

September 4, 2012 Regular Meeting
 Motion to Approve: Council President Sorge
 Second: Councilman Stanzilis
 Roll Call:
 Aye: Danchuk, Council President Sorge, Stanzilis, Mayor Ondish.
 Abstain: Sadow, Windish
 Absent: Cangiano
 None Opposed
 Motion Approved

9. Mayor's Report

- The Mayor stated that at the last meeting, Council discussed the issue regarding the DOT and the permit to complete the sidewalk project as well as the maintenance of the sidewalks and the parking lot. The Deputy Commissioner of the NJDOT sent the Mayor an Agreement which he is not comfortable with and feels the Agreement puts the Borough on the hook. Councilman Sadow expressed his discontent with the process and believes the Borough should meet with NJDOT and NJ Transit in a formal setting, with recorded minutes; Council has not yet decided to own the lot as a parking utility. The Mayor will invite NJDOT and NJ Transit to a meeting with Council President Sorge, Councilman Sadow, Councilman Windish and Carolyn Rinaldi; Carolyn Rinaldi will set up the meeting.
- The Mayor received a certified letter with pictures regarding a tree issue between two neighbors; just alerting the Council but it is a neighbor dispute, we have nothing to do with it.
- We received a quote from Fullerton regarding landscaping around the meter at the entrance to Ridgeview; the Mayor will speak with Fullerton.
- The Mayor received an email from School Superintendent Jane Jameson regarding a group advocating school and municipality mergers. There was an article in the paper regarding a woman from Long Hill and a Roxbury Board of Education member who want to do a study on merging Roxbury and Mount Arlington schools and municipalities. The Mayor stated there was verbiage in Governor Christie's Toolkit stating it is now possible for a citizen to make this type of request. Councilman Sadow stated maybe there are some financial issues that people have looked at, including the Governor. The Mayor stated he is not in favor of merging, but rather in favor of sharing services.
- Bill Doran is our representative on the Lake Hopatcong Lake Level Management Committee, formed to deal with issues of lake such as the drawdown and control of the dam. The Committee consists of business owners around the lake, more-so than residents, trying to use leverage to stop the 26" drawdown and the five year 60" drawdown. The leader of this group sent the Clerk an email requesting names and addresses of property owners on the lake, hoping to send out a survey to find the costs of dock repairs, permit costs, etc. Council agreed this is an OPRA request and asked the Clerk to treat it as such.
- The Mayor's Book Club was sponsored by the NJLM a few years ago with the goal of encouraging early reading. The Mayor will continue to fund this program on his own and meet with the teachers to get the program running.
- There was a lack of response and lack of information from NJ Natural Gas regarding the work on Bertrand Island but the situation has been cleared up, the hook-ups are moving along, and communication has improved. Succasunna Road will be next. The Mayor has requested NJ Natural Gas provide a map indicating the location of the current gas lines throughout the borough.

10. Municipal Administrator's Report

- Paul Nelson, DPW Supervisor, was present to discuss the 97 Borough owned grinder pumps; we will no longer be responsible for them effective December 31, 2014. The idea is to somehow notify the homeowners in advance but not prematurely. Mr. Nelson has spoken to various companies to give presentations to the Council and then to the residents, regarding maintenance contracts, etc. Mr. Nelson stated whether or not it is our pump, he always checks to see if we can repair the pump before giving the homeowner referrals on companies. Councilman Sadow stated he would like to start to notify the homeowners; however, we do not have the percentages of residents on municipal sewer, on United Water sewer, and on septic. Our utility has no capability or process for repair of a catastrophe, we have nothing for ongoing maintenance and the recent increase that we passed on to the users barely covers the operating costs of the municipal utilities authority. Mr. Nelson gave details on the cost of grinder pumps and the bioxide (odor control) process. Council agreed the point is to treat our residents equally regarding water and sewer

costs. Council authorized Carolyn Rinaldi to send a letter to the 97 residents who have Borough grinder pumps in the near future, and follow up with another letter mid-2014.

- 2012 Best Practices Inventory Questionnaire.
The purpose of the annual Questionnaire is to determine if the Borough can receive their final 5% allocation of COMPTRA and energy money. We met all the criteria and it is mandatory that this appear on a meeting agenda, certified by the Clerk.
- Regarding Action Data Services, we will include a resolution on the October 2, 2012 Agenda renewing our contract at a fixed rate for three years.
- Regarding the Boy Scout beach campout, Council had no objections at the last Council meeting and we are confirming that all the safeguards are in place for this event.
- Met with Tina Mayer at the Library regarding the plaque and ceremony for Jack Richards; the plaque will be placed in the Reading Garden. There will be a brief ceremony, possibly on a Saturday, and Jack's family will be invited to attend. Councilman Sadow stated this is the Library's responsibility, they are a separate entity and they have the funding; the Council should be participants in the celebration. Carolyn Rinaldi will work with Tina Mayer.
- The contract renewal resolution with Matt Zucarro for web services will be on the October 2, 2012 Agenda, and will include the maintenance of the mobile app. The Borough Attorney has reviewed the contract.

11. Council Committee Reports

Councilman Windish:

- Recreation Commission is moving along, and welcomed the addition of Brenda Temple as part-time employee.

Councilman Stanzilis:

- Complimented the Recreation Commission's "Tribute to Billy Joel and Elton John" concert as a great community event. Mayor Ondish thanked all involved, citing the help Paul Nelson, Carolyn and Mark Rinaldi.
- Recently there has been a little more Police road detail, all billable, some due to the gas lines being installed on Bertrand Island.
- Thanked the Clerk's office for providing the Agenda packet on double-sided paper, as he had recently suggested in an effort to go green and save on paper.
- Regarding the Mayor's Wellness 5K, there are 40 runners signed up so far and we should have approximately 75 by race-day. The Race is on October 6, 2012 and starts and finishes at Memorial Park.

Councilman Sadow:

- Councilman Sadow was recently in Hawaii and visited the Pearl Harbor Memorial; he gave a brief description of the Memorial and honored those who lost their lives.
- Councilman Sadow stated that since we are coming to capital budget time, he proposes possibly putting together a full package that includes all of the aspects of all of the recreation pieces (field, lighting, access to it, the Altenbrand intersection and the beach) into a bond; we have retiring bonds in 2014 and 2017 and we are under bonded. Councilman Sadow wants to start investigating the possibility of bonding this entire project, ready for the 2015/2016 season in its entirety. We are in good financial shape, our bond rating is solid and the project itself has at least a 30 year life expectancy; the entire cost would probably be between \$3 and \$5 million.
- The Council previously discussed straightening the turn on Howard Boulevard and Oneida; Councilman Sadow spoke to Daren Phil who stated we have DEP and EPA approvals for the wetlands that exist on that corner. Carolyn Rinaldi would like to work with Daren Phil and Bruno Associates on resubmitting another grant application to the NJDOT. Carolyn Rinaldi recommended we pursue Oneida/Howard DOT funding with the idea that the Altenbrand/Howard intersection become integrated with that entire project; Council agreed. Mayor Ondish urged Council to be cautious, not sure of financial status of the country next year. Council agreed that Carolyn can proceed with the capital projection for the entire project.

Council President Sorge:

- The Library is hosting a ceremony in Memory of Virginia Rooney on Thursday, September 20th at 3:00 p.m.
- There is a grant application submitted for a tanker for the Fire Department.

Councilwoman Danchuk:

- Attended the Eagle Scout Ceremony for Tim Czapla; will provide a date for Tim to attend a Council meeting to be recognized. The Mayor had attended the ceremony as well, presenting Tim with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Council.
- Councilwoman Danchuk attended the Open Space Committee meeting and will be visiting the properties that applied this year.

12. Public Comment

None.

13. New Business**1. Landlord Registration Ordinance.**

The process would entail the Clerk obtaining a list from the Tax Assessor, create a database of all rental units and send annual letters including the registration forms. Council agreed to not impose registration fees but discussed non-compliance penalties. Councilman Sadow stated the \$500 fine is too low and wants to increase same to \$5,000 for the first offense. The original purpose of the registration was for safety in case of an emergency, who to contact, who might be in the home, etc. The Borough Attorney stated the NJLM sent a bulletin last year, advising this to be in place and urging penalties for non-compliance. The Ordinance will be introduced at the October 2, 2012 Council meeting.

14. Old Business

None.

15. Resolutions

None.

16. Ordinances – Introduction**13-12**

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 36, Alarm Systems; and Chapter A210 of the Borough Code, Entitled "Fees" to Update the Fees Provided for in Chapter 36, Alarm Systems.

The Mayor read Ordinance 13-12 by Title.

Motion: Councilman Sadow stated that Ordinance 13-12 be introduced by Title and passed on First Reading and that a meeting be held on October 16, 2012 at 5:30 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.

Discussion: Councilman Stanzilis requested a change in the technology clause, something to cover us with existing systems but also for more advance future technology. Carolyn Rinaldi stated the permit fees are dictated by the Uniform Construction Code, and must be handled by the Construction Code Official; we can control the registration fee. The alarm database will be maintained in the Clerks' office and the Chief of Police would have access to it. Carolyn Rinaldi stated that when we create the form for residents to register, there will be a notation that registering does not supersede the Construction Code regarding alarm systems.

Roll Call:

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

Absent: Cangiano

None Opposed

Motion Approved

17. Ordinances – Second Reading

None.

18. Motions

None.

19. Executive Session

2012-126 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 Topic: Personnel
No Action Will Be Taken.

Motion to Go Into Executive Session: Councilman Sadow

Second: Council President Sorge

Roll Call:

All in Favor – Aye.

Absent: Cangiano

None Opposed

Motion Approved

Motion to Return to Open Session: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilwoman Danchuk

Roll Call:

All in Favor – Aye.

Absent: Cangiano

None Opposed

Motion Approved

20. Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Windish

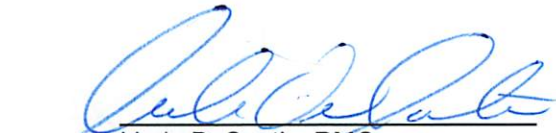
Roll Call:

All in Favor – Aye.

Absent: Cangiano

None Opposed

Motion Approved


Linda DeSantis, RMC
Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved at Council Meeting of October 2, 2012.

BOROUGH OF MT. ARLINGTON

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UTILITY RECEIPT REPORT FOR

MONTH OF AUGUST 2012

<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>COLLECTED IN AUGUST 2011</u>
<u>\$ 44,703.24</u>	<u>SOLID WASTE RECEIPTS</u>	<u>\$ 67,577.26</u>
<u>\$ 112,265.12</u>	<u>SEWER RECEIPTS</u>	<u>\$ 157,262.27</u>
<u>\$ 61,669.96</u>	<u>WATER RECEIPTS</u>	<u>\$ 85,736.80</u>
<u>(WATER REPAIR RECEIPTS INCLUDED IN WATER RECEIPT TOTAL)</u>		
<u>\$ 5,100.00</u>	<u>(TRUST ACCT) SEWER CONN FEE INSTALL PLAN</u>	<u>\$ 3,400.00</u>
<u>\$ 223,738.32</u>	<u>GRAND TOTAL</u>	<u>\$ 313,976.33</u>

Completed By Patricia E. Simari, CTC

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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 August 2012

Dated September 4, 2012

Completed By Patricia E. Simari, CTC

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Collections:

Current Taxes (2-01-17-001-001)	<u>\$ 2,938,359.58</u>
2011 Taxes (2-01-17-001-003)	
2011 Taxes (Collected at Tax Sale)	
Pre-Paid Taxes (2-01-17-001-004)	
Municipal Redemption (2-01-17-004-001)	
Interest & Costs (2-01-08-112-000)	<u>\$ 1,830.08</u>
Interest & Costs (Collected at Tax Sale)	
Return Ck. Fee (2-01-16-500-017)	
Tax Searches (2-01-08-105-010)	
Duplicate Bills (2-01-16-500-016)	<u>\$ 24.00</u>
3 rd Party Red./Subs (2-01-17-004-002)	<u>\$ 7,387.10</u>
3 rd Party Red. Int. (2-01-17-004-003)	<u>\$ 435.71</u>
3 rd Party Rec. Fee. (2-01-17-004-003)	<u>\$ 12.00</u>
Misc. Copies (2-01-16-500-017)	
Tax Sale Costs (2-01-16-500-018)	
Tax Sale Costs (Collected at Tax Sale)	
Tax Sale Premiums (Trust Account)	
6% Delinquent Penalty (2-01-16-500-025)	
Tax Paid Certification	
Redemption Calculation Fee	
Total Receipts	<u>\$ 2,948,048.47</u>
Total Receipts August 2011:	<u>\$ 3,215,450.13</u>

BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON
FINANCE OFFICE

Finance Report Current Fund

July 2012

Receipts	1,623,074.69
Disbursements	1,947,528.57

August 2012

Receipts	3,486,245.16
Disbursements	2,022,566.54