

**BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 2, 2017
7:00 p.m.**

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 Roxbury Register on March 30, 2017 and posted on the bulletin board in the main hallway of the Municipal Building on March 22, 2017. Notice of this meeting is on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk and has been made available to the public.

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.

3. Flag Salute

The Mayor asked for a moment of silence to honor those great men and women who have given the ultimate sacrifice to protect our freedoms by serving in the armed services around the world.

4. Roll Call

Councilman Delaney, Councilman Loughridge, Council President Sorge, Councilman Sadow, Councilman Cangiano, Councilman Windish, Mayor Stanzilis. Matthew O'Donnell, Esq., Borough Attorney, and Carolyn Rinaldi, CFO/Municipal Administrator, were also present.

5. Presentations

- Proclamation in Honor of Harry Martin
The Mayor read the proclamation into the record and presented it to Harry Martin.
- The Mayor introduced Kerry Kirk Pflugh, NJDEP
Ms. Kirk Pflugh, Director of Local Government Assistance at the NJ Department of Environmental Protection, stated she is our liaison, advocate and holds the position to support municipalities; formerly a commission liaison to the Lake Hopatcong Commission. Ms. Pflugh extended her assistance to the Borough for any DEP issues or concerns. Ms. Pflugh also personally congratulated Mr. Harry Martin on his achievements, commenting that this type of acknowledgement only happens in small, close knit communities such as Mount Arlington.

6. Tax and Utility Report

None

7. Finance Report

None

8. Approval of Minutes

None

9. Mayor's Report

None

10. Chief of Police Report

None

11. Municipal Administrator's Report

- Reminder that we are planning our Memorial Day Parade, always looking for volunteers and cars for our veterans; please send interested persons to Ms. Rinaldi.
- Lifeguards will be starting Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend but we are always looking for additional lifeguards to fill the roster with alternates; please send interested persons to Ms. Rinaldi.
- We can expect to have the required final Green Acres Diversion Public Hearing on the June agenda, which has been a long time coming and has certainly been a team collaborative effort.

12. Council Committee Reports**Councilman Delaney:**

- Enjoyed the morning meeting today with the seventh grade students and thought their questions were very insightful.
- The Mayor's Ball was wonderful; great night to meet the residents.
- Announced that after five grand-daughters, two weeks ago his daughter gave birth to a grandson, Zachary John.

Councilman Loughridge:

- The Mayor's Ball was great; shares the same sentiment with all who attended.
- Attended the second Maintenance Committee meeting yesterday with Engineer James Landry, Land Use Attorney Michael Selvaggi, and Planner Jessica Caldwell; feels confident going to be moving forward quickly.
- With regard to the Building Committee, Councilman Loughridge would like to do a walk-through of all municipal owned buildings. The Mayor suggested the entire Council join him to do a tour of all the Borough's assets, including our fields, our pump stations and our fire assets both here and in Rogerene.

Council President Sorge:

- The Mayor's Ball was great and he enjoyed meeting the residents.
- The Fire Department is hosting a bus ride to the Tropicana in Atlantic City, Sunday, June 4, 2017, boarding the bus at 8:00 a.m. at the Mount Arlington train station. Tickets are \$40 per person and a voucher will be given to each guest upon arrival at the Tropicana. Please contact the Fire Department for further information.

Councilman Sadow:

- Seniors are doing well.
- The Mayor's Ball was fantastic, the food was outstanding and the evening was just a delight.
- The Economic Development Committee has met a few times and we have come to understand the role of the Committee: this is a project that will help guide and outline the future of the Borough but the Borough has to continue to work in real time. The EDC will interact where it's appropriate and help to build a bridge to the future. The Lake Hopatcong Block Party will be held on May 13, 2017, and, as in the past, the Borough will have a booth. We plan to have a large board for people to write their opinions of what they want and don't want to see in Mount Arlington. We are also in the process of planning the charrette process which will enable us to get input from stakeholders, potential and current, as to what they would like to see in the outline of our future.

Councilman Gangiano:

- Attended the EDC meeting and again, this is not to replace any one committee, it is a committee to support and obtain more ideas on initiatives.
- Last month attended a Water and Sewer Committee meeting and finalized the Schmitz Terrace/Henry Court water plans. Council adopted a resolution authorizing us to go out to bid for this project at this morning's Council meeting. Upon completion of the water line at Schmitz/Henry, the Kadel Road project will commence.

- We are seeking a grant to conduct an investigation into our water and sewer system which would consist of assessment of the condition of the existing facility, inspection of the pipes, inspection of the pumps, cost analysis on operation, maintenance costs and future account reserve money; an assessment on the unserved areas will be completed as well. We are hopeful for the grant and will hear of eligibility shortly.

Councilman Windish:

- With regard to Recreation, everything is filing through Carolyn Rinaldi until there are other Borough appointments. Registrations are well under way and the summer programs are filling up fast. The Recreation meets the first Monday of every month and anyone is welcome to attend.
- Councilman Windish asked to have the charrette process explained. With regard to the French word "charrette", Councilman Sadow explained it is a process where people who have a vested interest or a stake in a process get an opportunity to bring and share their thoughts to the process. Engineer Stan Puszczyk stated we are tentatively beginning the charrette process on June 10, 2017. This is an open process, invitations will be sent out, there will be an email blast, and it will be placed on the Borough website. The idea is to invite and bring as many people as possible that engage with this Borough; residents, business owners, tenants, patrons, Mayor and Council, residents, staff, school children, public, teachers, businesses and so on. We will establish groups of about ten, with a facilitator in each group to keep the conversations moving and provide prompts, etc. if need be; we will then record all the information gathered from each individual group. This is an inclusive process, all are welcome, all are invited to participate, there is no one excluded. The information we derive from the charrette process will be added to the data base, along with the demographics analysis from the committee, discreet interviews and conversations with targeted stakeholders (probably will not attend the charrette but we want their input), speaking with various municipal departments is all part of the process. Councilman Sadow stated this is a process; our goal is to have something along the lines of developing a 5, 10, 30 year plan.
- With regard to the IT Committee, working on several projects and will give further status updates as we move forward.

13. Public Comment

None

14. New Business

None

15. Old Business

None

16. Ordinances – Introduction

None

17. Ordinances – Second Reading

05-17 An Ordinance of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, To Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a CAP Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14) for the Calendar Year 2017

The Mayor opened the Hearing to the Public; no Public comment.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Sadow

Second: Council President Sorge

No Council discussion.

Roll Call

Aye: Delaney, Loughridge, Sadow, Cangiano, Windish, Council President Sorge

None Opposed

Motion Approved

18. Resolutions

2017-87 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 the Budget Self-Examination

Motion to Approve: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Sadow

Roll Call

Aye: Delaney, Loughridge, Sadow, Cangiano, Windish, Council President Sorge

None Opposed

Motion Approved

2017-64 Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, **Adopting the 2017 Municipal Budget.** *Public Hearing on the Introduced Municipal Budget.*

The Mayor opened the Hearing to the Public; no Public comment.

The Mayor read the resolution into the record.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Sadow

Second: Councilman Delaney

As Chair of the Finance Committee, Councilman Sadow read a statement regarding the 2017 budget into the record.

Roll Call

Aye: Delaney, Loughridge, Sadow, Cangiano, Windish, Council President Sorge

None Opposed

Motion Approved

The Mayor publicly thanked Councilman Sadow for a great budget and his great leadership on the Finance Committee.

19. Motions

None

20. Executive Session

2017-88 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.

Attorney Client Privilege:

- Discussion regarding status of FOP Contract Negotiations
- Municipal Court Discussion
- NJDEP Memorandum of Agreement
- End of Arlington Avenue Road Vacation
- Approval of Executive Minutes: March 7, 2017
March 28, 2017
April 4, 2017
April 4, 2017

Added:

- PILOT Discussion.

Action May or May Not Be Taken

Motion to Go Into Executive Session: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Sadow

Roll:

Aye: Delaney, Loughridge, Sadow, Cangiano, Windish, Council President Sorge

None Opposed

Motion Approved

Motion to Return to Open Session: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Delaney

Roll:

All in Favor: Aye

None Opposed

Motion Approved

Added Ordinance Introduction:

07-17

An Ordinance of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Rescinding and Vacating Ordinance No. 02-15 Canceling the Private Sale of Certain Municipal Property Owned by the Borough of Mount Arlington Not Required for Public and Returning the \$42,000.00 Deposit

Motion to Approve: Councilman Sadow, stating the Mayor and Council adopt this Ordinance on May 2, 2017 and it will be further considered after a Public Hearing held on June 13, 2017 at the Municipal Building at 7:00 p.m.

Second: Councilman Cangiano

No Council Discussion.

Roll:

Aye: Delaney, Loughridge, Sadow, Cangiano, Windish, Council President Sorge

None Opposed

Motion Approved

Motion to Approve the Executive Session Minutes of March 7, 2017: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Delaney

Roll:

Aye: Delaney, Loughridge, Sadow, Cangiano, Windish, Council President Sorge

None Opposed

Motion Approved.

Motion to Approve the Executive Session Minutes of March 28, 2017: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Delaney

Roll:

Aye: Delaney, Loughridge, Sadow, Cangiano, Windish, Council President Sorge

None Opposed

Motion Approved.

Motion to Approve the Executive Session Minutes of April 4, 2017: Councilman Cangiano

Second: Council President Sorge

Roll:

Aye: Delaney, Loughridge, Cangiano, Windish, Council President Sorge

Abstain: Sadow (absent from meeting)

None Opposed

Motion Approved.

Motion to Approve the Executive Session Minutes of April 4, 2017: Council President Sorge

Second: Councilman Loughridge

Roll:

Aye: Delaney, Loughridge, Sadow, Cangiano, Windish, Council President Sorge

None Opposed

Motion Approved.

21. Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn: Council President Sorge

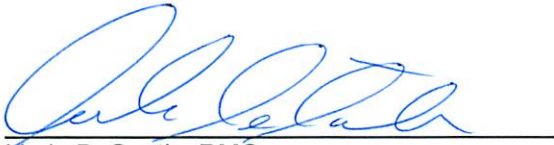
Second: Councilman Windish

Roll:

All in Favor: Aye

None Opposed

Motion Approved.



Linda DeSantis, RMC
Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved at Council Meeting of June 13, 2017.

Proclamation in Honor of Harry Martin

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council wish to publicly acknowledge and thank Harry Martin for his twenty-plus years of meritorious public service to the residents of the Borough of Mount Arlington; and

WHEREAS, Harry Martin has served as a Councilman, Land Use Board Member, Library Director and Member of the Library Board of Trustees, Library Building Committee Member, Safety Director, Recreation Committee Member, Neighborhood Watch Captain, Member of the Local Board of Assistance, Emergency Alert Team Member, Memorial Day Parade Grand Marshall, Republican Committee Member, and Republican County Committee Member/Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, Harry Martin has dedicated these years with the utmost devotion, commitment and allegiance to serving the Mayor and Borough Council and residents of the Borough of Mount Arlington, never wavering in his sense of duty, responsibility and loyalty; and

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it Known, that the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington wish to show their appreciation and express their gratitude to Harry Martin for his unending efforts and constant recognition and willingness to assist the needs and requests of the residents of Mount Arlington.

*Michael Stanzilis, Mayor
May 2, 2017*



Budget Adoption 2017

Good evening,

I would like to take this opportunity to compare Mount Arlington to Washington DC. We are small and they are large. We are on a lake and they are on a river. They have the President and we have Mike. We have a budget and they do not!

This year's budget presents our municipality's best foot forward. The finance committee, and our team of professionals, has kept the municipal levy well below the allowable 2% CAP. This year, the average Mount Arlington taxpayer will actually see a small decrease in their municipal levy.

Our long-term debt rating is splendid and continues to improve. Our debt service ratio presents no pressure on the Borough's ability to shoulder additional financing in the future as needs arise.

Our capital infrastructure improvement projects are prioritized over the next several years. We are on track to have all of the roadways of the Borough fully inspected, repaired and repaved within the next two to three years as part of our ongoing infrastructure initiative. This goal will be achieved on a cash, or pay as we go, basis. Likewise, through judicious application of capital, and securing grants when available, our water and sewer services enjoy continued reliable operation and expansions going forward.

I wish to recognize and publicly thank Bud Jones, our auditor, Joe Kovalcik, our budget consultant and the unstoppable Carolyn Rinaldi, our CFO, for their past, ongoing, and future contributions to our success. My thanks to our committeemen, Jack Delaney and John Windish for their input and support. Washington would be well served by asking this team for help.

The finance committee recommends to the Mayor and Council, adoption of the 2017 budget of the Borough of Mount Arlington.