

**BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 1, 2017
7:00 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 Roxbury Register on January 4, 2017 and posted on the bulletin board in the main hallway of the Municipal Building on December 21, 2016. Notice of this meeting is on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk and has been made available to the public.

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.

At the mandate of Council President, all Councilpersons shall not discuss or address in the Public portion of this meeting any matter that is: 1) pending litigation; 2) ongoing investigation of any type; 3) potential litigation; and 4) personnel or any comments regarding any Borough employee without being given Rice Notice. Should any Councilperson discuss any of these issues in Open Session, the Borough Chief of Police will remove that Council person from the dais.

3. Flag Salute

The Mayor asked for a moment of silence to think about those eight souls that lost their lives in New York City on the West Side just yesterday.

4. Roll Call

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

5. Presentations

Recreation Commission Appointments:

- The Borough Attorney administered the Oath of Office to Jennifer Allen and Kim Rutsky.

6. Tax and Utility Report for the Month of September, 2017

Total Tax Collections:	\$129,462.75
Total Utility Collections:	\$129,544.75

7. Finance Report for the Month of September, 2017

Current Fund:	
Total Receipts:	\$ 434,581.02
Total Disbursements:	\$1,502,136.41

8. Approval of Minutes

October 3, 2017

Regular Meeting

Motion to Approve: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Sadow

Roll Call:

Aye: Delaney, Loughridge, Sadow, Council President Sorge

Absent: Cangiano

Abstain: Windish (absent 10/03/17)

None Opposed

Motion Approved

9. Mayor's Report

- The Mayor stated that some of those in the audience are present for the Open Space ordinance second reading and he suggested they wait until the ordinance is open for public comments.
- The Mayor stated this governing body has fully embraced the "Race to the Bottom" concept and he is looking forward to continuing on toward that quest.

10. Chief of Police Report

- The Chief stated October has been a very busy month, really too much to report on.
- Regarding noise complaints in construction areas, the Chief stated they are doing their best and the issue will be addressed again tomorrow.
- The Department has a lot of training, preparedness drills, and meetings going on.
- Hope One was in town again on Thursday. The Chief stated Hope One relies on testimonials to advertise their program; the last time they were in the Borough, there were 5+ testimonials that they use all the time and they stated Mount Arlington has provided the best feedback and impact on their unit. Sheriff Gannon stated some of the best testimonials they have are from Mount Arlington residents.
- The Police Department personnel are growing beards for the month of November as a fundraiser for cancer in memory and honor to Mayor Ondish; the Department is matching any funds donated.
- The 5K was at the end of October.
- The Department has worked with the school regarding Halloween and the Truck or Treat event.

11. Borough Administrator's Report

- The annual Tree Lighting will be Friday, December 1st.
- December we host two Council meetings, December 5th and December 19th.

12. Council Committee Reports**Councilman Delaney:**

- There was a training program at the assisted living center involving Police, Fire, EMT's, Picatinny, and OEM. We are very well prepared; the Director said she was very impressed, especially with Chief Licata who took total charge on answering questions and describing what would be done in certain emergencies. The Mayor stated that with all of the natural disasters that have hit our country, it is important that we are prepared.

Councilman Loughridge:

- Regarding Property Maintenance, the Councilman has been following up with Kathy Appleby.
- With regard to trails, Councilman and Mrs. Loughridge went to Hopatcong to see the Lake Loop trail and found the signage and layout very impressive.

Council President Sorge:

- Along with Mayor Stanzilis and Councilman Sadow, he met with the school regarding the PILOT Program.

Councilman Sadow:

- With regard to CP Engineers Monthly report, there is mention of the developer's request for return of escrow to Kara for Lakeshore and Ridgeview. Borough Engineer Puszcz stated there is an administrative process that has to take place, we are following the process prescribed by law and will communicate back to them.
- Also in the report under the American with Disabilities Transition Plan, Councilman Sadow wants to ensure that our buildings in town are 100% ADA compliant, including Borough Hall, which is also used as a polling place. Borough Engineer Puszcz stated the objective there was not to focus on buildings but to focus on sidewalks and intersections.
- The Finance Committee met on October 27th, Councilman Windish, Councilman Delaney, Borough Administrator/CFO Rinaldi and our Budget Consultant Joe Kovalcik. The Committee and Council are dedicated and committed to a Race to the Bottom and our Committee has pledged once again to decrease the municipal tax rate for tax year 2018. We discussed the need for our budget to recognize and account for annual input to the general fund, anticipating conservatively to allow for down year fluctuations from the PILOT at Woodmont. We should have an audit in 2018 which will give us a better idea of the past and what the future will hold; once we have the PILOT numbers, they will be committed and dedicated to a line item in the budget to accept that revenue.
- With regard to capital projects, the road rehabilitation and maintenance plan continues; we have spent between \$500,000 - \$750,000 a year over the last several years on these improvements. We expect that by the end of 2018 to 2019, we will have rehabilitated all roads in the Borough. There will be an ongoing maintenance program to maintain high standards for those roadways and we are in the first stages of deciding how to set up that program. The Finance Committee is recommending to the Council the need to reserve for project planning; we need to define the scope of work for upcoming projects, most notably the beach and most likely Firemen's Field. We will recommend to the Council that we begin enabling dollars for the engineering and any other soft costs that will go into planning those projects. Finally, there is an interesting money transfer that goes on in municipal banking; when an ordinance has been passed and there is money left over from that ordinance, we need to close out any reserve or any monies that have been left over from a project that was ordained. So we cancel those unused funds and repurpose them for new projects. Specifically right now, we are cancelling some of the old unused ordinances and directing some of them to the Henry/Schmitz water improvement project which is ongoing and will ultimately yield a full repaving of Kadel. The Mayor thanked Councilman Sadow for the report and for embracing the Race to the Bottom, which is racing to the bottom of the tax rate in Morris County and the State. The Mayor continued that the municipal tax rate will be again lowered for 2018.

Councilman Windish:

- Councilman Windish stated the Trunk or Treat was a big success. Councilman Delaney and Councilman Windish were judges along with a number of Mount Arlington's Police and Fire.
- Regarding the Finance Committee, Councilman Sadow has covered this in his report and Councilman Windish stated he is glad to be part of the Committee's efforts.
- Councilman Windish inquired about the ADA Compliance documentation for Borough Hall. Borough Engineer Stan Puszcz stated his earlier conversation was regarding ADA compliance for sidewalks and ramps. Administrator Rinaldi stated by virtue of a Certificate of Occupancy by the Construction Official, we are compliant. Also, we have to be ADA compliant because we are a polling place; the Board of Elections inspects and makes a determination as well.
- Councilman Windish stated the IT Committee and Code Committee have not met and inquired about a software change that he heard about at a Recreation Committee meeting. Administrator Rinaldi stated the on-line payment system for Recreation was approved last year.
- Councilman Windish asked the status of the diversion. Engineer Puszcz stated the status is the same; we are waiting for the State House Commission meeting which is an opportunity for them to provide the approval at the State level. It has already been signed off by the DEP Commissioner so the staff at Green Acres and the Commissioner have endorsed the applications and have given their recommendation to bring it to finalization. The application actually includes things we need to do as a result of approval; there are one or two actions that the Council needs to take in terms of resolutions which have already been drafted, already agreed to in terms of language so there is no debate whatsoever.

13. Public Comment

Paula Danchuk, 50 Elizabeth Way:

- Ms. Danchuk stated she had the honor of being a property maintenance violation recipient recently and she was asked to cut flowers, not weeds, to comply. Ms. Danchuk stated our Zoning Officer cannot verify the names of plants. Ms. Danchuk asked the Council to revisit the ordinance pertaining to planting annuals and weeds; the Lake Rogerene area tries to protect natural growth around the lake.

14. New Business

None

15. Old Business

None

16. Resolutions - Voted By Consent

2017-156 through 2017-162

- 2017-156** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Approving Transfer of Funds
- 2017-157** 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 November 1, 2017
- 2017-158** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Hiring Laura Adams as Part Time Tax & Utility Clerk
- 2017-159** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing The Renewal of Plenary Retail Consumption License for the Licensing Period Commencing July 1, 2017
- 2017-160** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Cancellation of Stale Checks
- 2017-161** 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 #16-00026 for Property Known as Block 113, Lot 14
- 2017-162** 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 #16-00025 for Property Known as Block 112, Lot 18

Motion to Approve By Consent: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Sadow

Council Discussion:

Councilman Sadow congratulated Laura Adams as our new part-time Tax and Utility Clerk

Roll Call:

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

Absent: Cangiano

None Opposed

Motion Approved

17. Ordinances – Introduction

- 17-17** 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 the Borough Code to Include a New Item to Chapter 4 Administration of Government, Section 4-14 Police Department, O. Class II Special Police Officers

The Mayor read Ordinance 17-17 by Title.

Motion: Council President Sorge stated that Ordinance 17-17 be introduced by Title and passed on First Reading and that a meeting be held on December 5, 2017 at 7:00 p.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 Sadow

Council Discussion:

Councilman Windish asked if this is a new item. Administrator Rinaldi stated this is Police for the Municipal Court.

Roll Call

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

Absent: Cangiano

None Opposed

Motion Approved

- 18-17** Bond Ordinance of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Reappropriating \$95,578.67 Proceeds of Obligations Not Needed for their Original Purpose in Order to Provide for the Acquisition of a Pole Barn Storage Facility for the Department of Public Works in and By the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, New Jersey

The Mayor read Ordinance 18-17 by Title.

Motion: Council President Sorge stated that Ordinance 18-17 be introduced by Title and passed on First Reading and that a meeting be held on December 5, 2017 at 7:00 p.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 Sadow

Council Discussion:

Councilman Sadow stated this is to facilitate and provide a location for the generators we have accumulated by grants; this will keep them safe so they are ready when needed. The facility will be used for additional storage as well.

Roll Call

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

Absent: Cangiano

None Opposed

Motion Approved

- 19-17** Bond Ordinance of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Appropriating \$550,534.03, Including \$110,534.03 of Amounts Not Needed for Their Original Purposes, \$250,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund and \$40,000 from the Capital Fund Balance, and Authorizing the Issuance of \$150,000 Bonds or Notes of the Borough to Finance Henry Court and Schmitz Terrace Water Main Improvements

The Mayor read Ordinance 19-17 by Title.

Motion: Councilman Sadow stated that Ordinance 19-17 be introduced by Title and passed on First Reading and that a meeting be held on December 5, 2017 at 7:00 p.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 Delaney

Council Discussion:

Council President Sorge stated that the money coming out of the capital fund is from all the taxpayers to subsidize the owners of the municipal water; is it supporting the entire town? Borough Engineer Puszcz stated it is money that the Borough is using to rehabilitate its own asset, the municipal water system. Mr. Puszcz continued stating this is money being invested in the towns water supply system that happens to be at that location. Council President Sorge stated he does not believe this should be done; what about those residents that have wells that do not use the service and the residents of Season's Glen who are facing 117% increase in their water. The Mayor stated that the sewer and water fees are also being allocated through the entire town as well; for those that are on separate sewer and water their fees are being spread out. Councilman Sadow stated that the funding for the water and sewer authority is by the water and sewer rate payers so while we do back-stop this in the Borough, we have not come to the Borough other than for improvement to the total infrastructure of the Borough, to run the water and sewer authority. Council President Sorge asked if the Borough is going to subsidize the 117% raise that Seasons Glen is facing and are you going to subsidize the people who have wells the same way? The Mayor stated he does not think it is a subsidy but he does understand the Council President's point because of those on a separate system.

Roll Call

Aye: Delaney, Loughridge, Sadow

Opposed: Windish, Council President Sorge

Absent: Cangiano

Motion Approved

18. Ordinances – Second Reading**14-17**

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 155 Towing, Chapter 155 Towing, Sections 155-3. Standards for Licensing Equipment; 155-4. Towing Operator's Base of Service; 155-5. Storage Facilities; 155-8. Term of License; 155-9. Number of Licenses; and 155-13. Towing and Storage Fees to Update the Borough Code

The Mayor opened the Hearing to the Public on Ordinance #14-17 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 #14-17

Second: Councilman Loughridge

No Council Discussion

Roll Call

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

Absent: Cangiano

None Opposed

Motion Approved

15-17

An Ordinance of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Amending Chapter 135, Sewers, of the Code of the Borough of Mount Arlington

The Mayor opened the Hearing to the Public on Ordinance #15-17 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 #15-17

Second: Councilman Sadow

No Council Discussion

Roll Call

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

Absent: Cangiano

None Opposed

Motion Approved

16-17

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 Acquisition of the Real Property Located in Block 85.01, Lot 2; Block 86, Lot 5; Block 87, Lot 7; Block 88, Lot 1; Block 89, Lot 16; Block 89, Lot 22; and Block 90, Lot 13 on the Tax Map of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris and State of New Jersey

The Mayor opened the Hearing to the Public on Ordinance #16-17 and read the Ordinance by title.

Public Comment:

Robin Anderson, 54 Rogerene Way:

Ms. Anderson thanked the Mayor for walking the tract with some of the Lake Rogerene residents and thanked the Mayor and Council for supporting the preservation of this open tract of land.

David Karpman, 138 Orben Drive:

Mr. Karpman thanked the Mayor and Council for supporting the preservation of this land.

Greg Puskas, 173 Orben Drive:

Mr. Puskas thanked the Mayor and Council for supporting the preservation of this land.

Jeremiah Tobin, 100 Rogerene Way:

Mr. Tobin thanked the Mayor and Council for supporting the preservation of this land, especially to save the natural wildlife.

Gloria Anderle, 642 Reba Road:

Ms. Anderle thanked the Mayor and Council for supporting the preservation of this land.

No further Public Comment, the Mayor closed the Hearing to the Public.

The Mayor stated the Borough did receive a \$400,000 grant to purchase this property at no cost directly to the Borough. The Borough has given a lot of money to this fund in the past and now we are getting some of our fair share back as we well deserve.

Council President stated, I move for adoption and final passage of Ordinance #16-17

Second: Councilman Sadow

Council Discussion:

Council President Sorge stated he feels this is the best thing in the world for the Borough. Councilman Loughridge and Councilman Windish voiced their approval as well. The Mayor stated the preservation of clean water is key to so much in our lives; in Lake Rogerene, there is downstream impact as well. The Mayor continued that a vibrant economic development will not happen without a vibrant ecosystem here in Mount Arlington; we need to preserve land where we can. This is an exciting opportunity and the Mayor thanked the residents who assisted in starting this project.

Roll Call

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

Absent: Cangiano

None Opposed

Motion Approved

19. Motions

None

20. Executive Session

None

21. Adjourn

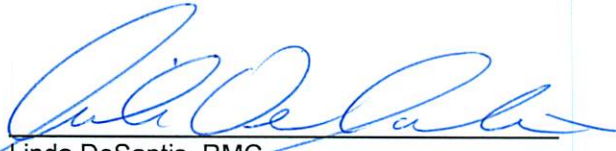
Motion to Adjourn: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Windish

All in Favor: Aye

Absent: Cangiano

Motion Approved



Linda DeSantis, RMC
Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved at Council Meeting on December 5, 2017.

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 September 2017

Dated: October 27, 2017

Completed by: Kayleen Pickering, CTC

Tax Collections:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Account #</u>	<u>Collections</u>
Current Taxes	6-01-17-001-001	\$ 115,302.54
2016 Taxes	6-01-15-499-200	7,807.82
2016 Taxes (Collected at Tax Sale)		
Prepaid Taxes	6-01-17-001-004	3,050.13
Municipal Redemption	6-01-17-004-001	
Interest & Costs	6-01-08-112-000	3,302.26
Interest & Costs (Collected at Tax Sale)		
Return Check Fee	6-01-16-500-017	
Tax Searches	6-01-08-106-010	
Duplicate Bills	6-01-16-500-016	
O/S Lien Red./Subs	6-01-17-004-002	
O/S Lien Red. Int.	6-01-17-004-003	
O/S Lien Red. 6% YEP	6-01-16-500-025	
O/S Lien Red. Rec. Fee	6-01-17-004-003	
Misc. Copies	6-01-16-500-017	
Tax Sale Costs	6-01-16-500-018	
Tax Sale Costs (Collected at Tax Sale)		
Tax Sale Premiums	Trust Account	
6% Year End Penalty	6-01-16-500-025	
Tax Paid Certification	6-01-16-500-013	
Redemption Calculation Fee		
Total Tax Collections		<u>\$ 129,462.75</u>

Utility Collections:

Solid Waste		\$ 11,512.14
Sewer		110,457.80
Water		7,574.81
Sewer Connection Fee Install Plan		
Total Utility Collections		<u>\$ 129,544.75</u>

Total Collections for the Month \$ 259,007.50

BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON
FINANCE OFFICE

Finance Report Current Fund

September 2017

Receipts	434,581.02
Disbursements	1,502,136.41