

**BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 15, 2019
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 13, 2018 and posted on the bulletin board in the main hallway of the Municipal Building on December 6, 2018; 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 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 and a short prayer for Sergeant Jimmy DiStasio who is still in the hospital.

4. Roll Call

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

5. Presentations

- Matthew Struck, Treadstone Risk Management Consultant, briefly described the purpose of a Risk Management Consultant as an intermediary between the Joint Insurance Fund, which insures the Borough, and the Borough itself, and to ensure the Borough is taking full advantage of all the services included with JIF membership. As Risk Consultant, Mr. Struck will help supplement professional risk management from outside of the JIF to round-out how the Borough protects itself from claims and ultimately protects the assets and the funds that the Borough is responsible for managing.

6. Tax and Utility Report for the Month of December, 2018

Total Tax Collections:	\$265,302.84
Total Utility Collections:	\$ 45,717.23

7. Finance Report for the Month of December, 2018

Current Fund:	
Total Receipts:	\$ 467,209.67
Total Disbursements:	\$1,511,664.35

8. Approval of Minutes

- December 18, 2018 Regular Meeting
 Motion to Approve: Council President Delaney
 Second: Councilman Loughridge
 Roll Call:
 Aye: Loughridge, Sadow, Cangiano, Council President Delaney
 Abstain: Simard (not on Council 2018)
 Absent: Sorge
 None Opposed
 Motion Approved
- January 3, 2019 Reorganization Meeting
 Motion to Approve: Council President Delaney
 Second: Councilman Simard
 Roll Call:
 Aye: Loughridge, Simard, Council President Delaney
 Abstain: Sadow, Cangiano (absent on 01/03/19)
 Absent: Sorge
 None Opposed
 Motion Approved

9. Mayor's Report

- Since this is the first regular meeting of 2019, the Mayor welcomed Councilman Simard to the dais.
- The Mayor stated that as we begin the year, part of our theme is our Race to the Bottom. The Mayor stated he is glad our Risk Consultant is here tonight because safety of our Borough is our number one priority; safety trumps our Race to the Bottom at all times.

10. Chief of Police Report

- Chief Licata stated that January 9th was Law Enforcement Appreciation Day and MAPS and Decker School presented an absolutely amazing tribute; every bulletin board was exhibiting Mount Arlington Police, with each Officers name, title and rank, donuts, a table set up with a letter and attached gift from the students to each Officer. The students wore their Jimmy D tee-shirts or black or blue; they did such an amazing job that even the MTA Officers that were off duty that day came to visit the schools; the time and effort of the schools is very much appreciated. The Chief stated it is great to have a great working relationship in the Borough, from the governing body to all the departments, the school system and the community; we have seen the support around the community recently and we are very grateful.
- Working on all the typical year end and new year reports

The Mayor publicly welcomed Board of Education Members Sheila Studint and Melissa Eckert, in the audience.

11. Borough Administrator's Report

- Ms. Rinaldi stated we have had several committee meetings already this year, have met with our Engineer, and there is a lengthy explanation tonight from our Finance Chair about the Borough projects; there will be several more committee meetings upcoming as a result of the Finance Committee meeting we had last week.
- We are wrapping up financials for 2018 so we can move into 2019.

12. Council Committee Reports

Councilman Cangiano:

- Welcomed Councilman Simard.
- Nothing to report and looking forward to a good 2019.

Councilman Sadow:

- As Finance Chair, Councilman Sadow stated this is both an exciting time and gratifying for what's gone before and what is coming. First and foremost, tip of the hat and big thanks to Carolyn; our Budget Consultant is available to her by phone. The team is intact and we had a Finance Committee meeting to include multiple items that are part and parcel of the capital distributions that we intend to use in this coming year. We have several ready capital projects that actually have been talked about and in part funded previously in both 2017 and 2018.

- The Howard Boulevard Sidewalk Project will occur this year which will link Borough Hall to the train station safely on a sidewalk.

- The Roads Projects continue and by 2020, we should have resurfaced, rehabilitated, and/or reconstructed all of our roads and should be at maintenance only. We will be looking into a device for Paul Nelson to manage to help keep the roads in tip top shape once they are all finished, a project that will be discussed going forward. Roads this year include Seasons Drive, North Glen, Henmar (which is a huge project and has already been granted \$300,000, we're looking for an additional \$500,000), Audrey Road and Curtis Road.

- We are all proud of the Open Space Trail Lake Rogerene grant that was approved and we have some match in that regard but the bulk of the project is funded by Open Space; an outstanding project.

- Regarding the Community Garden, we have some work to do to get people safely in there, to park their cars, and certain handicap or disabled access but we will be done this year.

- Fireman's Field Walking Path will be done this year.

- There are significant improvements that are required at the DPW. There is a concrete and steel wall, actually a retaining wall, which needs to be completely renovated; this will be done as well as the pole barn should be erected this year to house our generators.

- There are two water main extensions on the boards, nominally calling them Windemere I and Windemere II, and they include various parts of town to extend water mains. We are looking for funding in that regard from an I-Bank application and we will see where and how funding for that project will be made available.

The Capital Improvement Fund traditionally has been maintained for the purpose of rolling over a certain amount of dollars on an annual basis, and we continue to be able to look to the future with seed money for the years going forward; we never drain that down to zero. On the income side, we are recognizing funds from the PILOT this year in addition to new on-stream revenue from the ShadowWoods project. The budget line this year will include a contribution of some sort for the Board of Education as they do have certain expenses that arise from the fact that Woodmont is part of the PILOT. All of those projects we believe can be achieved with a further Race to the Bottom by achieving a slight reduction in the marginal tax rate for the municipality. We've had two drops, one steady and we are proud of the fact that we can do all of these things pretty much on a cash basis; there are a couple of bond ordinances that we will discuss later on this evening and how those flow through, whether they are done as a bond anticipation note or actually bonded, will be a decision for our Bond Counsel.

With the realignment of the committees falling under the purview of Finance, Council President Delaney, Councilman Loughridge and Carolyn Rinaldi were present for this entire meeting, along with Stan Puszcz and Jessica Caldwell, her associate Casey Wolf, present for the Economic Development Committee portion of the meeting. In the very near future, there will be an opportunity for us to provide a data magazine which will be distributed by the Morris County EDC; they do this for municipalities in Morris County for developers, redevelopers, potential residents and those who may want to start a business here. It's more than an advertising piece; it talks about the heart of the Borough and what we are all about.

- Morris County Parks is interested in continuing to make improvements at Lee's Park; Lee's Park is the single largest income contributor to the parks system in Morris County. There are plans in flux for the pavilion; no other specific details have been made available to us.

- We have finally reached the end of our COAH, and personally thanked Attorney O'Donnell and Planner Caldwell. We are currently exploring the possibilities of making our COAH responsibilities dovetail with veterans. We are looking for additional input from developers or re-

developers in this regard and hopefully there will be some viable plans for us to review. There is federal funding available for these kinds of things and the possibility of grants, which we are always on the lookout for and publicly thanked Millennium Strategies for their great work.

The Committee came up with a Wish List, including:

- A Senior Center as 50% of our population is age 50 and older and could use additional leisure and recreational facility.
- A Youth Center, especially for after school activities, which was brought to our attention by Julie Crawford who stated the youth of our town have no place to go after school. Ms. Crawford mentioned the possibility of just a place where the kids can literally take their robotics and put them out on a table and 3 or 4 kids could work at the same time on a project; there is no place to do that in town. We talked about the possibility that a Senior Center/Youth Center could actually be the same place because the hours of utilization really do not overlap.
- We spoke about improving illumination on the segment of sidewalk from Pub 199 to Harrison Way on Howard Boulevard, which is where approximately 1250 ft. of sidewalk is going to be built.
- Other things to just keep on the back burner and for Council's consideration going forward, we may need a second Dial A Ride or jitney in town, which will dovetail with safety as well as the Police.
- Finally, while no funding initiative has been suggested, the concept of improving Firemen's Field for athletic and leisure facilities remains on the back burner.

The Mayor stated that regarding the jitney, that would fall into the designation of a Transit Village. The Mayor and Council were given samples of a draft data magazine from the County and Ms. Rinaldi stated the Morris County EDC is looking for Council comments as we would like this to be finalized.

- Councilman Sadow stated that he and Councilman Simard, along with Council President Delaney and Councilman Loughridge, all enjoy the Senior meetings; both Councilman Sadow and Simard are the official co-liaisons to the Club. The Club is literally busting at the seams which is unusual for January because so many Seniors are snowbirds and have already left for the winter.

The Mayor thanked the Finance Committee under Councilman Sadow's leadership. Year in and year out, we are hitting it on the head and we are doing what we need to do to keep this Borough in excellent shape; with prudent and conservative fiscal management, we still do what we need to do. The challenge for us, and it's a good challenge, is how are we going to get that Senior Center and Youth Center that we so desperately need and still have our cake and eat it too when it comes to the Race to the Bottom; the Mayor stated he has always said we want to have our cake and eat it too and we have so far in this town and we can continue...it's just the right planning.

Councilman Loughridge:

- Publicly thanked Councilman Sadow for his report and stated he is happy to be on the Finance Committee as well.

Councilman Simard:

- No report.

Council President Delaney:

- Council President has attended 7 meetings since the Reorganization Meeting.
- Stated the Lake Hopatcong Foundation finally moved into their new headquarters.

The Mayor congratulated Council President Delaney on his most recent Grandfather Appointment.

13. Public Comment

None

14. New Business

None

15. Old Business

None

16. Resolutions**Voted By Consent****Resolutions 2019-28 through 2019-38**

- 2019-28** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing a Transfer of Funds
- 2019-29** 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 January 15, 2019
- 2019-30** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Temporary Parking Restrictions and Road Closures During the Rotary Club of Lake Hopatcong 5K Run/Walk
- 2019-31** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Receipt of Bids (Retaining Wall and Purchase/Installation of Storage Facility at DPW)
- 2019-32** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Receipt of Bids (Howard Boulevard Sidewalk)
- 2019-33** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Receipt of Bids (Municipal Roads Rehabilitation and Community Garden ADA Access, Driveway and Parking Lot Rehabilitation)
- 2019-34** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Receipt of Bids (Lake Rogerene Open Space Trails)
- 2019-35** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Receipt of Bids (Edgemere Avenue Drainage)
- 2019-36** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Accepting the Bid and Awarding the Contract for the 2019 Annual Laboratory Sampling and Analysis for the Mount Arlington Sanitary Landfill
- 2019-37** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing a Salary Increase for Kathleen Appleby, Construction Technical Assistant and Land Use Board Secretary
- 2019-38** 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 #18-00013 for Property Known as Block 61, Lot 23.10, Qual C2018

Motion to Approve By Consent: Council President Delaney

Second: Councilman Loughridge

Roll Call:

Aye: Loughridge, Simard, Sadow, Cangiano, Council President Delaney

Absent: Sorge

None Opposed

Motion Approved

17. Ordinances – Introduction

- 01-19** An Ordinance of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, In the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing and Appropriating \$108,163.00 for Edgemere Avenue Drainage Project

The Mayor read Ordinance 01-19 by Title.

Motion: Councilman Sadow stated that Ordinance 01-19 be introduced by Title and passed on First Reading and that a meeting be held on February 5, 2019 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.

Second: Councilman Cangiano

No Council Discussion

Roll Call

Aye: Loughridge, Simard, Sadow, Cangiano, Council President Delaney

Absent: Sorge

None Opposed

Motion Approved

- 02-19** An Ordinance of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, In the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing and Appropriating \$205,876.00 for Howard Boulevard Sidewalk Project

The Mayor read Ordinance 02-19 by Title.

Motion: Councilman Sadow stated that Ordinance 02-19 be introduced by Title and passed on First Reading and that a meeting be held on February 5, 2019 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.

Second: Councilman Cangiano

No Council Discussion

Roll Call

Aye: Loughridge, Simard, Sadow, Cangiano, Council President Delaney

Absent: Sorge

None Opposed

Motion Approved

- 03-19** An Ordinance of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, In the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing and Appropriating \$377,867.00 for the Lake Rogerene Open Space Trails

The Mayor read Ordinance 03-19 by Title.

Motion: Councilman Loughridge stated that Ordinance 03-19 be introduced by Title and passed on First Reading and that a meeting be held on February 5, 2019 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.

Second: Councilman Simard

Council Discussion:

Ms. Rinaldi stated the application went to Open Space for the trails; the Borough is responsible for a contribution to the project. Borough Engineer Puszczyk stated this is a grant program from the Parks Department wherein they are providing 80% of the funding. The Borough could use their soft dollars for the 20% match; essentially we are using 100% of the Borough funds for the actual construction and its Parks construction, the pathway, bridgework, trailheads, etc., will be going out for local bid. The Mayor stated we received a \$297,000 grant. Councilman Cangiano stated that the fact that we got this land and secured it for Open Space was just a homerun. The Mayor stated and water quality too for Lake Rogerene, which is such an important thing.

Roll Call

Aye: Loughridge, Simard, Sadow, Cangiano, Council President Delaney

Absent: Sorge

None Opposed

Motion Approved

- 04-19** An Ordinance of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, In the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing and Appropriating \$112,267.00 for the Community Garden Improvements

The Mayor read Ordinance 04-19 by Title.

Motion: Council President Delaney stated that Ordinance 04-19 be introduced by Title and passed on First Reading and that a meeting be held on February 5, 2019 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.

Second: Councilman Sadow

Council Discussion :

The Mayor publicly thanked Councilman Cangiano and the Green Team for getting this whole idea started quite some time ago but seeing it through.

Roll Call

Aye: Loughridge, Simard, Sadow, Cangiano, Council President Delaney

Absent: Sorge

None Opposed

Motion Approved

- 05-19** An Ordinance of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, In the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing and Appropriating \$22,800.00 for the Firemen's Field Walking Path

The Mayor read Ordinance 05-19 by Title.

Motion: Councilman Cangiano stated that Ordinance 05-19 be introduced by Title and passed on First Reading and that a meeting be held on February 5, 2019 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.

Second: Councilman Sadow

Council Discussion:

Engineer Puszcz stated the Path makes a complete circle but we are utilizing the existing pavement as a walkway and there is a parking area: we are just supplementing around the pen stands and recreational field, running along the outside until we get out to the woods and then we are doing a break in the fence so we can bring the trail inside and go behind the batting cage. The Mayor stated this will also be part of our Mayor's Wellness; we are going to have a walking club and this will be a flat trail, little over a quarter mile.

Roll Call

Aye: Loughridge, Simard, Sadow, Cangiano, Council President Delaney

Absent: Sorge

None Opposed

Motion Approved

- 06-19** An Ordinance of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, In the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing and Appropriating \$681,274.00 for Department of Public Works Improvements

The Mayor read Ordinance 06-19 by Title.

Motion: Councilman Sadow stated that Ordinance 06-19 be introduced by Title and passed on First Reading and that a meeting be held on February 5, 2019 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.

Second: Councilman Cangiano

Council Discussion:

The Mayor stated this is a well needed improvement at the DPW. Councilman Sadow stated that some of the dollars are from Ordinance 18-17, so the pole barn is 3 years in the making.

Roll Call

Aye: Loughridge, Simard, Sadow, Cangiano, Council President Delaney

Absent: Sorge

None Opposed

Motion Approved

- 07-19** Bond Ordinance Providing for Municipal Road Rehabilitation Projects In and By the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, Appropriating \$1,427,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$534,980 Bonds or Notes of the Borough to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof

The Mayor read Ordinance 07-19 by Title.

Motion: Council President Delaney stated that Ordinance 07-19 be introduced by Title and passed on First Reading and that a meeting be held on February 5, 2019 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.

Second: Councilman Sadow

No Council Discussion

Roll Call

Aye: Loughridge, Simard, Sadow, Cangiano, Council President Delaney

Absent: Sorge

None Opposed

Motion Approved

18. Ordinances – Second Reading

None

19. Motions

None

20. Executive Session

None

21. Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn: Councilman Delaney

Second: Councilman Sadow

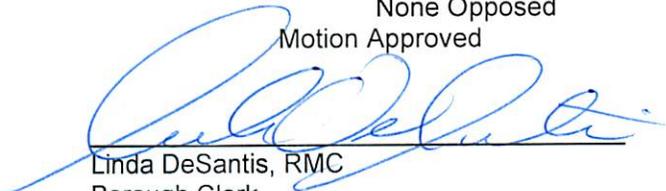
Roll Call

All in Favor: Aye

Absent: Sorge

None Opposed

Motion Approved



Linda DeSantis, RMC
Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved at Council Meeting of February 5, 2019.

Borough of Mt. Arlington

Tax & Utility Office

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

The Month of December 2018

Dated:

Completed by: Kayleen Pickering, CTC

Tax Collections:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Account #</u>	<u>Collections</u>
Current Taxes	8-01-17-001-001	\$ 165,126.20
2017 Taxes	8-01-15-499-200	
2017 Taxes (Collected at Tax Sale)		
Prepaid Taxes	8-01-17-001-004	36,384.74
Municipal Redemption	8-01-17-004-001	
Interest & Costs	8-01-08-112-000	3,664.61
Interest & Costs (Collected at Tax Sale)		
Return Check Fee	8-01-16-500-047	20.00
Tax Searches	8-01-08-106-010	
Duplicate Bills	8-01-16-500-016	
O/S Lien Red./Subs	8-01-17-004-002	52,204.92
O/S Lien Red. Int.	8-01-17-004-003	7,726.37
O/S Lien Red. 6% YEP	8-01-16-500-025	
O/S Lien Red. Rec. Fee	8-01-17-004-003	176.00
Misc. Copies	8-01-16-500-017	
Tax Sale Costs	8-01-16-500-018	
Tax Sale Costs (Collected at Tax Sale)		
Tax Sale Premiums	Trust Account	
6% Year End Penalty	8-01-16-500-025	
Tax Paid Certification	8-01-16-500-013	
Redemption Calculation Fee		
Total Tax Collections		<u>\$ 265,302.84</u>

Utility Collections:

Solid Waste		\$ 7,275.71
Sewer		24,099.50
Water		14,342.02
Sewer Connection Fee Install Plan		
Total Utility Collections		<u>\$ 45,717.23</u>
Total Collections for the Month		<u>\$ 311,020.07</u>

BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON
FINANCE OFFICE

Finance Report Current Fund

December 2018

Receipts	467,209.67
Disbursements	1,511,664.35