

**BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 4, 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

Mayor Stanzilis asked for a moment of silence to remember our Police who serve us so well throughout our community and throughout this country; remember those men and women protecting our families and our homes, and for those who have lost their lives doing so.

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

None

6. Tax and Utility Report

None

7. Finance Report

None

8. Approval of Minutes

None

9. Mayor's Report

- The Borough road improvements have been progressing nicely, along with the road improvement work at Nolan's Ridge. The Mayor publicly thanked James Landry, CP Engineers, for his work.
- The Mayor stated the Joe Wargo 5K was this past Saturday; it's a great community event that started from tragedy but turned into something positive for our families and our community.

10. Chief of Police Report

- The Chief just returned from the National Academy in Quantico; tremendous experience which was well beyond his expectations. The Chief was in the 265th class, they run four classes a year; his class had 238 members represented by 48 different states and 24 different countries. The classes are taught by field experts or FBI agents; the Chief took 6 classes all regulated through the University of Virginia and all college credits. The classes included leadership, media relations, employment law, forensics, and mandatory fitness for law enforcement with weekly physical challenges; it was

mandatory to visit the Holocaust Museum and the Law Enforcement Officers Memorial. The Chief attended a 21st century Police briefing which is the report the President delivered after the Ferguson and New York incidents and held at the White House; attended behind the scene tours of the Pentagon, the President's helicopter, and the US Customs helicopter tour of D.C. The Chief stated the trip was well worth his time away from home and work. Chief thanked the Mayor and Council for the opportunity.

- This Thursday the County is holding a special recognition award ceremony for military in law enforcement. The Chief submitted Matthew Fortunato's name for his time in the Marines and his time with us; we will be playing softball at the time the presentation but they will forward his recognition after the ceremony.

- Since June 14, 2016 when the timing of the lights by QuickChek were changed, we have had two car accidents; one caused by waving and the other was a driver trying to come in to the oncoming exit.

- The Chief will complete his past monthly reports and submit shortly.

- The Chief had previously advised the Council that he received a letter indicating the Emergency Operation Plan for OEM was expiring; Chief will be working with Councilman Delaney to get recertified and meet the requirement.

- Met with retiring superintendent Jane Jameson and will be meeting with Dr. Bernie Josefsberg, the interim superintendent, to make sure our presence and our programs in the school and our school safety programs are continued without any problem.

- The next Neighborhood Watch Program will be on October 11, 2016 at Borough Hall at 6:30 p.m. The presenter, Al Robinson, works for Atlantic Health but is a representative for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children in DC.

- The Mayor stated the unofficial theme of tonight's meeting is Police Appreciation; we have the resolution on the agenda. Chief Licata stated that after the Dallas attack that claimed the lives of 5 or 6 officers, there were 28 officers killed in the line of duty during the 10 weeks that he was away. The Chief stated it is scary because it was the amount of attacks on the police that was shocking.

- The Mayor stated that the Chief is our Public Information Officer for our Emergency Operating Plan and took a class on media relations while at Quantico.

- Council President Sorge asked for a round of applause for the efforts and dedication of Chief Licata.

11. Municipal Administrator's Report

2016 Best Practice Inventory

- Ms. Rinaldi read a memorandum to Mayor and Council into the record, dated October 4, 2016 (copy attached).

12. Council Committee Reports

Councilman Cangiano:

- Attended the recent Musconetcong Sewerage Authority meeting; normal business and a lot of discussion about the Lake Hopatcong levels and the discharge rates out of the lake to the river. Presently, they are going to keep the lake level higher and reduce the flow rate out of the dam, which will reduce the flow rate into the river. The Authority's concern is that the flow rates out of the sewer plant depend on the flow rates coming down the river and they do not want to compromise their ability to service because of low flow rate; it is being studied further and they will hold a special meeting next week. The reduced flow rate that they are proposing is still well above the minimal flow rate for a plant to operate.

- Councilman Cangiano along with Ms. Rinaldi, the Mayor, Borough Planner Jessica Caldwell and Borough Engineer James Landry met with the Morris County Open Space Committee for the Open Space Preservation Grant; the tour is actually considered a closed session. They walked the site with the County Committee as an assessment for our application. Ms. Rinaldi stated the public meeting will be on October 25, 2016 at the Morris County Library; the actual presentation by the municipality is done in closed session but there is a public hearing portion at the beginning of the meeting and encouraged all to attend. Ms. Rinaldi will get the final details and the exact schedule of events for the

evening from the Coordinator Barbara Murray; it will be placed on the website and an eblast regarding the public hearing will be sent as well.

Councilman Windish:

- Councilman Windish stated the Halloween Bash will be October 22, 2016 at Fireman's Field; it is trunk or treat and Councilman Windish will be a judge, along with the Mayor and Councilman Sadow.
- Land Use did not have a meeting; Technology Committee will be meeting soon.
- The Morris County Economic Development Authority held a meeting and the speaker was Tim Lizura, President and CEO of the EDA property; both Councilman Windish and Councilman Sadow attended.

Councilman Sadow:

- Welcomed back Chief Licata and thanked him for all he does.
 - The EDA presentation was enlightening and he had the opportunity to meet Mr. Lizura. Councilman Sadow stated the message from the seminar was to know your potential customers, i.e., have our zoning and our code in a position that favors us but lures potential customers and businesses to our town.
 - Councilman Sadow stated that Jane Jameson has officially retired from the Board of Education and Dr. Josefsburg, the interim superintendent is a lifelong educator, started as an English teacher, and has worked in New York state as well as New Jersey. There is a national search committee looking for a full time superintendent for our schools.
 - The schools have received a \$400,000 Wellness Grant and are ramping up their grant issues; they are expecting to achieve Sustainable Jersey Bronze Level.
 - We had a very nice time at the recent Morris County League of Municipalities' meeting at the Lake Hopatcong Yacht Club; the Borough was well represented.
- The Mayor stated he was unable to attend the EDA event but last year it was outstanding. Morris County is one of the most underserved counties for its wealth; one of the top ten wealthiest counties in the country and it is the least served in certain areas of retail and restaurants.

Councilwoman Danchuk:

- DPW reports have been distributed; all is going well.
- Attended the League meeting at the Yacht Club; it was nice to have Mrs. Ondish there as a guest of the Morris County League with regard to the scholarship for former Mayor Ondish.

Councilman Delaney:

- Publicly welcomed back Chief Licata and stated that in his absence, Lt. LaBruno did an excellent job of keeping everyone informed about the Police Department.
- The CERT Team assisted at the 5K Run; we use it as training for the CERT members as far as crowds, traffic, etc. and he thought it was done really well.
- There was a RACES meeting last night but it was held at Roxbury; Roxbury Emergency Manager Bob Hackett gave a presentation on wide-area searches.
- Attended the Morris County League Dinner and the Super-Sundae afterward; fun to watch how proud the kids are when receiving their certificates.

Council President Sorge:

- No report at this time.

13. Public Comment

No one signed up to speak.

14. New Business

None.

15. Old Business

- Morris County League of Municipalities Arthur R. Ondish Scholarship/501C Donation
Ms. Rinaldi stated that we will be tabling this discussion to the November 1, 2016 Council Meeting. The League has extended the scholarship program through the end of the year. Councilwoman Danchuk stated she would like to see the scholarship offered every year.

16. Resolutions

- 2016-144** 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 October 4, 2016

Motion to Approve: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Sadow

Roll:

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

None Opposed

Motion Approved.

- 2016-145** 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 October 4, 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.

- 2016-146** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Opposing the Publication and Distribution of Any and All Images that Purport to Glorify or Justify Violence Against Law Enforcement Officers

The Mayor read the resolution into the record.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Delaney

Second: Councilman Sadow

Roll:

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

None Opposed

Motion Approved.

- 2016-147** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Supporting Borough Participation in the G.I. Go Jeans for Troops Day to Honor Veteran's Day

Motion to Approve: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Delaney

Roll:

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

None Opposed

Motion Approved.

- 2016-148** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Supporting the Morris County Fire Mutual Aid Plan in the Borough of Mount Arlington

Motion to Approve: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Delaney

Roll:

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

None Opposed

Motion Approved.

- 2016-149** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Solicitation of Qualifications for Professional Services Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4, 20.5, et seq., Pursuant to a "Fair and Open" Process

Motion to Approve: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Windish

Roll:

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

None Opposed

Motion Approved.

- 2016-150** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Release of Performance Bond and Cash Guarantee for QuickChek, Block 61, Lot 39.01, 9 Howard Boulevard

Motion to Approve: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Cangiano

Roll:

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

None Opposed

Motion Approved.

Vote By Consent:

- 2016-151** 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 #15-00047 for Property Known as Block 121 Lot 1
- 2016-152** 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 #15-00013 for Property Known as Block 26 Lot 24
- 2016-154** 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 #15-00042 for Property Known as Block 108 Lot 8
- 2016-155** 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 #15-00012 for Property Known as Block 26 Lot 17
- 2016-158** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, To Cancel a Third Party Tax Lien Certificate of Sale #6-88 for Property Known as Block 22 Lot 15

Motion to Approve By Consent: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Sadow

Roll:

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

None Opposed

Motion Approved.

Stricken from Agenda/**Not Voted On:**

- 2016-153** 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 #15-00028 for Property Known as Block 61 Lot 1
- 2016-156** 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 #15-00037 for Property Known as Block 104 Lot 29
- 2016-157** 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 #15-00043 for Property Known as Block 111 Lot 5

17. Ordinances – Introduction

None

18. Ordinances – Second Reading

None

19. Motions

None

20. Executive Session

- 2016-159** 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:

- Litigation
- Contract Negotiations
- Approval of Executive Minutes: September 13, 2016

Action May or May Not Be Taken.

Motion to Go Into Executive Session: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Sadow

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 Sadow

Roll:

All in Favor: Aye
None Opposed

Motion Approved.

Motion to Approve the Executive Session Minutes of September 13, 2016: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Sadow

Roll:

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

Motion Approved.

Added**Resolution:**

2016-160 Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, Authorizing the Borough to Retain Special Legal Counsel as a Result of a Lawsuit Filed Against the Mayor and Council by Councilwoman Paula Danchuk

The Mayor read the resolution into the record.

Motion to Approve: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Windish

Councilwoman Danchuk asked if this was in addition to the \$75,000 already approved.

Mayor Stanzilis stated the previous \$75,000 has been paid; this is in addition to that.

Roll:

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

Abstain: Danchuk (litigation)

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 at Council Meeting of November 1, 2016.



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DATE: October 4, 2016
TO: Mayor & Borough Council
FROM: Carolyn Rinaldi, CFO *Rinaldi*
RE: 2016 Best Practices Inventory Questionnaire

Each Municipality is required to complete and submit the Best Practices Worksheet to the Division of Local Government Services to determine whether some portion of the municipality's CMPTRA and ETR aid will be withheld as per Local Finance Notice 2016-13 dated September 19, 2016. As stated in the Notice, the inventory "encourages municipalities to embrace practices that promote financial accountability, sound management and transparency".

The Chief Financial Officer is responsible for completing the questionnaire, which must be discussed with the Governing Body to ensure that you are apprised of the responses. The deadline for submission is October 21, 2016

The inventory now contains 30 questions, reduced from 50 in prior year's Best Practices. Given the introduction of several new questions and the reduced overall number of questions, the Division now reserves the right to determine withholding percentages upon receiving all completed Best Practices Inventories.

Categories include General Management, Finance & Audit, Procurement, Budget Preparation & Presentation, Health Insurance and Personnel.

Where applicable, I have provided comments. As per the criteria set for withholding aid, Mount Arlington's questionnaire responses indicate that we are in compliance with Best Practices standards and will continue to receive 100% of aid disbursed.

Should you have any questions, please let me know.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE
BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS,
NEW JERSEY, OPPOSING THE PUBLICATION AND DISTRIBUTION
OF ANY AND ALL IMAGES THAT PURPORT TO GLORIFY OR
JUSTIFY VIOLENCE AGAINST LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS**

WHEREAS, law enforcement officers are essential to the safety and well-being of our American Republic and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, radical organizations and their ideology of terror represent an existential threat to democracy worldwide; and

WHEREAS, the terroristic use of beheadings by ISIS and the furtherance of its global ambitions is both a form of cruel and unusual punishment, as well as a crime against humanity; and

WHEREAS, the terrorist groups have declared that a state of war exists between them and the United States of America, its allies, the military organizations of the USA and its allies, and American citizens and those of our allies worldwide; and

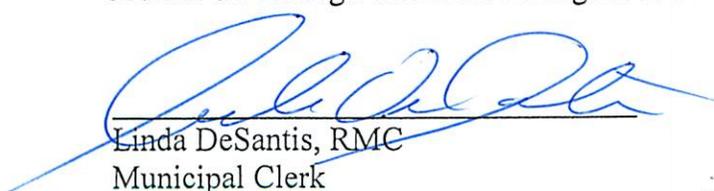
WHEREAS, the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America protects disturbing and offensive images and commentary; and

WHEREAS, that under the Constitution of the United States of America, our best means of combating disturbing and offensive speech is with more speech to counter what we find disturbing and offensive; so

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, express their condemnation of publications and distribution of any and all images that purport to glorify or justify violence against law enforcement officers and call on the New Jersey legislature to join in condemning such publications; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution shall be sent to the President of the United States, Senate President of the House, Speaker of the House, Governor of the State of New Jersey, the President of the New Jersey Senate, the Speaker of the New Jersey Assembly, the legislators who represent Morris County municipalities and the members (Senate and House) of Congress who represent the County, and to all municipalities in Morris County.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Mayor and Borough Council of Borough of Mount Arlington at a regular meeting held on October 4, 2016.


Linda DeSantis, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Read Into Record
10/4/16 -