

**BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
October 1, 2019
7:00 p.m.**

1. Call to Order

The October 1, 2019 Mount Arlington Borough Council meeting was called to order at 7PM.

2. Adequate Notice

Notice of this meeting has been given as required by the Open Public Meetings Act as follows:

Notice 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 is also 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...."

Accordingly, 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

Mayor Stanzilis asked the Girl Scouts from Troop 96641 to lead the flag salute. The Mayor then asked for a moment of silence to remember all of those who served on the dais, particularly his predecessor, Mr. Art Ondish. Mayor Stanzilis went on to say we are honored to have Mrs. Joyce Ondish and Mrs. Yvonne Ondish present this evening.

The Mayor then thanked the Girl Scouts for leading the pledge of allegiance.

4. Roll Call

Councilman Loughridge, Councilwoman Farris, Council President Delaney, Councilman Sadow, Councilwoman Galate, Councilman Cangiano, and Mayor Stanzilis were present.

Matthew O'Donnell, Esq., Borough Attorney, and Carolyn Rinaldi, CFO and Borough Administrator, were also present.

5. Presentations

- Tax Assessor Jack Marchione – Added/Omitted Assessments

Mr. Marchione reported on the re-evaluation process. On September 19, 2019 Mr. Marchione appeared before the County Board of Taxation where they ordered the Borough to perform a re-evaluation for the year 2021. The director of the Division of Taxation will sign the associated paperwork and then the Borough will receive a copy. Borough Tax Maps are being reviewed by CP Engineering and once the review is complete, we will go out for bids from re-evaluation companies.

Mr. Marchione went on to report that we have 15 added assessment this year which is lower than last year, primarily because the Shadow Woods project is now complete. The added assessment tax bills will be mailed in early October.

Mayor Stanzilis asked when the effective date of the 2021 re-evaluation would be. Mr. Marchione said it will be in calendar year 2022.

- Girl Scout Troop 96641 – Thank you for cleaning Community Garden in preparation of end of season open house held on September 7, 2019
 Sophie Nemeth
 Rylee Eckert
 Jocelyn Garcia
 Reese Nelson

Mayor Stanzilis presented Girl Scout Troop 96641 with a proclamation of appreciation. The Mayor also gave each girl the Mayor's Appreciation Coin and thanked them for their hard work cleaning the Community Garden in preparation for the end of season open house held on September 7, 2019.

- Rain Garden Dedication
 Jolie Parisi
 Ashley Zheng
 Madalyn Pflug
 Aidyn Cangiano
 Andrew Cangiano
 Olivia Cardona
 Ty Eckert
 Michael Stockstill
 Natalie Cantagallo

Mayor Stanzilis introduced Mrs. Crawford from MAPs school. Mrs. Crawford said she was honored to celebrate Art Ondish's legacy in terms of sustainable New Jersey for our schools. The school has dedicated the rain garden to Art Ondish. Each student who worked on the garden was presented with a certificate of appreciation. The students created an education brochure which is located at the library and the Municipal Building. The object of the brochure is to educate the community about the importance of rain gardens and how they play a role in protecting Lake Hopatcong.

Mayor Stanzilis thanks Mrs. Crawford and the students for the great work they are doing. He went on to say that the Borough started a green infrastructure committee with the goal of installing rain gardens, rain barrels and swales in support of Sustainable Jersey initiatives. Mayor Stanzilis thanked both Mrs. Joyce Ondish and Mrs. Yvonne Ondish for Arthur's legacy.

6. Executive Session

- 2019-144** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of 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:

- Review of Borough Property
- Approval of Executive Minutes: June 11, 2019
June 20, 2019
July 9, 2019

Action May or May Not Be Taken

Motion to Go into Executive Session: Council President Delaney
 Second: Councilman Loughridge
 Roll Call:
 Aye: Loughridge, Farris, Sadow, Galate, Cangiano, Delaney
 Opposed: None
 Motion Approved

Motion to Return to Open Session: Council President Delaney
 Second: Councilman Sadow
 Roll Call:
 Aye: Loughridge, Farris, Sadow, Galate, Cangiano, Delaney
 Opposed: None
 Motion Approved

Motion to Approve June 11, 2019 Executive Meeting Minutes:

Second: Councilman Sadow
 Council President Delaney
 Roll Call:
 Aye: Loughridge, Sadow, Galate, Caniano, Delaney
 Abstain: Farris

Motion Approved

Motion to Approve June 20, 2019 Executive Meeting Minutes:

Second: Councilman Sadow
 Council President Delaney
 Roll Call:
 Aye: Loughridge, Sadow, Galate, Cangiano, Delaney
 Abstain: Farris

Motion Approved

Motion to Approve July 9, 2019 Executive Meeting Minutes:

Second: Council President Delaney
 Councilman Sadow
 Roll Call:
 Aye: Loughridge, Farris, Sadow, Galate, Delaney
 Abstain: Cangiano

Motion Approved

7. Tax and Utility Report for the Month of August

August:

Total Tax Collections:	\$ 4,180,904.24
Total Utility Collections:	\$ 139,573.84

8. Finance Report for the Month of August

August:

Receipts	\$ 4,864,504.95
Disbursements	\$ 2,062,356.54

9. Approval of Minutes

None

10. Mayor's Report

Mayor Stanzilis reported that he attended a DCA hearing in Trenton regarding the consolidation study request for a one-year extension of time. Administrator Rinaldi, Council President Delaney as well as Roxbury Mayor DeFilippo and their Administrator also attended the meeting. Mayor Stanzilis and Mayor DeFilippo testified in front of the DCA expressing their concerns with the consolidation study. Mayor Stanzilis reported that the DCA did not approve the request for a one-year extension; instead the consolidation commission was given a 30-day extension of time. The DCA requested that both towns work with DCA representatives who are experts in efficiencies to look at where the towns can be more efficient. The DCA admonished Greg Herd and Gina Genoves saying they did nothing about efficiencies, they only looked at the money. The Mayor, Administrator, and Council President will be back in Trenton in December for a follow-up meeting with the DCA. Mayor Stanzilis said there will not be a referendum question on the November 5, 2019 ballot. He went on to say that we learned a lot and have built a strong relationship with our neighbors in Roxbury in a very positive way through the Consolidation Commission investigation.

11. Chief of Police Report

Chief Licata thanked Mayor and Council for their support during the golf outing. The Chief went on to report that Officer Sherburne attended the Top Gun class in Sayersville, NJ. It is a narcotics investigation class run by the prosecutor's office and the AG office. It is a six-day course where you have to be nominated and successfully accepted into the program; it is very selective and only two individuals per county are invited to attend the class. Officer Sherburne is well known in the community for his work and was readily accepted into the program. The Chief went on to report that he attended the mitigation plan meeting. The objective is to have an updated storm management plan in place so when FEMA related issues arise we are eligible for grant money. The Mayor asked about the generators received through grant funding. Chief Licata explained we have two projects; a permanent project and a portable project. We have one portable generator stored at DPW which is used for the Kadal Drive water tank. It will also be used for the Municipal Building. The remaining generators will be used at Library, Civic Center and the Fire House. DPW and the Police Station have hard wired generators.

12. Borough Administrator's Report

Best Practices Inventory

Administrator Rinaldi reported on the Best Practices Inventory process which is done annually. Municipalities are required to complete and submit the Best Practice Inventory to determine whether some portion of municipalities aid will be withheld per Local Finance Notice dated September 9, 2019. The inventory questionnaire is now on an internet-based platform and has expanded to include 84 questions. Mrs. Rinaldi reported the Borough is in compliance with Best Practice standards so we will continue to receive 100% aid disbursement for the year. Copies of the completed inventory is available upon request.

The Garbage bid specs have been released; we will award sometime in December. The bid specification include two options; one to continue our current hybrid service including automation for recycling and manual pick up. The second option is all automated pick up.

The first Borough quarterly newsletter has been released. We are getting away from the annual calendar in an effort to get current information out to the community in a more timely manner. As we move forward, we will look for input from council members regarding what they would like to see in the newsletter.

The league of Municipalities Annual Conference is scheduled for November 19 through 21. The clerk's office will coordinate reservation. Please remember the November Council meeting is on Wednesday, November 6 because the General Election is on Tuesday, November 5.

13. Council Committee Reports

Councilman Cangiano:

Councilman Cangiano reported the following update from the Water and Sewer Committee: Windemere Avenue I project includes the water lines for the beach and church properties as well as the surrounding properties including some home owners who do not currently have water service. The main driver of the project was to get water to the beach and the recreation improvement area. The project is a go; however, the funding source is not what we thought it was going to be. We did not get the IBank funding we expected to receive because our project ranked too low; too many others came in with project requests and our rank got pushed down. The project is approximately 1.1M\$.

Councilman Cangiano said the Windemere II project should now be referred to as the complete water service area project for the Borough and will be funded through IBank. Finishing this portion of the project will complete the system. The Borough will receive a Nano grant which forgives 500K\$. The project cost is over 2M\$ so 500K\$ will be forgiven. The funding mechanism for the loan is the IBank. Construction will begin the spring of 2020 and the Windemere II construction will begin the spring of 2021.

Councilman Loughridge:

Councilman Loughridge reported Senior Yoga is very well attended. Soccer is well underway and the Halloween Bash is scheduled for October 19 where gaga-ball will be set up.

Mrs. Rinaldi reported that Parks and Recreation met over the summer to review their vision, particularly in light of the water projects. Estimated beach improvement costs are under 1M\$ including a concession stand with bathrooms and storage, a gazebo at the end of the dock as well as rails and lighting. In addition, the project may include solar for the building, a knee wall to contain the sand on the beach, showers, a drinking fountain, an improved parking lot, a rain garden and landscaping improvements. Approximately \$2M needed in bond ordinance.

Mr. Matthew Jessup, Esq from McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC noted that for each bond ordinance introduced there is a requirement for a 5% cash down payment. If the Borough borrows 1M\$ we would need \$50K in the capital improvement fund. If we do an ordinance with approximate amount or with additional ordinances in 6 to 12 months, the project would be funded with notes early and then bonds later. The Borough has the ability to do multiple bond ordinances; one big one now or multiple ordinances over time. It will be based on what the Borough wants to do and what is in the capital improvement fund. The financing will be flexible because notes can be issued on a two to three week turnaround.

Councilman Sadow brought up the issue regarding the scope of the project to include the Fireman's Field renovation project and the philosophy of the governing body. Mayor Stanzilis said he supports the idea of a field upgrade and Mrs. Rinaldi mentioned that the Parks and Recreation Committee has worked on the proposal for the beach project and then, as a second phase, has worked on upgrades for Fireman's Field.

Mayor Stanzilis asked Mr. Jessup if we go through the Morris County credit or ours. Mr. Jessup said the County is rated triple A which is the highest rating you can get. Morris County has one of the ten best credits in the country; sixth wealthiest county in the country. Mr. Jessup went on to say that we can explore this issue once final plans are in place regarding how much the Borough will borrow and from where.

Councilwomen Farris:

Councilwoman Farris had nothing to report.

Councilwomen Galate:

Councilwoman Galate had nothing to report

Councilman Sadow:

Councilman Sadow had nothing to report

Council President Delaney:

Council President Delaney reported that the Fire Department put on a great dinner and should be congratulated for their effort. He went on to report that Jessica Caldwell's grand opening/ribbon cutting ceremony was well attended and the Girl Scouts did a beautiful job cleaning the garden plots. Council President Delaney said the Borough was very well prepared for the consolidation committee hearing with the DCA and that Mayor Stanzilis and Administrator Rinaldi did an excellent job testifying.

14. Public Comment

Marty Kane – 145 Landing Road, Landing, NJ

Mr. Kane mentioned the Lake Hopatcong Emergency Budget Request Resolution which is on tonight's agenda for review and approval by the Mayor and Council. Mr. Kane thanked the Mayor and Council for their support. He mentioned that the first beach restoration project might be the Mount Arlington Beach. He expects a proposal, for our review, from Princeton Hydro shortly. The project will be completely funded by the Highlands Council. Mayor Stanzilis thanked Mr. Kane and the Lake Hopatcong Commission for their hard work.

15. Ordinances – Introduction

13-19 Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Amending Chapter 169, Vehicles and Traffic of the Borough Code
The Mayor read ordinance 13-19 by Title

Motion: Councilman Cangiano stated that Ordinance 13-19 be introduced and will be further considered after a public hearing held on November 6, 2019 at the Municipal Building at 7 pm.

Second: Councilman Sadow

No Council Discussion

Roll Call:
 Aye: Loughridge, Farris, Sadow, Galate, Cangiano, Council President
 Delaney
 Opposed: None
 Motion Approved

16. Ordinances – Second Reading

- 12-19** Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Amending the Code of the Borough of Mount Arlington Chapter 72 Dial-A-Ride Van Section §72-4. Rules and Regulation. Subsection B, Item "Reservations" and Item "Passenger Requirements"

The Mayor opened the Hearing to the Public and read Ordinance 12-19 by Title

No Public Comment

The Mayor closed the Hearing to the Public

Motion: Councilman Loughridge stated: "I move for adoption and final passage of Ordinance 12-19"

Second: Council President Delaney

No Council Discussion

Roll Call:
 Aye: Loughridge, Farris, Sadow, Galate, Cangiano, Council President
 Delaney
 Opposed: None
 Motion Approved

17. Resolutions – Vote By Consent

Resolution 2019-145 through 2019-161 in addition to added Resolution Number 2019-162

Added Resolution:

- 2019-162** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Recordation of **Ordinance No.: 98-22 Vacating Terrace Lane** in the Morris County Clerk Vacation-Ordinance Book
- 2019-145** 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 1, 2019
- 2019-146** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Appointing a Municipal Housing Liaison Pursuant to Chapter 17 Land Development, Article XVII Affordable Housing Obligations
- 2019-147** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Amounts for Departmental Change Funds for Clerk/Animal Licensing Office, Tax/Utility Office and the Construction Office

- 2019-148** 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 N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4, 20.5 et seq. Pursuant to the "Fair and Open Process"
- 2019-149** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Hiring Part-Time Seasonal Help for DPW
- 2019-150** 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 # 15-00039 for Property Known as Block 106 Lot 4
- 2019-151** 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 # 18-00022 for Property Known as Block 107 Lot 17
- 2019-152** 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 # 16-00022 for Property Known as Block 105 Lot 9
- 2019-153** 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 # 17-00030 for Property Known as Block 121 Lot 6
- 2019-154** 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 Municipal Held Tax Lien Certificate of Sale # 18-00008 for Property Known as Block 30 Lot 8
- 2019-155** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, For Refund of Tax Overpayment Made on 100% Tax Exempt Property Known as Block 51 Lot 12
- 2019-156** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Permanent Utility Easement Agreement Over the Road Located on Season's Drive, Known as Block 61, Lot 39.01
- 2019-157** 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 and Recordation of the Permit to the United States Coast Guard (USCG) Auxiliary Division 15, Flotilla 10, 5NR to Use a Portion of the Borough of Mount Arlington Public Works Facility Located in Block 36, Lot 1, Mount Arlington, Morris County, State of New Jersey for the Installation, Maintenance and Operation of an Antenna
- 2019-158** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, in Support of the Emergency Budget Request of Lake Hopatcong Commission
- 2019-159** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Re-activation of Utilities for 571 Audrey Road
- 2019-160** Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Re-activation of Utilities for 4 Cove Road

2019-161 Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Re-activation of Utilities for 37 W. Bertrand Road

Motion to Approve: Council President Delaney
Second: Galate

Councilman Cangiano asked if Resolution Number 2019-148 for Professional Services is the standard resolution released each year; Administrator Rinaldi said yes.

Roll Call:

Aye: Loughridge, Farris, Sadow, Galate, Cangiano, Council President Delaney

Opposed: None

Motion Approved

18. Motions

Vendor Permit

- Edward Jones – Financial Advisor

Council President Delaney mentioned that the Borough has a do-not-knock list. He said that Financial Advisors typically send letters or emails; they do not go door to door. Half our population is made up of senior citizens who do not want people knocking on their door. Councilman Sadow concurred with Council President Delaney's assessment. All vendors must abide by the no solicitation signs, no knock policy and the Borough's non-solicitation list.

The Mayor said the Council will not entertain a motion to issue Edward Jones a Vendor Permit.

19. Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn: Council President Delaney

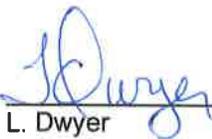
Second: Councilman Sadow

Roll Call:

All in Favor: Aye

Opposed: None

Motion Approved



L. Dwyer
Acting Borough Clerk

CC: Website