#### BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 2, 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 (<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 : <u>"Nothing in this Act shall be construed to limit the discretion of a public body to</u> 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.

## 3. Flag Salute

The Mayor asked for a moment of silence to remember those who put themselves in harm's way to protect our freedoms, and pray for those who have lost their lives overseas.

#### 4. Roll Call

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

# 5. Presentations/Mayor's Appointments

None.

6. Approval of Minutes September 18, 2012 Regula

Regular Meeting

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

#### 7. Mayor's Report

- With regard to the neighbor dispute mentioned at the last meeting, the neighbors have worked it out and the owner of the tree will have it removed before winter.
- The Mayor met with Mrs. Whittle regarding the Mayor's Book Club; the Mayor will continue this program with first graders and will be seeking sponsorship from Borough businesses.
- New Jersey Natural Gas is moving along on Bertrand's Island; residents who want to hook up but did not sign up originally can hook up at no cost and can hook up for just appliances. After January 1, 2013, it will cost residents \$100 for a road opening permit and they will have to set up an escrow account. NJ Natural has solicited on Succasunna Road there are 37 homes that could hook up and 12 have responded; they need 20 people to sign up in order to do the project for nothing. NJ Natural Gas will hold a meeting for the Succasunna Road residents at Borough Hall on October 17, 2012 to explain the project, costs, etc. Once the gas lines are in, we will then start to plan the re-construction of Succasunna Road. NJ Natural Gas will be providing a colored map, showing all the gas lines in town.

- The Mayor and Council President Sorge attended a memorial ceremony for Virginia Rooney at the library, which then turned into a meeting of the Historical Society. The Historical Society will be meeting again shortly and the Mayor will advise Council of the outcome.
- The Mayor was approached by the North Jersey Jewish Federation to assist with the NJ Coalition Against Human Trafficking, asking municipalities to support them. The Federation asked the Council to pass a Proclamation recognizing January 11, 2013 as Human Trafficking Awareness Day in NJ. Council had no objection.
- The Board of Directors of Jersey Cares will conduct a statewide Coat Drive; Council agreed to support this cause and host a drop-off site. The drive will be November 1<sup>st</sup> through December 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Eileen Swan, former Executive Director of Highlands Council, now works with Keep It Green, an organization which focuses on raising money for open space and Green Acres; the State Green Acres funding will end this year. Ms. Swan asked if the Mayor would submit a resolution to the NJLM at the Convention; each year, the League adopts resolutions submitted by municipalities. The Mayor would like to pass this resolution at the October 16<sup>th</sup> Council meeting; the resolution must be received by the League by October 19, 2012. Clinton Township is co-sponsoring this resolution as well.
- The Mayor spoke today at the NJ Association of Flood Managers Conference; the Association works on flood mitigation and local level flood planning.
- The Mayor performed a few weddings over the weekend; most nearby Mayors' have stopped doing ceremonies. The Mayor is happy to do the weddings as they generate more money to Daytop.

## 8. Chief of Police Report

- The Department is running very well and now up to full staff.
- The Department participated in DEA Operation Take Back last week; collected 15 pounds of unused, expired prescription medications.
- Morris County OEM has purchased a new emergency notification system, Reverse 911; the phone system also incorporates text messages and email notifications. The link and information is on the website for people to sign up. The Chief also has the capability to contact only those residents in a certain area, by mapping an area, so calls will go out to those in that area that have land lines. The Mayor stated this information, as well as anything posted on the electronic signs, should be continuously scrolling on the website.
- The Memorial Plaque for Joseph Wargo was installed by DPW and the Chief thanked and praised the efforts of the DPW.
- There is a sign on Bertrand Island Road indicating the road closure during the 5K on Saturday morning. There is also a notice on the website and the Reverse 911 calls will go to residents in the area.
- The Chief submitted the monthly report for September today and pointed out that the overtime seems high due to construction coverage, sidewalk installation and coverage for gas hook-ups on the Island. Councilman Sadow requested a report comparing month-by-month overtime costs, both with and without a fully staffed department, and indicating the bill-back costs.
- The Chief discussed the speed signs, indicating that they have the capacity to run by solar panels. The Mayor and Carolyn Rinaldi met with MAPS to discuss ideas for the students to get involved with the various sustainable projects, such as Future Cities, windmills. The Mayor stated there is a possibility to use windmills at the landfill; energy is so inexpensive now, and the landfill is the perfect place for windmills.

## 9. Municipal Administrator's Report

- The ceremony at the Library for Jack Richards will be either October 20, 2012 or October 27, 2012, leaning toward the 27<sup>th</sup>. We are looking for any and all help in contacting Jack Richards family. The Library Board of Trustees is on board; ceremony details will follow.
- The Borough was awarded \$300,000 for our Green Acres application, we applied for \$340,000; this will help us with completion of the beach project. There were only four municipalities in Morris County who received awards.
- The Council discussed applying for a NJDOT grant application for the intersection of Howard Boulevard and Oneida. Carolyn Rinaldi suggested Council push this project off until 2014 because it will be a joint venture with the County and they are not in the position to help us for 2013 but will be able to fully help us in 2014. Ms. Rinaldi would like to adopt a resolution at the next meeting, asking the County budget for us in 2014. We still have the opportunity to complete a NJDOT application for this round but suggested we apply for Succasunna Road, since NJ Natural

Gas will be working there and this was number one on our road study. Ms. Rinaldi stated that a while ago, Councilwoman Danchuk indicated that Roxbury agreed that if we do the work, they would do the paving. Councilman Sadow stated Oneida is clearly a safety issue and right in front of school, the sooner we make improvements the better. Carolyn Rinaldi emphasized that we could still apply to NJDOT for grant assistance for the Howard/Oneida improvements, but we will have to put in approximately \$300,000 in 2013 to complete the project. The Mayor stated the deal was that we would do the engineering and they would do the project. Carolyn Rinaldi stated most of the ground work has been done for that project, what has changed is the funding. Councilman Sadow stated we must be sure the DEP Wetlands Permit Daren Phil had obtained is still valid. Council agreed to complete the NJDOT grant application for Succasunna Road now and urged complete documentation of the project with Roxbury Township. Carolyn Rinaldi and Daren Phil will meet with Chris Raths and Roxbury's Engineer to define the scope and cost of the project.

- Council agreed to include a Proclamation naming January radon month on a future meeting agenda, as described at length in the Communications packet.

#### **10. Council Committee Reports**

#### Councilman Cangiano:

- Apologized for missing the last Council meeting, was on vacation with family.
- Sustainable Jersey certification is still pending; no problems, just a delay.
- Reported that there are natural gas line stubs on Orben Drive; the Blueberry Ridge homes are fueled by gas.
- Attended the Cub Scout Pack 60 camp-out on the beach last weekend; wonderful event, very well organized, about 20 scouts and many parents. The scouts built a nice fire, the weather held, and the kids loved camping on the beach.

## **Councilman Stanzilis:**

- Reported on the upcoming 5K; to date, 98 preregistered participants and \$5,000 for DARE.
- Board of Education held their Super Sundae last week.
- Complimented the work of the DPW.

## Councilwoman Danchuk:

Nothing to report.

## **Council President Sorge:**

## - Nothing to report.

# **Councilman Sadow:**

- Mount Arlington Seniors are doing well.
- Looking forward to getting the numbers from Carolyn Rinaldi regarding the cost of the entire field project, including the intersection of Altenbrand and Howard as safety access to the fields.

#### 11. Public Comment

None.

# 12. New Business

None.

# 13. Old Business

None.

#### 14. Resolutions

**2012-127** 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 2, 2012.

Motion to Approve: Council President Sorge Second: Councilman Sadow Roll Call: Aye: Danchuk, Council President Sorge, Sadow, Cangiano, Stanzilis Absent: Windish None Opposed. Motion Approved. **2012-128** 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 Between Digital Strategy Associates, LLC and the Borough of Mount Arlington.

> Motion to Approve: Council President Sorge Second: Councilman Sadow Roll Call: Ave: Danchuk Council President Sor

Aye: Danchuk, Council President Sorge, Sadow, Cangiano, Stanzilis Absent: Windish None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

**2012-129** 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 Between Action Data Services and the Borough of Mount Arlington.

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

**2012-130** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Solicitation of Qualifications For Professional Services Pursuant to NJSA 19:44A-20.4, 20.5, et seq., Pursuant to a "Fair and Open" Process.

> Motion to Approve: Council President Sorge Second: Councilman Sadow Roll Call: Aye: Danchuk, Council President Sorge, Sadow, Cangiano, Stanzilis Absent: Windish

None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

#### 15. Ordinances – Introduction

**14-12** 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 133, Registration of Rental Dwelling Units, to Amend Section 133 A-2, Filing and Indexing of Certificates; and Amend Section 133 A-4, Violation and Penalties to Increase the Penalty from \$500 to An Amount Not Less than \$500 and Not to Exceed \$5,000.

The Mayor read Ordinance 14-12 by Title.

Motion: Council President Sorge stated that Ordinance 14-12 be introduced by Title and passed on First Reading and that a meeting be held on November 5, 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, Stanzilis. Absent: Windish None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

## 16. Ordinances – Second Reading

12-12

Ordinance of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Supplementing Borough Ordinance #16-09 Appropriating \$136,778.36 for the Realignment of Howard Boulevard Improvements.

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

Councilman Sadow stated, I move for adoption and final passage of Ordinance #12-12. Second: Council President Sorge.

Roll Call:

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

None Opposed.

Motion Approved.

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

## 17. Motions

None.

#### **18. Executive Session**

**2012-131** 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. No Action Will Be Taken. Executive Topics:

Attorney Client Privilege

Motion to Go Into Executive Session: Council President Sorge Second: Councilman Stanzilis Roll Call: All in Favor – Aye. Absent: Windish

None Opposed Motion Approved

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

#### 19. Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn: Council President Sorge Second: Councilman Sadow Roll Call: All in Favor – Aye. Absent: Windish None Opposed Motion Approved

Linda DeSantis, RMC Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved at Council Meeting of October 16, 2012.