

**BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 5, 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 on March 28, 2016; notice was posted on the bulletin board in the main hallway of the Municipal Building on March 24, 2016, 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

Acting Mayor Sorge led the flag salute, followed by a moment of silence for our armed forces and to remember our late Mayor Arthur Ondish.

4. Roll Call

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

Councilman Windish recognized and welcomed distinguished guests in the audience tonight: John Sette, Chairman of the Morris County Republican Committee, and Christine Ramirez, GOP State Committeewoman.

5. Public Comment

None.

Councilwoman Danchuk stated that before Council begins Executive Session, she would like to withdraw her nomination for Interim Mayor.

Councilman Windish stated that Shirley Tabatneck also withdrew her nomination.

6. Executive Session

2016-63 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.

Appointment of a Specific Prospective Public Officer Privilege (NJSA 10:4-12(b)8:
- Governing body interview of appointment applicants for interim Mayor

Action May or May Not Be Taken.

Motion to Go Into Executive Session: Councilman Windish

Second: Councilman Cangiano

Councilman Sadow stated that we have distinguished guests with us this evening, and the Council is to be presented with three names; therefore, this process is highly irregular

with only one name in nomination from the Committee. As a point of information, Councilman Sadow asked if we could have some input into that process since three names are required. Attorney O'Donnell stated that the deliberation process will take place in Executive Session and the Governing Body will take action when we are back in Public Session. Councilman Sadow stated the selection process for three names to be presented to Council to take action has been whittled to one and he does not think the Council is obligated to vote by default; Councilman Sadow asked if we could hear from those who have purview over the rules. Mr. O'Donnell stated the motion has been made to go into Closed Session, it has been seconded, and the Clerk should call the roll. Councilman Sadow stated he raised the point of information and therefore he takes precedence by Roberts Rules. Councilman Sadow said we are forcing the Council to vote by default and that is not the intention of the rules for the selection of Interim Mayor. Councilwoman Danchuk stated the Republican Committee only had three names to send to Council, there's nobody else to go back to. Councilman Sadow stated he is asking for input from the Committee to help us understand if the Council is to be hand-tied and vote by default. Councilman Windish, the Chairman of the Mount Arlington Republican Committee, stated the process was governed by the Chairman of the Morris County Republican Committee who attended the meeting, three people were put forward, we had one that withdrew and the second person just withdrew; the process is not flawed, the process is down to one person. Chairman Sette stated the Committee presented three names, the fact is that two people decided to back out. Councilman Windish stated the Council has to take action within the thirty days prescribed; whether a person chooses to drop out or not is their decision, not ours; we did not inhibit them, we encouraged them to come forward.

Councilman Sadow asked that the question be restated. The Clerk read from the Agenda that Council was going into Closed Session for, "Appointment of a Specific Prospective Public Officer Privilege (NJSA 10:4-12(b)8: - Governing Body interview of appointment applicants for interim Mayor."

Roll:

Aye: Danchuk, Cangiano, Windish, Stanzilis, Acting Mayor Sorge

Opposed: Sadow

Motion Approved.

Motion to Return to Open Session: Councilman Sadow

Second: Councilwoman Danchuk

Roll:

All in Favor: Aye

None Opposed

Motion Approved.

Motion to Name Councilman Michael Stanzilis as Interim Mayor: Councilman Cangiano

Second: Councilman Windish

Roll:

Aye: Danchuk, Cangiano, Windish, Stanzilis, Acting Mayor Sorge

Abstain: Sadow (believes this process was flawed if not tainted and therefore while he has no problem with our remaining candidate and wishes him well, he cannot vote to the affirmative and therefore abstains)

Motion Approved.

The Borough Attorney administered the Oath of Office to Interim Mayor Michael Stanzilis.

Interim Mayor Michael Stanzilis took his place on the dais and stated that as his first official action as Interim Mayor, he would like to remember this guy.... and held up a picture of our late Mayor Ondish.

7. 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 April 12, 2016.