

**BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 15, 2012**

1. Call to Order

The Mayor welcomed the MAPS Seventh Grade Students and teachers Mrs. Longo and Mr. Malakuskie. The Mayor encouraged the students to raise their hands anytime during the meeting if they have questions.

- 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.

3. Flag Salute

The Mayor asked for a moment of silence to remember all those who put themselves in harms' way to protect our freedom, and for our local soldiers overseas.

4. Roll Call

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

The Mayor stated Councilman Cangiano, Councilman Windish and Councilman Stanzilis were not present due to their work schedules but they did send their apologies for not being able to participate.

The Mayor introduced each Council Member present, CFO/Municipal Administrator Carolyn Rinaldi, Borough Attorney Elizabeth Valandingham, Borough Clerk Linda DeSantis, Police Chief Keith Licata, and School Board Member Sheila Studint, and gave a brief description of the job responsibilities of each person. The Mayor explained the meeting procedures, agenda, meeting documentation and recordkeeping.

6. Utility Receipt Report for the Month of March, 2012.

The Clerk read the Utility Receipt Report for March, 2012 into the record.
Grand Total: \$68,081.88

Tax Collectors' Report for the Month of March, 2012.

The Clerk read the Tax Collector's Report for March, 2012 into the record.
Total Receipts: \$136,158.39

Tax Collectors' Report for the Year Ending December 31, 2011.

The Clerk read the Tax Collector's Report for the Year Ending December 31, 2011 into the record.

Total Receipts: \$16,338,418.67

7. Approval of Minutes

May 1, 2012

Regular Meeting

Motion to Approve: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Sadow.

All in Favor – Aye.

None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

8. Mayor's Report

- The Mayor read his report into the record.
- The Mayor stated the EMEX energy auction took place yesterday and the Borough received great results. The recommendation is to contract with Green Mountain Energy for a 24-month fixed rate for a 30% savings; the Mayor had also spoken with Matthew O'Donnell, Esq., Borough Attorney, regarding this contract. Council agreed to pass the resolution authorizing the contract since this issue has been previously discussed at length.

Added

Resolution:

2012-83 Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Execution of a Contract for a Two-Year Fixed Rate Energy Cost with Green Mountain Energy for Our Energy Supply for the Borough.

Motion to Approve: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Sadow

Roll Call:

Aye: Danchuk, Council President Sorge, Sadow.

None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

5. Presentations/Mayor's Appointments

- Congressman Leonard Lance thanked the Mayor and Council for the opportunity to attend the meeting and welcomed the students. The Congressman explained that NJ is changing from 13 members of the House of Representatives to 12 and Mount Arlington is one of 75 municipalities in the his district, followed by an explanation of the different levels of government, municipal through federal. Congressman Lance will be going to Washington today to vote on the National Defense Authorization Act, which funds governmental spending for our military, and extended an invitation to the students to visit his office if they travel to Washington, DC. The Congressman described the various monuments and sites of interest in the Washington Mall.

9. Chief of Police Report

- Chief Licata reported on the progress of the Borough's no-speeding campaign and his participation in the recent Unity Tour.
- The Chief indicated the officers that assisted in the recent accident on Howard Boulevard will be presented with lifesaving awards.
- A student asked the Chief about litter at the bus stop on Audrey and Eric; the Chief will follow-up.

10. Municipal Administrator's Report

- Discussed the upcoming Memorial Day Parade, Ceremony and picnic at the Elks. Chief Licata extended an invitation to the students to march with the Dare Program. The beach will be open on Memorial Day, and weekends only until school ends; thereafter, daily from 10am to 6pm. The new volleyball courts, bocce ball and horseshoe pits are open at the beach.
- Carolyn Rinaldi met with Chief Licata and Councilman Stanzilis regarding the public outreach driver safety program; the program is moving ahead and we now have someone to help with the graphics.
- Carolyn Rinaldi met with Leann Phil, the Mayors Wellness Coordinator for the 5K Walk/Race in October to honor Officer Wargo, and read a letter from Ms. Phil into the record.
- Carolyn Rinaldi met with members of the Recreation Commission regarding preliminary plans for a Mount Arlington Community Fun Day to be held in July, 2013 at Fireman's Field. The purpose of the day will be to introduce residents to those businesses, services and community organizations available in the Borough.

11. Council Committee Reports

Councilman Sadow, DPW Liaison:

- Described the duties and responsibilities of the Department of Public Works and praised the work of the Department.
- Regarding snow removal on the new sidewalks from Hillside Avenue to the train station, the Borough is trying to have the DOT do snow removal and maintenance. Paul Nelson estimated the cost to be approximately \$2,400 per average snowstorm for the mile of sidewalk the Borough presently maintains; the new sidewalk will add almost 50% more sidewalk.

Council President Sorge, Fire Department Liaison:

- Stated that some members of the DPW are also members of the Fire Department, which is an asset to the Borough because of their constant availability.
- With regard to the truck door damage which occurred recently, the Fire Chief has issued new procedures for anyone driving the trucks.
- Announced to Council that the General Records Council notified our attorney that the Borough prevailed over the Livecchia OPRA complaint.
- Council President Sorge is also the Vice President of the Mount Arlington Historical Society, which is planning to honor Jack Richards, a longtime member of the Society.

Councilwoman Danchuk, Finance Liaison:

- Stated the Finance Committee was very busy earlier in the year preparing the Borough budget and briefly described the budget process with relation to property taxes.
- Stated there are no large capital projects right now and the Borough is saving money for lighting at Fireman's Field and a possible turf field there as well.

The Mayor described the larger projects completed over the past ten years; as more residents moved in, the increase in tax revenue was used to complete larger projects. Presently, the capital project focus is on recreation.

12. Public Comment

- Students addressed the Mayor and Council with questions regarding the following topics:
 - status of the beach project
 - any upcoming plans to encourage more businesses to stay or relocate to Mount Arlington; one student cited there is no veterinarian in the Borough
 - paving of Maple Path
 - weed cutters/harvesters on Lake Hopatcong
 - street hockey rink

Mrs.Longo stated the students had more excellent questions but they had to return to classes now; the Mayor, Council President and Municipal Administrator will schedule a visit to school to address the remainder of the questions. The Mayor and Council thanked the students for their attendance and participation in the meeting.

Sheila Studint, Board of Education Member:

- On behalf of the Board of Education, Ms. Studint thanked the Police FOP for their donation to help defray the cost of the eighth grade Washington DC trip and for their participation in the upcoming Community Softball Game on June 1st.
- The Board of Education will conduct second interviews with two candidates for the open principal position; the new principal will be introduced at the May 24, 2012 Board meeting.
- As a trustee of the Library Board, the Library is accepting applications for a children's librarian for approximately ten hours per week.
- Ms. Studint stated a meeting took place between School Board Members and members of Council regarding the recreation and schools sharing fields, gym time, etc.
- The School Board is currently going out to bid for a new gym floor at Decker School.
- The School Board has advertised open positions for September.
- The schools now have reading lists at the library to reserve books for summer reading; the lists have also been forwarded to Barnes and Noble for stocking the books
- In September, block programming will be incorporated into MAPS school, which is basically double class time per subject and rotation of the subject days. Acting Principal Ethel Minchello will be speaking on this topic at an upcoming Board of Education meeting. Council discussed the details of the program, the impact on the students going forward, and the prospective new principal's experience with such programming.
- The School Board is presently in contract negotiations for the next three years.

The Mayor stated he has a copy of the DOT/NJTransit sidewalk maintenance agreement; Carolyn Rinaldi will forward same to the Council and Clerk. The Mayor indicated If we don't sign the agreement, we will not get the permit to finish the sidewalk area underneath Route 80. The Mayor is not satisfied with the proposed agreement because there is no end date as to when the Borough would stop the maintenance. The Safe Streets Program is deceiving because the program is of little or no cost to the municipality to provide sidewalks but there is no assistance being offered for maintenance. Councilman Sadow requested the agreement be reviewed crafted to our needs by Borough Attorney Matt O'Donnell.

13. New Business

None.

14. Old Business

None.

15. Resolutions

2012-77 Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the 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 Sorge

Second: Councilwoman Danchuk

Roll Call:

Aye: Danchuk, Council President Sorge, Sadow.

None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

- 2012-78** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Purchase of Energy Generation Services for Public Use on an Online Auction Website.

Motion to Approve: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Sadow

Roll Call:

Aye: Danchuk, Council President Sorge, Sadow.

None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

- 2012-79** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Execution of an Interlocal Services Agreement Between the Borough of Wharton and The Borough of Mount Arlington for the Purpose of Street Sweeping of Various Roads.

Motion to Table: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Sadow

All in Favor – Aye.

None Opposed.

Motion to Table Approved.

- 2012-80** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the New Jersey Department of Transportation to Complete a Road Study.

Motion to Approve: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Sadow

Roll Call:

Aye: Danchuk, Council President Sorge, Sadow.

None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

- 2012-81** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Supporting Borough Participation in the G.I. Go Jeans for Troops Day.

Motion to Approve: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Sadow

Roll Call:

Aye: Danchuk, Council President Sorge, Sadow.

None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

- 2012-82** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, In Support of Phased-In Funding Restoration.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Sadow

Second: Council President Sorge

Roll Call:

Aye: Danchuk, Council President Sorge, Sadow.

None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

16. Ordinances – Introduction

None.

17. Ordinances – Second Reading

07-12 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 4, Administration of Government, Regarding Section 4-14, Police Department.

The Mayor opened the Hearing to the Public on Ordinance #07-12 and read the Ordinance by title.

Councilman Sadow stated, I move for adoption and final passage of Ordinance #07-12.

Second: Council President Sorge

Roll Call:

Aye: Danchuk, Council President Sorge, Sadow.

None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

The Mayor declared that Ordinance #07-12 is passed on second reading and directed the Clerk to publish the notice of adoption as required by law.

Added Resolution:

2012-84 Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Announcing the Position of Police Sergeant is Vacant and Will Be Filled.

Motion to Approve: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Sadow

Roll Call:

Aye: Danchuk, Council President Sorge, Sadow.

None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

18. Motions

- Application for a Vendor Permit for Net Limo, Inc., effective through December 31, 2012.

Motion to Approve: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Sadow.

All in Favor – Aye.

None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

19. Executive Session

None

20. Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilwoman Danchuk

All in Favor – Aye.

None Opposed.

Motion Approved.



Linda DeSantis, RMC
Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved at Council Meeting of June 12, 2012.

BOROUGH OF MT. ARLINGTON

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UTILITY RECEIPT REPORT FOR MONTH OF MARCH 2012

<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>COLLECTED IN MARCH 2011</u>
<u>\$ 14,237.26</u>	<u>SOLID WASTE RECEIPTS</u>	<u>\$ 12,310.88</u>
<u>\$ 36,892.64</u>	<u>SEWER RECEIPTS</u>	<u>\$ 39,307.88</u>
<u>\$ 9,726.98</u>	<u>WATER RECEIPTS</u>	<u>\$ 8,306.51</u>
<u>(WATER REPAIR RECEIPTS INCLUDED IN WATER RECEIPT TOTAL)</u>		
<u>\$ 7,225.00</u>	<u>(TRUST ACCT) SEWER CONN FEE INSTALL PLAN</u>	<u>\$ 8,075.00</u>
<u>\$ 68,081.88</u>	<u>GRAND TOTAL</u>	<u>\$ 68,000.27</u>

Completed By Patricia E. Simari, CTC *PS*

cc: Mayor & Council
C. Rinaldi
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BOROUGH OF MT. ARLINGTON
TAX & UTILITY OFFICE

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

The Month of March 2012

Dated April 27, 2012

Completed By Patricia E. Simari, CTC

PS

Collections:

Current Taxes (1-01-17-001-001)	<u>\$ 117,456.59</u>
2011 Taxes (1-01-17-001-003)	<u>\$ 16,449.69</u>
2011 Taxes (Collected at Tax Sale)	
Pre-Paid Taxes (1-01-17-001-004)	
Municipal Redemption (1-01-17-004-001)	
Interest & Costs (1-01-08-112-000)	<u>\$ 2,239.81</u>
Interest & Costs (Collected at Tax Sale)	
Return Ck. Fee (1-01-16-500-017)	
Tax Searches (1-01-08-105-010)	
Duplicate Bills (1-01-16-500-016)	<u>\$ 12.00</u>
3 rd Party Red./Subs (1-01-17-004-002)	
3 rd Party Red. Int. (1-01-17-004-003)	
3 rd Party Rec. Fee. (1-01-17-004-003)	
Misc. Copies (1-01-16-500-017)	<u>\$.30</u>
Tax Sale Costs (1-01-16-500-018)	
Tax Sale Costs (Collected at Tax Sale)	
Tax Sale Premiums (Trust Account)	
6% Delinquent Penalty (1-01-16-500-025)	
Tax Paid Certification	
Redemption Calculation Fee	
Total Receipts	<u>\$ 136,158.39</u>
<u>Total Receipts March 2011:</u>	<u>\$ 238,208.59</u>

To the Mayor & Council of the Borough of Mt. Arlington:

I hereby submit my report of receipts & disbursements for the year ending December 31, 2011

Dated: May 1, 2012

Completed By: Patricia E. Simari, CTC Certified Tax Collector *PS*

COLLECTIONS:

Current Taxes <u>2011</u>	\$ <u>15,830,260.49</u>
<u>2010</u> Taxes	\$ <u>183,033.47</u>
<u>2010</u> Taxes Collected at Tax Sale	\$ <u>18,840.15</u>
Pre-Paid Taxes <u>2012</u>	\$ <u>156,353.87</u>
Interest & Costs	\$ <u>34,006.41</u>
Interest Collected at Tax Sale	\$ <u>2,120.09</u>
Return Ck. Fee	\$ <u>40.00</u>
Duplicate Bills	\$ <u>231.00</u>
Municipal Redemption	\$ <u>5,336.84</u>
3 rd Party Redemption, Interest/Subs/Fees	\$ <u>61,197.24</u>
Misc. <u>Copies</u>	\$ <u>5.10</u>
Tax Sale Costs	\$ <u>4,676.28</u>
Tax Sale Premiums	\$ <u>39,400.00</u>
Tax Paid Certification	\$ <u>15.00</u>
6% Year End Penalty	\$ <u>2,802.73</u>
Redemption Calculation Fee	\$ <u>100.00</u>

NET RECEIPTS 2011 \$ 16,338,418.67

NET RECEIPTS 2010 \$ 16,007,286.06

UTILITY COLLECTIONS AT TAX SALE (DOES NOT INCLUDE INTEREST)

Sewer	\$ <u>5,117.50</u>
Water	\$ <u>866.46</u>
Garbage	\$ <u>1,260.00</u>
Sewer Connection Fee	\$ <u>6,800.00</u>
<u>NET UTILITY COLLECTIONS AT TAX SALE</u>	\$ <u>14,043.96</u>

cc: C. Rinaldi



Mayors Wellness Campaign

Put your community in motion.

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May 14, 2012

To: Mayor Ondish and the Mount Arlington Borough Council

Cc: Linda DeSantis, Borough Clerk; Carolyn Rinaldi, Municipal Administrator; MWC Council Liaison Michael Stanzilis; Keith Licata, Chief of Police

Subject: Memorial 5K Walk/Run Fundraiser to Honor Officer Joseph Wargo

Dear Mayor Ondish and Council Members,

The Mayor's Wellness Committee of Mount Arlington is hereby submitting a plan for a 5K Memorial Walk/Run Fundraiser in Honor of the Memory of Officer Joseph Wargo on Saturday, October 6th, 2012.

Officer Wargo's wife has been contacted and supports our efforts with this event. Funds raised through registration will be donated to a charity of Mrs. Wargo's choosing, in honor of her husband's name.

The committee has prepared an application to be sanctioned by USAT&F (USA Track & Field) and agrees to follow the rules and regulations of the sport, and provide a safe environment for the participants and spectators. The Walk/Run will be open to residents within and outside of Mount Arlington. There will be an online registration process using Active.com, which will promote our event on their website and manage registration and donations.

The designated course of the 5K is from Memorial Park around Bertrand Island and finishing back at Memorial Park. Suburban Consulting Engineers, Inc. (SCE) is currently working with Chief Licata to develop a traffic control plan of the 5k course.

The following services are requested from the Borough for race day:

- a. Use of Memorial Park
- b. Use of Civic Center for registration and amenities
- c. Fender system - DPW set up
- d. Police Department & Fire Department participation

The Wellness Committee has formed a race committee and will seek volunteers from the community to help with race day tasks, as well as donations of goods and services for the event. We will work closely with the Municipal Administrator and Chief Licata during the planning process of the 5K to ascertain that all necessary permits are obtained and protocol is followed.

We appreciate your support of this event and look forward to proceeding in our planning and preparation.

Sincerely,

Borough of Mount Arlington, New Jersey, Mayor's Wellness Committee
Laura O'Reilly-Stanzilis, MWC Chairperson
Leann Phil, 5k Walk/Run Event Coordinator

Mayor report for 5/15/12

Since our meeting on May 1, 2012:

5/4/12- Officiated wedding at Boro Hall

5/12/12- I was out of state and missed the Fire Department Installation Dinner in Chester.

5/14/12- Attended Mayors Book Club Celebration at Elementary School in Glassboro with First Graders. They read 1848 books and received certificates of achievement and their \$1000. Check for completing the required reading to qualify.

5/14/12- Our auction took place yesterday for our electric supply. This was completed by EMEX as desired. We got great results with a 30.08% savings achieved. I was not able to log on and watch the live auction but I did send everyone a recorded copy. I also emailed everyone the contracts. I am recommending that we go with the 24 month fixed rate with Green Mountain Energy.

Attention:

This evening I will be attending an awards ceremony in Newark for Celebrate NJ where some of our fourth grade children will be honored for their writing skills.

Mayors Wellness letter from the Committee

Upcoming Memorial Day Parade

NJ Fallen Service Member Tree Celebration at Picatinny on
June 1. Need a reply by May 23 if attending.