

**BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 6, 2018
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 Daily Record and the Roxbury Register on December 14, 2017 and posted on the bulletin board in the main hallway of the Municipal Building on December 6, 2017; notice of this meeting 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.

At the mandate of the Council President, all Councilpersons shall not discuss or address in the Public portion of this meeting any matter that is: 1) pending litigation; 2) ongoing investigation of any type; 3) potential litigation; and 4) personnel or any comments regarding any Borough employee without being given Rice Notice.

3. Flag Salute

The Mayor asked for a moment of silence for all those serving around the world protecting our freedoms and putting their lives in danger for our great country.

4. Roll Call

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

5. Presentations

- Mayor Stanzilis administered the Oath of Office to Daniel P. Agatino, Esq., Public Defender of the Mount Arlington-Wharton Shared Municipal Court
- Mayor Stanzilis administered the Oath of Office to Ken Kappy, M.D., Board of Health Member, filling an unexpired three-year term (expires 12/31/18)
- Julie Crawford and MAPS Students gave a presentation on the MAPS Mechanics Robotics Team and the Ban the Bead Program. (A detailed description is attached to these Minutes.) Ms. Crawford distributed Award Certificates to the students. Councilman Cangiano thanked Ms. Crawford for her excellent work, and Eric and Liz Gauthier who are volunteer instructors for this program and whose time and effort are very much appreciated.
- The Mayor recognized and thanked members of the educational community in the audience: Board of Education Members Liz Cangiano and Sheila Studint, Sue Cummings, Principal Jeff Grillo and Superintendent of Schools Monica Rowland. The Mayor stated it is fantastic to see the quality of education that our community is afforded by our great teachers and our great Board of Education. The Mayor stated that the micro-bead issue is something many adults are not even aware of and urged the students to keep spreading the word; a great project and a great job.

6. Tax and Utility Report

None

7. Finance Report

None

8. Approval of Minutes

January 16, 2018

Regular Meeting

Motion to Approve: Councilman Sadow

Second: Councilman Delaney

Roll Call:

Aye: Delaney, Loughridge, Sadow, Cangiano, Windish

Absent: Council President Sorge

None Opposed

Motion Approved

9. Mayor's Report

- The Mayor attended the Land Use Board meeting, the Water/Sewer Committee meeting, the Seniors meeting and the Economic Development Committee meeting.

10. Chief of Police Report

Nothing to report.

11. Borough Administrator's Report

- Ms. Rinaldi stated this is a very busy time, especially for Finance and Tax and Utility. The Annual Debt Statement and Annual Financial Statements must be filed with the State in January and February and this year the State implemented a new portal for us to enter the information, which was introduced shortly before the deadlines. Ms. Rinaldi stated streamlining of the utility collections to the same date seems to have worked out very well for the Tax and Utility Department.
- Ms. Rinaldi attended the Water/Sewer Committee meeting, the Economic Development Committee meeting and the Land Use Board meeting.
- The purpose of Ms. Rinaldi attending the Seniors meeting was to give the attendees the opportunity to sign up for the Borough email announcements. Most of the Seniors were under the misunderstanding that they were signed up for the Seniors email as well as the Borough; hence, we received a substantial amount of addresses to add to our Borough email distribution list.
- There is a Finance Committee meeting scheduled for this Saturday.
- The March 6th Council Meeting Agenda will include resolutions filling the Deputy Court Administrator position and the DPW Laborer position.
- Along with Councilman Sadow and Borough Engineer Stan Puszczyk, Ms. Rinaldi attended a meeting this morning with the Morris County Economic Development Committee.

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

- Attended his Committee meetings but nothing to report.

Councilman Loughridge:

- Attended the Land Use Board meeting and the Economic Development Committee meeting.

Councilman Windish:

- Nothing to report other than his request still stands to be transferred from the Chair of the Police Committee.

Councilman Cangiano:

- The DPW has had five snow/ice events so far this year, keeping them very busy. The cold weather has also been wreaking havoc on water lines and the Department has had to replace several broken water lines and water meters over the past couple of months.
- The Water/Sewer Committee met in January and hope to address the following topics in the coming year: 1) preparing an infrastructure asset management plan for water and sewer, particularly for water as it is a state mandate to quantify the Borough's assets; 2) although not mandated, the Committee would like to prepare the same type plan for sewers; 3) providing water to Mount Arlington Beach; and, 4) performing a high level investigation to see the potential for providing water and/or sewer to the Lake Rogerene section of town. The Mayor stated he applauded Councilman Cangiano's efforts with the Water/Sewer Committee in trying to help out the residents in Lake Rogerene.

Councilman Sadow:

- The Finance Committee will meet this Saturday for the first phase of naming the capital improvements we will suggest to the 2018 Budget with a goal again of reducing the tax rate in our Race to the Bottom.
- The Mayors Wellness presentation at the Seniors meeting centered on the prevention of slip-and-fall and was well received.
- Borough Engineer Puszcz, Administrator Rinaldi and Councilman Sadow attended an open seminar this morning at the Morris Chamber of Commerce regarding business improvement district concepts which he feels could be folded into our EDC. The Borough Economic Development Committee is now part of the Finance Committee. Councilman Sadow likes to think of EDC as Emerging, Defining and Completing and we are well on our way; community infrastructure development is really what we are trying to do to enable full utilization of our resources and maintenance of property value. The Committee will meet again in another six to eight weeks. The Mayor stated he loves the idea of a business improvement district folding in somehow, which would be a great opportunity for us to have.

13. Public Comment

Jim Grant, 90 Rogerene Way:

- Mr. Grant stated there was an incident on Saturday night in Lake Rogerene, 25-30 cars on the lake, people drinking, beer bottles thrown onto the lake, beer cans on the side of the road, and the reason is there is an illegal multi-family home next to his; the situation has been going on for 15-20 years and the town has been made aware on numerous occasions. Mr. Grant stated 86 Rogerene is an illegal two-family to start and he has a copy of the 2008 real estate listing for the rental of the third apartment, which is still operational. Mr. Grant has continually been told by the Building Inspector/Zoning Official that nothing can be done as the Inspector/Officer cannot gain access to the premises. Mr. Grant continued to name certain areas in and around the Rogerene area: refrigerator left on the side of Orben Drive, with its doors on; catch basins are full; mud all over Elizabeth and Orben from the major construction site up there; and a house on Elizabeth Way that has 3 abandoned, unregistered, broken down cars on the front lawn that have been there for at least 5 to 8 years. Mr. Grant asked what was the town's plan and why does the owner of 86 Rogerene not have to answer to anyone? Councilman Cangiano stated this property is a known problem.

Mayor Stanzilis stated this is an amazing story and a horrible tale; this is not how we and the Mayor personally, envision this town at all. The Mayor stated he is so sorry that this is what has become of Mr. Grant's heart. The Mayor asked Mr. Grant not to give up, give us a chance, hold the Mayor and the Councilmembers personally accountable and we will make sure something gets done. The Mayor stated he is going to challenge the Council to hold ourselves personally accountable so that Mr. Grant does not give up on us. The Mayor asked Mr. Grant for one more chance. Mr. Grant stated he has spoken to his bosses who regularly attend meetings regarding zoning issues, etc. and they said that when you lose your zoning, you never get it back. Ms. Rinaldi asked Mr. Grant to write

down his phone number so she can reach out to him; Mr. Grant stated that we've talked about this for a long time in the past. Ms. Rinaldi stated that if nothing was resolved and it was brought to her attention, she would have certainly followed-up. Ms. Rinaldi stated she can't speak for what has gone on with the Police Department or the Zoning Officer but she was not aware there wasn't a resolve to Mr. Grant's issues. Mr. Grant stated when he goes to the Building Department they keep telling him there is nothing to be done and Ms. Rinaldi stated that is when Mr. Grant should speak with her directly. The Mayor stated this is ridiculous, Mr. Grant is right, and we are going to fix it. The Mayor asked for a copy of the MLS listing of the third apartment. Councilman Cangiano stated this house is in a single-family zone and runs as either a two-family or three-family; people are in and out, they live there 2 months, they leave, and as a matter of safety, Councilman Cangiano does agree, we worry about our kids with all that kind of stuff going on, stuff you don't see in a normal single-family house neighborhood. Councilman Cangiano stated he has heard from many people repeatedly that on Elizabeth Way there are at least two major offenders; there are at least two property owners on that street, on that block, where the maintenance is just out of control. Councilman Cangiano does not know why nothing can be done about it or if there were enforcement actions that were already taken. Mr. Grant thanked the Mayor and Council for listening and the Mayor thanked Mr. Grant for coming in.

14. New Business

None

15. Old Business

None

16. Resolutions

Voted By Consent

2018-36 through 2018-38

2018-36 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 February 6, 2018

2018-37 Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Establishment of a Change Fund for the Mount Arlington-Wharton Municipal Shared Court

2018-38 Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, To Redeem a Third Party Tax Lien Certificate of Sale #17-00010 for Property Known as Block 34, Lot 11

Motion to Approve By Consent: Councilman Sadow

Second: Councilman Loughridge

Roll Call:

Aye: Delaney, Loughridge, Sadow, Cangiano, Windish

Absent: Council President Sorge

None Opposed

Motion Approved

17. Ordinances – Introduction

None

18. Ordinances – Second Reading

None

19. Motions

None

20. Executive Session

None

21. Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn: Councilman Delaney

Second: Councilman Cangiano

Roll Call:

All in Favor: Aye

Absent: Council President Sorge

None Opposed

Motion Approved



Linda DeSantis, RMC
Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved at Council Meeting on March 6, 2018.

This year our MAPS Mechanics Robotics Team competed in the North Jersey Qualifying Tournament for First Lego League. We are pleased to recognize the teams work effort as they captured a 1st Place trophy for the Judges Award. This placed them in the top 5% of 240 competing teams. The program embraces a philosophy of core values and emphasizes teamwork. FLL requires a robotic design to navigate an obstacle course and complete mission challenge, a detailed research project which solves an issue impacting society, and the core challenge. The kids must go through 3 rounds of judging and then compete in 3 rounds of missions.

Our team and Board of Education express our gratitude to the borough for use of the Civics Center on Saturdays to help build and extend our team's program.

Further more we would like to recognize two council members who have supported the team directly. Councilman Loughridge who came to some of the Saturday practice sessions and Councilman Cangiano who presented his engineering expertise on a Saturday to the team and also facilitated the team's visit to the Musconetcong Sewerage Authority.

The theme this year was hydrodynamics and the kids adopted the issue of microbeads to develop a solution.

The team used a variety of ways to educate the public include a public service announcement, media releases, and even a BAN THE BEAD video game developed using MIT's SCRATCH programming.

3 of our members would like to present the public service announcement and a 4th would like to share an app so that you can screen products for the presence of microbeads.

Acknowledging their hard work and dedication the Council formally recognizes the following team members:

Engineering & Programming Coach Dr. Eric Gauthier

Engineering a& Programming Coach Elizabeth Gauthier

Richard Biase

Ege (Denis) Barbaros

Kaylie Blanchard

Aidyn Cangiano

Alyssa Cardona

Olivia Cardona

Aidan Curry

Anya Delapena

Shawn Keenan

Elijah LeSueur

Marlon (Daniel) Mendoza

Christian Metje

Evan Mohren

Andrew Ostolaza