

**BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 13, 2008**

**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 Thursday, March 20, 2008; notice was posted on the bulletin board in the main hallway of the Municipal Building on March 11, 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 overseas and their families.

**4. Roll Call**

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

**5. Executive Session**

- 2008-142** 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: Dial-A-Ride, Negotiations (Police and Shared Services) and Personnel (C. Rinaldi and T. Smith).

Motion to Go Into Executive Session: Councilman Doran.  
Second: Councilwoman Galate Goodman.  
All in Favor – Aye; None Opposed.  
Motion Approved.

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

**6. Presentations/Mayor’s Appointments**

None.

## 7. Old Business

### 1. Municipal Dock.

Daren Phil stated that the proposed dock improvements plans were designed to replace the surface, and to do repairs on the sidewalls since this year the lake is at its full depth draw down; we also looked at cutting through a section to provide better circulation of water within the swimming area. Suburban obtained the permits for dredging within the area of the beach to pull the weeds, the roots and the deposits of sediment that has discharged from the infrastructure that terminates next to Barnes Bros. Mr. Phil stated the least costly approach would be to resurface with concrete with regard to future maintenance and required repairs; the dock itself is actually crumbling but there are a lot of large cracks that have developed where water gets in. Mr. Phil stated the problem is whatever is inside the structure (we know that there is some type of back fill under the slab), the slab has failed because of the differential sediment inside the dock; it's hollow and not a solid block of concrete. The top is settling because the material inside obviously has failed so to truly to repair it is to open it up, find out what's inside, restore that and put a new reinforced concrete surface on top. The cut through was to open circulation within the swim area which would provide a 40ft. opening; we would keep the footings so that the large piece that's out in the water would still be connected to the section that's tied to the land and bridge across with galvanized beams, no different than the West Bertrand Dock except there would be no piers. Mr. Phil stated there are many different ways of bidding; we can do alternate items so we can pick and chose when we receive the bids. The Mayor stated that by opening up the dock, it will improve water flow but the base will still have a wall to retain the sand. Mr. Phil stated the permits from the state came through and we have 95% of the plans and specs put together but he needs Council advice on exactly how to bid; we don't want to miss this opportunity when the lake is down. The concrete can be poured in winter because they will add accelerants to the concrete to settle quicker. Mr. Phil assured the Council that multiple alternates will be included in the bid package to allow Council to choose which aspect to complete. Councilman Doran stated that we have \$283,000 for the dock project but he is not comfortable spending anywhere near that kind of money; he stated that he wished it was less expensive to remove it than to repair it. Councilwoman Galate Goodman stated that the money sitting there is to be used for what it was bonded for and if we just repair the dock, we're chasing good money after bad money year after year; is this going to be something where this year we could have done it for "X" but chose to only do repairs and then next year we're going to get a bill and it's twice as much and we should have repaired it this year because the water was down. Councilman Doran stated his point is I think it is disingenuous to go to responsible bidders and say we want to have a bid that covers the gamut of A-Z when in fact we only intend to consider A-C; I'm all for repairing the dock, since I feel it will cost more to remove it, and certainly having it as a barrier there is probably good safety in terms of containing our children in an area where the lifeguards can get to a little bit faster so I think it's good to have a complete dock. The Mayor stated that there are a lot more than 100 people who use that dock; it is a municipal asset because we are the only town left on the lake that has a public beach and public dock, which adds property value to everybody in this town. Mr. Phil confirmed that the most important item right now is the sidewalls because they are going to be exposed the most. Councilman Doran stated his opinion is to put some type of a limit on what we feel is a responsible amount of money to spend. Councilwoman Cerasoli stated that she cannot agree to the remake of the dock but can only vote for a repair in this economy. Councilwoman Galate Goodman stated we are paying interest on money that has been sitting there for five years. Councilman Doran stated he will go along with the bid as long as the minimum component fee is included which I'm hoping will come in at a reasonable amount of money.

\*Added:

Road Barrier at Ridgeview:

- The Mayor stated that in response to residents of Ridgeview who wrote a letter regarding the road barrier, the original plans called for a gate installed by the developer but since the property has changed owners, nothing has been done and there is nothing in the traffic code that references this because it is a private road. Councilwoman Cerasoli stated that she recalls that the residents on Sunset requested that Jack Richards do not make that a through road but this is a condo issue and not within the purview of the Borough. Mr. Phil stated the existing bollards are fine.

Joanne Wiseberg, 87 Ridgeview:

- Ms. Wiseberg stated the rubber bollards are permanently installed now. Mr. Phil said that the letter was from a group of residents, not the association, who thought the Council had control over this.

The Borough Administrator stated there have some zoning issues lately and that Mr. Phil suggested a Zoning Committee to assist in the Borough; the Committee would consist of the Zoning Officer, Construction Officer, Borough Administrator, Land Use Board Attorney, Borough Engineer, Councilwoman Cerasoli, Councilwoman Galate Goodman and Councilman Doran. The Committee will work with the Zoning Officer to provide correct zoning for the Borough.

Motion to Accept the Mayor's Appointments (as listed above): Councilwoman Cerasoli.

Second: Councilman Doran.

The Committee should review the code book, see where interpretation is needed and provide a task force to seek out and resolve issues. The Clerk was directed to schedule the first meeting and distribute copies of the zoning code to all members.

Daren Phil stated that George Markou, Pub 199, was here with an issue for Council. George Markou, Pub 199:

- Mr. Markou stated in 2003 he bought a permit for building and the project was completed in May, 2004; all the building, plumbing, and electric inspections were completed. Mr. Markou had changed items from the original approved plans and now received a letter that he was turned down, after 4 ½ years, for a CO. Mr. Markou stated that he put a lot money into this project and wants to know why he cannot get a CO after the building inspector agreed to everything. Daren Phil stated that his office did not turn down Mr. Markou but he needs an as-built because the process is that you get approvals by showing the plan of what was originally approved; an as-built is more detailed than a survey. To verify that the Land Use Board does not have any issue with the changes made, Mr. Phil will consult with the Board to see if the changes are acceptable for him to sign off or does the individual need to amend that site plan because it is a significant deviation from the intent. Mr. Phil does not believe the Land Use Board will have an issue but can do nothing without the as-built; it really is not a Council matter. Mr. Markou also complained about a recycling/garbage letter he received and the Mayor asked for a copy of that letter. The Mayor stated that if Mr. Markou gets a revised site plan to Mr. Phil, the matter should be solved and that Sandor Nyari will hold off on Phase II until we close out Phase I.

## 2. Recreation Committee.

- Recreation Committee members Lisa Abline, Kelly Turner, Deanna Minchello, Joe Keltos and Pat Esposito attended the meeting to present their ideas to Council. Ms. Abline stated that they have an applicant for the vacant Committee Member Alternate. The Mayor formally appointed Jackie Esposito as the Alternate Member of the Recreation Committee, to serve a one-year term. The Committee had submitted a summary entitled The Future of the Mount Arlington Recreation Committee and Ms. Turner discussed the various items on this summary, which basically defines various ideas and activities without any additional cost to the Borough. Ms. Turner went through the document, highlighting certain ideas with the Council. The Mayor stated that the Recreation Committee must notify Daren Phil, Paul Nelson, Matt Giacobbe, Esq. and Mitchell Jacobs, Esq. of any upcoming events. The Committee had listed questions in their report

regarding plans for various outdoor Borough facilities so they can plan accordingly for the future. With regard to the old library/police building, the Mayor stated that plans in the past had been to renovate the top floor for a meeting place, possibly for the seniors, and restore the downstairs for the Historical Society to use as a display for artifacts; the Recreation Committee would like to eventually make it a Recreation Center. The Mayor stated that for years he has wanted to knock down the Civic Center and the old building next to the police station and build a Youth Center, or build a center where the roller rink is to house seniors upstairs and accommodate our youth downstairs. Recreation would like permission to start fundraisers in keeping with their five year plan, and to move ahead on some of these projects. Borough Attorney Jacobs stated that the Recreation Committee is a Mayor's Advisory Committee but recreation commissions have a lot more power and authority to do things like this; the Committee has set forth a lot of good plans for the future but research needs to be done to ascertain how to possibly become a commission. The Mayor stated that Council wants to see all these things happen but the legalities must be addressed. The Borough Administrator stated that the commission was changed back to a committee because it was our understanding that as a commission, when the volunteers started up these projects, all the funds that they collected had to come into the Borough; we don't want that, we want the committee to keep the funds. For now, as long as the committee continues to use the purchase order system, we are okay. The Borough Administrator asked that the Recreation Committee assume the Council-funded events that they have been helping with, once they get the legal issues settled. The Borough Attorney will expedite his research.

3. Regional Animal Control, Sheltering and Cruelty Services.

The Borough Administrator stated that this is a shared service that our Borough does not need.

**8. New Business**

1. Addition of New Agenda Item entitled Green Initiatives.

The Mayor will speak further on this item during his Mayor's Report.

**9. Open to Public**

Frank Hughes, 436 Howard Boulevard:

- Mr. Hughes stated that the elevator at the new train station goes to no where; when you go up, there is no way of getting on any train, it is all fenced off because the freight trains are running on the inside tracks. The Mayor will contact NJ Transit.
- Mr. Hughes stated that there is a terrible sewer odor from approximately Tappan's to the Pub. The Mayor stated that we are working on that now; we will be putting a system in at Nolan's Ridge because there is not enough flow which causes the odor.

Veronica Silkes, 686 Succasunna Road:

- Ms. Silkes volunteered to be on the Finance Committee that is being put together for the community.

Gerry Curtin, 133 Orben Drive:

- Mr. Curtin stated that the construction on Orben Drive is fantastic and Steve from Suburban has been a champ, answering every question and managing the project.

**10. Approval of Minutes**

September 8, 2008

Regular Meeting (Absent- Cerasoli)

Motion to Approve: Councilman Sorge.

Second: Councilman Doran.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Council President Driscoll, Sorge, Galate Goodman, Doran.

Abstain: Cerasoli.

Motion Approved.

Motion to Approve with Correction of Name on Page 6: Council President Driscoll.

Second: Councilman Sorge.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Council President Driscoll, Sorge, Galate Goodman, Cerasoli, Doran.

Motion Approved.

## 11. Resolutions

**2008-143** 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 October 13, 2008.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Sorge.

Second: Council President Driscoll.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Council President Driscoll, Sorge, Galate Goodman except check #6794, Cerasoli, Doran.

Motion Approved.

**2008-144** 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 Interlocal Services Agreements with the County of Morris.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Sorge.

Second: Council President Driscoll.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Council President Driscoll, Sorge, Galate Goodman, Cerasoli, Doran.

Motion Approved.

**2008-145** 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. (Municipal Dock Improvements)

Motion to Approve: Council President Driscoll.

Second: Councilman Sorge.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Council President Driscoll, Sorge, Galate Goodman, Cerasoli, Doran as amended.

Motion Approved.

### \*Added Resolution:

**2008-146** 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 Shared Court Services Contract Pending Legal Review.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Doran.

Second: Councilwoman Cerasoli.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Council President Driscoll, Sorge, Galate Goodman, Cerasoli, Doran.

Motion Approved.

## 12. Ordinances – Introduction

**16-08** Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, To Amend, Revise and Supplement Chapter 17, “Land Development Ordinance” of the Code of the Borough of Mount Arlington to Comply with the Borough’s Recycling Ordinance.

The Mayor read Ordinance 16-08 by Title.

Motion: Council President Driscoll stated that Ordinance 16-08 be introduced by Title and passed on First Reading and that a meeting be held on November 10, 2008 at 7:00 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 Sorge.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Council President Driscoll, Sorge, Galate Goodman, Cerasoli, Doran.

Motion Approved.

## 13. Ordinances – Second Reading

**13-08** Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Amending Chapter 204 of the Code of the Borough of Mount Arlington Entitled Sewage Disposal Systems, Individuals and Chapter A210 Entitled Fees.

The Mayor opened the Hearing to the Public on Ordinance #13-08 and read the Ordinance by title.

Council President Driscoll stated I move for adoption and final passage of Ordinance #13-08.

Second: Councilman Doran.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Council President Driscoll, Sorge, Galate Goodman, Cerasoli, Doran.

The Mayor declared that Ordinance #13-08 is passed on second reading and directed the Clerk to publish the notice of adoption as required by law.

**14-08** Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Amending and Supplementing the Code of the Borough of Mount Arlington by Repealing Article I, Recycling, of Chapter 144, Solid Waste, in its Entirety and its Replacement with a New Article I, Recycling, of Chapter 144, Solid Waste, and Amending and Supplementing Article II, Collection, of Chapter 144, Solid Waste.

The Mayor opened the Hearing to the Public on Ordinance #14-08 and read the Ordinance by title.

Councilman Sorge stated I move for adoption and final passage of Ordinance #14-08.

Second: Councilwoman Galate Goodman.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Council President Driscoll, Sorge, Galate Goodman, Cerasoli, Doran.

The Mayor declared that Ordinance #14-08 is passed on second reading and directed the Clerk to publish the notice of adoption as required by law.

- 15-08** Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, to Amend and Supplement the Code of the Borough of Mount Arlington, Chapter XII, Salaries, Personnel and Standards.

The Mayor opened the Hearing to the Public on Ordinance #15-08 and read the Ordinance by title.

Council President Driscoll stated I move for adoption and final passage of Ordinance #15-08.

Second: Councilwoman Cerasoli.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Council President Driscoll, Sorge, Galate Goodman, Cerasoli, Doran.

The Mayor declared that Ordinance #15-08 is passed on second reading and directed the Clerk to publish the notice of adoption as required by law.

#### **14. Motions**

##### **1. Raffle License Applications:**

- Application for Raffle License, RA-08-07, Mount Arlington PTA, for 50/50, on March 20, 2009 at Decker School, 446 Howard Boulevard, Mount Arlington.
- Application for Raffle License, RA-08-08, Mount Arlington PTA, for various raffles, on March 20, 2009 at Decker School, 446 Howard Boulevard, Mount Arlington.

Motion to Approve: Council President Driscoll.

Second: Councilman Sorge.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Council President Driscoll, Sorge, Galate Goodman, Cerasoli, Doran.

Motion Approved.

#### **15. Mayor's Report**

The Mayor read his Report into the record.

The Mayor and Council discussed the lack of funding for the Lake Hopatcong Commission, initiating lake-user fees, possible individual donations to the commission, and rules and regulations regarding weed harvesting. The Mayor urged all to attend the upcoming meeting regarding the Lake Hopatcong Commission and stated that they are presently trying to set-up enabling legislation for the Commission whereby we can at least employ the commission administrator; the other employees are being let go.

#### **16. Borough Administrator's Report**

None.

#### **17. Adjourn**

Motion to Adjourn: Councilman Doran.

Second: Councilman Sorge.

All in Favor – Aye; None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

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Linda DeSantis, RMC  
Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved With Corrections at Council Meeting of December 22, 2008.

Mayor report for 10/13/08

Since our last Regular Council meeting on September 8, 2008:

Sept 10, 2008- Traveled to Trenton to request waiver from the DCA for our 08 Budget. Let me state again, for the record, that the DCA said that raising our uncollected tax percentage is dangerous, they don't like it, and it is a change from the way this process has always been practiced. They feel this is the only way they can offer some kind of tax relief to the local taxpayer. They agreed that what we had put together was with the intent of not having to ask for a waiver next year. They said they appreciated that fact but will expect to see us again next year.

Sept 12, 2008- Attended the installation of the new CEO of Saint Clare's health system, Leslie Hirsh.

Sept 13, 2008- I officiated two weddings, one in Parsippany and one in Mount Arlington.

Sept 15, 2008- JoAnne and I met with Pete about his baseball organization using Firemans field and offering to make many improvements at no cost to the Borough. We called and let Lisa Abline know that he would be calling and what it was he was going to be calling Recreation about.



Sept 15, 2008- We had our public hearing on the 2008 municipal budget at MAPS

Sept 17, 2008- Attended the Morris County League of Municipalities meeting at the Lake Hopatcong Yacht Club.

Sept 19, 2008- Attended Clean Energy Conference put on by the NJBIA, in Edison- brought back valuable information about energy saving grant money that is available through the BPU- I brought back a packet for the school board and subsequently got it to Eric Stone. There is much grant money available that is not being sought out by those eligible. I hope the School Board will look into what is available and take advantage where they can in order to help with their budgeting.

On that note, there is a program through the NJ BPU and the New Jersey Clean Energy program for municipal energy audits. The program offers grant money that covers 75% of the cost of the audit and if any of the recommendations made are implemented, the remaining 25% could be reimbursed. There is an opportunity to aggregate with our school board to include the two schools in this audit program. I have reached out to Jane Jameson and we will work together with this program. I will update everyone as this program moves along.

Sept 21, 2008- A special council meeting was held at MAPS to discuss the amendment to our 08 budget.

Sept 22, 2008- Participated in the annual Daytop golf outing. I was asked to be the honorary chair of the outing this year and it truly was an honor. For those who do not know about Daytop, it is a childrens preparatory school. Our local facility is in Mendham, and the mission is to rehabilitate children who have lost their way due to drugs, alcoholism or other adolescent disorders. I got involved with Daytop shortly after I became Mayor and decided to pledge any money that I receive for officiating weddings to the Daytop cause. My service and time is purely donated to this great cause. To date I have officiated over 140 weddings so I feel good that I, as a representative of Mount Arlington, have helped their cause. It truly is a wonderful organization that I am very proud to be associated with.

Sept 23, 2008- Received a call from the DOT about the safety issues of not having sidewalks through the Rt 80 intersections connecting to our existing network of sidewalks out of Seasons Drive. I was going to call DOT because I had received a call from a resident of Seasons Glen about this same issue, but they beat me to it. I happened to be returning from an event in Warren County so I called Daren to see if he was available. He was so we both met with the Regional Manager from DOT, who works in the building on Sterili Ct. We walked the area and surveyed the situation. It seems that there are people walking this area to get to and from the train station. It is truly a hazardous area to walk. DOT agreed to work with Daren to find grant money and get something done to alleviate this hazard.

Sept 24, 2008- I attended the dedication of a monument in memory of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the closing of Bertrand Island Park. It was decided to place a large boulder on the site of what was the entrance to the amusement park, which is now the Clubhouse/Lighthouse for LakeShore Harbor. I want to take this time to thank Marty Kane, the director of the Lake Hopatcong Historical Society, who decided this was an important issue. Marty took the lead on making this happen. I also would like to thank Tom Valiante of Tom Valiante and Sons for donating the time and the boulder, including the transportation and placement of this 4 ton monument that came from McNears in Landing. Mr Kane had a beautiful plaque created and the plaque was fastened to the boulder. It is a fine tribute and has been landscaped appropriately. I also want to thank the Lake Shore Harbor Association for agreeing to the placement of the landmark. Bertrand Island Park is a cherished memory to me personally and to the many who visited the park over its lifetime. I am very pleased every time I drive by and look at this new monument. It was great to see Ray DiAgastio unveil the monument since he and his family had such a large stake in the creation and the longevity of Bertrand Island Park.

Sept 24, 2008- I attended one of the "Alive 25" classes held at Roxbury High School. If you have not heard about this program, it is a program that I heard about being presented in Randolph. It deals with training young drivers and includes the parents in the classes. I asked our Chief to look into it and subsequently he felt it would be good to present to our young drivers. Mount Arlington's Sergeant

James DiStasio and two Roxbury Police officers are running the program as a joint effort to help prevent teenage driving deaths. I was very impressed and want to thank our Chief and James for making happen. This is an ongoing program. For more information please contact our Chief.

Sept 24, 2008- Attended our Land Use Meeting

Sept 26, 2008- Attended a League of Municipalities Legislative Review Committee meeting in Princeton.

Sept 26, 2008- Officiated a wedding at the Arlington

Sept 26, 2008- Attended a special Council meeting to approve the final amendment to our 2008 Municipal Budget.

October 1, 2008- Chaired a special Lake Hopatcong Commission meeting. Unfortunately the LHC is about out of funding and a decision was made that we will only have enough money to pay our full time staff until the end of November. It was decided to would be appropriate to give them notice. There will be discussion at our next regular meeting next Monday, the 20<sup>th</sup> here in our council chambers about the next steps. I am very fearful of what is going to happen without the LHC's staff maintaining the lake. I hope the residents of the lake region will take notice of what is going on and pay close attention. I would not like them to wait until the spring when the lake is choked with weeds to begin a public outcry. You see the

Department of Environmental Protection has decided that they do not deem weed harvesting as something necessary for the water quality of Lake Hopatcong. They only want to spend money on projects that are aimed at water quality improvements. They feel weed harvesting is something that only benefits those who choose to use the lake for recreational purposes. Hence they would like to see those who use it for this purpose, pay to use it through some kind of user fee. The fees collected would then be used to fund the operating and maintenance budget of the LHC. For further information about this, please visit the Lake Hopatcong Commissions website. There is information on how we got to this point or feel free to give me a call and I can discuss further.

October 2, 2008- Spend the day at a workshop at Rutgers New Brunswick with the Mayors Committee for a Green Future. This is a committee dedicated to helping Municipalities find ways to go green. The "green future roadmap" will be introduced at the League of Municipalities Annual Convention in November. There is a story about it in the Monthly League Magazine, on the front cover actually, for more details.

October 2, 2008- Attended a New Jersey Conference of Mayors board meeting in Trenton. It was decided to change course and let the Executive Director who was in the job for 6 months go. We will be looking for a replacement.

October 3, 2008- Attended ELC meeting in Cedar Knolls where Dick Zimmer, candidate for Congress, spoke. Frank Lautenberg was invited but chose not to come.

October 3, 2008- Officiated a wedding here at Borough Hall.

October 7, 2008- Through the League of Municipalities, I attended a meeting at the State Police Regional Operations Center (The ROC) in West Trenton. Discussed the Citizens Emergency Response Team (CERT) program and how it has grown. Met with the State Police officials who do CERT training. Anyone interested in getting involved with CERT should contact our police Chief or reach out to me.

October 7, 2008- Attended a meeting in Dover to discuss our Court.

October 10, 2008- By invitation, I attended the Soldier Show at Morris Knolls High School. This is a wonderful program of entertainment put on by the Army, through Picatinny Arsenal. It was a pleasure to see General Phillips with whom I have a pleasant relationship. He, as well as the rest of the leadership under his command, are very interested in working with the surrounding communities. I enjoy being invited, and am sure to attend, most of the Picatinny events to which I am invited. The unique part of this event is that all the performers and all who are involved with putting on the show are all soldiers. There was a ceremony, prior to beginning of the show, where leaders from the surrounding communities were honored

for their work to support active soldiers and their families while they are away in service. It was a really great night and I encourage anyone who may be interested to attend next year since it is to be an annual event. There is an opportunity to sign a Covenant that Mount Arlington will actively support our soldiers. I plan on signing it and getting volunteers together to work to support our local soldiers and their families.

October 11, 2008- Officiated a wedding at Borough Hall

October 12, 2008- Officiated a wedding at the Arlington.

I give you this report each and every month so you can understand how committed I am as your elected Mayor. I am not sure if everyone realizes how much time and effort I put in on your behalf. I am not sure many of those who attended our Public Hearing on the budget understand exactly how much time and effort that I put into this job. I put this time and effort into it so I can get the best information to bring back to this Council so they can make the most prudent decisions based on good current information along with our professionals advice.

Much unlike what was alluded to at the Public Hearing on the budget; I do not submit any expenses for what I do for the Borough. I am very fortunate to work for a firm that encourages and supports community involvement. I believe in earning the salary that I receive as being the ~~Mayor here in~~ Mount Arlington. I want to thank my firm,

Arlington and providing me the opportunity to serve you better.