

**BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 20, 2012**

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 Daily Record and the Roxbury Register on December 22, 2011; notice was posted on the bulletin board in the main hallway of the Municipal Building on December 14, 2011, has been available to the public, and 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.

*This Meeting shall conclude no later than 10:30 p.m. If business is to be conducted past 10:30 p.m., a Motion by the Council must be passed in order to exceed the time limit.

3. Flag Salute

The Mayor asked for a moment of silence to remember our troops and all those who put themselves in harm's way to protect our freedom. The Mayor added that Frank Hughes, a long time public servant of the Borough, passed away yesterday and asked that we remember him in our prayers.

4. Roll Call

Councilwoman Danchuk, Council President Sorge, Councilman Sadow, Councilman Cangiano, Councilman Windish, Councilman Stanzilis, Mayor Ondish. Elizabeth Valandingham, Esq., Borough Attorney, and Carolyn Rinaldi, Municipal Administrator, were also present.

5. Presentations/Mayor's Appointments

- Appointment of Michael Strickler to the Recreation Commission, Alternate 1, filling the two-year unexpired term of Paul Teodorescu, expiring on 12/31/2012. Council approved the Mayor's appointment.

6. Approval of Minutes

March 6, 2012

Regular Meeting

Motion to Approve: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Cangiano

Roll Call:

Aye: Danchuk, Council President Sorge, Sadow, Cangiano, Stanzilis.

Abstain: Windish

None Opposed

Motion Approved

7. Mayor's Report

Mayor Ondish read his report into the record.

8. Council Committee Reports

Councilman Cangiano:

- Councilman Cangiano reported the Board of Health met last week. Board of Health member Laura Stanzilis is now part of NJ State Local Board of Health Association. The Association provides training to local organizations; the fee is \$25.00 per Board member.
- Mrs. Stanzilis continues to be involved in the Mayor's Health and Wellness campaign; upcoming spring events include community health screenings and hypertension screenings.
- The Green Team continues to work on the Borough-wide composting initiative. Frank Wilpert, Health Officer, supports this initiative and Rutgers University will provide guidance, publications and assistance to the Green Team when the program is rolled out to the community. The 55 gallon composting bins cost about \$50.00 each. Carolyn Rinaldi and Paul Nelson will look into the Clean Communities Grant fund to see if some of that money might be used to offset the cost of the bins.

Councilman Windish:

- Councilman Windish reported that the Easter Egg Hunt will be April 7 and Jackie Coy is looking for volunteers to help with the hunt.
- The soccer program now has 200 members, which is a new record.
- With regard to the "worn" sports equipment containers, Carolyn Rinaldi reported the containers were stored outdoors and Paul Nelson will call the supplier to see if the Borough has any recourse; if not, Paul will have his staff strip and repaint the containers.

Councilman Stanzilis:

- Councilman Stanzilis reported the Mayor's Wellness Committee is doing very well. They are planning a 5K run/1 mile walk in honor of Officer Joe Wargo.
- Councilman Stanzilis reported the police have two new vehicles, a Charger and Tahoe. Councilman Stanzilis stated the car Chief Licata drives is a 2004 and an organization from Cherry Hill might have a good deal on a replacement.
- Councilman Stanzilis stated the Borough's COAH money does not need to be returned by July. The Borough will look into ways the money might be used.
- Councilman Stanzilis presented pictures documenting the huge amount of trash throughout the Borough, particularly up and down Howard Boulevard. Carolyn Rinaldi will look into having the County SLAP Program clean up the area, including the Metro Mart parking lot and the empty lot next to Metro Mart.
- Councilman Stanzilis asked about the Employee Appreciation/Awards Dinner the Borough held in past years; Carolyn Rinaldi said the dinners were eliminated due to the transitional aid memorandum of understanding restrictions. Council would like to reinstate the annual employee dinner.

Motion to Approve: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Stanzilis

Roll Call:

Aye: Danchuk, Council President Sorge, Sadow, Cangiano, Windish, Stanzilis

None opposed

Motion Approved.

Councilman Sadow:

- Councilman Sadow stated Paul Nelson looked into the SLAP program but they require certain amount of shoulder lane set-back in order to do clean-up. The DPW has started to clean the areas which are not SLAP approved and are looking at other ways to possibly use their services.
- Carolyn Rinaldi spoke with Joe Weaver regarding property maintenance on private property and the issue of signs being placed in the Borough. Councilman Sadow stated Council does have the authority to remove signs placed on Borough property.
- Councilman Sadow distributed the Loss Control Report from the Morris County JIF which is fairly detailed and designates the Borough to be in good shape.
- Councilman Sadow spoke with Engineer Daren Phil with regard to the COAH money, 404 Howard Boulevard and the old municipal building on Altenbrand. Daren Phil stated that in order to make 404 Howard accessible, the cost would be approximately \$50,000 but

the building cannot be rehabilitated with only the COAH money; the Altenbrand Avenue building is probably the same. Both buildings would require engineering and architectural evaluations which are costly in themselves. Council discussed possible other alternatives for these two properties.

Council President Sorge:

- Council President Sorge stated all is well with the Fire Department.

Councilwoman Danchuk:

- Councilwoman Danchuk stated nothing to report for the Finance Committee.

9. Municipal Administrator's Report

- Carolyn Rinaldi spoke with members of the Recreation Commission who are ready to move forward with the Committee (Councilman Stanzilis, Councilman Sadow and Council President Sorge) to meet with the Board of Education regarding gym time and playing fields. Paul Nelson also volunteered to attend the meeting.
- Carolyn Rinaldi spoke with Joe Weaver regarding resident property maintenance and signs.
- Paul Nelson has been in contact with a distributor of LED lights for the bollards along Howard Boulevard. In an effort to reduce cost and save energy, the existing poles will be alternated with the bollards.
- Carolyn Rinaldi reminded Council of the JIF Training on March 29th at 6:00 p.m. The Borough receives a \$250 credit for each elected official attendant; please notify the Clerk by Friday if Council members plan to attend.

The Clerk asked Council if an advertisement from the DCA/Housing Authority regarding reduced mortgage rates for Police and Fire personnel should be placed on the website, as the DCA requested. Council agreed to distribute the information to the police and fire departments, but not place the information on the website.

The Clerk received the Municipal Services Reimbursement Agreement from Lakeshore Village today and asked Council if they wanted to adopt the resolution to execute the agreement this evening. Council agreed to hold this agreement/resolution to the next meeting on April 3, 2012.

10. Public Comment

None.

11. New Business

- **Knee Deep Club**
Council agreed that the annual donation of \$500 be made to the Knee Deep Club along with permission to use Memorial Park; this will be approved at the April 3, 2012 meeting.
- **United Water New Jersey**
Carolyn Rinaldi referred to the draft ordinances created by the attorney for United Water. Council agreed that Carolyn Rinaldi contact Atkins and ask for detailed information from their engineer, at no cost to the Borough. The Mayor stated that Daren Phil completed a study on the Marriot which will be made available to Council; the Mayor emphasized there is no cost to the Borough on this matter. Council discussed at length the gallonage, septic/treatment systems, future requirements and possible deed restrictions regarding the hotel, the new redevelopment project and Season's Glen. Carolyn Rinaldi will get the information requested and distribute it to Council, the Borough Attorney and Daren Phil.
- **Resolution Calling for the Restoration of Energy Taxes to Municipalities**
The Mayor stated the NJLM has rejuvenated the desire for municipalities across the State to get their money back. The Mayor believes we will begin to recover the money in this budget year but the money must go to property tax relief. Council agreed to adopt this resolution at the April 3, 2012 Council meeting.

12. Old Business

None.

13. Resolutions

- 2012-55** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing a Grant Agreement Between the Borough and the State of New Jersey By and For the Department of Environmental Protection. (Community Forestry Management Plan, 2012 Green Communities Grant.)

Motion to Approve: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Windish

Roll Call:

Aye: Danchuk, Council President Sorge, Sadow, Cangiano, Windish, Stanzilis.

None Opposed

Motion Approved

- 2012-56** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Opposing the New Jersey Water Supply Fluoridation Act.

Motion to Approve: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Windish

Roll Call:

Aye: Danchuk, Council President Sorge, Cangiano, Windish, Stanzilis.

Opposed: Sadow

Motion Approved

14. Ordinances – Introduction

- 06-12** Ordinance of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Amending and Supplementing Chapter A210 of the Borough Code Entitled, "Fees", to Update the Fees for Animal Control Services Provided in Sections 48-6 D(2) and 48-9.1D.

The Mayor read Ordinance 06-12 by Title.

Motion: Councilman Sadow stated that Ordinance 06-12 be introduced by Title and passed on First Reading and that a meeting be held on April 17, 2012 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 Stanzilis.

Roll Call:

Aye: Danchuk, Council President Sorge, Sadow, Cangiano, Windish, Stanzilis.

None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

15. Ordinances – Second Reading

None.

16. Executive Session

- 2012-57** 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.

Action May Be Taken.

Executive Topics:

Police Contract

Attorney Client Privilege: Roxbury Fire Hydrants

Motion to Go into Executive Session: Council President Sorge
 Second: Councilman Stanzilis.
 All in Favor: Aye
 None Opposed
 Motion Approved

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

***Added
 Resolution:
 2012-58**


Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing A Four Year Contract Between the Borough of Mount Arlington and FOP Lodge 78.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Stanzilis.
 Second: Council President Sorge
 Roll Call:
 Aye: Council President Sorge, Sadow, Cangiano, Windish,
 Stanzilis.
 Abstain: Danchuk
 None Opposed
 Motion Approved

Mayor Ondish stated the March 19, 2012 Daily Record published an article acknowledging Marc LeGates, a resident of Mount Arlington and PSE&G employee, for saving someone's life. Council agreed to present Mr. LeGates with a proclamation at the next Council meeting.

17. Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn: Council President Sorge
 Second: Councilman Stanzilis.
 All in Favor: Aye
 None Opposed
 Motion Approved.


 Linda DeSantis, RMC
 Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved at Council Meeting of April 17, 2012.

Mayor report for 3/20/12

Since our meeting on March 6, 2012:

3/12/12- Officiated a wedding here at Boro Hall

3/13/12- Testified before the Senate Budget Committee in Montclair about our Energy Tax Receipt money that the state has been using rather than returning to the municipalities for property tax relief.

3/13/12- Attended the League of Municipalities Economic Development Task Force Meeting in Hamilton.

3/13/12- Attended Library Trustee Meeting

3/15/12- Attended the Highlands Council Meeting in Chester. Meeting went long so I missed our Mayors Wellness Meeting here in town.

3/17/12- Attended the Scouts Pancake Breakfast at Our Lady of the Lake School.

3/19/12- Testified before the Assembly Budget Committee in Newark about the Energy Tax Receipt money.

There will be a ribbon cutting for the new location of Napoli Pizza on Saturday March 31, 2012 at 10:30 am

Yesterday we lost Frank Hughes a long time public servant of our Borough. Mt Arlington owes Frank a large debt of gratitude for all of the time and energy he spent serving our Borough. Rest in peace our good friend and servant.