

**BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 25, 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 think about our soldiers fighting for us and to pray for their safe return.

4. Roll Call

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

5. Presentations/Mayor's Appointments

None.

6. Old Business

2. Clerk's Follow-Up Report Memorandum, dated September 15, 2006.
- The Clerk discussed the items on the follow-up list, noting further follow-up direction/status of any open items.
1. Roadway Advertising Signs.
- Councilman Doran presented a collage of photos depicting the numerous road signs around the Borough and stated the objective is how to control this problem. Councilman Doran stated that he did accidentally photograph real estate signs but the intent is not to eliminate the ability for people to sell their homes. Councilman Doran has received complaints and would like the right to pick up and destroy the signs, certainly if they are in a right of way. Joseph Bell stated that enforcement always becomes the issue. JoAnne Sendler stated that Nancy Gage wrote a letter suggesting that since Dug Kimball is working on revising the Land Use Code, he should receive a copy of the Roxbury and Florham Park ordinances for possible inclusion. Ms. Sendler directed the Clerk to forward the sample ordinances to Mr. Kimball. The Zoning Officer and Police Department would enforce this and we would seek the permission of the County to enforce the new ordinance on the county roads as well.

7. New Business

1. Games of Chance Ordinance revisions.
- The Clerk stated that the State changed their fees for games of chance and when reviewing our ordinance, even though our fees can remain the same, we realized the ordinance needs to be revised, i.e., police officers at games, etc.
2. Code/Land Use Code On-Line.
- The Clerk and Land Use Board Secretary are obtaining quotes.

8. Treasurer's Report for the Month of August, 2006.

The Clerk read the Treasurer's Report for the Month of August, 2006 into the record:
Total Available: \$303,556.00.

9. Approval of Minutes

September 11, 2006 Regular Meeting

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

10. Open to Public

None.

11. Executive Session

2006-142 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 Amend the Agenda to Omit the Executive Session: Council President Driscoll.
 Second: Councilwoman Cerasoli.
 All in Favor – Aye; None Opposed.

12. Resolutions

2006-143 Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, Authorizing Execution of a Municipal Services Reimbursement Agreement Between Horizons @ Mount Arlington Condominium Association, Inc. and the Borough of Mount Arlington.

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

2006-144 Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, Authorizing Execution of Lifeworks Employee Assistance Program Agreement, Effective January 1, 2007 Through December 31, 2008.

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

2006-145 Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, Authorizing Temporary Suspension of Parking Restrictions on One Side of Seasons Drive (the Outer Loop of Seasons Drive) as Set Forth in New Jersey Traffic Code 39:4-138.

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

2006-146 Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, Consenting to the Execution of an Agreement Between the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington and the Township of Mount Olive for the Furnishing of Certain Health Services for the Years 2007 and 2008.

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

***Added Resolution**

2006-147 Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, Increasing Salary of Department of Public Works Employee Paul Nelson.

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

13. Ordinances – Introduction

None.

14. Ordinances – Second Reading

None.

15. Motions

1. Civic Center Rental – Permission to Waive Fee and/or Security Deposit:

- Glen Bromley, Mount Arlington Fire Department, for the Monster Bash on October 29, 2006 from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Motion to Approve with Waiver of Both Fee and Security Deposit: Councilman Stone.
 Second: Council President Driscoll.
 Roll Call: Doran, Cerasoli, Council President Driscoll, Stone.
 Motion Approved.

16. Mayor's Report

- 09/12/06 the Mayor attended a Red Cross Governmental lunch in Morristown.
- 09/12/06 the Mayor presented an award at New Seasons declaring the week of September 11 through 15, 2006 Assisted Living Week.
- 09/13/06 the Mayor interviewed for the new Executive Director for the Raritan Highlands Compact since Joan Fisher has moved on to the Great Swamp Organization. The Mayor noted that the Raritan Highlands Compact will hold a meeting this Thursday, September 28th in Mendham Township.
- 09/14/06 the Mayor attended the Morris Tomorrow Board Meeting in Morristown.
- 09/18/06 the Mayor attended the Lake Hopatcong Commission meeting.
- 09/19/06 the Mayor attended depositions regarding ongoing Borough litigation.
- 09/19/06 the Mayor taped an episode of the Joe Bell Show with Freeholder Director Margaret Nordstrom; the show will air Sunday.
- 09/20/06 the Mayor attended the Morris County League Dinner at the Yacht Club and thanked all those who attended.
- 09/22/06 the Mayor attended the Morris County Economic Growth Forum at the Meadow Wood in Randolph.
- 09/23/06 the Mayor performed a wedding at The Arlington.
- 09/25/06 the Mayor attended a meeting in Trenton with the DEP regarding access to information on Brownfields redevelopment.
- 09/25/06 the Mayor attended a meeting in Morristown with TransOptions; the Mayor was asked to be a consultant along with a large panel of people from very diverse backgrounds. The program entails a Regional Concierge for transporting those unable to get around on their own; Rutgers University is working with TransOptions and received a grant from Kessler Institute.
- The Mayor reminded JoAnne Sendler and Linda DeSantis to ask Terry Smith to follow-up on the six-plus street lights on the east side of Howard Boulevard by Ridgeview; Councilman

Doran had previously turned in the pole numbers. The Mayor stated that we are paying for these lights but had asked JCP&L to turn them off.

- The Mayor appeared on a Hometown television episode on September 23, 2006.
- The Mayor asked the Clerk to place the New Jersey Natural Gas meeting minutes on the website adding a note at the end stating that the Borough will not be charging an escrow fee to each resident; there will be only one escrow fee for the entire project.
- The Mayor has received complaints regarding the traffic on Oneida Avenue and the kids crossing the road; this is a public safety issue where we might possibly consider a crossing guard on that road. Council President Driscoll suggested painting a crosswalk, with a "yield to pedestrian" sign. Councilman Doran suggested doing a traffic study, possibly installing a light where pedestrians can press a button to stop traffic. The Mayor will speak to Chief Peterson.

17. Borough Administrator's Report

- Ms. Sendler spoke with Christine Kelly today regarding the upcoming Winter Carnival, which is a Borough event.

Buildings and Grounds Issues:

- With regard to the restoration of the old police station, Councilman Doran stated we now have an opportunity to do the proper work to keep the building intact. Engineer Daren Phil suggested removing the back extension of the building, returning to the original foundation, allowing excavation along the backside of the foundation to install the proper water removal equipment to dry up the building. Councilman Doran stated that no matter what we do to restore the building, it is going to be expensive; however, certainly any money spent will be for a permanent solution. JoAnne Sendler stated that per Mr. Phil, the second floor will still be adequate to house the things that have been planned. This building is truly the historical center of our town, the first Borough Hall, the first school, the first firehouse, the first police station, etc.
- With regard to the use of the old Borough Hall, next to the new police station, Councilman Doran stated that restoration will require a huge investment and suggested we remove that building from the building restoration list. Councilman Doran recommended the building be taken out of service and the Borough use the property for another purpose. Councilwoman Cerasoli agreed with Councilman Doran, stating this is the most economical way to go.
- Councilman Doran, Councilwoman Cerasoli and Daren Phil met with the Fire Department to review the necessary firehouse changes - repair of the bathrooms, the first floor and the extension of the office area which is currently housed by five people; a lot of the work will be done by the firemen and we will provide for the cost of the materials. The Mayor asked if the fire personnel showed them the problems with the back of the building being bowed, due to the recent rehab of the building; the Committee was not aware of this problem but the Mayor stated that Ray Simard was to inform Mr. Phil. JoAnne Sendler stated that they met with the Fire Department in May regarding the renovations but this situation was never mentioned; she also has a list from the Department and the back wall is not included. The Mayor will speak to Daren Phil and Ray Simard.

18. Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn: Council President Driscoll.

Second: Councilwoman Cerasoli.

All in Favor – Aye; None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

Linda DeSantis, RMC
Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved at Council Meeting of October 9, 2006.

Boro of Mt. Arlington
Finance Office

Treasurer's Report

August 2006

Current Balance 7-06	260,775.00
Current Receipts 8-06	5,988,486.65
Disbursements 8-06	5,945,705.65
Total Available	303,556.00