

**BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 27, 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 for our troops fighting overseas and their families waiting for their return.

4. Roll Call

Councilman Driscoll, Councilman Sorge, Councilman Sadow, Councilwoman Galate Goodman, Councilman Doran, Mayor Ondish. JoAnne Sendler, Borough Administrator, and Matthew Giacobbe, Borough Attorney, were also present. Council President Cerasoli was not present.

5. Presentations/Mayor's Appointments

1. Certificate of Appreciation to Roger C. Rousch, Mount Arlington Fire Department.
The Mayor presented the Certificate to Roger Rousch and also announced that Mr. Rousch will be the Grand Marshall of the 2009 Memorial Day Parade.
2. Mayor's Appointment of Mount Arlington Fire Department Officers for 2009-2010.
The Mayor made the following appointments, followed by the Oath of Office administered by the Borough Attorney.

Chief	Steve Norman
Assistant Chief	Brian Heber
Captain	John Morsch
Lieutenant	Jamie DeAngelis
Engineer	John Keane
3. Mayor's Appointment of Board of Recreation Commission members.
The Mayor made the following appointments, followed by the Oath of Office administered to those present by the Borough Attorney.

Joseph Keltos	5 year term (not present)
Kelly Turner	4 year term
Jackie Esposito	3 year term
Pat Esposito	2 year term
David Karpman	1 year term (not present)

6. Old Business

1. Repair of Privately Owned Sidewalks.
The Borough Attorney will discuss this matter in Executive Session.

2. Mount Arlington Green Initiatives Committee.

Councilwoman Galate Goodman stated the Borough has more than half the points needed to be certified with the Sustainable Jersey program; we need 2% of the population to sign the town-wide pledge to conserve and recycle, which is being sent out in conjunction with the school. Minutes of the MAGIC meetings are available on the website and everyone is welcome to attend the meetings, which are every fourth Thursday at the Civic Center at 6:00 p.m. The Mayor stated that there are 80-plus New Jersey municipalities signed on to Sustainable Jersey.

3. Council Committee Reports.

Councilman Driscoll, Finance: The Committee is in the process of completing a letter to send out to the residents with regard to the budget. The Borough is still waiting for the State's extraordinary aid decision but want to send out a brief letter showing the figures of where we stand right now. Councilman Driscoll distributed the draft letter for Council to review and edit and discussed a few changes and additions. The Mayor stated that the May 11th meeting will be a budget forum for residents to attend and give opinions/comments, as opposed to a budget hearing where the Council is defending the budget decisions made. The Mayor stated we will not have the second reading/public hearing on the budget until we have all our numbers back from the State; the purpose of the letter is an attempt to let people know what is going on and future updates will be placed on the website.

Councilman Sadow, Recreation: The Commission has gone from growing pains to teenage years. The largest amount of recreation activity starts this time of year and, along with the administration changes, they have put in a tremendous amount of effort and Councilman Sadow thanked all past and present members.

Councilman Sadow attended the Fire Department Dinner and stated that the members hire a bus to take them to and from the event, which demonstrates their commitment to safety for our residents and Borough.

Councilman Doran, Fire, Rescue & OEM: There has been a delay in the work on the Howard Boulevard construction but all emergency equipment is staged to be moved, with no change in response time or alterations in ability to respond to any emergency. The Building Committee also met this week to review bids received on the modifications to the fire house. The Borough has been trying to upgrade the main floor, provide usable offices and refurbish the bathrooms and we will take action on that tonight. We are still looking at a location to relocate the EMT teams that are with us 24/7; we are trying to eliminate paying rent for the apartment next to the fire house and are looking at a few options, either use one of our existing buildings or retrofit the lower level of the firehouse.

Councilwoman Galate Goodman, Police: The Borough Attorney stated that the Police contract is ratified; there are two minor changes that are not substantive but ready to ratify this evening.

Councilwoman Galate Goodman, Board of Education: The Board of Education budget passed and she congratulated Sheila Studint and Anne Hughes. The schools are still collecting cell phones for soldiers in Iraq and can be dropped off at the schools or library.

Councilwoman Galate Goodman stated that Councilman Sadow is head of the Mayors Wellness, part of Sustainable Jersey, and is working with the school as well.

7. New Business

None.

8. Open to Public

Debra Hill, 352 Howard Boulevard:

- Ms. Hill stated that there is a 2009 NJ Emergency Preparedness Seminar in Atlantic City, May 4 – 8th at the Tropicana, and inquired if anyone from the Borough was attending. The Mayor will be attending the Mayors Conference in Atlantic City but not the Emergency Preparedness Seminar; the Borough usually does all emergency/OEM seminars through the County.

Dick Ashton, 134 Ridgeview Lane:

- Mr. Ashton stated that the Mayor formed a Citizens Budget Review Committee, on which he is a member, and he hasn't gone to any meetings as of yet; Mr. Ashton did receive a copy of the budget but wants to know the date of the next meeting. The Mayor stated there was only a brief meet and greet meeting, and the first meeting of the Committee will be next week.

Veronica Silkes, Succasunna Road:

- Ms. Silkes asked if there would be only one Citizens Budget Review Committee meeting and the Mayor stated that the Committee will meet as many times as needed.

- Ms. Silkes asked if the Borough was part of the State cooperative purchasing program. The Mayor stated we go through both the County and the State.

- Ms. Silkes referenced the Borough's website and questioned the length time between Council approval of resolutions and website availability. The Mayor stated that all resolutions, not only the check registers, will be placed on the website; we are working on downloading as much information as possible.

- Ms. Silkes referred to two line items on the budget itself, one is salary & wages and underneath, "other expense", and she questioned that line. The Borough Administrator stated "other expense" covers all other items, supplies, books, repairs, etc., everything but salaries. Councilwoman Galate Goodman explained that everything has a line item detail, but for the sake of the budget, these items were put under that heading.

- Ms. Silkes asked to comment on Ordinance #08-09, to Exceed the Budget Appropriations. The Mayor stated the ordinance is on second reading/Public Hearing tonight and we will address it at that point.

Nancy Absalom, 15 Oak Street:

- Ms. Absalom stated she works for an accountant and wanted to know how she can see the breakdown of line items in the budget. The Mayor invited Ms. Absalom to be a member of the Citizens Budget Review Committee and formally made the appointment. Ms. Absalom suggested furlough for some employees rather than letting them go; Council agreed that while sensitive to these employees, furlough is not the answer.

9. Approval of Minutes

March 23, 2009

Regular Meeting

Motion to Approve: Councilman Sorge.

Second: Councilman Doran.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Driscoll, Sorge, Galate Goodman, Doran.

Nay: None.

Abstain: Sadow.

Motion Approved.

April 13, 2009

Regular Meeting

Motion to Approve: Councilman Driscoll.

Second: Councilman Sadow.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Driscoll, Sadow, Galate Goodman, Doran.

Nay: None.

Abstain: Sorge.

Motion Approved.

Motion to Move the Executive Session to the End of the Meeting:
Councilman Sorge.

Second: Councilman Driscoll.

All in Favor – Aye; None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

11. Resolutions

- 2009-80** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Terminating An Employee By Reason of Economy.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Driscoll.

Second: Councilman Sorge.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Driscoll, Sorge, Sadow, Galate Goodman, Doran.

Nay: None.

Motion Approved.

- 2009-81** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Terminating An Employee By Reason of Economy.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Driscoll.

Second: Councilman Sorge.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Driscoll, Sorge, Sadow, Galate Goodman, Doran.

Nay: None.

Motion Approved.

- 2009-82** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Appointing Thomas Mahoney as Acting Construction Official for a Term Not to Exceed 30 Days.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Driscoll.

Second: Councilman Doran.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Driscoll, Sorge, Sadow, Galate Goodman, Doran.

Nay: None.

Motion Approved.

- 2009-83** 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 an Agreement Between the Borough of Mount Arlington and the Mount Arlington Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge #78.

Motion to Approve: Councilwoman Galate Goodman.

Second: Councilman Doran.

Borough Attorney Giacobbe stated that there are two minor changes to the Memorandum of Agreement: it states 104 hours of time but should say 110 hours, and the Agreement is to provide that upon retirement, the officers will be afforded the same level of benefits they had at the time of retirement, which is mandated by law. This still allows the Borough to move carriers but whatever the level of coverage is at the time of retirement is what the officer will have forever, actually a locked-in level.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Driscoll, Sorge, Sadow, Galate Goodman, Doran.

Nay: None.

Motion Approved.

- 2009-84** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, Endorsing Submission of a Tonnage Grant Application to the NJDEP.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Sorge.

Second: Councilman Sadow.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Driscoll, Sorge, Sadow, Galate Goodman, Doran.

Nay: None.

Motion Approved.

- 2009-85** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, Authorizing Submission of Expenditures for Taxes Paid on Solid Waste Disposal or Transfer at a Solid Waste Facility.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Driscoll.

Second: Councilman Sorge.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Driscoll, Sorge, Sadow, Galate Goodman, Doran.

Nay: None.

Motion Approved.

- 2009-86** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing a Traffic Safety Plan Associated with the Annual Fourth of July Fireworks Display.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Sorge.

Second: Councilman Doran.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Driscoll, Sorge, Sadow, Galate Goodman, Doran.

Nay: None.

Motion Approved.

- 2009-87** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Awarding Contract for Howard Boulevard Firehouse Renovations.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Doran.

Second: Councilman Sorge.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Driscoll, Sorge, Sadow, Galate Goodman, Doran.

Nay: None.

Motion Approved.

- 2009-88** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Awarding Contract for Village Center Flood Control and Drainage Improvements.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Driscoll.

Second: Councilman Sorge.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Driscoll, Sorge, Sadow, Galate Goodman.

Nay: None.

Abstain: Doran.

Motion Approved.

- 2009-89** 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 Road Opening Agreement Between the County of Morris and the Borough of Mount Arlington.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Driscoll.

Second: Councilman Sorge.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Driscoll, Sorge, Sadow, Galate Goodman, Doran.

Nay: None.

Motion Approved.

- 2009-90** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Supporting the Mayors Wellness Campaign.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Sadow.

Second: Councilman Driscoll.

The Mayor read the Resolution into the record.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Driscoll, Sorge, Sadow, Galate Goodman, Doran.

Nay: None.

Motion Approved.

Added Resolutions:

- 2009-91** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Temporary Suspension of Parking Restrictions on Seasons Drive, as Set Forth in Chapter 169, Section 37, of the Code of the Borough of Mount Arlington.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Sadow.

Second: Councilman Driscoll.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Driscoll, Sorge, Sadow, Galate Goodman, Doran.

Nay: None.

Motion Approved.

- 2009-92** 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 Professional Service Contracts.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Doran.

Second: Councilwoman Galate Goodman.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Driscoll, Sorge, Sadow, Galate Goodman, Doran.

Nay: None.

Motion Approved.

12. Ordinances – Introduction

- 11-09** 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 Execution of A Shared Services Agreement with the Township of Jefferson to Share Construction Services.

The Mayor read Ordinance 11-09 by Title.

Motion: Councilman Sorge stated that Ordinance 11-09 be introduced by Title and passed on First Reading and that a meeting be held on May 26, 2009 at 10:00 a.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.

Councilwoman Galate Goodman questioned the Agreement which states that there will be only one set of books. The Borough Administrator stated Jefferson would keep their books and we would keep ours, we will be collecting all the money; we will keep our books and they will have to account to us for all of their expenditures. Councilwoman Galate Goodman also questioned the insurance; Borough Administrator stated they will be in our municipality so we have to cover them, which also went through Rich Allocca. Councilwoman Galate Goodman questioned the fees; we get to keep all the fees but it also says we will pay 50% to Jefferson. The Borough Administrator stated we will collect all the fees, any money that a Mount Arlington resident pays for permits. Jefferson's base fee will

start at \$44,400 and on top of that, they will get half of our prior years permit fees so that every year we know the exact amount to budget. The Mayor stated this is a five year agreement and the Borough Administrator added that either party has to give six months notice prior to leaving the Joint Court to July 1st of any given year because that would afford time to budget for hiring or another shared service.

Roll Call:

Aye: Driscoll, Sorge, Sadow, Galate Goodman, Doran.

Nay: None.

Motion Approved.

- 12-09** 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 67-5 Entitled Construction Codes, Uniform, and Chapter A210 Entitled Fees in the Code of the Borough of Mount Arlington.

The Mayor read Ordinance 12-09 by Title.

Motion: Councilman Driscoll stated that Ordinance 12-09 be introduced by Title and passed on First Reading and that a meeting be held on May 26, 2009 at 10:00 a.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 Sorge.

Councilman Doran questioned the fee for a rain sensor for an automatic lawn sprinkler system when we are doing everything we can to conserve water. The Borough Administrator stated with shared services, both parties have to have the same ordinances so there is never any confusion as far as costs are concerned; when they look at their cost and base pay, it needs to be consistent with what we are charging. The purpose of the fee adjustment is to be consistent with Jefferson.

Roll Call:

Aye: Driscoll, Sorge, Sadow, Galate Goodman, Doran.

Nay: None.

Motion Approved.

- 13-09** 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 17 entitled Land Development and Rescinding Chapter 108 of the Code of the Borough of Mount Arlington.

The Mayor read Ordinance 13-09 by Title.

Motion: Councilman Driscoll stated that Ordinance 13-09 be introduced by Title and passed on First Reading and that a meeting be held on May 26, 2009 at 10:00 a.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.

Roll Call:

Aye: Driscoll, Sorge, Sadow, Galate Goodman, Doran.

Nay: None.

Motion Approved.

13. Ordinances – Second Reading

- 07-09** An Ordinance of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Amending Chapter 17 Entitled Land Development, Chapter 133 Entitled Property Maintenance and Chapter 134 Entitled Certificate of Habitability of the Code of the Borough of Mount Arlington.

The Mayor opened the Hearing to the Public on Ordinance #07-09 and read the Ordinance by title.

Councilman Driscoll stated, I move for adoption and final passage of Ordinance #07-09.

Second: Councilman Sadow.

Roll Call:

Aye: Driscoll, Sorge, Sadow, Galate Goodman, Doran.

Nay: None.

Motion Approved.

The Mayor declared that Ordinance #07-09 is passed on second reading and directed the Clerk to publish the notice of adoption as required by law.

- 08-09** An Ordinance of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, To Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a CAP Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14), Calendar Year 2009.

The Mayor opened the Hearing to the Public on Ordinance #08-09 and read the Ordinance by title.

Veronica Silkes, Succasunna Road: Ms. Silkes asked for clarification on how much over the cap the Council is going and is it on specific items or on the entire budget. The Mayor stated this is dependent on whether or not we receive the extraordinary aid; if we do received the aid, we will be in better shape with the cap. The Borough Administrator stated that every year the State allows a certain percentage which has nothing to do with the 4% levy cap, which is the entire municipal budget. This ordinance relates to the items the State considers inside the cap and changes every year. Those items that are inside the cap we can automatically raise by 2.5%, for the last ten years; previously it was 3%. The budget document itself lists the items inside and outside the cap. The State further states that they will give us the 2.5% if the needs are there and we can go to 3.5% this year; if we don't use it all, we can bank it because if our needs are greater next year or the year after, we can use that money on whatever items are dictated each year.

Councilman Driscoll stated, I move for adoption and final passage of Ordinance #08-09.

Second: Councilman Sorge.

Councilman Doran stated that we need to do this in order to keep the Borough operating.

Roll Call:

Aye: Driscoll, Sorge, Sadow, Galate Goodman, Doran.

Nay: None.

Motion Approved.

The Mayor declared that Ordinance #08-09 is passed on second reading and directed the Clerk to publish the notice of adoption as required by law.

- 09-09** An Ordinance of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Amending Chapter 127 Entitled Peace and Good Order, of the Code of the Borough of Mount Arlington.

The Mayor opened the Hearing to the Public on Ordinance #09-09 and read the Ordinance by title.

Councilman Driscoll stated, I move for adoption and final passage of Ordinance #09-09.

Second: Councilman Sorge.

Roll Call:

Aye: Driscoll, Sorge, Sadow, Galate Goodman, Doran.

Nay: None.

Motion Approved.

The Mayor declared that Ordinance #09-09 is passed on second reading and directed the Clerk to publish the notice of adoption as required by law.

10-09

An Ordinance of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Providing for the Municipal Consent of the Borough for United Water New Jersey Inc. to Provide Water Service to Block 61, Lots 42.01, 42.02 and 42.03; Block 72, Lots 1.01 and 1.02; Block 72.01, Lot 3; Block 82, Lots 1.01, 1.02, 1.03 and 1.04; Block 82.01, Lot 1; Block 83, Lots 9, 15.01 and 15.02; and Block 83.01, Lot 1, in the Borough of Mount Arlington and for the Laying of Pipes and the Installation of Other Utility Facilities as May Be Necessary.

The Mayor opened the Hearing to the Public on Ordinance #10-09 and read the Ordinance by title.

Nancy Absalom, 15 Oak Street: Ms. Absalom asked the streets/section of the Borough where these lots are located. The Mayor stated behind Seasons Glen, where the water tower is located.

Paula Danchuk, 50 Elizabeth Way: Ms. Danchuk stated that at the Land Use meeting, Shadow Woods asked for an extension of ten years but only received five years; will they be doing the water pipes anyway. The Mayor stated this is a project going on by United Water and the developer, it will service Shadow Woods but United Water is still moving forward with this. The Mayor stated this water is for the new office buildings and Shadow Woods. The water rate issue is a completely separate issue.

Nathaniel Yohalem, Esq., Attorney for United Water: Mr. Yohalem stated the original ordinance encompassed three additional lots that do not appear on this ordinance. The Borough Attorney stated that Block 84, Lot 3, Block 72, Lot 2 and Block 72, Lot 3 will be included in the final ordinance; these three properties must be zoned as single family homes and the water utility providing water service must have sufficient capacity to service these properties at the time each property owner requests to connect to the service.

Councilman Doran stated, I move for adoption and final passage of Ordinance #10-09.

Second: Councilman Driscoll.

Councilman Sorge stated that at the previous meeting, Council discussed that any additional cost incurred would be paid by the developer. The Borough Attorney read paragraph 40 which stated this same clause. Councilman Sorge stated that there is a lot of air in the water lines; a representative from United Water was present and stated they have not received any complaints regarding air in the lines.

Councilman Sadow stated he does not understand the urgency when a project is not imminent. Councilman Sadow referenced item 4B, the issue of restoration of disturbance for a period of six months; if the building is not going to occur in the foreseeable future and the disturbance is not yet known, six months seems to be a short time period, and it does not indicate how it will be maintained or restored. The Borough Attorney explained that it is a six month guarantee that United Water will restore the disturbance according to approval by the Borough Engineer and once they restore it, they will guarantee that for six months.

Councilman Sadow said he is concerned because six months does not even allow for a four season change, particularly water moving, ice formation, etc. Councilman Sadow stated he would be much more comfortable with a twelve month guarantee, especially as it may impact the residents of Seasons Glen where there is non-standard terrain. Mr. Yohalem, Attorney for United Water, stated that the company policy has always been six months but the United Water representatives here at the meeting are making phone calls now to see if that can be extended.

Motion to Hold Ordinance #10-09 and Continue with the Agenda:

Councilman Sadow.

Second: Councilman Sadow.

All in Favor – Aye; None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

14. Motions

1. New Jersey State Firemen's Association Membership Applications:
 - Michael J. Montalto

Motion to Approve: Councilman Doran.

Second: Councilman Sorge.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Driscoll, Sorge, Sadow, Galate Goodman, Doran.

Nay: None.

Motion Approved.

2. Vendor's Permit Application from Andrew Letizia to sell hot dogs, etc. at Lee's County Park.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Sorge.

Second: Councilman Driscoll.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Driscoll, Sorge, Sadow, Galate Goodman, Doran.

Nay: None.

Motion Approved.

15. Mayor's Report

The Mayor read his report into the record.

16. Borough Administrator's Report

The Borough Administrator stated that there is a new website, ModestNeeds.org, with the purpose of helping those in need by asking them their needs (pay a utility bill, etc.) and anyone can go on to the site and donate toward each issue; the individuals looking for help do not get the money, it goes directly toward the bill. Councilman Sadow had volunteered to help out with this for the residents of Mount Arlington. The Borough Administrator stated that we might possibly put a committee together to assist our residents; it is all anonymous with total privacy. We could put a link onto our website with the note that it is for Mount Arlington residents only.

Motion to Return to the Public Hearing of Ordinance #10-09:

Councilman Doran.

Second: Councilman Sorge.

All in Favor – Aye; None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

Mr. Yohalem stated that United Water has agreed to change the provision in paragraph 4 (b) to twelve months.

Roll Call:

Aye: Driscoll, Sadow, Galate Goodman, Doran.

Nay: Sorge.

Motion Approved.

The Mayor declared that **Ordinance #10-09 is passed on second reading** and directed the Clerk to publish the notice of adoption as required by law.

Councilman Doran stated he wanted some comments on record, specifically those made in the Mount Arlington Public School District flyer that was probably sent to every home in Mount Arlington. Councilman Doran read the following paragraph into the record:

“As numerous changes have been placed before us this year, due to the defeat of last years budget, and our **Borough Council’s extensive cuts to our bottom line**, The impact of this has resulted in the early evening closing of our Decker School, reduction of \$25,000 in annual maintenance projects, decreased custodial staff, no window replacements, no instructional programs; reduce teacher training, reduction of student support services and a reduction in general supplies.Please be reminded that due to last year’s budget defeat and the subsequent cuts, our base budget was increased by less than 1%.”

Councilman Doran stated that he takes issue with this paragraph as he believes it contains inaccuracies, and many of these changes were instituted by the Board after the reduction was given to them by the Council; specific items were not impacted by the Council, such as the closing of Decker School, decreasing the custodial staff, we did ask to eliminate the window replacements, but we made no comments on instructional programs. Council did not comment on teacher training, student support services or a reduction in supplies that were necessary to educate our children and in fact, there was a very careful attempt, on behalf of this Council, to direct any changes to capital expenses. The Mayor will ask members of the school board, along with Superintendent Jane Jameson, to meet with Councilman Doran, Council President Cerasoli and Councilwoman Galate Goodman to meet and discuss the flyer and do whatever we can to work together.

Councilman Sadow stated that in our packet, there was a document about the NJ Blood Shortage and nationally summertime is always the highest time of need. Councilman Sadow would like to organize something within the Borough; the previous blood drives have been very unsuccessful the last couple of years. Councilman Sadow stated that this is the time to do it if it is to be of value. The Borough Administrator will obtain some information from the Red Cross on our options.

Councilman Sadow stated that with regard to the Hepatitis B vaccine for the Fire Department, he spoke with the members of the Fire Department regarding the pros and cons and urged the importance of the vaccine. He also reminded them that there are some PEOH regulations which will potentially have them off the Fire Department if they do not sign the declinations or get the shots.

Councilman Sadow stated that he does not believe why an aerator (pump) was installed in Memorial Pond.

Councilman Sadow asked about our Police officers firearm training. Sergeant Ed LaBruno was present and verified training was twice a year, they do get paid and try to schedule training when on duty. The Borough Attorney stated the training is mandated by the Attorney General guidelines. Sergeant LaBruno said day fire, night fire and shotgun takes approximately 4 hours and return to work after that training.

Sergeant LaBruno thanked the Borough Attorney, Borough Administrator and police contract negotiating team (Council President Cerasoli, Councilwoman Galate Goodman, Councilman Driscoll), for their efforts in coming to a final police contract.

Councilman Sorge requested that Council Meetings go back to the previously scheduled time of 7:00 p.m., rather than 6:00 p.m. Councilman Doran stated he supports this in every way; the purpose was to draw some of our seniors to the meetings and keep the meetings a little bit shorter. Councilman Sadow stated that he feels changing the time will not change the duration but he does support a shorter duration. The Borough Attorney suggested that we break out our agenda, the resolutions can be done by consent and can be exempt from the consent if need be. The Clerk suggested placing the Executive

Session at the end of the agenda and, if the need arises, we can move it forward at that particular meeting. Council agreed to these changes and discussed that they will aim for trying to complete the meetings by 8:30 p.m., should business allow.

10. Executive Session

2009-79 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: Personnel, Recreation Director, Snow Shoveling Services Waiver Consent.

Motion to Go Into Executive Session: Councilman Sadow.
Second: Councilman Sorge.
All in Favor – Aye; None Opposed.
Motion Approved.

Motion to Return to Open Session: Councilman Doran.
Second: Councilman Sorge.
All in Favor – Aye; None Opposed.
Motion Approved.

Council discussed the various options regarding the Municipal Beach: hiring lifeguards, hours, etc. The Mayor suggested that we gather some information on the beach this year and possibly make cuts next year, if need be. Councilman Driscoll stated that maybe we should see if we can get qualified lifeguards before setting the days/hours of the beach. The Borough Administrator stated that we have to vote on the lifeguards at the May 11th meeting because the next Council meeting is after Memorial Day. Councilman Sadow stated that the Council cannot make a decision on the beach based on the lifeguards; the decision has to be based on what the Council feels should be done with the beach. Councilwoman Galate Goodman stated that during the year, we might be able to find money to offset the cost of the beach. Councilman Doran stated the action we are taking is to use the same method we used last year which got us flush with lifeguards. The Borough Administrator stated that if we employ four trained lifeguards, it will cover Thursday to Sunday every week; two trained lifeguards might not be willing to work only weekends. We do not have to pay the Red Cross again; we will hire only trained lifeguards or they could pay for training on their own. Council agreed to maintain last year's schedule provided the trained lifeguards are available.

17. Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn: Councilman Sorge.
Second: Councilwoman Galate Goodman.
All in Favor – Aye; None Opposed.
Motion Approved.

Linda DeSantis, RMC
Borough Clerk

Minutes Tabled at May 26, 2009 Council Meeting.

Minutes Approved at Council Meeting of June 8, 2009.

**CERTIFICATE OF
APPRECIATION**

AWARDED TO

ROGER C. ROUSCH

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council wish to publicly extend their gratitude and deepest appreciation to ***Roger C. Rousch*** for his 50 years of service as a member and former Chief of the Mount Arlington Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council consider it an honor and privilege to award this Certificate to ***Roger C. Rousch*** for 50 years of unending dedication, commitment, and allegiance to the Borough of Mount Arlington and the Mount Arlington Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council wish to further acknowledge ***Roger C. Rousch*** for his loyalty and continued willingness to assist those in need.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN, that the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington wish to honor, recognize and express thanks to ***Roger C. Rousch*** for 50 years of unprecedented dedication to the Mount Arlington Fire Department.

Arthur R. Ondish, Mayor

April 27, 2009

Mayors Message for 4/27/09:

Since the meeting of 4/13/09

4/15/09- Attended the Morris County League of Municipalities meeting at the Bretton Wood in Morris Plains. Councilman Sadow and Driscoll also attended. I participated in the signing of a covenant that is mean for Mount Arlington to do whatever we can to assist and aide military personnel and their families. We have some information on our website and more will be following about how we can assist. I believe there were 22 Mayors that signed as well.

There was also discussion about the relationship between Municipal governing bodies and School boards dealing with defeated school budgets. Thankfully we will not be facing a failed budget this year.

4/16/09- There was a major structural house fire on Edgemere Ave. I once again want to commend our fire department for doing a great job in responding and the way they managed this event.

- I attended the opening of the Musconetcong Watershed Associations new headquarters and learning center located in Asbury NJ. This is a state of the art facility and rated by LEED as a platinum facility. This will be a great resource in educating our youth as to the importance of being sustainable and how to protect our environment.

4/18/09- I stopped by to wish Virginia Rooney a happy 90th birthday.

4/18/09- Officiated a wedding at Skylands in Randolph

4/22/09- Attended a building committee meeting here at Boro Hall.

-Met with the young cub scouts here at Boro Hall for an interview. It was a lot of fun to hear what they are thinking and answer their questions.

-Attended our regular Land Use meeting

I will leave on Wednesday to attend the Conference of Mayors convention in Atlantic City. I just found out Friday that I was asked to be one of the two honorary chairs of the convention this year. I look forward to this educational and informative annual event.