

**BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 19, 2016
6:30 p.m.**

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

Borough Attorney Matthew O'Donnell led the flag salute, followed by a moment of silence.

4. Roll Call

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

5. Presentations/Mayor's Appointments

The Council formally congratulated Officer Reginald Goode for his years of service and his upcoming retirement. Due to the Mayor's absence, Councilman Sadow read a proclamation into the record, noting the Mayors' regrets on missing this event. The majority of the Police Department attended as well as Officer Goode's wife and daughter.

6. Tax and Utility Report for the month of October, 2015

Total Tax Collections:	\$1,113,599.82
Total Utility Collections:	\$ 351,339.13

Tax and Utility Report for the month of November, 2015

Total Tax Collections:	\$3,303,543.54
Total Utility Collections:	\$ 156,223.87

7. Finance Report for the Month of December, 2015

Current Fund:	
Total Receipts:	\$ 870,491.83
Total Disbursements:	\$1,455,727.17

8. OPRA Report

Councilman Sadow inquired about one OPRA requesting maps and blueprints of Decker School. Attorney O'Donnell stated the request was denied and by law, we are not required to notify any other authorities (Homeland Security, Prosecutors Office, Police, etc.) of such requests. Council agreed that given the times we live in, this type of request should be passed on to the proper authorities.

Councilman Sadow also mentioned the OPRA request by American Transparency, noting the amount of employee personal information was requested. Attorney O'Donnell stated the response was complete with the appropriate redactions. Attorney O'Donnell praised the monthly OPRA Report as a great resource but also stated this Borough receives an inordinate amount of requests for a municipality of this size.

9. Approval of Minutes

December 15, 2015 Council Meeting

Motion to Approve: Councilman Windish

Second: Councilman Stanzilis

Roll:

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

None Opposed

Motion Approved.

December 29, 2015 Council Meeting

Motion to Approve: Councilman Cangiano

Second: Councilman Windish

Roll:

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

None Opposed

Motion Approved.

January 5, 2016 Re-Organization Meeting

Motion to Approve: Councilman Stanzilis

Second: Councilman Sadow

Councilman Sadow noted an error on page 4, Roll Call for Professional Services.

Roll:

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

None Opposed

Motion Approved With Correction.

10. Mayor's Report

None

11. Chief of Police Report

None

12. Municipal Administrator's Report

None

13. Council Committee Reports

Councilman Stanzilis

None

Councilman Windish

- Board of Recreation held their Re-Organization meeting.

Councilman Sadow

- The Board of Education has made overture to hold a liaison meeting between the Board of Education Sub-Committee and the Council Sub-Committee; Councilman will advise when the meeting is scheduled.

- The Mount Arlington/Roxbury Consolidation Commission Report includes several unusual situations. There are currently 2 vacancies on the Roxbury side of the Commission. There is a 90 day period that started at the last meeting to fill the vacancies; if not filled at the end of that time period, the Chair did recognize the dissolution of the Commission as a result since there is no provision for an unbalanced commission. Ms. Genovese, Courage to Connect, was present at the meeting and indicated her business organization is funded privately and not doing well; she will not be contributing to Courage to Connect this year whereas the Commission received a \$5,000 donation from Courage to Connect early in its inception. The Commission is still trying to gather data regarding the potential outcome if the municipal representative number remains unbalanced.

Councilman Cangiano

None

Councilwoman Danchuk

None

14. Public Comment

None

15. New Business

None

16. Old Business

None

17. Resolutions

2016-29 Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing a Transfer of Funds.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Sadow

Second: Councilman Stanzilis

Roll:

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

None Opposed

Motion Approved.

2016-30 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 January 19, 2016.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Stanzilis

Second: Councilman Windish

Roll:

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

None Opposed

Motion Approved.

2016-31 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 January 19, 2016.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Stanzilis

Second: Councilman Sadow

Roll:

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

Abstain: Danchuk (litigation)
 None Opposed
 Motion Approved.

- 2016-32** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Re-Appointing Chief of Police Keith Licata as Office of Emergency Management Coordinator in the Borough of Mount Arlington.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Stanzilis
 Second: Councilman Windish
 Roll:

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

- 2016-33** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Consenting to Appointment of Chief Prosecutor and Prosecutor for the Joint Municipal Court of Dover.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Windish
 Second: Councilwoman Danchuk

Discussion: Councilman Sadow questioned the viability and stability of the remaining court system now that one of the municipalities has withdrawn. Ms. Rinaldi stated there has not been a meeting of the municipalities within the shared court; will report back once meeting is held and no decisions will be made without the consent of the governing body.

Councilman Sadow suggested we form a Council based Court Sub-Committee should the need arise; we have a Police Committee and since the police are involved with the courts, maybe we can generate a sub-committee from that group. Councilman Stanzilis stated the monthly court revenue reports indicate our fines have been flat since about 2008; we are very steady in what our needs are, we don't have any spikes. Councilman Sadow stated we pay \$90,000 and our fines, etc. are approximately \$84-85,000; we almost break-even on the amount we pay but imagine what it would be like if we had to hold the court here.

Roll:

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

- 2016-34** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Consenting to Appointment of Chief Public Defender and Public Defender for the Joint Municipal Court of Dover.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Sadow
 Second: Councilman Stanzilis

Roll:

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

2016-35 Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Additional Job Responsibilities and Salary Increase for Lizbeth Dwyer.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Sadow

Second: Councilman Windish

Roll:

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

None Opposed

Motion Approved.

2016-36 Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Hiring Part-Time Seasonal Help for DPW.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Cangiano

Second: Councilman Windish

Roll:

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

None Opposed

Motion Approved.

18. Ordinances – Introduction

None

19. Ordinances – Second Reading

None

20. Motions

None

21. Executive Session

2016-37 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:

- Potential Litigation
 - Personnel
 - Landfill Redevelopment Project
- Action May or May Not Be Taken.*

Councilman Sadow acknowledged Mike Obremski, our JCP&L representative, in the audience.

Motion to Go Into Executive Session: Councilman Stanzilis

Second: Councilman Sadow

Roll:

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

None Opposed

Motion Approved.

Motion to Return to Open Session: Councilman Windish

Second: Councilwoman Danchuk

Roll:

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

None Opposed

Motion Approved.

Ms. Rinaldi stated that the January 26, 2016 Council Meeting will be cancelled; the next regularly scheduled meeting will be February 9, 2016.

22. Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn: Councilman Windish

Second: Councilwoman Danchuk

Roll:

All in Favor: Aye

None Opposed

Motion Approved.



Linda DeSantis, RMC
Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved at Council Meeting of February 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 October 2015

Dated: October 6, 2015

Completed by: Jon Rheinhardt, CTC

Tax Collections:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Account #</u>	<u>Collections</u>
Current Taxes	5-01-17-001-001	\$ 986,050.91
2014 Taxes	5-01-15-499-200	20,548.92
2014 Taxes (Collected at Tax Sale)		
Prepaid Taxes	5-01-17-001-004	50,604.00
Municipal Redemption	5-01-17-004-001	
Interest & Costs	5-01-08-112-000	11,348.64
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	36,050.23
O/S Lien Red. Int.	5-01-17-004-003	7,549.13
O/S Lien Red. 6% YEP	5-01-16-500-025	598.86
O/S Lien Red. Rec. Fee	5-01-17-004-003	52.00
Misc. Copies	5-01-16-500-017	
Tax Sale Costs	5-01-16-500-018	112.08
Tax Sale Costs (Collected at Tax Sale)		
Tax Sale Premiums	Trust Account	
6% Year End Penalty	5-01-16-500-025	685.05
Tax Paid Certification	5-01-16-500-013	
Redemption Calculation Fee		
Total Tax Collections		<u>\$ 1,113,599.82</u>

Utility Collections:

Solid Waste		\$ 25,316.87
Sewer		194,187.27
Water		131,834.99
Sewer Connection Fee Install Plan		
Total Utility Collections		<u>\$ 351,339.13</u>
Total Collections for the Month		<u>\$ 1,464,938.95</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 November 2015

Completed by: Jon Rheinhardt, CTC

Tax Collections: Description Account # Collections

Current Taxes 5-01-17-001-001 \$ 3,269,597.51

2014 Taxes 5-01-15-499-200 4,547.30

2014 Taxes (Collected at Tax Sale)

Prepaid Taxes 5-01-17-001-004 25,938.00

Municipal Redemption 5-01-17-004-001

Interest & Costs 5-01-08-112-000 1,841.99

Interest & Costs (Collected at Tax Sale)

Return Check Fee 5-01-16-500-017 20.00

Tax Searches 5-01-08-105-010

Duplicate Bills 5-01-16-500-016

O/S Lien Red./Subs 5-01-17-004-002

O/S Lien Red. Int. 5-01-17-004-003

O/S Lien Red. 6% YEP 5-01-16-500-025

O/S Lien Red. Rec. Fee 5-01-17-004-003

Misc. Copies 5-01-16-500-017

Tax Sale Costs 5-01-16-500-018 419.88

Tax Sale Costs (Collected at Tax Sale)

Tax Sale Premiums Trust Account

6% Year End Penalty 5-01-16-500-025 1,178.86

Tax Paid Certification 5-01-16-500-013

Redemption Calculation Fee

Total Tax Collections \$ 3,303,543.54

Utility Collections:

Solid Waste \$ 41,430.98

Sewer 77,616.17

Water 37,176.72

Sewer Connection Fee Install Plan

Total Utility Collections \$ 156,223.87

Total Collections for the Month \$ 3,459,767.41

BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON
FINANCE OFFICE

Finance Report Current Fund

December 2015

Receipts	870,491.83
Disbursements	1,455,727.17