

**BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON
REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 3, 2023
6:00 P.M.**

The Reorganization Meeting of the Borough of Mount Arlington was held on Tuesday, January 3, 2023. This meeting was held in-person at the Municipal Building at 419 Howard Boulevard, Mount Arlington, New Jersey.

Councilman Delaney called the meeting to order at 6:06PM.

Mr. Bansch, Borough Clerk, stated “adequate notice of this Reorganization 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 22, 2022 and posted on the bulletin board in the main hallway of the Borough Municipal Building; 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.”

Councilman Delaney led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. He asked everyone to remain standing to observe a moment of silence for the troops.

Roll Call of Sitting Elected Officials was taken for attendance:

Present: Councilman Delaney, Councilwoman Fostle and Councilwoman Galate

Absent: None

Present from Administration: Administrator/CFO Ms. Rinaldi, Borough Attorney Mr. Jessup, Police Chief LaBruno, Borough Engineer Mr. Puszcz, Borough Planner Ms. Caldwell, Borough Land Use Board Attorney Mr. Selvaggi, Borough Tax Appeal Appraiser Mr. Holzhauser, DPW Director Mr. Hutchins, Water Supervisor Mr. Quillinan and the writer.

Certification of Election

Mr. Bansch read the Certification of Election. For the General Election on November 8, 2022:

- Michael Stanzilis was duly elected to the office of Mayor for a 4-year term expiring 12/31/2026.
- Andrew Cangiano was duly elected to the office of Borough Council for a 3-year term expiring 12/31/2025.
- Leonard J. Loughridge, Jr. was duly elected to the office of Borough Council for a 3-year term expiring 12/31/2025.

Swearing in of 2023 Elected Officials

Borough Attorney Mr. Jessup administered the Oath of Allegiance individually to Mr. Stanzilis, Mr. Cangiano and Mr. Loughridge.

Roll Call of All Elected Officials was taken for attendance:

Present: Councilman Loughridge, Councilman Delaney, Councilman Cangiano, Councilwoman Fostle, Councilwoman Galate and Mayor Stanzilis

Absent: None

Invocation - Pastor Edward Ramirez was unable to attend the meeting. In Pastor Ramirez's absence, Mayor Stanzilis delivered the Invocation.

Guests in Audience

Mayor Stanzilis acknowledged some of the honored guests in the audience including Morris County Commissioner Tayfun Selen, Morris County Commissioner Stephen Shaw, Morris County Commissioner Douglas Cabana and Lake Hopatcong Foundation Chair Marty Kane. Mayor Stanzilis also announced Senator Anthony Bucco, Jr. and Assemblywoman Aura K. Dunn had reached out earlier to wish everyone well.

Presentations:

Mayor and Borough Council Recognition of Borough Council Member Maria Farris
Mayor Stanzilis presented Ms. Farris, who resigned from her position as Borough Council Member effective January 1, 2023, with a proclamation recognizing and thanking her for her four years of public service on the Mount Arlington Borough Council, and for her numerous contributions and years of selfless service to the Borough. Mayor Stanzilis then presented Ms. Farris with a Challenge Coin for Mayor's Community Service Excellence.

Nomination of Council President for 2023

Motion: Councilman Loughridge stated: "I make a motion to nominate Councilman Delaney to serve as Council President for 2023."

Second: Councilman Cangiano

There were no other nominees.

Roll Call:

Aye: Loughridge, Delaney, Cangiano, Fostle, Galate

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Approved

Mayor Stanzilis expressed his appreciation for Council President Delaney, who attended almost every Borough meeting, including committee meetings.

Mayor's Address

Mayor Stanzilis stated, seven years ago, he sat in this same seat due to an unfortunate circumstance: the passing of Mayor Art Ondish. This was now his seventh Reorganization Meeting as Mayor of Mount Arlington Borough. It was hard to believe how fast the time had flown by. At that first Reorganization Meeting seven years ago, Mayor Stanzilis challenged the Borough Council to a "race to the bottom" through "smart growth," meaning they were racing to the bottom of the tax rate in Morris County, if not the Greater New Jersey area, in order to give money back to Borough

residents. Since then, everyone had worked extremely hard as a team to help deliver on this challenge. He thanked the entire Borough Council, Administrator and CFO Ms. Rinaldi, staff and professionals for making everything possible. He thanked his wife, Laura, for her unending support and patience. Mayor Stanzilis then reported on the many accomplishments in 2022:

- A “Race to the Bottom” through “Smart Growth:”
 - The Borough received over \$275,000 in grant awards towards various projects and equipment:
 - New Dial-a-Ride Bus
 - Bullet proof vests for the Police Department
 - McGregor Trail Design
 - DOT funding towards the Reba Road and Eric Lane road improvements
 - NJDEP grant to construct five rain gardens around the Borough including Borough Hall, Police Headquarters, Borough Library, MAPS and Decker schools
 - Capital projects, utility and infrastructure improvements:
 - Windemere 1 water lines were installed.
 - There was an increase to the Borough’s water threshold.
 - Water line installations were coming to McGregor Avenue, Floyd Drive, Hover Drive and the remainder of Windemere Avenue.
 - The Schmitz Terrace water tank was on schedule to get rehabbed this year.
 - The American Rescue Plan awarded Mount Arlington \$650,000 for the high-pressure booster station rehabilitation project. That was the amount the Borough had allocated for this project, so it appeared the project would be completely paid for.
 - Sewer installation for Hover Drive and Floyd Drive were moving along.
 - New Jersey Natural Gas was continuing to expand gas lines throughout town.
 - Getting public water and sewer to Lake Rogerene was a priority and would be coming sooner than later.
 - The Logan Way redevelopment project was completed successfully.
 - As part of a shared purchase with Wharton Borough, a new street sweeper was acquired over the summer. It immediately began helping to improve road cleanliness which resulted in less stormwater pollution into Lake Hopatcong.
 - Redevelopment Zones
 - Construction was expected to begin this year on The Orchards Village at 181 Howard Boulevard.
 - Shared Services
 - The Board of Education moved its offices into the DPW building, thus freeing up classroom space in the schools.
 - DPW Management shared service agreement with Wharton Borough
 - Animal Control shared service agreement with Hopatcong Borough as the lead agency; Wharton Borough; Byram Township; Stanhope Borough as well as Netcong Borough joining.
 - Health Department shared service agreement with Mount Olive Township.
 - Shared Court with Wharton Borough
 - Construction Official agreement with Jefferson Township
 - Morris County Joint Insurance Fund (JIF) with 45 other municipalities. Ms. Rinaldi was the current Chair of the Morris County JIF.
 - Fire and Police Dispatcher agreement
- There were many successful Borough Recreation events in 2022:

- The Mayor’s Wellness Committee was offering Chair Yoga. It was finally back in the Library now that the COVID-19 pandemic was over.
- Memorial Day Parade. Thanks to the Elks Lodge for hosting the Memorial Day Ceremony due to the rainy weather.
- Summer Concert Series. Special thanks to Mark Rinaldi for his vision, talent and assistance in making the concerts such as huge success.
- Stormwater Management & Green Infrastructure Committee. This new committee may be the first Green Infrastructure Committee in a town of its small size in the entire State.
- Chief LaBruno would be retiring in 2023. This would be his last Reorganization meeting. The Police Department has thrived under his amazing leadership. He has accomplished so much, including leading the Police Department through the COVID-19 pandemic; mental health and domestic violence crises; and the rollout of the new body worn cameras. The quality of the Borough Police Department was a reflection of its leadership.
- The Fire Department would be coming back on January 17th for their swearing in.

As a result of all the above accomplishments, the bottom line resulted in a decrease in the total Municipal tax rate. When he first became Mayor, the Municipal tax rate was 0.822. As of the end of 2022, the Municipal tax rate was 0.804, which was a decrease of 18 basis points in 7 years. This was all possible due to prudent fiscal management and a shared vision by the entire Borough Council, Administration, staff and professionals. God has blessed everyone in this room and brought them together for a reason. God Bless you all, and God Bless America.

Mayor’s Appointments – All Vote by Consent

Council Committees

FINANCE (includes Budget, Redevelopment, Economic Development)

- Committee Chair – Councilwoman Fostle
- Councilman Loughridge
- Councilman Delaney

PUBLIC SAFETY (includes Police, Court, Fire, Rescue and OEM)

- Committee Chair - Councilwoman Galate
- Council _____
- Councilman Delaney

PERSONNEL

- Committee Chair – _____
- Councilwoman Fostle
- Councilman Delaney

PARKS & RECREATION (includes Events)

- Committee Chair - Councilman Loughridge
- Councilman Cangiano
- Councilman Delaney

DPW, BUILDINGS, GROUNDS & UTILITIES (includes Water/Sewer)

- Committee Chair - Councilman Cangiano
- Councilwoman Galate
- Councilman Delaney

Borough Boards & Committees

LAND USE BOARD

- Class I Member – Mayor Stanzilis (1-year term, expiring 12/31/2023)
- Class II Member – Carolyn Rinaldi (1-year term, expiring 12/31/2023)
- Class III Member – Councilwoman Melissa Fostle (1-year term, expiring 12/31/2023)
- Class IV Member – Robert Van Den Hende (2-year term, expiring 12/31/2024)
- Class IV Member – Tom Foley (4-year term, expiring 12/31/2025)
- Class IV Member – Fran Hallowich (4-year term, expiring 12/31/2026)
- Class IV Member – John Driscoll (4-year term, expiring 12/31/2026)
- Class IV Member – Dave BaRoss (2 year, expires 12/31/2023)
- Class IV Member – Eric Green (unexpired 4-year term, expiring 12/31/2025)
- Alternate 1 Member – Heidi Roldan (3-year unexpired term, expiring 12/31/2024)
- Alternate 2 Member – David Karpman (2-year term, expiring 12/31/2024)
- Alternate 3 Member – Rockie Fuller (2-year term, expiring 12/31/2024)
- Alternate 4 Member – Eric Wilson (2-year term, expiring 12/31/2024)

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- Mayor Stanzilis
- Mayor’s Alternate – Councilman Delaney (1-year term, expiring 12/31/2023)
- Superintendent Monica Rowland
- Peter Panos (5-year term, expiring 12/31/2025)
- Kara Higgins (5-year term, expiring 12/31/2026)
- John Driscoll (5-year term, expiring 12/31/2026)
- Sheila Studint (5-year term, expiring 12/31/2026)
- Kristen Eannetta (5-year term, expiring 12/31/2027)
- Lisa McQuade (5-year term, expiring 12/31/2023)
- Nita Galate (5-year term, expiring 12/31/2024)

BOARD OF HEALTH

- Laura O’Reilly Stanzilis (3-year unexpired term, expiring 12/31/2024)
- Linda Tuorinsky (3-year term, expiring 12/31/2024)
- Sheila Studint (3-year term, expiring 12/31/2023)
- Roy Morance (3-year term, expiring 12/31/2023)
- Gail Dewees (3-year term, expiring 12/31/2025)
- Rebecca Keenan (3-year term, expiring 12/31/2025)
- _____ (3-year term, expiring 12/31/2024)
- Council Liaison – Councilman Delaney (1-year term, expiring 12/31/2023)

BOARD OF RECREATION COMMISSION

- Bryan Higgins (5-year term, expiring 12/31/2024)
- Mark Rinaldi (5-year unexpired term, expiring 12/31/2025)
- Jessica Costa (5-year term, expiring 12/31/2026)
- Kristen Eannetta (5-year term, expiring 12/31/2027)
- Jessica Price (5-year unexpired term, expiring 12/31/2023)
- Gail Delaney (5-year term, expiring 12/31/2027)
- Catrina Scaglione (5-year term, expiring 12/31/2023)
- Alternate 1 – _____ (5-year term, expiring 12/31/2025)
- Alternate 2 – _____ (5-year term, expiring 12/31/2026)

MAYOR'S WELLNESS COMMITTEE

- Mayor Stanzilis
- Helen Giles
- Judith Loughridge
- Laura O'Reilly Stanzilis
- Police Chief LaBruno
- Carolyn Rinaldi
- Rebecca Keenan
- Christopher Merker
- Christina Chismar
- Brian Kincaid
- Megan Merola
- Frank Sarinelli Jr.

LAKE HOPATCONG COMMISSION

- Borough Representative – Anne Pravs (2-year term, expiring 12/31/2024)
- Borough Alternate Representative – Karen Porfido (2-year term, expiring 12/31/2024)

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT & GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

- Mayor Stanzilis
- Councilwoman Fostle
- Councilwoman Galate
- Carolyn Rinaldi
- Monica Rowland
- Anne Pravs
- Marty Kane
- Karen Porfido
- Tom Foley
- Adam Toombs

GREEN TEAM

- Councilwoman Fostle
- Councilwoman Galate
- Carolyn Rinaldi
- Christina Chismar
- Kathy Appleby
- David Karpman
- Darlene Kadel
- Gail Delaney
- Viviana Migliore
- Heidi Roldan

Mount Arlington-Wharton Shared Municipal Court

MAYOR: I recommend the following appointments for a **1-year term**, expiring 12/31/23:

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| • Municipal Court Judge | Honorable Gerard Smith, Esq. |
| • Municipal Prosecutor | Douglas Cabana, Esq. |
| • Municipal Public Defender | Daniel P. Agatino, Esq. |

Borough Officials

MAYOR: I recommend appointment of the following Borough Officials for a **1-year term**, expiring 12/31/23:

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| • Pension Certifying Official | Lauren Schaeffner |
| • Tax Search Officer | Laura Adams |
| • Clean Communities Coordinator | Lauren Schaeffner |
| • Recycling Coordinator | Scott Hutchins |
| • Licensed Water Operator | Tom Quillinan |
| • Police Matron | Valerie Kourtz |
| • Lake Hopatcong Foundation
Trails & Open Space Efforts
Representative | Councilwoman Galate |
| • League of Municipalities
Representative | Mayor Stanzilis |
| • Liaison to the Board of Education | Councilwoman Galate |
| • Liaison to the Board of Health | Councilman Delaney |
| • Liaison to the Board of Recreation | Councilman Loughridge |
| • Liaison to the Seniors Club | Councilman Loughridge |
| • MCJIF Commissioner | Carolyn Rinaldi |
| • Alternate MCJIF Commissioner | Lauren Schaeffner |
| • Morris County Historic
Preservation Review Board
Representative | Councilwoman Galate |
| • Mount Arlington Historic Sites
Survey Representative | Councilwoman Galate |
| • CDRS Representatives
- Council Representative | Councilman Loughridge |
| - Volunteer Representative | Gail Delaney |
| • Public Safety Coordinator | Police Chief LaBruno |
| • OEM Coordinators | Police Chief LaBruno |
| | Councilman Delaney |
| • Deputy OEM Coordinators | Police Lieutenant Matt Green |
| • Chief Financial Officer | Carolyn Rinaldi |
| • Qualified Purchasing Agent | Carolyn Rinaldi |

Mayor Stanzilis stated: “I recommend the following appointments to the Borough Council Committees, Borough Boards & Commissions and Borough Officials.”

Motion: Council President Delaney stated: “I move for confirmation of these appointments.”

Second: Councilwoman Galate

Roll Call:

Aye: Loughridge, Cangiano, Fostle, Galate, Council President Delaney

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Approved

Ordinance – Introduction - None

Ordinance – Second Reading - None

Resolutions – All Vote by Consent

- 2023-01** A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Designating Official Newspapers
- 2023-02** A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Petty Cash Fund
- 2023-03** A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Official Depositories
- 2023-04** A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Signatures on Borough Checks
- 2023-05** A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Affirming Civil Rights Policy with Respect to All Officials, Appointees, Employees, Prospective Employees, Volunteers, Independent Contractors, and Members of the Public that Come into Contact with Municipal Employees, Officials and Volunteers
- 2023-06** A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Establishing the Rate of Interest on Delinquent Municipal Charges, Grace Period and Year End Penalty for the Year 2023
- 2023-07** A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, to Allow Cancellation of Tax and Utility Delinquent Amounts Less than \$10.00 for the Year 2023
- 2023-08** A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing a Tax Sale to Be Held in the Year 2023
- 2023-09** A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Assessor and/or Borough Attorney and/or Special Tax Counsel to File and Prosecute Tax Appeals/Rollbacks
- 2023-10** A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Appointing Giovanni Mancini of Treadstone Risk Management as Risk Management Consultant
- 2023-11** A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Appointment of a Health Benefits Consultant to Evaluate the Borough's Employee Health Benefits Program (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(m))
- 2023-12** A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Appointing Morris County Joint Insurance Fund Commissioner and Alternate I Member for the Borough of Mount Arlington

- 2023-13** A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Adopting a Form Required to Be Used for the Filing of Tort Claims Against the Borough of Mount Arlington in Accordance with the Provisions of the NJ Tort Claims Act, N.J.S.A. 59:8-6
- 2023-14** A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Supporting the Lake Hopatcong Commission
- 2023-15** A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Supporting and Participating in the Volunteer Tuition Credit Program (P.L. 1998, C. 145)
- 2023-16** A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Professional Services Contracts for the Calendar Year 2023
- 2023-17** A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Temporary Appropriations for Operating Purposes
- 2023-18** A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Appointment of Metropolitan Life Insurance Company as Administrator of the Municipality's Section 125 - Flexible Spending Accounts (FSA) In Accordance with the Regulations Promulgated by Chapter 78 of the Laws of the State of New Jersey (Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(m))
- 2023-19** A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Approving and Authorizing Execution of the 2023 Kroll, LLC, Consulting Services Agreement
- 2023-20** A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Waiving the Food & Drink Licensing Fees for the Board of Recreation Commission Concession Stand for 2023
- 2023-21** A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Community Emergency Response Team
- 2023-22** A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Execution of an Agreement with Phoenix Advisors, LLC, for Continuing Disclosure Agent Services and Independent Registered Municipal Advisor of Record
- 2023-23** A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Execution and Submission of Grant Applications When Due Date is Between Scheduled Council Meetings

- 2023-24** A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Appointing Carolyn Rinaldi as Public Agency Compliance Officer for the Calendar Year 2023
- 2023-25** A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Designating Council Meeting Dates for the Year 2023
- 2023-26** A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing a Contribution to Morris County Adaptive Recreation Program (McARP)
- 2023-27** A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Endorsing the Sustainable Land Use Pledge
- 2023-28** A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Application for a 2023 Municipal Recycling Tonnage Grant
- 2023-29** A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Establishing Holiday Schedule and Closure of Borough Hall Offices for the Calendar Year 2023
- 2023-30** A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Supporting Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Federal Fair Housing Law) and the New Jersey Law Against Discrimination
- 2023-31** A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Establishing a \$25.00 Fee for the Creation, Printing and Mailing of Tax Sale Notices
- 2023-32** A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Tax Collector to Participate in an Electronic Tax Sale

Motion to Approve: Council President Delaney

Second: Councilwoman Galate

Council Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Aye: Loughridge, Cangiano, Fostle, Galate, Council President Delaney

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Approved

Public Comment - There was no public comment.

Benediction

In Pastor Edward Ramirez's absence, Mayor Stanzilis delivered the Benediction.

Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn: Council President Delaney

Second: Councilwoman Galate

Roll Call:

All in Favor: Aye

Opposed: None

Motion Approved

The meeting adjourned at 6:39PM.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. N. Bansch", written over a horizontal line.

Matthew N. Bansch, Borough Clerk

CC: Website

Minutes Approved at the Regular Council Meeting of February 7, 2023