve: Council President Sorge  
Second: Councilman Sadow

Borough Planner Jessica Caldwell explained that we had joined a consortium of municipalities in order to pay Econsult to produce affordable housing obligations for the Borough. They were much more favorable than the ones produced by the Fair Share Housing Center and affordable housing advocates so they put us in a much better position. As time goes on, Econsult is needed to testify on behalf of the municipalities that are accepting these obligations; there are a couple hundred municipalities in this consortium which greatly reduces the cost. Dr. Burshell was from Rutgers and had a stroke so was not able to complete the process. We have not spent any additional money; the money was reallocated to Econsult.

Roll:

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

Motion Approved.

- 2016-72** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Recommending Submission of the Borough of Mount Arlington Housing Element and Fair Share Plan Dated April 2016, Prepared by J. Caldwell & Associates, LLC, to the Superior Court

Motion to Approve: Councilman Sadow  
Second: Council President Sorge

Borough Planner Jessica Caldwell stated we have a draft Housing Element and Fair Share Plan; the Housing Element is a combination of demographics, unemployment characteristics, housing characteristics, an element of the master plan with extensive information. The key piece for the court submission is the Fair Share Plan; what we got from Econsult was an obligation and they are now providing a summary obligation. There is a good chance we will have this plan approved and held in place for a few years while any change in numbers is being discussed. We are in a good position because we are over our obligation numbers. Borough Attorney O'Donnell commended Ms. Caldwell for her work during this long, arduous, heavily litigated path. Councilman Sadow commended Ms. Caldwell as well; there is an enormous amount of information in this report. The Seniors in town, from decisions that were made in the '90's, now comprise well over 50% of the voting population in town.

Roll:

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

Motion Approved.

## **17. Ordinances – Introduction**

- 02-16** An Ordinance of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Amending And Supplementing Borough Code Chapter 186 Animal Sanitation, Section 186-1. Duty of Owner/Keeper of Pets

The Mayor read Ordinance 02-16 by Title.

Motion: Council President Sorge stated that Ordinance 02-16 be introduced by Title and passed on First Reading and that a meeting be held on May 10, 2016 at 10:00 a.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 Cangiano

Council Discussion: None

Roll:

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

None Opposed

Motion Approved.

- 03-16** An Ordinance of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Amending And Supplementing Borough Code Chapter 48 Animals, Section 48-4. Dog and Cat Canvass; Section 48-2. Licensing Provisions; Section 48-6. Impounding and Destruction of Certain Dogs; Section 48-7. Regulations; and Section 48-9. Impounding and Destruction of Certain Cats

The Mayor read Ordinance 03-16 by Title.

Motion: Council President Sorge stated that Ordinance 03-16 be introduced by Title and passed on First Reading and that a meeting be held on May 10, 2016 at 10:00 a.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 Windish

Council Discussion: None

Roll:

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

None Opposed

Motion Approved.

- 04-16** An Ordinance of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Amending And Supplementing Borough Code Chapter 123 Parks, Recreation Areas and Civic Center Section, 123-6. Animals; Section 123-15.1. Rules for Use of Civic Center; and Section 123-22. Rules for Use of Municipal Beach

The Mayor read Ordinance 04-16 by Title.

Motion: Councilman Sadow stated that Ordinance 04-16 be introduced by Title and passed on First Reading and that a meeting be held on May 10, 2016 at 10:00 a.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: Council President Sorge

Council Discussion: Councilman Sadow asked the definition of service animal; a lot of people are designating pets as service animals to get them on planes, trains and public places but there are many people who have true needs for service animals and should be able to exercise their need. Councilman Sadow stated his concern is the beach and how we are going to identify a service pet. Borough Attorney O'Donnell stated we can certainly expand it, define it and then review our ordinance with Chief Licata on how to enforce it, perhaps some sort of document or certificate showing this is a service animal. Interim Mayor Stanzilis stated the professionals will have some answers at the Public Hearing and we will discuss this again at that point, and we don't want to be in jeopardy of any ADA compliance issues as well. Councilwoman Danchuk mentioned that the ordinance states that an animal has to be accompanied by anyone 18 or older. Councilman Cangiano stated that the thought was that where a group is congregating,

we did not want a young kid who might not be responsible to have the pet in that area; this was not directed to just walking around the neighborhood with your pet. Interim Mayor Stanzilis suggested this come back to the Committee to come up with something more reasonable. Councilman Cangiano stated this conversation regards the pet in a public park or recreation area, not on the road and it was changed from age 21 to 18. Councilman Windish stated as Chairman of the Code Committee, he would leave it as it is now and revisit it when the Committee reviews the Code next year.

Roll:

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

Motion Approved.

**05-16**

An Ordinance of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Amending And Supplementing Borough Code Chapter 40 Alcoholic Beverages, Article I Alcoholic Beverage Control, Section 40-3 Licenses, Subsection D License Fees; Maximum Number, Items (1) (a) (b) (c) to Establish the Annual Fees to be Charged for Liquor Licenses

The Mayor read Ordinance 05-16 by Title.

Motion: Council President Sorge stated that Ordinance 05-16 be introduced by Title and passed on First Reading and that a meeting be held on May 10, 2016 at 10:00 a.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: Councilwoman Danchuk

Council Discussion: None

Roll:

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

Motion Approved.

**18. Ordinances – Second Reading**

**01-16**

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 Located on the Rear Section of a Corner Lot on Edgemere Avenue Owned by the Borough of Mount Arlington Not Required For Public Purposes Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13(B)(5)

The Mayor opened the Hearing to the Public on Ordinance #01-16 and read the Ordinance by title.

No Public Comment; the Mayor closed the Hearing to the Public.

Council President Sorge stated, I move for adoption and final passage of Ordinance #01-16.

Second: Councilman Windish

Council Discussion: None

Roll Call:

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

Motion Approved.

The Mayor declared that Ordinance #01-16 is passed on second reading and directed the Clerk to publish the notice of adoption as required by law.

- 06-16** An Ordinance of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, To Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a CAP Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14) for the Calendar Year 2016

The Mayor opened the Hearing to the Public on Ordinance #06-16 and read the Ordinance by title.

Public Comment; None, the Mayor closed the Hearing to the Public.

Council President Sorge stated, I move for adoption and final passage of Ordinance #06-16.

Second: Councilman Sadow

Council Discussion: Councilwoman Danchuk asked Budget Consultant Joe Kovalcik (present) to explain this ordinance. Mr. Kovalcik stated this years' COLA was 0% but the state health benefit plan went up 6%; by that perspective alone, you would have to cut services to pay for a mandated state bill. Pension is considered inside the cap; if our pension costs go up, this allows us to use this fund if we ever need to, allows us to maintain the services in the Borough and allows us to control our own budget.

Roll Call:

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

None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

The Mayor declared that Ordinance #06-16 is passed on second reading and directed the Clerk to publish the notice of adoption as required by law.

#### **Added**

#### **Resolution:**

- 2016-74** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, Canceling a Portion of the Reserve For Tax Appeals

Motion to Approve: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Sadow

Budget Consultant Kovalcik stated in this year's budget, we used \$200,000 from our reserve for tax appeals. Over the last few years, we have been building the reserve "in case". We have reached the level where we are comfortable so now Mr. Kovalcik is going to start scaling back; this year we actually used it as a revenue in the budget to bring down the taxes. Councilman Sadow stated that what Mr. Kovalcik just said is actually a testament to our taxpayers; we have about a 98.7% tax payment collection rate and the ability to lower the reserve for uncollected tax is a good thing.

Roll:

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

None Opposed

Motion Approved.

#### **19. Resolution**

- 2016-59** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Adopting the 2016 Municipal Budget. *Public Hearing on the Introduced Municipal Budget.*

The Mayor opened the Hearing to the Public on Resolution 2016-59 and read the Resolution by title.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Sadow

Second: Council President Sorge

Public Comment:

Veronica Silkes, Succasunna Road:

- Ms. Silkes had numerous questions regarding the 2016 budget which were fully answered and explained predominately by Councilman Sadow and Budget Consultant Joe Kovalcik.
- Stated she never sees expenses going down and never sees the Borough tighten their belt. There are projects going on left and right which she feels are unnecessary at this time because taxes went up, expenses went up, and salaries went up during all that recession. Mr. Kovalcik stated we have looked at shared services, we have looked at a number of items; most of the items you see now are going to be out of the Borough's control because they are statutory expenditures, contracts, etc. Interim Mayor Stanzilis introduced Ray Sarinelli, from Nisivoccia, who was in the audience and available to answer any questions regarding the budget.

The Mayor closed the Hearing to the Public.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Sadow

Second: Council President Sorge

Councilman Sadow, Chairman of the Finance Committee, read a statement into the record regarding the 2016 Municipal Budget. Councilman Sadow stated we create our budget to be sustainable and keep our infrastructure safe, robust and growing with the times.

Councilwoman Danchuk stated that on sheet 40B, Capital Budget Projects, the \$15 million for recreational projects really makes her scared. Councilman Sadow stated we have not had a viable, or lighted field in over 5 or 6 years, it is weed-ridden and not level. We also have a beach project that has been done piece meal and is almost to completion but we have bigger plans for it. We would also like to improve the Altenbrand intersection to provide a safer route for people who are going to be utilizing the field, and we would also like the field to be state-of-the-art, with a projected life of 25-30 years. By 2020 we will have retired all of the debt, we have a very favorable borrowing environment, our interest rate will remain low. Councilwoman Danchuk stated that the residents cannot afford these tax increases. Councilman Sadow stated our residential tax base is actually increasing and it will be an added attraction for people to move to our Borough if we have a state of the art recreational facility. Interim Mayor Stanzilis stated our population is 53% seniors and this new field will have a walking path; there is presently no path for seniors to walk in the Borough. Also, tying into Fireman's Field, improvements to Altenbrand and improvements to the beach has the potential to bring in new business as well, which will ultimately increase our ratables in town. Councilman Cangiano stated we have to evaluate what the up-front costs are, what the continuing costs are and what the value is and we will make a decision on each step from there.

Councilwoman Danchuk had other specific questions regarding the budget which were fully answered and explained predominately by Councilman Sadow and Budget Consultant Joe Kovalcik.

Mr. Ray Sarinelli stated our budget is compliant with all state guidelines, shows good structure, a responsible use of fund balance; very responsible budget. Administrator Rinaldi stated for the past two years we have had to file a User Friendly Budget as well.

The Clerk read the statement of budget adoption into the record.

Roll:

Aye: Cangiano, Sadow, Windish, Council President Sorge

Opposed: Danchuk

Motion Approved.

## 20. Motions

- Vendor Permit Application for Andrew Patin, Hot Dog Truck in Lee's Park.

Motion to Approve: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Windish

Roll:

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

None Opposed

Motion Approved.

## 21. Executive Session

**2016-73** 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:

- Landfill Redevelopment Project

- Personnel

- Approval of Executive Minutes: February 9, 2016

Action May or May Not Be Taken

Motion to Go Into Executive Session: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Sadow

Roll:

Aye: Danchuk, Cangiano, Sadow, Windish, 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.

### Added

#### Resolutions:

**2016-76** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Designating HESP Solar As Redeveloper of the Borough's Former Landfill to Include Installation and/or Operation of a Solar Photovoltaic System

Motion to Approve: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Cangiano

Roll:

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

None Opposed

Motion Approved.

**2016-77** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, Naming Kayleen Pickering As Tax and Utility Clerk

Motion to Approve: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Sadow

Roll:

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

None Opposed

Motion Approved.

**2016-78** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, Naming Lizbeth Dwyer as Board of Health Administrator

Motion to Approve: Councilman Sadow

Second: Council President Sorge

Roll:

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

None Opposed

Motion Approved.

Motion to Approve the Executive Minutes of February 9, 2016: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Windish

Roll:

Aye: Danchuk, Cangiano, Windish, Council President Sorge

None Opposed

Abstain: Sadow (absent on 02/09/16)

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 May 10, 2016.

## **AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH – MARCH 2016**

In the Borough of Mount Arlington, we have a long history of helping our neighbors in need. American Red Cross Month is a special time to recognize and thank our Everyday Heroes – those selfless Red Cross volunteers and donors who give of their time and resources to help community members.

These heroes help families find shelter after a home fire. They give blood to help trauma victims and cancer patients. They deliver comfort items to military members in the hospital. They use their lifesaving skills to save someone from a heart attack, drowning, or choking. They enable children around the globe to be vaccinated from measles and rubella.

The American Red Cross depends on local heroes to deliver help and hope during a disaster. We applaud our heroes here in the Borough of Mount Arlington who give of themselves to assist their neighbors when they need a helping hand.

Across the country and around the world, the American Red Cross responds to disasters big and small. In fact, every eight minutes the organization responds to a community disaster, providing shelter, food, emotional support and other necessities to those affected. It collects 40 percent of the nation's blood supply; provides 24-hour support to military members, veterans and their families; teaches millions lifesaving skills, such as lifeguarding and CPR; and through its Restoring Family Links program, connects family members separated by crisis, conflict, or migration.

We dedicate the month of March to all those who support the American Red Cross mission to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies. Our community depends on the American Red Cross, which relies on donations of time, money and blood to fulfill its humanitarian mission.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael Stanzilis, Interim Mayor of the Borough of Mount Arlington, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of Mount Arlington and the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim March 2016 as American Red Cross Month. I encourage all Americans to support this organization and its noble humanitarian mission.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, in the year of our Lord two thousand sixteen, and in the Borough of Mount Arlington, New Jersey.

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Michael Stanzilis, Interim Mayor  
April 12, 2016

# **BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON**

## **Proclamation**

### **CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, the maltreatment, abuse and neglect of children is a significant social problem that damages children physically, mentally and emotionally and inflicts immeasurable harm on society as a whole and all children deserve to be nurtured, protected and free from physical or emotional harm; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of New Jersey and the Department of Children and Families believe that the best place to raise children is among strong, healthy families; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of New Jersey is committed to building a continuum of community-based child abuse prevention and intervention programs that are culturally competent, strength-based and family-centered and that achieve positive outcomes for parenting and family relationships, as well as empower domestic violence victims and their children; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Department of Children and Families embraces the Standards for Prevention Programs developed by the New Jersey Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect; and

**WHEREAS**, all sectors of the community, including law enforcement, medical professionals, schools, courts and media outlets, as well as numerous public and private agencies, have joined forces to promote public awareness and community involvement in strengthening families during the month of April and continuing throughout the year.

**NOW, THEREFORE, ON BEHALF OF THE BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL, I, MICHAEL STANZILIS, INTERIM MAYOR OF THE BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON**, do hereby proclaim April 2016 as *Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month* and urge our residents to become involved in efforts aimed at strengthening families and communities and preventing our children from being abused and neglected.

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Michael Stanzilis, Interim Mayor  
Borough of Mount Arlington

Date: April 12, 2016

**BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON**

**MOUNT ARLINGTON, NEW JERSEY**

**P R O C L A M A T I O N**

**WHEREAS**, Autism is a pervasive developmental disorder affecting the social, communication and behavioral skills of those affected by it; and,

**WHEREAS**, as more health professionals become proficient in diagnosing Autism, more children are being diagnosed on the Autism spectrum, resulting in rates as high as 1 in 68 children nationally and 1 in 45 in New Jersey; and,

**WHEREAS**, while there is no cure for Autism, it is well-documented that if individuals with Autism receive treatment early in their lives, it often is possible for those individuals to lead significantly improved lives; and,

**WHEREAS**, individuals with Autism often require a lifetime of specialized and community support services to ensure their health and safety and to support families' resilience as they manage the psychological and financial burdens Autism presents; and,

**WHEREAS**, Autism New Jersey is spearheading an awareness, acceptance, and inclusion effort in order to educate parents, professionals and the general public about Autism and its effects.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** I, Interim Mayor Michael Stanzilis, do hereby proclaim April as NATIONAL AUTISM AWARENESS, ACCEPTANCE, AND INCLUSION MONTH in the Borough of Mount Arlington, and urge all employees and residents to become better educated on the subject of autistic spectrum disorders.



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Michael Stanzilis, Interim Mayor  
April 12, 2016

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

DATE: 10/15/54

TO: SAC, NEW YORK

RE: [Illegible]

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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 collections for:

## The Month of December 2015

Dated:

Completed by: Jon Rheinhardt, CTC

### Tax Collections:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Account #</u>	<u>Collections</u>
Current Taxes	5-01-17-001-001	\$ 329,642.59 X
2014 Taxes	5-01-15-499-200	27,035.20 X
2014 Taxes (Collected at Tax Sale)		24,367.99 X
Prepaid Taxes	5-01-17-001-004	77,217.86 X
Municipal Redemption	5-01-17-004-001	
Interest & Costs	5-01-08-112-000	23,670.35 X
Interest & Costs (Collected at Tax Sale)		
Return Check Fee	5-01-16-500-017	
Tax Searches	5-01-08-105-010	
Duplicate Bills	5-01-16-500-016	
O/S Lien Red./Subs	5-01-17-004-002	2,056.14 X
O/S Lien Red. Int.	5-01-17-004-003	53.52
O/S Lien Red. 6% YEP	5-01-16-500-025	
O/S Lien Red. Rec. Fee	5-01-17-004-003	208.00 X
Misc. Copies	5-01-16-500-017	
Tax Sale Costs	5-01-16-500-018	619.44
Tax Sale Costs (Collected at Tax Sale)		6,715.29 X
Tax Sale Premiums	Trust Account	233,800.00 X
6% Year End Penalty	5-01-16-500-025	793.15 X
Tax Paid Certification	5-01-16-500-013	
Redemption Calculation Fee		
Total Tax Collections		<u>\$ 726,179.53</u>

### Utility Collections:

Solid Waste	\$ 34,100.23
Sewer	210,452.41
Water	24,644.82
Sewer Connection Fee Install Plan	
Total Utility Collections	<u>\$ 269,197.46</u>
Total Collections for the Month	<u>\$ 995,376.99</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 January 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	\$ 656,142.31
2015 Taxes	6-01-15-499-200	35,052.01
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	1,269.66
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	2,578.60
O/S Lien Red. Int.	6-01-17-004-003	51.58
O/S Lien Red. 6% YEP	6-01-16-500-025	
O/S Lien Red. Rec. Fee	6-01-17-004-003	156.00
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		\$ 695,250.16
<b>Total Tax Collections</b>		<b>\$ 695,250.16</b>

### Utility Collections:

Solid Waste	\$ 43,766.22
Sewer	251,125.66
Water	75,974.03
Sewer Connection Fee Install Plan	\$ 370,865.91
<b>Total Utility Collections</b>	<b>\$ 370,865.91</b>
<b>Total Collections for the Month</b>	<b>\$ 1,066,116.07</b>

# 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 February 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	\$ 3,355,158.35
2015 Taxes	6-01-15-499-200	36,708.58
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	3,485.64
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	7,943.56
O/S Lien Red. Int.	6-01-17-004-003	177.87
O/S Lien Red. 6% YEP	6-01-16-500-025	
O/S Lien Red. Rec. Fee	6-01-17-004-003	156.00
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	2,560.48
Tax Paid Certification	6-01-16-500-013	
Redemption Calculation Fee		
<b>Total Tax Collections</b>		<b>\$ 3,406,190.48</b>

### Utility Collections:

Solid Waste		\$ 62,823.51
Sewer		98,701.05
Water		38,469.50
Sewer Connection Fee Install Plan		
<b>Total Utility Collections</b>		<b>\$ 199,994.06</b>
<b>Total Collections for the Month</b>		<b>\$ 3,606,184.54</b>

BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON  
FINANCE OFFICE

Finance Report Current Fund

January 2016

Receipts	1,111,757.73
Disbursements	1,584,669.01

BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON  
FINANCE OFFICE

Finance Report Current Fund

February 2016

Receipts	3,686,374.52
Disbursements	1,886,297.89

## **2016 Mount Arlington Budget Introduction**

April 12, 2016

As has been my distinct honor in previous years, I am able to recommend this evening, perhaps the strongest budget in recent years in our Borough. Thanks to the vision and planning of our financial team, the Borough is fiscally healthy and is deemed highly credit worthy by the ratings agencies.

The budget has many components and facets and describes the relationship between revenue and expenditures. The budget is a flexible template for monetary management. A strong budget is able to accommodate all of the anticipated routine expenditures, provide capital for projects, and provide a plan for management of the unforeseen. Our 2016 budget accomplishes these objectives.

Of course, we are all interested in the revenue as it is composed nearly in its entirety by our tax dollars. Our budget this year will raise taxes by 1.99%. It will generate 1.61 tax points equivalent to \$111,387.32. How does that translate? Into \$48-53 per household for the coming year. This amount is about the same as a cup of coffee per week.

What about the expenditures? This budget accommodates all anticipated routine expenses and provides for several projects to improve our infrastructure. This year it is anticipated that five roads and the Borough-owned parking lots will be repaved. These projects have been planned and anticipated. This year, it is anticipated that two water projects will also be completed. Improvements at our DPW facilities will insure that new emergency generators will have a safe, secure storage space until and if they are needed. The Oneida/Howard intersection will be re-aligned with cooperation from the

County. Additional projects are in the planning stages and the budget includes plans for best methods for funding the future.

So far this winter, we have experienced a relatively light snowfall. This has given our Weather Emergency Trust the chance to continue to grow. Due to foresight and planning, that Trust is nearing full funding and will obviate the need for emergency funding resolutions in the future as circumstance might dictate.

As is prudent, the budget has reserves for possible but as yet undefined fiscal calamity.

I gratefully acknowledge the tireless efforts of our CFO Carolyn Rinaldi and the council members of the Finance committee. Our thanks to our auditors, Bud Jones and his team.

I cannot imagine being in the strong fiscal position the Borough now finds itself without the vision, foresight and planning of Joe Kovalcik, our Budget consultant. Thank you Joe!

I confidently present this budget to the Mayor and council and confidently recommend adoption.