#### BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 14, 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 (<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 10:4-1 et seq.). The Borough Council opens every public meeting for comments of the public. However, in accordance with <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 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 serving all over the world to give us the peace we enjoy; and for their families, especially during this holiday season.

#### 4. Roll Call

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

#### 5. Presentations/Mayor's Appointments

- 1. Cub Scout Pack 60 Presentation to the Mayor and Council. (Cancelled)
- 2. Presentation to Outgoing Councilwoman Maureen Cerasoli. **(Added)**The Mayor presented a Proclamation to Council President Cerasoli and read same into the record. The Mayor also presented Council President Cerasoli with a gift basket from the Mayor, Council and Borough employees.
- 6. Utility Receipt Report for the Month of November. 2009.

The Clerk read the Utility Receipt Report for November, 2009 into the record.

Grand Total: \$214,921.11.

Tax Collector's Report for the Month of November, 2009.

The Clerk read the Tax Collectors Report for November, 2009 into the record.

Total Receipts: \$2,390,088.60

7. Finance Report for the Month of November, 2009.

The Clerk read the Finance Report for November, 2009 into the record.

Ending Balance: \$9,523,042.79

#### 8. Open to Public

None.

#### 9. New Business

None.

#### 10. Old Business

1. Council Committee Reports.

Council President Cerasoli, DPW, Buildings, Grounds:

- Commended the DPW on their efforts during the recent snowstorm, and their daily performance.
- Meal on Wheels is now handled by the County and working out very well.

#### Councilman Doran, Fire & Rescue:

- Construction on the fire house, both upper and lower levels, is nearing completion; the upstairs should be completed by mid-January and the lower level for the Rescue Squad should be about a month later.
- The storage pod was improperly repossessed but all the bills were paid. The pod was packed for storage only, not for overland travel. The unloading of the pod is being supervised by the police and members of the Fire Department to determine damages to the packed contents. The Mayor publicly thanked Chief Steve Norman for all his extra time and efforts in resolving this matter.

#### Councilman Doran, Senior Club:

- Councilman Sorge had relayed a complaint to Councilman Doran regarding a scheduled bus trip where only half the bus was filled. Senior Club Officers feel this was a misunderstanding in booking their trip and are trying to have people make good on their commitments; they will meet with membership in the new year to try to prevent this from happening again.

The Mayor again thanked Chief Steve Norman and the entire Fire Department for their efforts this past year, noting the most recent fire on Bertrand's Island; the Mayor stated that the Department does a great job and he is receiving wonderful feedback from residents.

#### 2. Discussion regarding Council Presentations.

- Councilman Sadow wants to publicly commend our Health Department for their outstanding job with the H1N1 clinics and keeping the public informed. There is a cost associated with plaques, etc., and Council needs to approve any type of recognition.

#### 3. Presentations by Potential Borough Planners.

The Mayor stated that we are interviewing for a professional to prepare our Master Plan, which must be done in 2010. George Ritter, of Ritter & Plante Associates, and David Zimmerman gave brief presentations regarding their vision for the future of Mount Arlington.

Councilman Sadow stated that he is concerned about the sustainability of Mount Arlington. The Mayor stated we are looking for ways to develop the Borough and bring in revenue. Councilman Sadow stated that a planner owes us an assessment of our sustainability; we need a master plan that is usable, workable and will give us what we need. Planners need to take into account that we do face very significant challenges. Council discussed rezoning all of Howard Boulevard, supporting our local vendors and recreating a local Chamber of Commerce.

#### 11. Approval of Minutes

November 30, 2009

Regular Meeting

Motion to Approve: Councilman Doran. Second: Council President Cerasoli. Roll Call:

Ayes: Sadow, Galate, Council President Cerasoli,

Doran. Nay: None. Motion Approved.

#### 12. Resolutions

**2009-187** 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 December 14, 2009.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Doran. Second: Council President Cerasoli.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Sadow, Galate – abstain from Check #8187,

Council President Cerasoli, Doran.

Nay: None. Motion Approved.

**2009-188** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Transfer of Funds.

Motion to Approve: Council President Cerasoli.

Second: Councilman Sadow.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Sadow, Galate, Council President Cerasoli,

Doran. Nay: None. Motion Approved.

2009-189 Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Cancellation of Grant Receivable and Grant Appropriation Balances.

Motion to Approve: Council President Cerasoli.

Second: Councilman Doran.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Sadow, Galate, Council President Cerasoli,

Doran. Nay: None.

Motion Approved.

**2009-190** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing A Contribution to Morris County Adaptive Recreation Program (McARP).

The Borough cost is \$849.00, the same cost as last year.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Doran.

Second: Councilman Sadow.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Sadow, Galate, Council President Cerasoli,

Doran. Nay: None. Motion Approved.

2009-191 Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Person-to-Person Transfer of License #1426-44-008-003 from Tappen's Liquors to Suhradam, LLC, dba Super Saver Liquors.

2009-192 Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Place-to-Place Transfer of License #1426-44-008-003 from Tappen's Liquors to Suhradam, LLC, dba Super Saver Liquors.

Motion to Approve Resolutions 2009-191 and 2009-192:

Council President Cerasoli. Second: Councilman Doran.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Sadow, Galate, Council President Cerasoli,

Doran.
Nay: None.
Motion Approved.

2009-193 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 Shared Services Contract with Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority for Transporting, Accepting, Processing and Marketing Recyclable Materials.

Motion to Approve: Council President Cerasoli.

Second: Councilman Doran.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Sadow, Galate, Council President Cerasoli,

Doran. Nay: None. Motion Approved.

2009-194 Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Professional Services Contracts for the Calendar Year 2010.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Doran.

Second: Councilwoman Galate.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Sadow, Galate, Council President Cerasoli,

Doran. Nay: None. Motion Approved.

**2009-195** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Appointing the Local Emergency Planning Council.

Motion to Approve: Council President Cerasoli.

Second: Councilman Doran.

Roll Call:

2009-196

Ayes: Sadow, Galate, Council President Cerasoli,

Doran. Nay: None. Motion Approved.

Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Issuance of Towing

Licenses for the Period January 1, 2010 Through December 31, 2010.

Motion to Approve: Council President Cerasoli.

Second: Councilwoman Galate.

The vendors are called on a rotating basis.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Sadow, Galate, Council President Cerasoli,

Doran. Nay: None. Motion Approved.

#### 2009-197

Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, To Waive the Food & Drink Licensing Fees for the Board of Recreation Commission Concession Stand for 2010.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Sadow. Second: Council President Cerasoli. Roll Call:

Ayes: Sadow, Galate, Council President Cerasoli,

Doran. Nay: None. Motion Approved.

#### 2009-198

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 Municipal Services Reimbursement Agreement Between the Borough of Mount Arlington and Nolan's Ridge at Mount Arlington Condominium Association, Inc.

Motion to Approve: Council President Cerasoli.

Second: Councilman Doran.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Sadow, Galate, Council President Cerasoli,

Doran. Nay: None. Motion Approved.

#### 13. Ordinances - Introduction

None.

#### 14. Ordinances - Second Reading

24-09

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 135, Sewers, of the Code of the Borough of Mount Arlington.

The Mayor opened the Hearing to the Public on Ordinance #24-09 and read the Ordinance by title.

Councilman Sadow stated, I move for adoption and final passage of Ordinance #24-09.

Second: Councilman Doran.

Roll Call:

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

Nay: None. Motion Approved.

The Mayor declared that Ordinance #24-09 is passed on second reading and directed the Clerk to publish the notice of adoption as required by law.

#### 25-09

An Ordinance of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Establishing the Annual Fees to Be Charged for Liquor Licenses.

The Mayor opened the Hearing to the Public on Ordinance #25-09 and read the Ordinance by title.

George Markou, 199 Howard Boulevard:

- Mr. Markou questioned raising the license fees; according to state statute, the increase will be maxed-out at 2013 at \$2,500.

Councilman Doran stated, I move for adoption and final passage of Ordinance #25-09.

Second: Councilman Sadow.

Roll Call:

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

Nay: None.

Motion Approved.

The Mayor declared that Ordinance #25-09 is passed on second reading and directed the Clerk to publish the notice of adoption as required by law.

An Ordinance of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the 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 Add a Section Entitled, "Enforcement and Violations".

The Mayor opened the Hearing to the Public on Ordinance #26-09 and read the Ordinance by title.

Council President Cerasoli stated, I move for adoption and final passage of Ordinance #26-09.

Second: Councilman Doran.

Roll Call:

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

Nay: None.

Motion Approved.

The Mayor declared that Ordinance #26-09 is passed on second reading and directed the Clerk to publish the notice of adoption as required by law.

27-09 An Ordinance of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Amending A-210 of the Code of the Borough, Increasing the Fee for Certificate of Habitability Under 134-2.

The Mayor opened the Hearing to the Public on Ordinance #27-09 and read the Ordinance by title.

Councilman Doran stated, I move for adoption and final passage of Ordinance #27-09.

Second: Council President Cerasoli.

Roll Call:

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

Nay: None.

Motion Approved.

The Mayor declared that Ordinance #27-09 is passed on second reading and directed the Clerk to publish the notice of adoption as required by law.

#### 15. Motions

None.

#### 16. Mayor's Report

- The Mayor read his Report into the record.
- The Mayor stated that due to the letter we sent regarding Ridgeview, Maplewood Homes has proceeded to fund the completion of the activities agreed upon with the Borough.
- The Mayor stated the streetscape lights are on and the last meter will be set so all the lights should be on by December 15<sup>th</sup>.
- The Mayor was approached by Fox News regarding how the Borough is cutting back on holiday decorations. The Mayor told the paper the Borough would not be purchasing decorations for the new street poles. A large company saw the story on the news and may possibly donate decorations to the Borough; if that occurs, the News will do a follow up story.

Communications Packets:

- The Mayor reminded Council of the Board of Chosen Freeholder Re-Organization Meeting on January 6, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.
- NJLM Mayor's Task Force for School Funding Reform is to look at how school costs are obtained; not looking to take anything away from the schools, just looking to change how they are funded.
- The Mayor read a letter from Virginia Rooney into the record.
- The Mayor read a letter from Allan and Edythe Verbesky into the record.

Councilman Doran stated that Verizon is attempting to end their fee payments for the use of the wires and poles in the right of way and noted the NJLM has joined in that issue with Hopewell. NJLM is supporting municipalities and agree they should not be losing funding over; this is being handled by the NJLM so no legal fees will be accrued by the municipalities. Mount Arlington would lose \$15,000 annually. The League is also opposed to the new legislation which specifies that the State will collect the money and send the money to the municipalities.

#### 17. Borough Administrator's Report

Issues to be discussed in Executive Session.

George Markou, Howard Boulevard:

- Mr. Markou asked if the Borough was raising sewer fees. The Mayor stated that we are only raising the hook-up fee; the quarterly charge went up a little last year because the MSA charged the Borough more money.
- Mr. Markou asked how he can start to use wind energy, i.e., mills, etc. The Mayor stated that the Borough will adopt an ordinance early next year regarding windmills; we are looking at how to allow residents to utilize wind power. The Mayor stated we might be able to put wind power at the landfill site as well.

#### 18. Executive Session

2009-199 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: Computer Access, Approval of Executive Minutes and Personnel.

Formal Action may be taken after the Executive Session.

Motion to Approve Ten Minute Break Prior to Going into Executive Session: Councilman Doran.
Second: Councilwoman Galate.
All in Favor – Aye; None Opposed.
Motion Approved.

Motion to Go Back into Open Session: Councilman Sadow. Second: Council President Cerasoli.
All in Favor – Aye; None Opposed.
Motion Approved.

#### **Added Resolutions:**

**2009-200** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, Authorizing a Resolution to Transfer Funds.

Motion to Approve: Councilwoman Galate.

Second: Councilman Doran.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Sadow, Galate, Council President Cerasoli,

Doran. Nay: None. Motion Approved

2009-201

Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, Hiring Carolyn Rinaldi as Part-Time Clerical Help (Finance).

Motion to Approve: Councilman Sadow.

Second: Councilwoman Cerasoli.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Sadow, Galate, Council President Cerasoli,

Doran. Nay: None. Motion Approved

The Clerk advised Council that she will be administering the Oath of Office to Robert Sorge and John Windish on Friday, January 1, 2010, at 12:00 p.m. at Borough Hall.

#### 19. Adjourn

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

Linda DeSantis, RMC Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved at Meeting of January 5, 2010.

# Proclamation in Honor of Council President Maureen Cerasoli

Whereas, the Mayor and Borough Council wish to publicly acknowledge and thank Council Fresident Maureen Cerasoli for her ten years of public service as a Member of the Mount Arlington Borough Council; and

Whereas, Maureen Cerasoli has dedicated these ten years with the utmost devotion, commitment and allegiance to serving the Borough Council and residents of Mount Arlington, never wavering in her sense of duty, responsibility and loyalty; and

Whereas, the Mayor and Borough Council wish to express their appreciation to Maureen Cerasoli for her continuous efforts, serving on numerous Council Committees, working diligently on Borough projects, and especially the countless hours of volunteering as a Member of the Mount Arlington Public Library Board of Trustees.

Nov, Therefore, Be It Known, that the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington wish to show their appreciation and express their gratitude to Maureen Cerasoli for her unending efforts as a Member of Council, and constant recognition and willingness to assist the needs and requests of the residents of Mount Arlington.

Arthur R. Ondish, Mayor December 10, 2009

## **BOROUGH OF MT. ARLINGTON**

419 HOWARD BOULEVARD MT. ARLINGTON, NEW JERSEY 07856 TAX & UTILITY OFFICE (973) 398-6832 EXT. 13 & 14 FAX (973) 398-2309

#### UTILITY RECEIPT REPORT FOR

MONTH OF November 2009

AMOUNT		DESCRIPTION	COLLECTED IN NOVEMBER 2008		
\$	31,056.60	SOLID WASTE RECEIPTS	\$ 28,684.79		
\$	127,611.64	SEWER RECEIPTS	\$ 95,812.03		
<u>\$</u>	56,252.87	WATER RECEIPTS	\$ 45,131.15		
<u>\$</u>	214,921.11	GRAND TOTAL	\$ 169,627.97		
\$	4,250.00	(TRUST ACCT) SEWER CONNECTION FEE INSTALLMENT PLAN RECEIPTS			
WATER REPAIR RECEIPTS (INCLUDED IN WATER RECEIPT TOTAL)					

Completed By Patricia E. Simari, CTC

cc: Mayor & Council Carolyn Monica c:\trialbalanceutility

### **BOROUGH OF MT. ARLINGTON**

419 HOWARD BOULEVARD MT. ARLINGTON, NEW JERSEY 07856 TAX & UTILITY OFFICE (973) 398-6832 EXT. 13 & 14 FAX (973) 398-2309

# To the Mayor & Council of the Borough of Mt. Arlington: I hereby submit my report of receipts & disbursements for

#### The Month of November 2009

<u>Dated Dec. 1, 2009</u> Completed By Patricia E. Simari, CTC

Collections	<u>::</u>				
Current Taxes (9-01-17-001-001)	\$	2,382,468.69			
2010 Taxes (9-01-17-001-002)	\$	3,315.54			
Taxes (Collected at Tax Sale)					
Future Taxes (9-01-17-001-004)					
Municipal Redemption (9-01-17-004-001)					
Interest & Costs (9-01-08-112-000)	<u>\$</u>	809.19			
Interest & Costs (Collected at Tax Sale)					
Return Ck. Fee (9-01-16-500-021)	\$	20.00			
Tax Searches (9-01-08-105-010)					
Duplicate Bills (9-01-16-500-021)	\$	207.00			
3 <sup>rd</sup> Party Redemption (9-01-17-004-002)	\$	3,202.68			
Misc. Copies (9-01-16-500-021)	<u>\$</u>	35.50			
Tax Sale Costs (9-01-17-001-005)					
Tax Sale Costs (Collected at Tax Sale)					
Tax Sale Premiums					
6% Delinquent Penalty (9-01-16-500-021)					
Tax Paid Certification	<u>\$</u>	30.00			
Total Receipts		2,390,088.60			
Total Receipts November 2008:	s	2.806.529.65			

<u>Total Receipts November 2008:</u> \$ 2,806,529.65

cc: Carolyn Monica c:\trialbalancereceipts

# BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON FINANCE OFFICE

## Finance Report for November 2009

Beginning Balance       8,104,947.29         Receipts       2,821,733.16         Disbursements       1,403,637.66	Ending Balance	9,523,042.79
	Receipts	2,821,733.16

Mayor report for 12/14/09:

Since our meeting on November 9:

11/10/09- Chaired Lake Hopatcong Commission meeting

11/12/09- Attended the Veterans Day Celebration ceremony at MAPS. I want to publically thank Sue Longo for putting together such a great ceremony and tribute. I stayed for the entire event even thought I was supposed to be in New Brunswick for a Mayors Committee for a Green Future. It was great to see the interaction between the veterans and the students at the post event gathering.

11/16/09- Attended our emergency council meeting. Later in the day I left for Atlantic City for the League of Municipalities Convention

11/17/09- Attended seminars, the first Sustainable Jersey lunch, presided over a Sustainable Jersey seminar, attended the Legislative committee meeting, and attended more seminars.

11/18/09- Hosted a seminar, attended the Morris County League luncheon of which I will be the President of the Morris County League of Municipalities beginning in January. That is a two year office. I then moderated another session in the afternoon. Then I spent the evening networking with fellow Mayors and elected officials.

11/19/09- hosted another seminar, attended the delegates lunch which was great hearing our Governor Elects speech as well as our outgoing Governors final address.

11/20/09- Attended the Leagues business meeting Friday morning. I spent some time networking and then headed home later in the day.

11/21/09- Officiated 2 weddings. One at Bells mansion in Stanhope and the other at the Arlington.

11/30/09- Attended our emergency Council meeting.

12/2/09- Attended the students Christmas concert at Mount Arlington School

12/3/09- Attended meeting with DEP about our plans for the landfill. JoAnne, Daren, Nita and I had a very productive meeting with members of the DEP as well as the Highland Exe Director Eileen Swan and their Council Tom Borden. Future meetings are to be scheduled to determine funding sources and permitting issues.

12/4/09- Attended our Mount Arlington Christmas Tree lighting ceremony at Memorial Park. I want to thank the Mount Arlington Fire Department for having Santa there and assisting him at the Civic Center to meet with children from the Borough for picture taking. I have to thank Carolyn Rinaldi and her volunteers for putting this event together and making it a success.

12/6/09- Attended an Eagle Scout court for our latest two young men from our local Troop 188 who attained the highest honor in Scouting. I presented them proclamations from the Mayor and Council. Congratulations to Teddy Martini and Steven DePinho who earned their Eagles. It was a pleasure to spend the afternoon with these honored young men.

12/8/09- Attended a meeting with United Water to discuss the issues preventing the construction of the 2 office buildings and the Shadow Woods development. There are issues over sewer allocation. I think we found a way to compromise and work towards clearing the way for this to occur.

12/9/09- Attended the League of Municipalities Executive Board meeting in Trenton. Later in the evening attended our Land Use meeting.



Mayor Arthur Ondish

419 Howard Blvd.

Mt. Arlington, N.J. 07856

Dec. 1, 2009

Dear Mayor Ondish,

I recently needed to have several documents notorized. Not needing this service for many years, I was not sure where to get it done.

After calling the borough offices, I was informed that the town provided notary services to residents at the clerk's office.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for providing this service. The ladies

In the clerk's office were extremely helpful and pleasant. I was surprised and grateful
to learn that this service is available at no charge.

In a world where good deeds are often unrecognized, I want to say "thank you" and "job well done" ladies!

Very sincerely yours,

Virginia Rooney

December 1, 2009

Chief Richard Peterson
Mt. Arlington Police Department
520 Altenbrand Avenue
Mt. Arlington, NJ 07856

Re:

Officer Pat DeRosa November 20, 2009

Dear Chief Peterson:

My husband and I wanted to recognize Officer DeRosa on his much appreciated service that he demonstrated on the evening of November 20<sup>th</sup> when our home experienced a smoke fire.

It is our understanding from our Kids and neighbors, that were called to our home from our security system, that his quick review of the situation ensured that our treasured puppies Murphy and Buddy were secured and then he ran through the unit to ensure there were no persons in the condo, since there was a car in the garage, his concern was appreciated.

It was a frightening experience to leave a movie and receive so many voicemails referencing the calls to our home from the security system regarding smoke on all three levels. By the time we arrived, the house was secured by our kids and neighbors. It is our understanding that Officer DeRosa was clear at asking for proof before people, other than the fire department, were asked to show identification, which we do appreciate, since the house was wide open to many.

Officer DeRosa, was kind enough to stop by a couple of days later, to see if we were okay, and we were so happy to shake his hand and see the true person; it made us feel good to know who was the first one at our home.

We actually give you permission to post this note for public view, we are so thankful and do appreciate the good work that Officer DeRosa expressed to us.

Be proud of him, and thanks so much for leading the team.

Allan Verbesky

16 Windjammer Lane

Lakeshore Village Mt. Arlington, NJ 07856 Edythe S. Verbesky

Cc WMayor Arthur Ondish
Councilman William Doran

