

**BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 1, 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.

**4. Roll Call**

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

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

- Proclamation to Honor of Harry Martin  
The Mayor read the Certificate of Appreciation into the record. The Mayor noted that Mr. Martin survived the Battle of the Bulge and is the only recipient of a Key to Mount Arlington, presented to him a few years ago.
- Fire Chief John Morsch to Discuss Fire Department Needs
  - Fire Chief John Morsch discussed the possibility of adopting an ordinance regarding placards identifying lightweight construction and is currently researching other municipalities' ordinances. The Council discussed the safety issues, obtaining updated building plans and construction records for structures in the Borough.
  - Fire Chief Morsch detailed the preventative maintenance program presently being implemented, indicating that our trucks have low mileage but high hours of usage; any emergency repair can be performed at a repair shop but for anything specialized, the apparatus must be brought to a certified emergency vehicle technician. The Mayor suggested on-site fleet services, there are two companies in NJ, which can be used for DPW and Police as well. Requests for Proposals for on-site service for the Borough were discussed. Council requested more information on the cost and services of the on-site companies. Fire Chief Morsch will meet with the Fire Liaison, Committee and Councilman Sadow to further discuss this issue.
  - The Mayor spoke with Picatinny regarding the surplus equipment sent to them from can be dispensed to local municipalities. The Mayor stated Carolyn Rinaldi has been looking at a website that shows various equipment available. Councilman Windish will

obtain information from the Garrisons at Monmouth and Picatinny and stated they would pick up the equipment and deliver it to the arsenal, where we would pick it up; it is considered a real asset transfer from the arsenal to the municipality.

## 6. Approval of Minutes

April 17, 2012

Regular Meeting

Motion to Approve: Council President Sorge.

Second: Councilman Stanzilis.

Councilman Sadow noted a correction to be made on page 7; so noted.

Roll Call:

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

None Opposed.

Motion Approved:

## 7. Mayor's Report

- The Mayor read his report into the record.
- The Mayor stated residents have asked about a possible traffic light at the bottom of the ramp from 80W onto Howard. The Mayor approached the NJDOT requesting a light but the Council would have to adopt a resolution allowing the NJDOT to first complete a traffic and safety study. The feasibility study would be no cost to Borough; Council agreed to place a resolution on the next meeting agenda.
- The Mayor stated the NJDOT will not give us a permit to complete the sidewalks going underneath Route 80 until we enter into an MOU stating we will maintain the sidewalks. The NJDOT Chief of Staff assured Mayor Ondish that when the NJDOT and NJ Transit turn their lots over to vendors, it will be the vendors' responsibility to maintain the lots and sidewalk. The Borough is required to sign an MOU to maintain the sidewalks for next winter so we can obtain permit to finish sidewalks. Councilman Sadow will speak with Paul Nelson regarding maintenance costs associated with our DPW and landscaping company. If the Borough has to sign an MOU, the Mayor wants to specify an annual MOU.
- With regard to the Nolan's Ridge sidewalk, Nolan's must build a wall as well due to the retention basin. Nolan's will get the proper approvals and move forward.
- Many towns are looking into reverse auctions for energy savings. The Mayor recommends EMEX do the reverse auction for the Borough. A resolution authorizing EMEX to do the auction, with no obligation from the Borough, will be on the next meeting agenda.
- The streetscape light, now converted to LED, will be installed by Paul Nelson in the next few days. If Council likes the light, we can consider doing the rest of them for a lower cost; the bollards cannot be converted because they are a lower voltage.
- The Mayor met with NJR regarding a listing of gas lines in the Borough. The gas lines should be starting in Bertrand Island in about a month; the price for conversion should be about \$6,000 to \$8,000. NJR will do a complete audit of your home and offer a no-interest loan for about 10 years for the conversion, and the cost will be added onto your home bill. The Mayor discussed another company willing to pay for the conversion of a fleet, install a fueling station, and get paid over time from the savings; this could be shared service for our smaller municipality.

## 8. Council Committee Reports

### Councilwoman Danchuk:

- Finance: Nothing to report.

### Council President Sorge:

- Fire Department – Chief gave his report earlier in meeting.
- Announced the law suit against the Borough by Linda Cook has been dismissed with prejudice.

### Councilman Sadow:

- DPW: Nothing to report.

### Councilman Stanzilis:

- Board of Education: students planted 25 trees at MAPS.

- Police: Chief Licata will attend the May 15<sup>th</sup> meeting when the students are in attendance. Chief Licata, James DiStasio and Ed LaBruno will be biking to Washington, DC on the Police Unity Tour on May 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>; Joe Wargo's name will be added to the National Police Monument Memorial, during a candlelight ceremony at the National Mall. Chief Licata is obtaining quotes for the Speed Monitor Advisory Signs.
- Councilman Stanzilis mentioned the Optimum Triple Play for business and questioned the status of the Borough consolidating suppliers. Councilman Sadow stated now UL approved cells can replace the copper lines, for about 1/3 the cost, and they self-test more frequently than the copper lines. Councilman Sadow will work with Carolyn Rinaldi on this issue.
- Councilman Stanzilis questioned the status of various upcoming recognitions at Council Meetings; the Clerk listed the recipients for the May 15<sup>th</sup> and June 12<sup>th</sup> meetings to date. Councilman Stanzilis mentioned the recent accident on Howard Boulevard northbound in front of Pub 199 and applauded the work of our police, who risked their life to save the drivers' life. The police will be recognized at the Employee Appreciation Dinner, as well as the DPW for their assistance. The Mayor noted the quick repair performed by JCP&L.

**Councilman Windish:**

- Recreation: the beach project is still slated to be completed by Memorial Day. Councilman Stanzilis stated they met with the School Board today regarding the fields, gym usage, etc. but another meeting will be scheduled.

**Councilman Cangiano:**

- Complimented Laura O'Reilly Stanzilis for her accomplishments on the Mayors Wellness Committee; her efforts also affect our standing with the Sustainable NJ initiative.
- Councilman Cangiano has been working with the Scouts who received about 50 saplings from the Arbor Society and planted them by the beach project, along the side by Barnes Bros., to create a natural screen.

**9. Municipal Administrator's Report**

- May 15<sup>th</sup> meeting is at 10:00 a.m. Councilmen Cangiano, Windish and Stanzilis will not be attending.
- Regarding the May 22<sup>nd</sup> Service for NJ Fallen Heroes, honoring Joseph Wargo, there are only two employees attending; Council had previously asked about a bus if there were a lot of attendees but that will not be necessary.
- The Mayors Wellness Committee is planning a 5-K Run and information from Laura O'Reilly Stanzilis was distributed at the Council Meeting. Carolyn Rinaldi has a meeting with Committee Member LeAnn Phil to go over details but asked Council to review the information distributed as she will not commit the Borough to anything without Council approval.
- The Employee Appreciation Dinner will be held on Wednesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 p.m. at the Yacht Club. We do give out service awards and Chief Licata has prepared a list of acknowledgements and awards for the Police Department.
- The Tiger Den was responsible for clean up on Howard Boulevard and they will be attending the June 12, 2012 Council Meeting to receive recognition.
- The ROI Grant resolution listed on tonight's agenda will be withdrawn. Carolyn Rinaldi met with the grant writer but this grant is designed for creating programs, not to be used with existing programs/projects. The Borough has to establish a need for this type of grant before we apply and Carolyn Rinaldi called Jane Jameson for some numbers; there is a checklist of the various disabilities, age groups, criteria.
- There is a \$2,000 grant opportunity toward earning points for Sustainable Jersey certification; more for public outreach, pamphlets, etc., and though we do not have our certification, we do qualify to apply. Carolyn Rinaldi explained that the grant writer is looking first and foremost for our wish list, but along the way finds various resources that are available.
- Regarding the composting bins, municipalities can use their recycling grant funds to pay for this expense. Councilman Cangiano will discuss this at the next Green Team meeting and bring suggestions back to Council.
- With regard to the NJLM notice announcing GI Go Jeans for Troops Day May 24<sup>th</sup>, this is a fundraising drive for returning soldiers to find jobs, housing, education, and healthcare. The donation is \$5.00 per employee to enable them to wear jeans to work that day. Council agreed to contribute by paying for the employees to wear jeans that day; the resolution will be on the May 15, 2012 agenda.

- Carolyn Rinaldi will have a Dail-A-Ride driver available on Primary Election Day June 5, 2012 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and wants to be sure this does not interfere with normal Dial-A-Ride appointments for that day; we might possibly have a DPW employee drive after 1:00pm. We can utilize a sign-up sheet to block the time for voting. Carolyn Rinaldi stated some facilities have their own shuttles and we could contact them to make them aware of the date.
- The Interlocal Service Agreement with Wharton for street sweeping will be on the May 15, 2012 meeting agenda.
- Carolyn Rinaldi has meet with an insurance advisor to help with various programs, at no cost to the Borough. The advisor will research our programs, make the best determinations, and recommend any changes or additional programs that may be necessary. There are some requirements, such as an EAP program, as stated in our handbook and the advisor will shop for the best available rates. Rich Allocca is our risk consultant, with the Morris County JIF, not health insurance; however, this insurance broker will be shopping risk management as well. Carolyn Rinaldi will work with the Personnel Committee on this.
- With regard to the BBQ for Volunteers, we could possibly use Memorial Park, use the Civic Center for bathrooms, and hire organizations to do the cooking and clean-up. Councilman Windish will be involved in planning due to the amount of recreation volunteers.
- Councilman Windish inquired about plans for the Memorial Day Parade. Carolyn Rinaldi stated the parade is on May 28<sup>th</sup>, set up at MAPS at 9:30 a.m., parade at 10:30 a.m., followed by a ceremony at Memorial Park. The Elks have extended an invitation to everyone to go to the Elks for refreshments. The Mayor suggested a Council car behind the Grand Marshall Charlie Coe. Carolyn Rinaldi is still looking for classic cars, convertibles.

#### 10. Public Comment

Gerry Curtin, Orben Drive:

- Mr. Curtin has been researching how to get natural gas at Lake Rogerene. Contacted NJ Natural Gas and asked if the line coming up off of Orben Drive was oversized for future distribution and it is. Mr. Don Irvin of NJ Natural Gas will speak with Mr. Curtin regarding a possible survey of residents wanting gas services.
- Mr. Curtin stated that years ago, there was a terrible fire and our fire fighters saved a woman's life. Our fire fighters were then inducted into the 200 Club in Morristown, The Mayor stated the Borough can submit application for next year for those who assisted in the rescue at the Howard Boulevard accident; this year's inductees and awards are being held in June. Councilman Stanzilis will look into this for all of our rescuers, police and fire personnel.

#### 11. New Business

None.

#### 12. Old Business

None.

#### 13. Resolutions

**2012-72** 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 May 1, 2012.

Motion to Approve: Council President Sorge.

Second: Councilman Windish

Councilman Sadow was opposed to paying check #12000594 to Schenley Contractors for the beach project stating they have not performed adequately. Carolyn Rinaldi explained this was a progress payment and this payment only appears after Finance receives a letter from Daren Phil approving such payment. Councilman Sadow objected because we do not have a time of completion in the contract and the project must be done by Memorial Day. Councilman Sadow asked Attorney O'Donnell to send a letter instructing Schenley that if the project is not completed in time, he will pay whatever the consequences. Carolyn

Rinaldi will speak with Daren prior the attorney sending a letter.

Roll Call:

Aye: Danchuk, Council President Sorge, Sadow (except check #12000594), Cangiano, Windish, Stanzilis.

None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

- 2012-73** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Opposing Senate Bills #1451 and #1452.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Sadow.

Second: Council President Sorge

Roll Call:

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

Opposed: Danchuk.

Motion Approved.

- 2012-74** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Appointing Lifeguards for the 2012 Season.

Motion to Approve: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Windish

Roll Call:

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

None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

- 2012-75** 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 NJDCA Grant Application for Recreational Opportunities for Individuals with Disabilities (ROID) Grant Program.

Motion to Withdraw: Councilman Stanzilis

Second: Council President Sorge

All in Favor – Aye.

None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

#### **14. Ordinances – Introduction**

- 08-12** 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 Borough Code Chapter 86, Excavations, Regarding Section 86-1, Permits for Excavations, Item D, Fee; and Chapter A210 of the Borough Code, Entitled “Fees” to Update the Fees for Excavations Provided in Section 86-1D.

The Mayor read Ordinance 08-12 by Title.

Motion: Councilman Sadow stated that Ordinance 08-12 be introduced by Title and passed on First Reading and that a meeting be held on June 12, 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 Cangiano.

Roll Call:

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

Nay: None.

Motion Approved.

**15. Ordinances – Second Reading**

None.

**16. Public Comment**

Mayor Ondish explained that in some municipalities, Public Comment is opened twice in one meeting; the first is advertised allowing the public to comment on any agenda items and the second public comment session is where the public can comment on any item, including issues previously discussed. The Public Comment portions of the meeting are for comment only, not for discussion. After Council discussion and a straw poll, it was decided to have one Public Comment for each meeting.

**17. Executive Session**

**2012-76** 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 Topics: Personnel Matte

Motion to Go Into Executive Session: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Sadow

All in Favor – Aye.

None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

Motion to Return to Open Session: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Sadow

All in Favor – Aye.

None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

**18. Adjourn**

Motion to Adjourn: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Windish

All in Favor – Aye

None Opposed

Motion Approved



Linda DeSantis, RMC  
Borough Clerk

Minutes approved at Council meeting of May 15, 2012.

Mayor report for 5/1/12

Since our meeting on April 17, 2012:

4/18/12- Attended the Morris County League of Municipalities lunch.

4/19/12- Attended a Public Works Advisory Committee meeting in New Brunswick. This meeting was to review the upcoming public works managers test.

4/19/12- Attended the CDRS meeting in Morristown.

4/19/12- Attended meeting with Congressman Lance.

4/20/12- Participated in interview for Power and Politics on News 12 in Edison. That episode aired over the weekend. I was focused on the energy tax receipts.

4/23/12- Met with Director Czech of the division of Civil Service as part of my ongoing meet and greet events as League president. It was a very informative meeting.

4/23/12- Officiated a wedding in Mine Hill.

4/24/12- Participated in interview for The Capital Report focused on energy tax receipt money. This was in Patterson with host Steve Aduboto.

From there I attended the NJ Conference of Mayors convention in AC. It was a great conference where I met

with many Mayors from around the state as well as state legislators.

4/27/12- Upon returning from AC I attended the Gala fundraiser for County College of Morris in Basking Ridge.

4/28/12- Officiated a wedding in Hopatcong.

4/30/12- Carolyn and I attended the Complete Streets Program put on by the NJDOT at the Fire Academy in Parsippany.

Earlier today I was in Trenton for an officers meeting of the League and an opportunity to meet with Acting Commissioner Constable of the DCA to discuss the energy tax revenue and how we can work to resolve this issue. Then I attended a meeting at DEP- Fish and Wildlife to be educated on wildlife rehabilitators. These are the people who take in wild animals when they are injured and nurse them back to health and release them back into the public. There are some issues being raised about the program so Cindy Randazzo invited me to meet with Fish and Wildlife to learn about the process.

Issues:

Discuss DOT, the traffic light and sidewalk maintenance.

Nolans Ridge Sidewalk

EMEX energy



On site vehicle maintenance company.