

**BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON  
REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 9, 2006**

**1. Call to Order**

**2. Roll Call**

Council President Sorge, Councilwoman Cerasoli, Councilman Driscoll, Councilman Stone, Mayor Ondish. JoAnne Sendler, Borough Administrator, and Joseph Bell, Borough Attorney, were also present.

**3. 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 and the Daily Record on November 23, 2005; notice was posted on the bulletin board in the main hallway of the Municipal Building on November 15, 2005 and has been available to the public; notice of this meeting is on file in the office of the Borough Clerk

**4. Flag Salute**

The Mayor asked all in attendance to take a moment of silence to remember our troops overseas fighting for us and for those who have paid the ultimate price; let's pray for their peaceful return soon.

**5. Swearing in of New Council Members:**

**Mayor:** Will Council Members Elect Kerri Ann Mulligan and William T. Doran please step forward to be sworn in to serve **3-year terms** on the Borough Council ending December 31, 2008.

The Attorney administered the Oath of Office and the Council Members took their places on the dais.

**6. Roll Call of the 2006 Council Members**

Councilwoman Mulligan, Councilman Doran, Councilman Sorge, Councilwoman Cerasoli, Councilman Driscoll, Councilman Stone, Mayor Ondish.

**7. Invocation**

**Mayor:** We are pleased to have with us today Pastor Roy Roderick who will give the Invocation.

Pastor Roderick wished all in attendance a very happy New Year and God's blessings in the year to come. The Pastor led a prayer for our nation, to bless the leaders of our land and those who hold office in the government of the Borough of Mount Arlington, especially our Mayor, Arthur, and members of this Borough Council, and those appointed to serve our community in this coming year. Grant that they may do their work in the spirit of wisdom, honesty, kindness and justice; help them to serve their authority and to use it for the good of all. Humble us all to be aware of our shortcomings and failures but empower us in the good that

we do. Grant us your presence now and all our work in this coming new year; help us advance our goals and vision for this community of Mount Arlington that we may benefit our citizens and glorify your Holy Name through whom we pray. Amen.

## 8. Guests in Audience

**Mayor:** At this time I would like to recognize some of our guests.

The Mayor welcomed Freeholder Doug Cabana, Superintendent of Schools Jane Jameson, Debi Merz, representing both Assemblyman Rick Merkt and herself as Councilwoman in Jefferson Township, Patty Luciano representing Assemblyman Mike Carroll, James Sloan, Judge Arnold Miniman, and thanked all in attendance.

## 9. Nomination of Council President for 2006

**Councilman Sorge:** Mayor, I nominate John Driscoll to serve as Council President for 2006.

**Councilman Doran:** Seconds

**Clerk:** Roll Call: Mulligan, Doran, Sorge, Cerasoli, Driscoll, Stone.  
Motion Approved.

Council President Driscoll thanked the Mayor and Council.

## 10. Mayor's Address

(Attachment A to Reorganization Minutes)

## 11. Appointments:

### Borough Officials

**Mayor:** I recommend appointment of the following Borough Officials:

Pension Certifying Official	Allan Dickinson for a <b>1-year term</b>
DPW Supervisor	Paul Nelson for a <b>1-year term</b>
Municipal Judge	Arnold Miniman for a <b>3-year term</b>

**Councilman Sorge:** I move for confirmation of these appointments.

**Councilman Doran:** Seconds

**Clerk:** Roll Call: Mulligan, Doran, Sorge, Cerasoli, Council President Driscoll, Stone.  
Motion Approved.

**Mayor:** Please come forward and take your Oath of Office.  
The Attorney administered the Oath of Office.

### Professional Services

**Mayor:** I recommend the following appointments for a **1-year term**:

Borough Attorney	Joseph J. Bell of Bell & Gage
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Borough Engineer	Daren Phil of Suburban Consulting Engineers
Alternate Borough Engineer	Clough Harbour Associates
Borough Prosecutor	Douglas Cabana
Borough Auditor	Nisivoccia & Company
Borough Planner	Kimball & Kimball
Public Defender	James Sloan
Bond Counsel	Frohling, Hudak & Pellegrino, LLC
Internal Auditor	Allan Dickinson, RMA
Tax Appeal Appraiser	Scott Holzhauer, CTA, SCGRE
Stormwater Management Consultant	Suburban Consulting Engineers

**Councilwoman Mulligan:** I move for confirmation of these appointments  
**Councilman Stone :** Seconds  
**Clerk:** Roll Call: Mulligan, Doran, Sorge, Cerasoli, Council President Driscoll, Stone.  
 Motion Approved.

**Mayor:** Please come forward and take your Oath of Office  
 Attorney administered the Oath of Office.

### **Mayor's Appointments**

**Mayor:** I recommend the following appointments for a **1-year term:**

Tax Search Officer: Patricia Simari

**Mayor:** The Mayor announced that this year Ms. Simari becomes a tenured tax collector and congratulated Ms. Simari for achieving this great accomplishment.

Assessment Search Officer: Linda DeSantis

Board of Health Secretary: Patricia Simari

Clean Communities Coordinator: Paul Nelson

Recycling Coordinator: Paul Nelson

Zoning Officer Al Thompson

Sussex County Water Quality Mgmt. Plan  
Policy Advisory Committee (PAC): Doug Zellman

Historian: Virginia Rooney

Licensed Water Operator: Andrew DuJack

Police Matron: Valerie Kourtz

League of Municipalities Rep.: Mayor Ondish

Liaison to the Board of Education: Councilman Stone

Liaison to the Board of Health: Councilman Driscoll

Borough Pastor: Pastor Roy Roderick

NJJIF Commissioner: JoAnne Sendler  
Alternate I: Brian Kincaid

Public Safety Coordinator: Richard Peterson  
Public Safety Coordinator: JoAnne Sendler  
Public Safety Coordinator: Paul Nelson  
Public Safety Clerk: Patricia Simari  
Public Safety Clerk: Terry Smith  
OEM Coordinator (3 yr. term): Paul Nelson  
Deputy OEM Coordinator: JoAnne Sendler  
Deputy OEM Coordinator: Rich Peterson  
Deputy OEM Coordinator: Diane Post  
Deputy OEM Coordinator: Tom Perillo  
Secretary to OEM: Diane Perillo

CDRS Representative by Mayor: Mary Johanna LoPonte  
CDRS Alt. Rep. by Mayor: Doug Zellman

**Councilman Doran:** I move for confirmation of these appointments

**Councilman Sorge:** Seconds

**Clerk:** Roll Call: Mulligan, Doran, Sorge, Cerasoli, Council President  
Driscoll, Stone.  
Motion Approved.

**Mayor:** Please come forward and take your Oath of Office  
Attorney administered the Oath of Office.

## 12. Council's Appointment to CDRS (1-year term)

**Councilman Sorge:** I nominate Brian Kincaid as Council's Representative to CDRS.

**Councilman Stone:** Seconds

**Clerk:** Roll Call: Mulligan, Doran, Sorge, Cerasoli, Council President  
Driscoll, Stone.  
Motion Approved.

## 13. Council Committee Appointments

**Mayor:** I ask for confirmation of the following appointments to Chair the  
Council Committees for the Year 2006:

**Finance** Chairman: Councilman Stone (Sorge, Driscoll)

**Police** Chairman: Councilwoman Mulligan (Stone, Doran)

### Personnel & Public

**Relations:** Chairman: Councilman Sorge (Stone, Doran)

### Fire, Rescue

**& OEM** Chairman: Councilwoman Cerasoli (Mulligan, Sorge)

### Parks &

**Recreation** Chairman: Councilman Driscoll (Cerasoli, Mulligan)

### DPW, Bldgs., Grounds &

**Utilities** Chairman: Councilman Doran (Driscoll, Cerasoli)

**Councilwoman Cerasoli:** I move for confirmation of these appointments

**Councilwoman Mulligan:** Seconds

**Clerk:** Roll Call: Mulligan, Doran, Sorge, Cerasoli, Council  
President Driscoll, Stone.  
Motion Approved.

## 14. Fire Department Officers & Fire Official for 2006

**Mayor:** I recommend appointment of the following to the Fire Department  
as Officers for the Year 2006:

Fire Chief: Tom Perillo  
Assistant Chief: Ken Smith  
Captain: Marc Feinberg  
Lieutenant: Steve Norman  
Engineer: Brian Heber

**Councilman Doran:** I move for confirmation of these appointments  
**Councilman Stone:** Seconds  
**Clerk:** Roll Call: Mulligan, Doran, Sorge, Cerasoli, Council President Driscoll, Stone.  
 Motion Approved.

**Mayor:** Please come forward and take your Oath of Office  
 Attorney administered the Oath of Office.

**Mayor:** I recommend the appointment of the following:  
**New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Division of Fire and Safety**, as the **Fire Official** for the Year 2006.

**Councilman Stone:** I move for confirmation of this appointment.  
**Council President Driscoll:** Seconds  
**Clerk:** Roll Call: Mulligan, Doran, Sorge, Cerasoli, Council President Driscoll, Stone.  
 Motion Approved.

#### 15. Rescue Squad Officers for 2006

**Mayor:** I recommend appointment of the following to the Rescue Squad as Officers for the Year 2006:

Captain: Diane Post  
 Assistant Captain: Rich Husni  
 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant: Stephan Szardenings  
 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant in Charge of Maintenance: Rich Husni  
 Sergeant: Rich Husni

**Councilman Doran:** I move for confirmation of these appointments.  
**Councilman Sorge:** Seconds  
**Clerk:** Roll Call: Mulligan, Doran, Sorge, Cerasoli, Council President Driscoll, Stone.  
 Motion Approved.

**Mayor:** Please come forward and take your Oath of Office  
 Attorney administered the Oath of Office.

**Mayor:** The Mayor presented Certificates of Appreciation to Lee Conover, for fifteen years of service, and Captain Don Michelson, for eighteen-and-one-half years of service, to the Mount Arlington Rescue Squad. Captain Diane Post thanked both Mr. Conover and Mr. Michelson for their years of dedication to the Squad. Councilman Sorge also expressed his personal thanks to the Rescue Squad.

## 16. Council's Appointment to the Land Use Board

**Councilman Sorge:** I nominate Council President John Driscoll as a Class III Member of the Land Use Board for the Year 2006.

**Councilwoman Cerasoli:** Seconds

**Clerk:** Roll Call: Mulligan, Doran, Sorge, Cerasoli, Council President Driscoll, Stone.  
Motion Approved.

## 17. Land Use Board Members

**Mayor:** I recommend the following appointments to the Land Use Board:  
Class I member - Mayor Ondish (**1 yr appt** – exp: 12/31/06)  
Class II member – JoAnne Sendler (**1 yr appt** – exp: 12/31/06)  
Class IV member – Mary Johanna LoPonte (**4 yr appt** – exp: 12/31/09)  
Class IV member – Scott Levitt (**4 yr appt** - exp: 12/31/09)  
Class IV member – John Song (**2 yr appt** – exp. 12/31/07)  
Class IV member – Mike Stanzilis (**filling unexpired 2 yr appt** – exp: 12/31/06)  
Alternate #1 member – Frank Hughes (**filling unexpired 2 yr appt** – exp: 12/31/06)  
Alternate #2 member – Dennis McCole (**filling unexpired 2 yr appt** – exp: 12/31/06)  
Alternate #3 member – Melissa Fostle (**filling unexpired 2 yr appt** – exp: 12/31/06)

**Councilwoman Cerasoli:** I move for confirmation of these appointments

**Councilman Doran :** Seconds

**Clerk:** Roll Call: Mulligan, Doran, Sorge, Cerasoli, Council President Driscoll, Stone.  
Motion Approved.

**Mayor:** Please come forward and take your Oath of Office  
Attorney administered the Oath of Office.

## 18. Library Board of Trustees

**Mayor:** I recommend Councilman John Driscoll as Mayor's Alternate to the Library Board of Trustees for the Year 2006.

**Mayor:** I recommend Anna Travers to the Library Board of Trustees (5 yr. appt – exp. 12/31/10)

**Councilman Sorge** I move for confirmation of these appointments

**Councilman Doran:** Seconds

**Clerk:** Roll Call: Mulligan, Doran, Sorge, Cerasoli, Council President Driscoll, Stone.  
Motion Approved.

## ~~19. Open Space & Farmland Preservation Trust Fund Committee~~

### 20. Local Assistance Board

**Mayor:** I recommend appointment of the following to the Local Assistance Board:

Harry Martin (1 year term - expires 12/31/06)

**Councilman Doran:** I move for confirmation of this appointment

**Councilwoman Cerasoli:** Seconds

**Clerk:** Roll Call: Mulligan, Doran, Sorge, Cerasoli, Council President Driscoll, Stone.

Motion Approved.

### 21. Board of Health

**Mayor:** I recommend appointment of the following to the Board of Health:

Nita Galate, (3 year term, expires 12/31/08)

Anne Puskus (3 year term, expires 12/31/08)

**Councilwoman Mulligan:** I move for confirmation of these appointments

**Council President Driscoll:** Seconds

**Clerk:** Roll Call: Mulligan, Doran, Sorge, Cerasoli, Council President Driscoll, Stone.

Motion Approved.

### 22. Local Emergency Planning Council Appointments

**Mayor:** I recommend appointment of the following individuals and departments to the Local Emergency Planning Council. Appointed members **do not have to take an oath**, but I ask that they please stand up to be recognized after confirmation of your appointment. Appointment is for a **2-year term**.

Arthur R. Ondish, Mayor

Harry Martin, Senior Citizen Representative

Scott Levitt, Seasons Glen Representative

Jane Jameson, Board of Education Representative

Tom Perillo, Fire Chief

Charlotte Wilson, Welfare Director

Diane Post, Captain, Rescue Squad

Ken Smith, Assistant Fire Chief

Daren Phil, Borough Engineer

JoAnne Sandler, Borough Administrator

Councilwoman Kerri Ann Mulligan, Red Cross Representative

Councilwoman Maureen Cerasoli, Council Representative

Paul Nelson, DPW, OEM Coordinator



Rich Peterson, Chief of Police  
 Nita Galate, Board of Health  
 Ken Eicher, RACES  
 Kim Greer, New Seasons Assisted Living

**Councilman Sorge:** I move for confirmation of these appointments  
**Councilwoman Mulligan:** Seconds  
**Clerk:** Roll Call: Mulligan, Doran, Sorge, Cerasoli, Council  
 President Driscoll, Stone.  
 Motion Approved.

### 23. Recreation Committee:

**Mayor:** I recommend the following appointment to the **Recreation Committee**; appointed members do not have to take an oath, but I ask that they please stand up to be recognized after confirmation of their appointments.

John Song (3-year term, expires 05/09/08)  
 Joseph Newkirk (2-year term, expires 05/09/07)  
 Lisa Abline (2-year term, expires 05/09/07)  
 Donna Blakely (1-year term, expires 05/09/06)  
 Rich Herbison (1-year term, expires 05/09/06)  
 Wally Hoskins, Alternate (1-year term, expires 05/09/06)  
 Erin McKenzie, Alternate (1-year term, expires 05/09/06)

**Councilwoman Cerasoli:** I move for confirmation of these appointments  
**Councilman Stone:** Seconds  
**Clerk:** Roll Call: Mulligan, Doran, Sorge, Cerasoli, Council  
 President Driscoll, Stone.  
 Motion Approved.

### 24. Advisory Council Appointments

**Mayor:** Advisory Council appointed members do not have to take an oath, but I ask that they please stand up to be recognized after confirmation of their appointments.  
 Their appointments are for a **1-year term**.

**Mayor:** I recommend the following appointment to the **Mount Arlington Events Committee**

Councilwoman Kerri Ann Mulligan, Chair  
 Scott Levitt  
 Tony Albanese  
 Dave Gardner  
 Lorraine Dzidual  
 Beth Ward

**Mayor:** I recommend the following appointment to the **Mount Arlington Events Committee – Sub Committee on Veteran’s Day**

Councilman Robert Sorge  
 Councilman William Doran  
 Councilman John Driscoll

**Councilwoman Cerasoli:** I move for confirmation of these appointments

**Councilman Stone:** Seconds

**Clerk:** Roll Call: Mulligan, Doran, Sorge, Cerasoli, Council President Driscoll, Stone.  
 Motion Approved.

**Mayor:** I recommend the following appointment to the **Technology Committee**

Councilman John Driscoll  
 Councilman Robert Sorge  
 Richard Peterson  
 Tom Perillo  
 Jim Garland  
 John Goldin  
 Frank Hughes

**Council President Driscoll:** I move for confirmation of these appointments

**Councilwoman Cerasoli:** Seconds

**Clerk:** Roll Call: Mulligan, Doran, Sorge, Cerasoli, Council President Driscoll, Stone.  
 Motion Approved.

**Mayor:** I recommend the following appointments to the **Water & Sewer Committee**

Daren Phil & Andrew Holt, Suburban Consulting Engineering  
 Paul Nelson, DPW  
 Councilman John Driscoll  
 Councilman William Doran  
 JoAnne Sendler  
 Sandor Nyari  
 Layne Morris  
 Mary Johanna LoPonte  
 Carolyn Rinaldi, Recording Secretary  
 Councilman Robert Sorge - Alternate

**Councilman Stone:** I move for confirmation of these appointments  
**Councilwoman Mulligan:** Seconds  
**Clerk:** Roll Call: Mulligan, Doran, Sorge, Cerasoli, Council President Driscoll, Stone.  
 Motion Approved.

**Mayor:** I recommend the following appointments to the **Neighborhood Watch Committee**

Councilwoman Kerri Ann Mulligan, Chair  
 Lt. Keith Licata, Chair  
 Lorraine Dzidual, CoChair  
 Beth Ward  
 Susan Mace  
 Frank Hughes  
 Tony Arellano  
 Harry Martin

**Councilman Doran:** I move for confirmation of these appointments  
**Councilman Sorge:** Seconds  
**Clerk:** Roll Call: Mulligan, Doran, Sorge, Cerasoli, Council President Driscoll, Stone.  
 Motion Approved.

**Mayor:** I recommend reinstating the four 2005 appointments to the **Domestic Violence Response Team** for the year 2006. These members are not named due to the confidential nature of this team.

**Councilwoman Mulligan:** I move for confirmation of these appointments  
**Councilwoman Cerasoli:** Seconds  
**Clerk:** Roll Call: Mulligan, Doran, Sorge, Cerasoli, Council President Driscoll, Stone.  
 Motion Approved.

**Mayor:** I recommend the following appointments to the **Traffic Safety Committee**

Mayor Arthur Ondish  
 Councilwoman Maureen Cerasoli  
 Police Chief Rich Peterson  
 Rescue Squad Captain Diane Post  
 Fire Department Chief Tom Perillo

JoAnne Sendler, Borough Administrator  
 Paul Nelson, DPW  
 Daren Phil, Borough Engineer

**Councilman Stone:** I move for confirmation of these appointments  
**Councilwoman Mulligan:** Seconds  
**Clerk:** Roll Call: Mulligan, Doran, Sorge, Cerasoli, Council  
 President Driscoll, Stone.  
 Motion Approved.

**Mayor:** I recommend the following appointments to the **Sub-Committee on Memorial Park Plantings and Memorials**

Councilwoman Maureen Cerasoli  
 Councilman William Doran  
 Councilman Robert Sorge

**Councilman Doran:** I move for confirmation of these appointments  
**Councilwoman Cerasoli:** Seconds  
**Clerk:** Roll Call: Mulligan, Doran, Sorge, Cerasoli, Council  
 President Driscoll, Stone.  
 Motion Approved.

**Mayor:** I recommend the following appointments to the **Raritan Highlands Compact**

Mayor Arthur R. Ondish  
 Councilman John Driscoll  
 JoAnne Sendler

**Council President Driscoll:** I move for confirmation of these appointments  
**Councilwoman Mulligan:** Seconds  
**Clerk:** Roll Call: Mulligan, Doran, Sorge, Cerasoli, Council  
 President Driscoll, Stone.  
 Motion Approved.

**Mayor:** I recommend the following appointments to the **Code Book Review Committee**

Mayor Arthur R. Ondish  
 Councilwoman Maureen Cerasoli  
 JoAnne Sendler  
 Nancy Gage  
 Linda DeSantis

**Councilwoman Mulligan:** I move for confirmation of these appointments  
**Councilman Stone:** Seconds  
**Clerk:** Roll Call: Mulligan, Doran, Sorge, Cerasoli, Council President Driscoll, Stone.  
 Motion Approved.

**Mayor:** I recommend the following appointments to the **Litter Committee**

Councilman William Doran, Chair  
 Councilwoman Kerri Ann Mulligan, CoChair  
 Sergeant Keith Licata  
 Jane Jameson, Board of Education

**Councilman Doran:** I move for confirmation of these appointments  
**Councilman Sorge:** Seconds  
**Clerk:** Roll Call: Mulligan, Doran, Sorge, Cerasoli, Council President Driscoll, Stone.  
 Motion Approved.

**Mayor:** I recommend the following appointments to the **Paver Committee**

Councilwoman Kerri Ann Mulligan, Chair  
 Scott Levitt, Co-Chair  
 Karen Foley  
 Tully Knapp

**Councilman Sorge:** I move for confirmation of these appointments  
**Councilwoman Mulligan:** Seconds  
**Clerk:** Roll Call: Mulligan, Doran, Sorge, Cerasoli, Council President Driscoll, Stone.  
 Motion Approved.

**Mayor:** I recommend the following appointments to the **Chamber of Commerce Committee**

Mayor Arthur Ondish  
 Councilwoman Kerri Ann Mulligan  
 JoAnne Sendler

**Council President Driscoll:** I move for confirmation of these appointments  
**Councilwoman Cerasoli:** Seconds  
**Clerk:** Roll Call: Mulligan, Doran, Sorge, Cerasoli, Council President Driscoll, Stone.  
 Motion Approved.

**Mayor:** I recommend the following appointments to the **Rescue Squad Building Committee**

Councilman Robert Sorge  
 Councilwoman Maureen Cerasoli  
 Councilman William Doran  
 Captain Diane Post, Rescue Squad  
 Daren Phil

**Councilman Doran:** I move for confirmation of these appointments

**Councilwoman Cerasoli:** Seconds

**Clerk:** Roll Call: Mulligan, Doran, Sorge, Cerasoli, Council President Driscoll, Stone.  
 Motion Approved.

## 25. Borough Employees

**Mayor:** I recommend the continued employment of all Borough Employees who were on the payroll on December 31, 2005, except for any employees whose services with the Borough may have been terminated at or on December 31, 2005.

**Councilman Doran:** Motion to approve

**Councilman Sorge:** Seconds

**Clerk:** Roll Call: Mulligan, Doran, Sorge, Cerasoli, Council President Driscoll, Stone.  
 Motion Approved.

## 26. Council Meeting Dates for 2006

**Mayor:** The Open Public Meetings Law, which is commonly referred to as the "Sunshine Law," establishes the right of all citizens to have adequate advance notice of all public meetings and the right to attend meetings at which any business affecting the public is discussed or acted upon.

It also requires the official announcement during the first ten days of the New Year of all the official meeting dates. The Council Meetings will commence at 7:00 pm. All Meetings will be held at the Municipal Building, 419 Howard Boulevard, Mount Arlington, New Jersey.

We have scheduled the Council Meetings as follows:

Monday, January 9, Re-Org.	Monday, July 10
Monday, January 23	Monday, July 24
Monday, February 13	Monday, August 14
Monday, February 27	Monday, August 28
Monday, March 13	Monday, September 11
Monday, March 27	Monday, September 25
Monday, April 10	Monday, October 9
Monday, April 24	Monday, October 23
Monday, May 8	Monday, November 13
Monday, May 22	Monday, November 27
Monday, June 12	Monday, December 11
Monday, June 26	

I think that it will be useful for me to mention at this time that the law specifies nine exceptions to the requirement for admitting the public to meetings. They are:

- (1) Matters ruled confidential by law.
- (2) Matters which would impair monies.
- (3) Matters constituting invasion of individual privacy.
- (4) Matters involving collective bargaining including negotiations.
- (5) Tactics and techniques involving protection, public safety and property and investigations of possible violations.
- (6) Matters involving acquisition of real property and investment of funds.
- (7) Litigation, contract negotiations, or matters involving attorney client relationship.
- (8) Personnel matters: hiring, firing, discipline, etc.
- (9) Deliberations after public hearing that may result in civil penalty or loss of license or permit.

**Council President Driscoll:** Motion to approve the meeting dates for public meetings be confirmed as read.

**Councilwoman Cerasoli:** Seconds

**Clerk:** Roll Call: Mulligan, Doran, Sorge, Cerasoli, Council President Driscoll, Stone.  
Motion Approved.

**Mayor:** Asked the Clerk to notify the newspapers of the meeting dates

## 27. Open to the Public

- Debbie Merz

On behalf of Senator Merkt, Ms. Merz congratulated Councilwoman Mulligan and Councilman Doran on their success in joining the Council again. Ms. Merz congratulated the Mayor, Council and entire Borough staff on their very productive year and hopes that with careful planning and cooperation, 2006 brings all the things to fruition that you have planned. As Vice President of the Jefferson Township Council, Ms. Merz wished continued productivity and profits.

The Mayor closed the meeting to the public.

## 28. Resolutions

- 2006-01** Resolution Establishing the Rate of Interest on Delinquent Municipal Charges.
- 2006-02** Resolution Authorizing Professional Services for the Borough of Mount Arlington for the Calendar Year 2006.
- 2006-03** Resolution Designating Official Newspapers of the Borough.
- 2006-04** Resolution Authorizing the Official Depositories of the Borough.
- 2006-05** Resolution Authorizing the Assistant to the Borough Administrator Maintain a Petty Cash Fund.
- 2006-06** Resolution Authorizing Signatures on Payroll and Other Checks.
- 2006-07** Resolution Authorizing Municipal Attorney to Undertake Certain Actions on Behalf of the Borough on Recommendation of the Tax Assessor.
- 2006-08** Resolution Appointing Rich Allocca, Wachovia Insurance Services, Inc., as the Borough's Risk Management Consultant.
- 2006-09** Resolution Establishing Holiday Schedule and Closure of Borough Hall Offices for Calendar Year 2006.
- 2006-10** Resolution Designating Council Meeting Dates for the Year 2006.
- 2006-11** Resolution Allowing Cancellation of Tax and Utility Overpayments or Delinquent Amounts Less than \$10.00.
- 2006-12** Resolution Appointing New Jersey Joint Insurance Fund Commissioner and Alternate I Member for the Borough of Mount Arlington.
- 2006-13** Resolution To Review, Revise and Supplement the Rules and Regulations Providing for Police Department Promotion Opportunities.
- 2006-14** Resolution Appointing the Local Emergency Planning Council.
- 2006-15** Resolution Authorizing a Tax Sale to Be Held in the Year 2006.
- 2006-16** Resolution Waiving the Food & Drink Licensing Fees for the Recreation Commission Concession Stand.
- 2006-17** Resolution Adopting a Form Required To Be Used for the Filing of Notices of Tort Claims Against the Borough of Mount Arlington.
- 2006-18** Resolution Re-Appointing Tara Sheridan, Animal Control Officer, For Assistance with Stray Cat Complaints.
- 2006-19** Resolution Authorizing Creation of Community Emergency Response Team.



## Resolutions

### 2006-01 Through

- 2006-19** Motion to Approve by Consent: Councilwoman Mulligan.  
 Second: Councilman Doran.  
 Roll Call: Mulligan, Doran, Sorge, Cerasoli, Council President Driscoll, Stone.  
 Motion Approved.
- 2006-20** Resolution Authorizing Execution of an Agreement Between the Borough of Mount Arlington and the Mount Arlington Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge #78.
- Motion to Approve: Councilman Sorge.  
 Second: Councilwoman Mulligan.  
 The Mayor stated that this is the new police contract and thanked all involved in bringing this contract to fruition.  
 Roll Call: Mulligan, Doran, Sorge, Cerasoli, Council President Driscoll, Stone.  
 Motion Approved.
- 2006-21** Resolution Authorizing Assignment of Officer Joseph Wargo to the Detective Bureau.
- 2006-22** Resolution Appointing Diane Post as Deputy OEM Coordinator.

## Resolutions

### 2006-21 Through

- 2006-22** Motion to Approve by Consent: Councilwoman Mulligan.  
 Second: Councilman Stone.  
 Roll Call: Mulligan, Doran, Sorge, Cerasoli, Council President Driscoll, Stone.  
 Motion Approved.
- 2006-23** Resolution Correcting Resolution 2005-223 and Re-Awarding Contract for Windermere Avenue Roadway Reconstruction, Phase II.
- Motion to Approve: Council President Driscoll.  
 Second: Councilman Stone.  
 Roll Call: Mulligan, Doran, Sorge, Cerasoli, Council President Driscoll, Stone.  
 Motion Approved.
- 2006-24** Resolution Authorizing Temporary Appropriations for Operating Purposes.
- Motion to Approve: Councilman Sorge.  
 Second: Councilman Doran.  
 Roll Call: Mulligan, Doran, Sorge, Cerasoli, Council President Driscoll, Stone.  
 Motion Approved.

**2006-25** Resolution Authorizing Salary Increases for Police Chief and Lieutenant.

Motion to Approve: Councilwoman Mulligan.

Second: Councilman Stone.

Roll Call: Mulligan, Doran, Sorge, Cerasoli, Council President Driscoll, Stone.

Motion Approved.

## **29. Ordinances – Introduction**

None.

## **30. Motions**

### **1. Civic Center Rental – Permission to Waive Fee:**

- Kerri Ann Mulligan, Mount Arlington CERTS, for a meeting/training on January 12, 2006 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

2. - Kerri Ann Mulligan a Pet First Aid Training on January 14, 2006 and January 28, 2006, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Stone.

Second: Councilwoman Cerasoli.

All in Favor – Aye; None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

## **31. Executive Session**

**2006-26** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, Authorizing Conference of the Mayor and Borough Council with the Public Excluded.

Motion to Take a Ten Minute Break and Then Go into Executive Session:

Councilman Sorge.

Second: Councilman Doran.

All in Favor – Aye; None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

Motion to Return to Open Session: Council President Driscoll.

Second: Councilman Sorge.

All in Favor – Aye; None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

- The Mayor stated that the Council desk will be coming out of the Clerk's office and will be placed in the vault. The Clerk stated that she has the keys for the file cabinet in the vault and will distribute them to those Council members requiring a file drawer.
- The Mayor thanked everyone and stated he looks forward to a productive 2006.

**32. Adjourn**

Motion to Adjourn: Councilman Stone.  
Second: Council President Driscoll.  
All in Favor – Aye; None Opposed.  
Motion Approved.

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Linda DeSantis, R.M.C.  
Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved at Council Meeting on February 13, 2006.

Good evening and thank you all for coming out to our Reorganization meeting to be part of this special time of year for our Borough. This meeting is always fun and interesting being it is the meeting that puts everything in place for the coming year.

First off I would like to congratulate Councilwoman Mulligan and Councilman Doran on their re elections. It is a pleasure to have them stay on this incumbent filled Council. I want to thank them for their hard work and dedication to our Borough. I would also like to take this time to thank the other Council members for their time and dedication to helping define the future of Mount Arlington. Let no one forget it is a team effort that makes it all work. We may not all agree on every issue but we work together to resolve our differences, find the best solution for the Borough, and move forward. It isn't easy to keep everyone on the same page. Sometimes I feel like I am herding cats! Everyone here has much energy and wants to see all of our aspirations to fruition but it takes patience. We can't do everything that everyone would like due to budgetary and time constraints but we can and do accomplish much, working together, a few things at a time!.

I would like to thank our Staff with Joann Sendler at the top of the list. Joann has proven to be one dedicated and loyal Administrator and friend. She is truly at the wheel of the bus every day. Sometimes she winds up under the bus but gets right back up and takes the wheel again. It can be a thankless job! She and I know that very well!

I want to thank Linda DeSantis our Borough Clerk who keeps us in order.

Paul Nelson, our DPW Super of this year, has done a great job of rallying the troops into performing their jobs well. The Borough is looking and operating better all the time

Chief Peterson and Mount Arlington's finest keep us all protected. Our Chief celebrated his 25<sup>th</sup> year with the Mount Arlington Police Department. I am not sure many towns are lucky enough to have a gentleman who stays for that long and does such a great job. Thank you Rich.

Thanks to the rest of the staff of the Borough Hall and the rest of the Borough employees..

Thanks go to our Volunteers. Without volunteers we would not be able to do very much. They are the MVPs in my opinion. Many give time and energy that they could be spending doing other things but they choose to help shape Mount Arlington's future. For that I am very grateful.

I want to take time to thank our professionals. I appreciate their dedication and loyalty to our Municipality. I find they treat the Borough as their own and that is why they do such a good job.

There is nothing like personal pride and that is what I find in all of our elected officials, Staff, Employees, Volunteers and professionals. That is what makes Mount Arlington Borough a great place to be. I am a blessed Mayor to have these kinds of people to work

with. Being the Mayor of Mount Arlington has truly been a wonderful experience and I hope to continue in this capacity for a long time.

2005 has been a very good year. Let me take time to speak about some of the big issues that were resolved during this past year:

Back in January our Volunteer rescue squad came to me and said they needed help. Members were moving out of town and the membership was shrinking. They were getting to the point that the remaining members just couldn't cover all the hours. After exploring options, I was speaking with my good friend and neighboring Mayor Bill Chegwidden. He told me that Wharton had been in contact with St Clare's and were considering going with a paid service. A paid service that would not cost the Borough anything but would bill the user's insurance companies for transportation when they were needed. This sounded like something worth looking into and we did. We formed a Committee and spent time going over all the details. We couldn't find a down side to this proposal so we decided to give it a chance. We signed a contract for service with St Clare's on a part time basis to help our Volunteer Squad. That lasted for a couple of months and more members of the Rescue Squad resigned for various reasons. We had a meeting with St Clare's and asked them to come on 24/7 with the Volunteer Squad to act as backup. They agreed, we worked out a contract, and it has been nothing but good news since. I want to publicly thank Paul Horsey and his staff at St Clair's for coming to our Rescue and filling the need Mount Arlington faced. I want to thank the members of St Clare's who ride the rig and provide emergency service to our residents. I have heard only great things about them and the service they provide. That was our first Crisis for 2005 and we took care of it in a very positive way. I want to thank our Mount Arlington Rescue Squad for being open and honest with us and asking for help. I know it took a lot to do that because there is much pride with our Squad. They took care of this Borough for so many years and did a great job. They continue to be active and help when they can.

The next issue was the garbage contract. We all know what a controversial issue this was the first time around be this time it was different. We received several bids but Blue Diamond came back with a fantastic offer and we made out very well once again. We locked into a 5 year contract that, in my opinion, was a sweetheart deal. On a side note, Blue Diamond also purchased the former site of the proposed controversial Pilot Truck Stop site. This finally, in my eyes, nailed the coffin shut on the proposed truck stop. Thank you Mr. John Shortino and Blue Diamond who have remodeled that facility and are running their business from that new improved site!

With the new development that has come to Mount Arlington, and the good management of the funds, we were able to lower the Municipal Sewer rates, once again, to \$190. per quarter. That is down \$110. per quarter since I became Mayor.

We installed a new playground at Fireman's field. This is a state of the art facility that will let our youth play and enjoy their time for years to come. We also installed new

basketball courts and improved parking at Fireman's field for recreation activities. There is much more planned and these were some of the first of many improvements.

We remodeled our Department of Public Works building and moved our Construction offices to this improved facility. This freed up space in a crowded Borough Hall. With this space it enabled us to make some necessary internal changes. New windows, carpeting and some walls have been moved. This was all done with little expense as the work was completed, for the most part, in house by our DPW. This was done in place of spending hundreds of thousands of dollars to completely renovate this building. We feel this was the most fiscally responsible way to go. Our schools are facing some needs that will cost considerable money and we have to work together to lessen costs on our already tax burdened residents.

We also were able to make considerable improvements to our Memorial Park. New flag poles, a new sign and considerable drainage work have made the park a pristine place to visit and hold ceremonies.

2005 saw the completion of some major roadway improvements including Bertrand Island Road and McGregor Ave. Just ask our Borough Engineer how much fun those two projects were! They were not easy to complete. When changes are being made to roads that have not been up to standards it is quite a monumental task. I am pleased with the outcome as I believe most of the residents would agree. There is still more to be done but this was a giant step forward this past year.

This year has seen meetings with NJ Transit about the new Train Station. After a meeting with our great Congressman Rodney Freelinghuysen, we have secured the name to be the Mount Arlington Station. I feel this was the most appropriate name for this wonderful proposed improvement to our Borough. We have had several meetings with NJ Transit over the décor of the new station. Our final meeting will be tomorrow in Newark. We will be there for most of the day to work with the artists we chose to design the look of our station. We are making sure it will reflect this area and most importantly reflect the history of our Borough. We should see construction start in mid 2006.

These were some of the major accomplishments of 2005. There were many more things that were accomplished but they fall into the category of day to day and there is plenty in that category

Throughout the year we also had fun at the many events that the Mount Arlington Events Committee put together. From the Winter Carnival in February, the Memorial Day Parade, the Beach Bash in July, the September 11<sup>th</sup> memorial, Monster Bash in October to the Christmas Tree lighting in December. These were all opportunities for our Community to come together. Whether it was to have fun, be somber in remembrance, to watch fireworks or to see scary monsters it provided the opportunity for the community to gather together in fellowship. It is truly a pleasure to see this happen and it gives us all the chance to meet fellow residents and see old friends. I believe a community that comes out and spends time together is a stronger community as a whole!



Plans for 2006 include:

Finally the opening of our new Mount Arlington Library. We have all been waiting a long time for this monumental event. The new library is near completion and should be opening sometime in the first quarter of 2006. There will be much celebration over this long awaited milestone event. Thanks to Jack Richards and Kara Homes for making this dream a reality.

This will be the year of the long awaited and talked about Street scape project. This will be the revitalization of our downtown with new sidewalks, imitation gas lights, street trees and curbing. This has been in the works for so long but the contract was recently awarded and that means construction will begin when winter breaks. This will be a great improvement and I look forward to its completion.

We will continue the sidewalk installations this year. The big one this year will be the Mount Arlington Blvd and Windermere Ave projects. These will be major improvements and of course will require patience while these projects are under construction. As will all the projects we have done, it is inconvenient for a while but much better when they are complete!

We plan on work to begin in Lake Rogerine on improvements to Rogerine Way that will include reconstruction of the roadway, storm drains, and curbing.

We will continue to improve our Boroughs infrastructure. This will include the sewerage of Parker, Circle and Southard roads. We are waiting for approval from the DEP to continue this work since it falls in the Highlands Preservation area.

A new Salt Shed will be constructed at our DPW facility that will allow us to stockpile salt. This will be a savings and make it safer for our DPW when it comes time for the need to take care of our roads. At the same time we will continue to improve our DPW facilities.

We will continue to look at the use of our buildings. We have space that is not being used as efficiently as it can so we will focus on making adjustments to make the most use of what we have on our rolls.

These are some of the projected goals but there will be much more accomplished including the daily fires that erupt and get extinguished with solutions.

Some Mayors in the past have kept track of the number of meetings they attend for the year. I lost count at 100.

I feel it is important to get involved outside of our Borough in order to meet people and make contacts that will serve everyone better. I became a Trustee with Morris Tomorrow last year. For those not familiar with Morris Tomorrow it is an organization that serves as a "Think Tank" for Morris County in planning for the future. I was honored to be accepted into that organization and hope to help make a difference.

I also served my second year as Vice Chair of the Raritan Highlands Compact, a watershed conservation organization.

I served, in a very limited way, on the Morris County Open Space Committee this past year which was the second year of a two year appointment. Being on the open space committee certainly taught me much about our County and the good work that is being done by our freeholders to preserve precious land.

I just completed my first year of being Chairman of the Lake Hopatcong Commission. This has proven to be a great experience and has taught me much about state government. I have had the pleasure of meeting several Governors and hope to develop a working relationship with Governor Elect Corzine. Thank you Senator Bucco for giving me this opportunity and nominating me for that position.

During the year I performed 16 wedding ceremonies. This on top of my full time job has made me a very busy person.

I wouldn't be able to do it without the support of my wife Yvonne and the support and encouragement of many of those of you in the room tonight. I thank you all very much for all you do for me.

In closing I will just say that I think Mount Arlington is in great shape and will only get better over this next year. Thank you all for being here.

God Bless you, God Bless this Great State of New Jersey, and this Great Country, America! Let us not forget those who have served in the past and are serving now to provide us the freedoms we all enjoy and should never take for granted!

Now let's continue our meeting with the next item on the agenda.....