

**BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 26, 2006**

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 January 19, 2006; notice was posted on the bulletin board in the main hallway of the Municipal Building on January 10, 2006 and has been available to the public; notice of this meeting is on file in the office of the Borough Clerk.

3. Flag Salute

The Mayor asked for a moment of silence to remember those soldiers fighting for us, to give us the opportunity to hold these meetings, and for their families that are missing them; pray for their speedy return.

4. Roll Call

Councilman Doran, Councilman Sorge, Councilwoman Cerasoli, Council President Driscoll, Mayor Ondish. JoAnne Sendler, Borough Administrator, and Joseph Bell, Borough Attorney, were also present. Councilman Stone was absent to due work and Councilwoman Mulligan was absent due to illness.

5. Presentations/Mayor's Appointments

- Land Use Board Member, Alternate IV, Appointment (filling unexpired 2-year term, expires 12/31/06)
The Mayor stated that he wanted to appoint a fireman to the Land Use Board to fill Mr. Levitt's seat. Fire Department President Brian Kincaid suggested Fireman Ray Simard who is willing to serve and has over thirty years experience in construction. The Mayor publicly appointed Ray Simard as Land Use Board Member, Alternate IV, filling an unexpired 2-year term, which expires 12/31/06.

6. Old Business

1. Clerk's Follow-Up Report Memorandum, dated June 15, 2006.
The Clerk discussed the items on the follow-up list, noting further follow-up direction/status of any open items.

7. New Business

Councilman Sorge requested the Council discuss the use of Borough buildings; this request will be listed under Old Business on the July 10, 2006 Agenda.

8. Approval of Minutes

None.

9. Open to Public

Charles Squires, 26 Birch Terrace:

- Mr. Squires asked when the new library would be open. JoAnne Sendler stated that they are in the process of installing the carpeting now but there are many other items to be completed; probably looking at opening in early fall.

Eric Stone, 582 Audrey Road and Member of Board of Education:

- Mr. Stone attended with PTA Members Eric Steiner and John Longtine. Mr. Stone stated that they had approached Council publicly several months back regarding the Project Fit America Grant and had solicited the Borough's assistance in volunteering some of the efforts of DPW or Borough resources to help. They have been awarded the grant from Project Fit America, estimated value of \$16,300, and the equipment will be delivered in late July. Mr. Stone stated he is here to ask for assistance in Borough personnel and resources to help complete the site work. Councilman Doran stated that we are just waiting for the final word as Council had agreed to personnel and equipment assistance; Joseph Keltos and Councilman Doran have been corresponding for months. Mr. Stone stated that they

are seeking volunteers for the minor projects which include the installation of the mulch but they are looking for site work and containment from the Borough. Mr. Stone stated that they wanted Borough and Council to consider any discretionary funds that could be utilized for the \$2000 to cover that cost of the tough timbers installation. JoAnne Sendler stated that she does not see an immediate appropriate place to find the funds but she will speak with CFO Allan Dickinson. Councilman Doran stated that for the record, up until tonight, we were only going to do the site grading so he was not sure that the installation of the timbers was part of it, which may be some additional time involved as far as our DPW personnel. JoAnne Sendler asked if the Borough does not have an area for that funding, would the Board of Education complete it. Mr. Stone stated that they are trying to raise additional funds through the PTA, because it would be a conflict with the Board of Education to solicit funds.

10. Executive Session

*Added Resolution

2006-116 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 Move the Added Executive Session to the End of the Meeting:
Councilman Sorge.

Second: Councilman Doran.

All in Favor – Aye; None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

11. Resolutions

2006-110 Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Appointing Patricia Simari as OEM Deputy.

Motion to Approve: Council President Driscoll.

Second: Councilwoman Cerasoli.

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

Motion Approved.

2006-111 Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Re-Appointing John (Jack) Marchione, CTA, Tax Assessor of the Borough of Mount Arlington.

Jack Marchione was present and the Mayor and Council congratulated him on reaching tenure with the Borough and thanked him for his years of excellent service.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Sorge.

Second: Councilwoman Cerasoli.

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

Motion Approved.

2006-112 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 Risk Management Consultant's Agreement.

Motion to Approve: Council President Driscoll.

Second: Councilman Sorge.

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

Motion Approved.

- 2006-113** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Opposing Rate Increase Proposed by JCP&L.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Doran.
 Second: Councilman Sorge.
 Roll Call: Doran, Sorge, Cerasoli, Council President Driscoll.
 Motion Approved.

- 2006-114** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, to Determine the Extended Grace Period Date for Third Quarter 2006 Tax Payments.

Motion to Approve: Council President Driscoll.
 Second: Councilwoman Cerasoli.
 Roll Call: Doran, Sorge, Cerasoli, Council President Driscoll.
 Motion Approved.

***Added Resolution**

- 2006-115** 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 NJDOT Grant Application. (Orben Drive Roadway and Drainage Improvements)

Motion to Approve: Councilman Doran.
 Second: Councilwoman Cerasoli.
 Roll Call: Doran, Sorge, Cerasoli, Council President Driscoll.
 Motion Approved.

12. Ordinances – Introduction

None.

13. Ordinances – Second Reading

- 1. Motion to Remove Ordinance 16-06 from Table** (Tabled at June 12, 2006 Council Meeting):

Motion to Remove Ordinance 16-06 from the Table: Councilman Doran.
 Second: Council President Driscoll.
 Roll Call: Doran, Sorge, Cerasoli, Council President Driscoll.
 Motion Approved.

- 16-06** Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris and State of New Jersey, Amending Chapter 67-5 of the Borough Code, Titled Construction Fees.

JoAnne Sendler stated that she has asked Sandor Nyari for a five-year projection; Mr. Nyari's concern is that the permit fees will not cover the costs of construction which does not mean that we should simply raise fees. Mr. Nyari will provide this information by early fall. Ms. Sendler stated that since there will be material changes to the ordinance, a new ordinance would be in order after Council reviews Mr. Nyari's projections and fee comparisons to other municipalities.

Motion to Defeat Ordinance 16-06: Councilman Doran.
 Second: Councilwoman Cerasoli.
 Roll Call: Doran, Sorge, Cerasoli, Council President Driscoll.
 Motion Approved.
 Ordinance Defeated.

14. Motions

1. Approval of Mount Arlington Public Library Board of Trustees Resolution.

Motion to Approve: Councilwoman Cerasoli.
 Second: Council President Driscoll.
 Roll Call: Doran, Sorge, Cerasoli, Council President Driscoll.
 Motion Approved.

2. Donation:

1. Knee Deep Club Annual Donation: \$500.00.

Motion to Approve: Council President Driscoll.
 Second: Councilwoman Cerasoli.
 Roll Call: Doran, Sorge, Cerasoli, Council President Driscoll.
 Motion Approved.

3. Civic Center Rental

1. Jeanne Beresford, 503 Windermere Avenue, for a Bridal Shower on August 27, 2006 from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Doran.
 Second: Councilwoman Cerasoli.
 Roll Call: Doran, Sorge, Cerasoli, Council President Driscoll.
 Motion Approved.

15. Mayor's Report

- The Mayor performed weddings this past weekend.
- The Mayor attended the eighth grade graduation ceremony on Friday evening.
- The Mayor was in Trenton today with Daren Phil regarding negotiations.

The following portion of the Mayor's Report is transcribed verbatim:

Mayor Ondish: With regard to the Lake Commission, so that everybody knows and is aware, we do have a really serious weed condition this year on the lake; it's not just Lake Hopatcong, it's all the lakes in this general area. The reason for that, and I think I've said this in previous meetings but I'm going to say it again so it's in the Minutes (Linda, please make sure you do this verbatim) – the Lake was low this winter, there was very little ice on the lake and very little snow; the snow normally goes on top of the ice and blocks out the sunlight and the weeds die over the winter. This year, that did not happen; this year the weeds were able to grow through most of the winter so instead of starting from scratch in the spring, they were already on their way to growing and so we have weeds out there this year. Mr. Doran I know you are bombarded by the weeds down where you live. Dr. Lubnow from Princeton Hydro, made this prediction back in February that this was going to be happening; we let everybody know it was going to be a rough year. The Commission is lacking funding for the operating budget, we took every step we could to try to skim along. This year we replaced two people with full time people rather than the seasonal people we used last year to try to save money; the seasonal people were very nice but some of them only stayed for a week after training and then they left. The full time person would take two weeks out of their normal schedule to train somebody, then they left and had to bring somebody else in, it was a mess. Two additional full time people so we are at full staff – six harvesters out there every day working; three at the north end of the lake and three at the south end of the lake and they are working every day, harvesting, so we are doing the best we can – there is really not much more we can do at this point in time. The newspapers called today and asked if the Commission had money would we put more harvesters out there – well, sure, the more harvesters the more you can get harvested but at this point in time, we don't have that extra money, we don't have the extra equipment, we have six harvesters and they are working every day. I am getting complaints, obviously the Commission meeting last Monday night was three hours of being bashed for not knowing what we're doing or we are not doing the right thing for people who have never been to a Commission meeting before but all of a sudden they have weeds and we are the bad people but anyway, we are going to keep on the path we're doing. We are going to be out there harvesting every day and people just have to be patient and I know

everybody is not happy unless the weeds in front of their house are cleaned up but unfortunately, we can't be everywhere with nine miles of lake and six harvesters. So, if anybody asks you, they have to be patient. I was called today from Donna McCalle-Holly, our administrator at the Commission, and she's asking if the towns around the lake could set up dumpsters so if people wanted to pick up floaters in front of their house and take them up to a dumpster they can. JoAnne called our garbage hauler who said we can bring them up to the dumpsters at DPW, the MUA dumpsters, they will take it as vegetative waste or people can dry it out and put it out in bags on Wednesday when our yard waste is picked up. So, if someone wants to harvest, pull weeds out which is a pain and its ugly and they smell and its disgusting but if people want to do it, they can and put them out and we'll pick them up on Wednesday's. I didn't hear what Roxbury is going to do but I'm sure they'll provide a dumpster, I haven't heard what Jefferson or Hopatcong is going to do but I'm sure they'll do the same thing. So, that's the only thing we can do or people can do on their own, possibly pick up weeds, if they're floaters, don't expect people to be out there with a sickle cutting the weeds. The age old question is how come we don't use chemicals anymore; we used to use chemicals years ago on the Lake and there were no problems because the weeds would just die and that was it but unfortunately those chemicals were found to not be as great for the lake as should be so the State decided that we are not to use chemicals anymore. There are independent communities around the lake, as a matter of fact there are 26 this year, that did get permits from the DEP, to treat with chemicals and they can do it on their own but we cannot do it as a state agency – the Commission cannot treat with chemicals, we have to harvest. We are working with those communities and when they are going to treat, we try to get there that day and pick up as many weeds as we can so that when the weeds die they don't fall down into the lake, which is what we try to avoid happening with the harvesters. The whole idea is to take the bio-mass out of the lake so it doesn't become eutrophic and fill up the lake. When those weeds go to the bottom, they become fertilizer for more weeds so we're working with those communities trying to take the weeds out so that in the future, there are less weeds. We hope those chemicals work for those people and that's only twenty six different areas. The Commission itself cannot treat with chemicals, we can only harvest.

End of verbatim portion.

- The Mayor stated that the Windermere Sidewalk Project will be starting soon.

16. Borough Administrator's Report

- Ms. Sendler has an item for Executive Session only.

The Mayor opened the meeting up to the Public.

Charles Squires, 26 Birch Terrace:

- Mr. Squires stated he was disappointed with the Council when Mr. Stone made a request for a \$2,000. JoAnne Sendler stated that she had said there was no immediate appropriate place for us to take the money; whenever the Board of Education has in fact set down a budget, this Council has supported it. The Mayor stated that Ms. Sendler has to speak with the auditors to see if there is a way we can assist. Mr. Stone stated that what they are looking for, more importantly, is the resources of the work and the equipment.

Brian Kincaid, 16 Maple Lane and President of Mount Arlington Fire Department:

- Mr. Kincaid stated that the Fire Department has an influx of new members, nine new volunteer members right now.
- Mr. Kincaid stated that the Fire Department will take over the 911 Observance Ceremony of the Borough; Glen Bromley and Tiffany Perillo will be organizing the ceremony.
- Mr. Kincaid reminded Council of the upcoming Fire Department Beefsteak Dinner fundraiser in September at the Elks Lodge.
- Mr. Kincaid thanked the Mayor for appointing firefighter Ray Simard to the Land Use Board.

The Mayor closed the meeting to the Public.

- The Mayor requested the Borough adopt a resolution Opposing the FAA Air Space Redesign at the July 10, 2006 meeting, copying the Parsippany-Troy Hills resolution in the June 23rd packet.
- The Mayor mentioned the Jefferson Resolution regarding the Senior Tax Freeze and the Jefferson Resolution regarding State Spending and Taxes in the State Budget FY 2007.

- The Mayor read a letter into the record, dated June 15, 2006 from Ridgeview Condominium Association regarding the recent Meet and Greet. Councilwoman Cerasoli suggested scheduling a Meet and Greet with Seasons Glen; the Mayor stated that the next one would be with Pennington and then with Seasons Glen.

10. Executive Session

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Motion to Go Into Executive Session: Councilman Doran.
Second: Council President Driscoll.
All in Favor – Aye; None Opposed.
Motion Approved.

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

17. Adjourn

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

Linda DeSantis, RMC
Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved with Corrections at Council Meeting of July 10, 2006.

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HORIZONS AT MOUNT ARLINGTON CA
C/O MIDSTATE A & R MANAGEMENT LLC
36 ELIZABETH WAY
LANDING, NEW JERSEY 07850

June 15, 2006

Mayor Arthur R. Ondish
Borough of Mount Arlington
419 Howard Boulevard
Mt. Arlington, NJ 07865

Dear Mayor Ondish:

The board of trustees, on behalf of the entire Ridgeview Association, wants to thank you and all the representatives of the various departments and services from the Borough of Mount Arlington, for the recent "Meet and Greet", at our clubhouse.

It was very informative, and everyone appreciated your staff taking their personal time to attend the meeting in the evening.

Sincerely,



Warren A. Steir, President
Board of Trustees
Horizons At Mount Arlington CA