

**BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 26, 2009**

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 and the Daily Record on Wednesday, December 31, 2008; notice was posted on the bulletin board in the main hallway of the Municipal Building on December 31, 2008 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. Speakers shall be courteous to the Council and other persons attending the meeting. Offensive remarks or unruly behavior will not be allowed and anyone who violates this policy will be barred from participating in the meeting.

3. Flag Salute

The Mayor asked for a moment of silence to remember our troops and their families.

4. Roll Call

Councilman Driscoll, Councilman Sadow, Councilwoman Galate Goodman, Council President Cerasoli, Councilman Doran, Mayor Ondish. JoAnne Sendler, Borough Administrator and Mitchell Jacobs and Thomas Segreto, Borough Attorneys, were also present. Councilman Sorge was absent.

5. Presentations/Mayor's Appointments

1. Cub Scout Pack 60 Presentations to Mayor and Council.
 - Joseph Keltos, Scout Leader, and the members of Cub Scout Pack 60 presented the Mayor and Council with a Certificate of Appreciation, thanking them for their support during the 2007/2008 scouting year.
2. Certificate of Appreciation Awarded to Linda Cook.
 - The Mayor presented Linda Cook with a Certificate of Appreciation for her years of service as the Borough Municipal Court Administrator.
3. Proclamation Honoring Andrew Cangiano.
 - The Mayor presented Andrew Cangiano with a Proclamation recognizing his bravery and heroic efforts in notifying his neighbors of their house fire.
4. Proclamation Honoring Mildred Burns.
 - The Mayor presented Mildred Burns with a Proclamation celebrating her 101st Birthday and naming January 31, 2009 as Mildred Burns Day in Mount Arlington. Ms. Burns was also presented with a Joint Legislative Resolution Honoring Her Birthday, initiated by Senator Bucco, Assemblyman Merkt and Assemblyman Carroll.
5. Mayor to Appoint Anne Puskas as Board of Health Member for a 3-year term, to expire on December 31, 2011.
 - The Mayor made the appointment.
6. Mayor to Appoint David Karpman to Recreation Committee, Alternate Member, for a 1-year term to expire December 31, 2009.
 - The Mayor made the appointment.

*** Added Appointment: The Mayor appointed Patty DiGeronimo to the Green Team Committee.

6. Old Business

1. Discussion regarding Citizens Budget Review Committee.

- This item pertained to the Council's review of the budget; CFO Joe Kovalcik would speak with Council later in this meeting to set up a budget meeting with the Finance Committee and the Personnel Committee. Councilman Sadow stated that he is looking forward to working with the Citizens Budget Review Committee and would rather have them participate in the process, offering more transparency. The Mayor stated that most people are not educated in the municipal budget process and that is why we have the professionals. The Mayor would like the process to be professionals, Council review and then Citizens Committee for questions that will be directed collectively to the CFO.. Councilman Sadow said he was willing to be a point person for early input for the Citizens Committee and serve as a conduit for the Committee to the CFO; the goal of this Committee is to empower the population. Councilwoman Galate Goodman stated that she thought the Citizens Committee was to perform an early review and present their questions as a whole. Councilman Sadow stated it would be helpful to Council to know what the residents are willing to compromise on and the intent is to open the process. The Borough Administrator stated this is policy, the Council is to review the budget, which consists mostly of salary and operating budgets; however, Council has to decide which policies they would like to follow. Councilman Doran stated that since this year we are early in the budget process, he would like to integrate this Committee as early as possible; he agrees with Councilman Sadow and feels the Committee needs to know they can change the budget if they have a good reason. The Mayor stated that Council will be willing to work with Committee.

2. Mayor's Green Team Committee.

- The Mayor stated the Committee had their first meeting this week and appointed Councilwoman Galate Goodman as Chairperson, Jane Jameson as Vice Chairperson and a Secretary. Councilwoman Galate Goodman stated the first goal of the Committee is to devise a mission statement and take steps to accomplish their goals. Councilwoman Galate Goodman stated the Committee will compile ideas, documents, etc. during the next two months and then narrow down their focus; they will be talking with other towns and attending Environmental Commission meetings. The Mayor stated that this is such a vast area and we already have a hydrogen generator on one of our town vehicles, we've looked at the landfill for solar power (the Improvement Authority of Morris County is looking to fund such projects), and are looking at the possible use of wind power. The Mayor stated we want something that will either be debt free or generate revenue for the Borough. The Mayor is member of Mayors Committee for a Green Future through the League of Municipalities and Walmart donated \$200,000 to be used for grant money to be given to towns that want to do green projects, as well as other corporations contributing to grants, etc.; there is also Clean Energy NJ grant money. Vice Chairperson Jane Jameson will be recommending two eighth graders to the Committee. Councilwoman Galate Goodman stated that everyone is welcome to the meetings and dates and minutes will be posted on the website.

- The Mayor also thanked Councilman Driscoll for his efficiency and efforts in keeping the Borough up to date with their computers; he stated that Councilman Driscoll has saved the Borough money, and his time and energy is very much appreciated. The scanner should be running next week and a website link has been created to download Borough documents. Last time we calculated, the OPRA totals were \$25,000 and the legal fees alone month for OPRA are \$1,400. The Borough Code should be on the internet shortly; it is currently in the editing phase.

3. Draft Ordinance regarding Recreation Committee.

- The Borough Attorney stated Council will be discussing this in Executive Session and that Councilman Doran and Mayor Ondish requested Scarinci Hollenbeck take a look at the current recreational associations/committee to see if we could devise a more efficient program/procedure. Tom Segreto, Esq. has drafted an ordinance for Council to review in Executive Session this evening.

7. New Business

1. Municipal Revenue Restoration Act.

- The Mayor stated that Verizon is sun-setting their payments to municipalities for franchise fees; once they lose up to 50% of the land line capacity, they don't have to pay the franchise tax any more. The Mayor stated it is a very old law and the League recommended something be done about it 20 years ago. Wharton was recently before Verizon on this and it is now before the Legislature; there is an alternative plan which deals with cable video franchise fees. The legislators are working on this issue but there is not much we can do locally.

8. Utility Receipt Report for the Month of December, 2008.

The Clerk read the Utility Receipt Report for the Month of December 2008 into the record.
Grand Total: \$67,020.72.

Tax Collector's Report for the Month of December, 2008.

The Clerk read the Tax Collector's Report for the Month of December 2008 into the record.
Total Receipts: \$142,159.12.

9. Finance Report for the Month of December, 2008.

The Clerk read the Finance Report for the Month of December 2008 into the record.
Ending Balance: \$5,370,475.35.

10. Open to Public

Paula Danchuk, 50 Elizabeth Way:

- Ms. Danchuk questioned the cost of OPRA's and wanted to know if the Borough sends every OPRA request to the attorneys for review. The Mayor stated that if the attorney advice is required, we send the request for legal counsel. The Clerk stated that to protect the Borough, any questionable issue does get reviewed by the attorney. The Borough Attorney stated that there is certain information in requested OPRA documents that need to be reviewed because it is requesting certain information that should not be released and those documents are redacted; this is the type of review they perform. Ms. Danchuk questioned the Clerk as to training for OPRA; the Clerk responded that she must take CEU's to maintain her Registered Municipal Clerk certification. Ms. Danchuk referred to the clerk in Paramus who sued the Mayor and Council because they were sending a lot of OPRA's to the attorney for review which she felt she was capable of handling. The Borough Attorney stated that his firm represents Paramus and he is familiar with the facts of that case; the facts that Ms. Danchuk has may not be the facts as they have actually occurred. The Borough Attorney stated that case had to do with the Borough Attorney requesting the Clerk send certain types of OPRA's for his review and the Clerk not wanting to do that because it was not his past practice; the request was only for the Borough Attorney to review certain types of OPRA materials. Ms. Danchuk stated that due to this case, maybe Council will allow the Clerk to have more clout and do more of the work without attorney review. The Borough Attorney stated that the Clerk is making determinations and she is making them the right way; she is doing her job and she is doing it correctly. The Mayor said hopefully much of this will be avoided once more information is on the website.

11. Approval of Minutes

December 22, 2008 Regular Meeting

Motion to Approve: Councilman Driscoll.

Second: Councilwoman Galate Goodman.

Council President Cerasoli and Councilman Doran requested the discussion on the public dock improvements be transcribed verbatim.

Roll Call:

Aye: None.

Nay: Driscoll, Galate Goodman, Council President Cerasoli, Doran.

Abstain: Sadow.

Motion Not Approved.

Motion to Have Public Dock Discussion of December 22, 2008 Transcribed Verbatim and One Correction on Page 7: Councilman Doran.

Second: Council President Cerasoli.

Roll Call:

Aye: Driscoll, Galate Goodman, Council President Cerasoli, Doran.

Nay: None.

Abstain: Sadow.

Motion Approved.

January 6, 2009 Re-Organization Meeting

Motion to Approve: Councilman Doran.

Second: Councilman Driscoll.

Roll Call:

Aye: Driscoll, Sadow, Galate Goodman, Council President Cerasoli, Doran.

Nay: None.

Motion Approved.

Motion to Move Executive Session to the End of the Meeting Agenda:

Councilman Driscoll.

Second: Councilman Sadow.

All in Favor – Aye.

None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

13. Resolutions

2009-22 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 26, 2009.

Motion to Approve: Councilwoman Galate Goodman.

Second: Councilman Doran.

Councilman Doran questioned Check #7169 with regard to the Public Beach Dock and wanted to confirm that the Borough will not have to purchase sand this year due to the dredging. Councilman Doran referred to Suburban Consulting, #0900082 and #0900083, one for Fireman's Field Park Design and one for repair of the public dock and questioned additional engineering costs for planning and design under current conditions. The Borough Administrator stated there is about a six week lag time, these bills are from November or December. Councilman Sadow asked to verify the general services of engineering. The Borough Administrator gave the example of Suburban attending a Borough meeting, which fee would be under general services; basically anything we call Suburban to do. Councilman Sadow suggested we have a annual retainer for our Borough

Engineer to incorporate all of these type services; the Borough Administrator said we can look into that however our attorneys have advised billing on an hourly rate. Councilman Sadow also questioned the billing to install a light switch and it was explained that this was a safety issue and the wiring had to be brought from downstairs to upstairs, through the wall.

Roll Call:

Aye: Driscoll, Sadow, Galate Goodman, Council President Cerasoli, Doran.

Nay: None.

Motion Approved.

- 2009-23** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Execution of A Risk Management Consultant's Agreement.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Driscoll.

Second: Council President Cerasoli.

Roll Call:

Aye: Driscoll, Sadow, Galate Goodman, Council President Cerasoli, Doran.

Nay: None.

Motion Approved.

- 2009-24** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Submission of CDRS Grant Application.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Doran.

Second: Council President Cerasoli.

The Borough has the funds in place for this project; this grant application is for the stairs at 404 Howard Boulevard.

Roll Call:

Aye: Driscoll, Sadow, Galate Goodman, Council President Cerasoli, Doran.

Nay: None.

Motion Approved.

- 2009-25** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Approving the Final Change Order for the Municipal Building Exterior Improvements Project.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Driscoll.

Second: Councilwoman Galate Goodman.

This change order was for the additional rain gutters and leaders.

Roll Call:

Aye: Driscoll, Galate Goodman, Council President Cerasoli.

Nay: Doran.

Abstain: Sadow.

Motion Approved.

- 2009-26** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Rejecting All Bids for the Mount Arlington Fire Department Renovations/Alterations – Second Floor Only – Project.

2009-27 Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Rejecting All Bids for the Mount Arlington Fire Department Renovations/Alterations Project.

Motion to Approve **#2009-26 and #2009-27**: Councilman Driscoll.

Second: Councilman Doran.

Roll Call:

Aye: Driscoll, Sadow, Galate Goodman, Council President Cerasoli, Doran.

Nay: None.

Motion Approved.

2009-28 Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Receipt of Bids for the Mount Arlington Fire Department Renovations/Alterations – Second Floor Only – Project.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Doran.

Second: Councilman Sadow.

Roll Call:

Aye: Driscoll, Sadow, Galate Goodman, Council President Cerasoli, Doran.

Nay: None.

Motion Approved.

2009-29 Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Receipt of Bids for the Mount Arlington Fire Department Renovations/Alterations Project.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Doran.

Second: Councilman Sadow.

Roll Call:

Aye: Driscoll, Sadow, Galate Goodman, Council President Cerasoli, Doran.

Nay: None.

Motion Approved.

2009-30 Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Designating May 1st as Silver Star Banner Day.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Driscoll.

Second: Councilwoman Galate Goodman.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to gather more information regarding the banners to report at the next meeting.

All in Favor – Aye.

None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

14. Ordinances – Introduction

01-09 An Ordinance of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Amending and Supplementing Chapter 132, Peddling and Soliciting, of the Code of the Borough of Mount Arlington.

The Mayor read Ordinance 01-09 by Title.

Motion: Councilman Driscoll stated that Ordinance 01-09 be introduced by Title and passed on First Reading and that a meeting be held on February 23, 2009 at 6:00 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 Doran.

Councilman Doran expressed his concern over the verbiage regarding distance from fuel sources, etc. and suggested it should include a set distance from the curb line as well. The Borough Attorney suggested that the Chief of Police and the Zoning Officer review this ordinance prior to introduction. Councilman Doran asked that this ordinance be more comprehensive as to location of the bins.

Council agreed that due to the cost of possibly amending this ordinance after the Police and Zoning recommendations, Council decided to withdraw the Motion to Introduce until further clarification.

Roll Call:

Aye: None.

Nay: Driscoll, Sadow, Galate Goodman, Council President Cerasoli, Doran.

Motion Not Approved.

02-09 An Ordinance of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Amending the Code of the Borough of Mount Arlington Regarding Special Service Charges Pursuant to the Open Public Records Act.

The Mayor read Ordinance 02-09 by Title.

Motion: Councilman Driscoll stated that Ordinance 01-09 be introduced by Title and passed on First Reading and that a meeting be held on February 23, 2009 at 6:00 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.

The Borough Attorney stated that this ordinance allows the Borough to charge special service charges; the Borough has been losing both time and money on OPRA requests where the requestor has asked to have records either faxed or transmitted via email. This ordinance allows the municipality to charge on a per page basis for this type of request. The ordinance also changes the service labor charges; the ordinance would reflect the annual salary resolution for the particular year so that the ordinance would not have to be updated annually. The Administrator stated that we are still utilizing last years salary resolution as salaries have not changed.

Roll Call:

Aye: Driscoll, Sadow, Galate Goodman, Council President Cerasoli, Doran.

Nay: None.

Motion Approved.

15. Ordinances – Second Reading

None.

16. Motions

1. New Jersey State Firemen's Association Membership Applications:
 - John E. Keane, Jr.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Doran.

Second: Councilman Driscoll.

Roll Call:

Aye: Driscoll, Sadow, Galate Goodman, Council President Cerasoli,
Doran.

Nay: None.

Motion Approved.

17. Mayor's Report

- The Mayor read his report into the record.
- Councilman Doran stated that the DPW responded very quickly in handling the problems with the lights at Fireman's Field; an entire light and pole came down in a windstorm. Fireman's Field is a medi-vac station and within 4-5 days, Paul Nelson, DPW Supervisor, had all the lights inspected and removed. Councilman Doran thanked Mr. Nelson for his prompt response.
- The Clerk stated that Councilwoman Galate Goodman had asked to give a Board of Education report at this meeting but it was omitted from the Agenda. The Clerk reminded Council that previously we listed Committee Reports on our agendas and asked if that was something they wanted reincorporated. Council agreed to place Committee Reports under Old Business on the agenda for all meetings.
- Councilwoman Galate Goodman reported on the Board of Education:
 - Superintendent Jane Jameson has volunteered to Vice-Chair the Green Team Committee.
 - Last week the furnace went out at Decker and the students were bussed over to MAPS; it was a frozen line and has been repaired.
 - Three MAPS former students, currently attending Roxbury High School, attended the Presidential Inauguration in Washington, DC; they had participated in the Presidential Youth Congressional Council Leadership Program.
 - One of Mount Arlington's former students is currently the student manager for Clemson University's men's basketball team.
 - Mount Arlington students finished first, second, and third in the VFW Patriots Pen Essay contest.
 - Mount Arlington School District has been awarded the Picturing American Grant.
 - Mount Arlington Student Council Home for the Holidays Program raised over \$650 for Habitat for Humanity.
 - Mrs. Susan Longo, MAPS Social Studies Teacher, earned VFW Post 2833 Teacher of the Year and will be honored in February for being the VFW Teacher of the Year for the State of NJ.
 - Student/Faculty vs. Police Volleyball Tournament raised \$1,000 for the eighth grade trip to Washington, DC.
 - The girls basketball team are 9 – 2 and will be playing in the Morris County Tournament.
 - The fifth graders will be starting their DARE Program.

18. Borough Administrator's Report

- The Borough Administrator has discussed the following items with Councilman Sadow.
- Councilman Sadow stated that we can shrink our middle lines as far as possible but until we grow our top line, we will not grow the bottom, and he would like to try to generate income for the Borough. Councilman Sadow stated he would like to try to get Lee's Park back from the County, redevelop the pavilion, put in some shops and actively seek to get people to the area. Councilman Sadow suggested concerts and stated with Waterloo closed, Mount Arlington would like to take over the opportunity to become an entertainment center. Councilman Sadow stated he would like to re-energize the community; find a way to energize the youth, and get involved with the Board of Health and the Board of Education. The Mayor stated that there is no way to get Lee's Park back but the County will allow us to use it; Mr. Lee sold it to the County to ensure it's upkeep. Mayor stated that as far as concerts, we must look at traffic and be considerate of the residents but we could also do a jitney bus from the Park & Ride, etc. The Mayor suggested inviting a municipal fundraiser consultant to speak with Council; he stated he knows municipalities have generated good money through her programs.
- Council President Cerasoli asked the status of the baseball team that wanted to use Firemen's Field for baseball camp and games. This issue is on hold but now we need to have the lights replaced first. The Borough Administrator stated that Paul Nelson is obtaining prices for the lights but we will look into movable lights with a generator, possibly as an emergency measure.,
- Councilwoman Galate Goodman stated that the Mayors Wellness Campaign has a program entitled Toxic Waistline and read a letter regarding the program into the record. The Mayor asked if anyone on Council wanted to lead this program; the program will only enroll the first 25 municipalities to sign up and Council questioned how to get the word out quickly. The Mayor suggested the electronic signs and the website. Councilman Sadow volunteered to lead this program and will also research other ways to advise residents of the program.

Communications Packets:

- Councilman Doran, Packet Dated January 22, 2009, Item #7: pension deferral. The CFO will discuss this item with Council.
- Councilwoman Galate Goodman, Packet Dated January 22, 2009, Item #14: Minutes of Morris County Planning Board. The Mayor stated that those Minutes state that the State abandoned Lake Hopatcong but that really is not true.
- Councilwoman Galate Goodman, Packet Dated January 22, 2009, Item #17: Energy Savings Improvement Bill. The Mayor stated that we are doing the Energy Audit through BPU; the Morris County Improvement Authority is considering making improvements such as solar power, etc. Councilman Sadow stated that you can source your electric power and gas and aggregate it from sources other than JCP&L; there is information available on websites to compare services, for both home and commercial users. The Mayor stated there are energy service companies (ESO's) who will do work for you, on a performance contract, then do an energy audit, recommend where you can save, and they put out the capital money to pay for the installation, guarantee the savings, and the capital cost is paid back through the savings. The Mayor stated we will learn more about this after our energy audit is complete.
- Councilwoman Galate Goodman, Packet Dated January 22, 2009, Item #3: the Assembly Bill regarding COAH and the Highlands. Councilwoman Galate Goodman mentioned the Clinton Commission of twenty municipalities. The Mayor stated we contributed \$500 to the League of Municipalities to fight this but we are not under COAH's jurisdiction; we are separate from this Clinton Commission. The Mayor stated we are forced to comply in our preservation area and must change our ordinances, but we have the option of opting-in in our planning area and right now we are going for grant money to review our ordinances to see if we want to opt in. The Mayor stated that COAH is all about low-income housing and we do not have much land to be developed.

- Councilwoman Galate Goodman, Packet Dated January 8, 2009, Item #14: Library funding. The Mayor stated that there is a Bill trying to reduce the amount of funds a municipality has to pay the Library. Council President Cerasoli stated that this does not pertain to our Library; they do not spend what is designated to them and return the money to the municipality.
- Councilwoman Galate Goodman asked what is considered a pleasure boat in relation to the Bill dedicating \$700,000 annually from pleasure boat fees to the Lake Hopatcong Fund. The Mayor stated that nothing has been decided about any fees for watercraft, no numbers, no amounts.

12. Executive Session

2009-21 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.

Executive Session Topics: Negotiations, Police Contract, Shared Services and Personnel.

There may be action taken following the Executive Session.

Motion to Take a Five Minute Break and then Go Into Executive Session:
Councilman Driscoll.

Second: Council President Cerasoli.

All in Favor – Aye; None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

Motion to Return to Open Session: Councilman Driscoll.

Second: Councilwoman Galate Goodman.

All in Favor – Aye; None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

19. Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn: Councilman Driscoll.

Second: Councilman Doran.

All in Favor – Aye; None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

Linda DeSantis, RMC
Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved with correction on Page Two at Council Meeting of February 23, 2009.

**CERTIFICATE OF
APPRECIATION
AWARDED TO**

LINDA COOK

**MUNICIPAL COURT
ADMINISTRATOR**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council wish to publicly express their appreciation and gratitude to *Linda Cook* for her years of service and dedication as Borough of Mount Arlington Municipal Court Administrator; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council also wish to commend *Linda Cook* for her professionalism and "job well done" in maintaining the Municipal Court responsibilities for the Borough of Mount Arlington.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN, that the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington wish to honor, thank and recognize the efforts and dedication of *Linda Cook* as Administrator of the Borough of Mount Arlington Municipal Court.

Arthur R. Ondish, Mayor
Borough of Mount Arlington

January 26, 2009

PROCLAMATION

IN HONOR OF

ANDREW CANGIANO

**BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON
RESIDENT**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council wish to publicly express their gratitude to Andrew Cangiano for his heroism in notifying the Rust Family whose home was on fire in the late afternoon on December 21, 2008; and

WHEREAS, after placing the 911 call notifying emergency crews of the fire, Andrew Cangiano realized the Rust Family was inside their home and without hesitation, leapt from a retaining wall and over a fence to notify the Rust Family of the heavy smoke and fire; and

WHEREAS, because of his alertness and keen sense of awareness, Andrew Cangiano placed his life at risk to save Ken and Amy Rust and their two small boys from the fire; and

WHEREAS, if it were not for the split second response of Andrew Cangiano, these lives, along with their two pet cats, might not have been saved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington that they wish to honor and recognize the bravery, responsiveness and heroism of Mount Arlington Resident Andrew Cangiano.

Arthur R. Ondish, Mayor
Borough of Mount Arlington

January 26, 2009

PROCLAMATION
IN CELEBRATION OF
MILDRED BURNS
101st BIRTHDAY

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington consider it an honor and privilege to recognize and commemorate the 101st Birthday of Mount Arlington resident, Mildred Burns.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington that January 31, 2009 be recognized as **Mildred Burns Day** in the Borough of Mount Arlington.

Arthur R. Ondish, Mayor
Borough of Mount Arlington

January 26, 2009

BOROUGH OF MT. ARLINGTON

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UTILITY RECEIPT REPORT FOR

MONTH OF December 2008

<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NO.</u>
\$ 8,415.19	SOLID WASTE RECEIPTS	190-0353-097
\$ 18,146.83	SEWER RECEIPTS	190-0356-097
\$ 40,458.70	WATER RECEIPTS	190-0354-097
\$ 67,020.72	GRAND TOTAL	
\$ 1,094.00	(TRUST ACCT) SEWER CONNECTION FEE INSTALLMENT PLAN RECEIPTS	
	WATER REPAIR RECEIPTS (INCLUDED IN WATER RECEIPT TOTAL)	
\$ 20.00	RETURN CHECK FEE (SEWER)	

Patricia E. Simari, CTC

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BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON
FINANCE OFFICE

Finance Report for December 2008

Beginning Balance	6,531,040.55
Receipts	265,179.88
Disbursements	1,425,745.08
Ending Balance	5,370,475.35



Mayors Wellness Campaign
Put your community in motion.

479 West State Street Trenton, NJ 08618 P: 609-393-4953 F: 609-393-8212 mayorswellnesscampaign.org



January 15, 2009

Dear Mayor,

I have exciting news about a new program developed by the Mayors Wellness Campaign (MWC – www.mayorswellnesscampaign.org) in cooperation with the Strategies to Overcome and Prevent (STOP) Obesity Alliance (www.stopobesityalliance.org).

As a member of the Mayors Wellness Campaign, you have made a commitment to improving the health of your citizens. We are now inviting you to lead a new local 100-day challenge in 2009 – called “Toxic Waistlines” – to encourage your citizens to not only lose weight, but to reduce the toxic inches around the stomach and abdomen that experts now say is equally if not more important than total body fat. The MWC and the STOP Obesity Alliance will provide you with all the materials you will need to make this program a success, including a small stipend.

We believe that by creating a local support system, you can help motivate your citizens, track their progress, and be instrumental in helping to create a healthier community.

The 100-day competition will begin on March 1st (during the American Dietetic Association’s designated “National Nutrition Month”) and will end on June 2nd (during “Great Outdoors Month”). Throughout these 100 days, your municipality’s team will have regular weigh-ins and measurements taken at a location of your choice. We will provide you with a “Toxic Waistlines Tool Box” that includes a scale, a tape measure, and a CD-ROM containing all necessary forms and information. You will provide the local volunteers to monitor the weigh-ins and take measurements. The MWC and the STOP Obesity Alliance will create an online blog where participants can share ideas, discuss health topics, and track events.

There are no losers in this competition! At the end of the competition, every participating municipality will receive a \$500 prize after providing the MWC with their statistics. All participating municipalities will be featured in our press announcements and the winning municipality will be featured at a press conference in June. The winner will be determined by the municipality that loses the most average inches off their collective waistlines.

Participation will be limited to the first 25 municipalities that respond to this letter. An application is enclosed. I urge you to act quickly if you decide to participate in this program. Please return the application to me as soon as possible to ensure a spot in the program for your municipality. Fax the completed form to 609-393-8212; or send by mail to: Mayors Wellness Campaign, 479 West State Street, Trenton, NJ 08618. You will then be mailed the Toxic Waistlines Tool Box. After you receive the tool box, if you would like to schedule a meeting with MWC staff to help you get started, that can be arranged.

If you have any questions about the program, please feel free to contact me at 609-393-4953 or jdovle@njhcqi.org. Thank you and I look forward to working with you on the Toxic Waistlines program!

Sincerely,

Judith Doyle
Director, Mayors Wellness Campaign

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Mayor report for 1/26/2009

Since our reorganization meeting Jan 6:

1/7/09- I attended the opening of the advanced radiation therapy unit at St. Clare's in Dover.

1/7/09- We had our Land Use Reorganization meeting.

1/8/09- I had lunch with Bill Dressel and introduced him to Florence Block. Florence was the Exe Director of the Morris County Chamber. She left the chamber and was recently appointed the Exe Director of the US Green Building Council NJ. I believe there is a mutual benefit for these two to know each other. Florence will also keep me in the loop for changes going on with Green Building and ordinances in NJ.

1/13/09- Had our reorganization meeting for the MC LOM. I will remain VP this year. Bill Chegwiddden will remain president until the end of 09.

1/13/09- Attended Doug Cabanas campaign for Assembly kick off at Zeris Inn

1/14/09- I attended Mayors Legislative Day in Trenton. I had the chance to introduce myself to Senator Sweeney. Senator Sweeney is the Democratic Majority Leader. This is significant to us because he just signed onto Senate Bill 2262, introduced by Senator Bucco and Oraho and is the legislation that would fund the Lake Hopatcong Commission through a legislative appropriation that would come from boat registration fees. I was very happy to learn that Senator Sweeney feels this is good legislation. To quote him he said "I signed onto this Bill because Lake Hopatcong is a state lake and it is the right thing to do". That is great news since the LHC is still struggling to find funding. I urge everyone to contact any or all state Senators to ask them to support senate bill 2262. There is a list of Senators on the Lake Hopatcong Commission website but any Senator is important to reach out to about this critical issue.

I also had the chance to spend time with DEP Commissioner Murielleo to discuss issues facing Mount Arlington and the Lake Hopatcong Commission. Legislative day is a great opportunity to meet and speak to many of the leaders of our State including the Governor.

1/17/09- I attended the retirement party for Eric Grove. Eric is the retiring Sussex County Engineer. Eric has served the Lake Hopatcong Region for more than 31 years. He was a member of the Lake Hopatcong Regional Planning Board from 1977. He then became a member of the Lake Hopatcong Commission. Eric served as treasurer and on many committees. He is a good man and going to be missed. I wish him well in his retirement.

1/20/09- I attended a business plan committee meeting prior to our regular Lake Hopatcong Commission meeting.

1/23/09- I attended the Morris County Chamber of Commerce annual luncheon at the Parsippany Hilton. Chris Christie was the keynote speaker this year.

1/24/09- I was supposed to attend the Scouts Pine Wood derby but was not feeling well so I missed it. I got a report that it went very well. I believe Councilman Driscoll and Councilwoman Galate attended. This was the first year I have missed it since 2005.

1/26/09- This afternoon I attended the farewell lunch for Brigadier General Phillips. General Phillips served as commander of Picatinny for 18 months and has been called to duty in Iraq. It was a wonderful event and he was well honored. He served Picatinny and the surrounding communities well for 18 months and I am sorry to see him have to go.

In case no one took notice, we finally have a street light at the corner of Hillside Avenue and Howard Blvd. Thanks to John Anderson and John Kressman of JCPL, we finally got it done. It was a very long process, due to many different circumstances, but it is finally in and illuminating this intersection.

I want to thank Paul Nelson and our DPW for handling the last several snow events so professionally and with great diligence. I have received many thank you calls and emails for the good work they are doing when we get hit by snow and ice. I also want to commend them for the great job they are doing with the Schools. Superintendent Jamison has called me to be sure and thank them after every event. She said they are doing a superb job and that the School really appreciates their good work.

Lastly I will be out of town from January 31st until Feb 7th on a faith based mission to Galveston Island Texas to help some of the victims of the hurricane last year. Last year I went to New Orleans and this year the focus has changed to Texas. I look forward to making a difference in some people's lives as we did last year. I encourage anyone who has an opportunity to help others to take advantage and just do it. If you have never done something like this, try it, I am sure you will be very happy you did. I will report back on how it went. Those in New Orleans know that Mount Arlington's Mayor was there to help them last year and they were truly grateful.