The Public Meeting of the Mount Olive Township Council was called to order at 8:50 pm by Council President Nicastro.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT ANNOUNCEMENT

Miss Masser: According to the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting has been given to the Daily Record. Notice has been posted in the Municipal Building, 204 Flanders-Drakestown Road, Mount Olive Township, New Jersey and notices were sent to those requesting the same.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mr. Amianda, Mr. Ferrante, Mrs. Labow, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Roman and Mr. Nicastro

Absent: Mr. Mania

Also Present: Michelle Masser, Township Clerk; Dawn Sullivan, Township Attorney; Robert Greenbaum, Mayor; Laura Harris, Business Administrator and Sherry Kolody, CFO

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

December 20, 2016 WS & PM

December 3, 2017 Reorganization PM

President Nicastro: Mr. Amianda, would you approve the Minutes from the previous meeting, December 20, 2016 Workshop and Public Meeting and January 3, 2017 Reorganization Meeting?

Mr. Amianda: Yes Mr. President. Then there is a second one…okay… I make a motion for approval of the Minutes of the previous meetings on December 20, 2016, Work Session and Public Meeting. Also, I make a motion for approval of the Minutes of the Reorganization Public Meeting on January 3, 2017.

Mrs. Labow: Second.

President Nicastro: Thank you. Any discussion? Roll Call please.

Roll Call: Passed unanimously

CORRESPONDENCE

LETTERS FROM RESIDENTS/ORGANIZATIONS/ OTHER TOWNS

1. Email received December 17, 2016, from NOFA-NJ regarding NOFA NJ Winter Conference – Strike a Balance.

2. Email received December 19, 2016, from Sustainable Jersey regarding Grants, Technical Support and Training Opportunities!

3. Email received December 20, 2016, from ANJEC regarding Thank You – Big Win in Trenton!

4. Email received December 22, 2016, from Raritan Headwaters Association regarding Your Watershed Watchdog.

5. Email received December 23, 2016, from NOFA-NJ regarding NOFA NJ Winter Conference – Grow food!

6. Email received December 29, 2016, from Raritan Headwaters regarding Do you know Ray Croot?

7. Email received December 30, 2016, from Raritan Headwaters regarding From Camper to Counselor.

8. Email received December 30, 2016, from NOFA-NJ regarding Start them off right! Greenhouse Production at the NOFA NJ Winter Conference.

9. Email received December 31, 2016, from Raritan Headwaters regarding From Camper to Counselor.
10. Email received December 31, 2016, from Raritan Headwaters regarding Do you know Joe Metelski?

11. Email received January 3, 2017, from NOFA-NJ regarding Farm and Garden Forever – Learn how to move at the NOFA NJ Winter Conference!

12. Email received January 3, 2017, from Sustainable Jersey regarding Competition Brings Innovation to Your Town.

13. Email received January 4, 2017, from Courage to Connect NJ regarding $1000 for your ideas on how to reduce property taxes!

14. Email received January 10, 2017, from Raritan Headwaters regarding Calling All Volunteers!

15. Email received January 10, 2017, from NOFA-NJ regarding A spectrum of Genetic Diversity – NOFA NJ Winter Conference.

16. Email received January 10, 2017, from Mount Olive Board of Education regarding 2017 Board Meeting Schedule.

17. Email received January 10, 2017, from Downtown New Jersey regarding January 2017 Newsletter.

18. Email received January 10, 2017, from Raritan Headwaters regarding Correction: Stream Clean Up Volunteers.

19. Email received January 12, 2017, from Raritan Headwaters regarding Jan 19 Morning Call to Address Environmental Priorities in 2017.

RESOLUTIONS / ORDINANCES OTHER TOWNS

20. Email received December 20, 2016, from Township of Washington regarding R-198-16, Resolution of the Township Committee of the Township of Washington Opposing the Imposition of a Requirement that Apprenticeship Programs be Established by Contractors who wish to Bid on Public Contracts.

21. Email received December 28, 2016, from Borough of Mount Arlington regarding Resolution #2016-194, Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, Supporting all Municipalities in Morris County to take Immediate Steps to Ban the Sale of Dogs and Cats from Large Scale Commercial Breeding Facilities.

STATE AGENCIES

22. Email received December 16, 2016, from FEMA regarding FEMA Bulletin Week of December 12, 2016.

23. Email received December 20, 2016, from FEMA regarding FEMA Bulletin Week of December 19, 2016.


25. Email received December 27, 2016, from New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection regarding NJDEP: Emission Improvement Project Completed in Newark.

26. Email received December 27, 2016, from New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection regarding NJDEP: “First Day Hikes” in State Parks.

27. Email received December 28, 2016, from FEMA regarding FEMA Region II Preparedness Tip.


29. Email received January 5, 2017, from New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection regarding NJDEP Recycling Grants.
30. Email received January 9, 2017, from New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection regarding NJDEP: Radon Action Month.


33. Letter received January 12, 2017, from New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection regarding Freshwater Wetlands Letter of Interpretation: Line Verification, File No.: 1427-16-0005.1, FWW 160002, Applicant: Ambassador Realty Co./JFLI Trust, Block 4400 Lot 110, Mount Olive Township.

34. Email received January 12, 2017, from New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection regarding NJDEP: Contracts Awarded for Dune Reconstruction.

MASA/MUA

35. Letter received January 9, 2017, from Musconetcong Sewerage Authority regarding the allocations for the participating Municipalities in the 4.31 MGD Water Pollution Control Plant.

MORRIS COUNTY

36. Email received January 5, 2017, from County of Morris regarding New Sheriff and Freeholder Director. Rochford “Walk Out.” Manhattan Comedy, too!

UTILITIES

37. Letter received January 9, 2017, from New Jersey American Water Company, Inc. regarding I/M/O the Petition of New Jersey American Water Company, Inc. to Change the Levels of its Purchased Water Adjustment Clause and Purchased Wastewater (Sewerage) Treatment Adjustment Clause, BPU Docket No. WR16111065, OAL Docket No. PUC 17239-2016N.

President Nicastro: We have 37 pieces of Correspondence. Anyone have any questions on those? If not, next item on the Agenda for first reading is Ordinance #1-2017,

ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING - None

OPTIONAL PUBLIC PORTION ON ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING – 2nd reading January 31, 2017


President Nicastro: Mr. Ferrante.

Mr. Ferrante: Sure. I move that Ordinance #1-2017 be introduced by title and passed on first reading and that a meeting be held on January 31, 2017 at 7:00 pm at the Municipal Building, 204 Flanders-Drakestown Road, Budd Lake, New Jersey for a public hearing, consideration of second reading, and passage of said Ordinance and that the Clerk be directed to publish, post and make available said Ordinance in accordance with the requirements of the law.

Mrs. Labow: Second.

President Nicastro: Any discussions? Anyone from the public wish to be heard? Seeing none. Closed to the public. Roll Call please.

ROLL CALL

Miss Masser: Mr. Amianda?

Mr. Amianda: Yes.
Miss Masser: Mr. Ferrante?

Mr. Ferrante: Yes.

Miss Masser: Mrs. Labow?

Mrs. Labow: Yes.

Miss Masser: Mr. Stewart?

Mr. Stewart: Yes.

Miss Masser: Mr. Roman?

Mr. Roman: Yes.

Miss Masser: Mr. Nicastro?

President Nicastro: Yes.

Roll Call: Passed unanimously

President Nicastro: Next item on the Agenda for first reading is Ordinance #2-2017,


President Nicastro: Mrs. Labow.

Mrs. Labow: Thank you Mr. President. I move that Ordinance #2-2017 be introduced by title and passed on first reading and that a meeting be held on January 31, 2017 at 7:00 pm at the Municipal Building, 204 Flanders-Drakestown Road, Budd Lake, New Jersey for a public hearing, consideration of second reading, and passage of said Ordinance and that the Clerk be directed to publish, post and make available said Ordinance in accordance with the requirements of the law.

Mr. Stewart: Second.

President Nicastro: Any discussion? Anyone from the public wish to be heard? Seeing none. Closed to the public. Roll Call please.

ROLL CALL

Miss Masser: Mr. Amianda?

Mr. Amianda: Yes.

Miss Masser: Mr. Ferrante?

Mr. Ferrante: Yes.

Miss Masser: Mrs. Labow?

Mrs. Labow: Yes.

Miss Masser: Mr. Stewart?

Mr. Stewart: Yes.

Miss Masser: Mr. Roman?
Mr. Roman: Yes.

Miss Masser: Mr. Nicastro?

President Nicastro: Yes.

Roll Call:  

President Nicastro: Next item on the Agenda for first reading is Ordinance #3-2017,

Ord.#3-2017 An Ordinance of the Township of Mount Olive Amending Ordinance #27-16 Which Established Salaries for the Mayor, Council, Department Heads, Supervisory Personnel and Employees of the Township Clerk’s Office.

President Nicastro: Mr. Stewart.

Mr. Stewart: I move that Ordinance #3-2017 be introduced by title and passed on first reading and that a meeting be held on January 31, 2017 at 7:00 pm at the Municipal Building, 204 Flanders-Drakestown Road, Budd Lake, New Jersey for a public hearing, consideration of second reading, and passage of said Ordinance and that the Clerk be directed to publish, post and make available said Ordinance in accordance with the requirements of the law.

Mrs. Labow: Second.

President Nicastro: Any discussion? Anyone from the public wish to be heard? Seeing none. Closed to the public. Roll Call please.

ROLL CALL

Miss Masser: Mr. Amianda?

Mr. Amianda: Yes.

Miss Masser: Mr. Ferrante?

Mr. Ferrante: Yes.

Miss Masser: Mrs. Labow?

Mrs. Labow: Yes.

Miss Masser: Mr. Stewart?

Mr. Stewart: Yes.

Miss Masser: Mr. Roman?

Mr. Roman: Yes.

Miss Masser: Mr. Nicastro?

President Nicastro: Yes.

Roll Call:  

President Nicastro: Next item on the Agenda is Ordinance #4-2017,

Ord.#4-2017 An Ordinance of the Township of Mount Olive, in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey, Amending Chapter 63, “Personnel Policies, “of the Township Code to Permit Elected Officials to Accept Health Benefits so Long as There is No Cost to the Township.

President Nicastro: Mr. Roman.
Mr. Roman: Thank you Mr. President. I move that Ordinance #4-2017 be introduced by title and passed on first reading and that a meeting be held on January 31, 2017 at 7:00 pm at the Municipal Building, 204 Flanders-Drakestown Road, Budd Lake, New Jersey for a public hearing, consideration of second reading, and passage of said Ordinance and that the Clerk be directed to publish, post and make available said Ordinance in accordance with the requirements of the law.

Mr. Stewart: Second.

President Nicastro: Any discussion? Mrs. Labow?

Mrs. Labow: Why is this coming about? What’s the…

Mayor Greenbaum: I asked for it to be put on.

Mrs. Labow: Why?

Mayor Greenbaum: What it allows the Elected Officials to do at this point is to…to obtain insurance through the Township so long as they reimburse the Township for 100 percent of the cost. It gives the Elected Officials another avenue to get insurance at no cost to the taxpayers. It’s not a situation where the taxpayers would be…

President Nicastro: Right…

Mayor Greenbaum: …funding any portion of the…of the Elected Official’s ability to gain health insurance. It’s just another…another avenue for an Elected Official to gain health insurance…

Mrs. Labow: If you didn’t have another option.

Mayor Greenbaum: …rather than through…if they don’t have…

Mr. Stewart: If they didn’t have another option?

President Nicastro: If they can’t get access.

Mayor Greenbaum: At no cost to the taxpayer.

President Nicastro: Yes, that’s important.

Mr. Stewart: Gives them some flexibility.

President Nicastro: Any other discussion? Anyone from the public wish to be heard? Seeing none. Closed to the public. Roll Call please.

Roll Call

Miss Masser: Mr. Amianda?

Mr. Amianda: Yes.

Miss Masser: Mr. Ferrante?

Mr. Ferrante: Yes.

Miss Masser: Mrs. Labow?

Mrs. Labow: Maybe.

Mayor Greenbaum: I’m not exactly sure that that’s an appropriate response.

Miss Harris: That’s not legal.

Miss Masser: I don’t think that’s an appropriate answer. Mrs. Labow?

Mrs. Labow: I’ll think about it. I’ll say yes for now. I think it’s a good idea, but I got to give it some thought.
President Nicastro: It’ll be too late.

Miss Masser: Mr. Stewart?

Mr. Stewart: That’s a tough one to top. Yes.

Miss Masser: Mr. Roman?

Mr. Roman: Yes.

Miss Masser: Mr. Nicastro?

President Nicastro: Yes.

Roll Call: Passed unanimously

President Nicastro: Next item on the Agenda is first reading Ordinance #5-2017,

Ord.#5-2017 An Ordinance of the Township of Mount Olive, in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey, Accepting a Deed of Right-Of-Way Dedication for the Property Designated as Block 5800, Lots 15 & 16, on the Official Tax Map of the Township of Mount Olive.

President Nicastro: Mr. Amianda.

Mr. Amianda: I move that Ordinance #5-2017 be introduced by title and passed on first reading and that a meeting will be held on second reading January 31, 2017 at 7:00 pm at the Municipal Building, 204 Flanders-Drakestown Road, Budd Lake, New Jersey for a public hearing, consideration of second reading, and passage of said Ordinance and that the Clerk be directed to publish, post and make available said Ordinance in accordance with the requirements of the law.

President Nicastro: Thank you.

Mrs. Labow: Second.

President Nicastro: Any discussion? Anyone from the public wish to be heard? Seeing none. Roll Call please.

ROLL CALL

Miss Masser: Mr. Amianda?

Mr. Amianda: Yes.

Miss Masser: Mr. Ferrante?

Mr. Ferrante: Yes.

Miss Masser: Mrs. Labow?

Mrs. Labow: Yes.

Miss Masser: Mr. Stewart?

Mr. Stewart: Yes.

Miss Masser: Mr. Roman?

Mr. Roman: Yes.

Miss Masser: Mr. Nicastro?

President Nicastro: Yes.
Roll Call: Passed unanimously

CONSENT RESOLUTIONS AGENDA:

Resolutions on the Consent Agenda List are considered to be routine and non-controversial by the Township Council and will be approved by one motion (one vote). There will be no separate discussion or debate on each of these resolutions except for the possibility of brief clarifying statements that may be offered. If one or more Council member requests, any individual resolution on the Consent Agenda may be removed from the Consent Agenda List and acted on separately.

1. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Authorizing a Lease Agreement with the County of Morris for the Rental Space Known as the Nutrition Site at the Mount Olive Senior Center for the Year 2017.

2. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement with the Town of Dover for the Provision of Local Public Health Services Pursuant to the Interlocal Services Act (N.J.S.A. 26:38A 2-1 et seq.)

3. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Authorizing the Approval to Submit a Grant Application and Execute a Grant Contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the International Drive North Phase I Project.


5. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Approving a Vendor Service Contract on a “Non-Fair and Open” Basis Pursuant to the “Pay-to-Play” Law (Triad Security System)

6. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Approving a Vendor Service Contract on a “Non-Fair and Open” Basis Pursuant to the “Pay-to-Play” Law (Edmunds and Associates)

7. Resolution of the Township of Mount Olive Authorizing the use of a Purchasing Contract.

8. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Ratifying the Sale of Block 301, Lot 4 (3100 Continental Drive)

9. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Authorizing the Filing of a 2017 Grant Application to Sustainable Jersey PSE&G Small Grants Program.


12. Resolution Approving a Memorandum of Understanding Between the Township of Mount Olive and the Mount Olive Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #122 to Clarify Retiree Health Benefits Coverage.

President Nicastro: We have 12 Consent Resolutions. Does anyone wish to move any to Non-Consent? Seeing none. Mr. Ferrante, would you move the 12 Consent Resolutions please?

Mr. Ferrante: Sure, I move Consent Resolutions one through twelve.

Mr. Amianda: Second.

President Nicastro: Any discussion? Anyone from the public wish to be heard? Seeing none. Closed to the public. Roll Call please.

Roll Call: Passed unanimously

MOTIONS

1. Bill List.
President Nicastro: Mrs. Labow, would you please move the Bill List?

Mrs. Labow: Thank you Mr. President. I move the Bill List.

Mr. Roman: Second.

President Nicastro: Any discussion? Roll Call please.

Roll Call: Passed unanimously

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

President Nicastro: Administrative Reports. Anything from Laura or the Mayor?

Miss Harris: I have one quick thing. Thanks to Council President’s diligence and Tim Quinn’s diligence, I want to thank DOT, they’ve agreed to come out when the weather is better to pave Mount Olive Road.

President Nicastro: Thank you. Thank you for following up.

Miss Harris: Some good news for a change, right?

President Nicastro: Mr. Mayor, anything?

Mayor Greenbaum: No, I have nothing tonight. I think I spoke enough.

OLD BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS - none

President Nicastro: Okay. Does anyone have any Old Business? Seeing none. Any New Business?

Mr. Amianda: No I didn’t…you didn’t call…

President Nicastro: What’s that?

Miss Masser: Roll Call?

President Nicastro: For which one?

Miss Masser: Bill List? We did…

President Nicastro: We did the Bill List, didn’t we?

Miss Masser: Yes, right?

President Nicastro: Didn’t we do the Roll Call?

Miss Masser: I thought we did, no?

President Nicastro: I thought we did a Roll Call, no?

Mrs. Labow: For Bill List?

President Nicastro: Yes.

Miss Masser: Let’s do it again.

President Nicastro: Alex seconded it. Roll Call please. Alex seconded it.

Miss Masser: Alex seconded it.

Mr. Roman: I did.
President Nicastro: Just in case.

Roll Call: Passed unanimously

Mrs. Labow: Yes we did that. Seems familiar.

Mr. Roman: Just in case.

Mrs. Labow: Just in case.

President Nicastro: Just in case.

Mr. Stewart: We’re paying it twice.

President Nicastro: Any Legal Matters?

Mrs. Labow: We’re paying it twice.

LEGAL MATTERS - none

Ms. Sullivan: Nothing this evening Mr. President.

COUNCIL REPORTS

President Nicastro: Nothing to report. Council Reports. Mr. Amianda, anything from the Board of Education or Seniors?

Board of Education Liaison Report
Senior Citizen Liaison
Mr. Amianda: Yes. Mount Olive Board of Education met January 9, 2017 for Reorganization. Elizabeth Ouimet was elected Board President, the first female ever to be elected Mount Olive Board of Education President.

Mrs. Labow: Yay Liz.

Mr. Amianda: Brian Schaechter was elected Vice President.

Mrs. Labow: Yay Brian.

Mr. Amianda: Next Board Meeting is January 23, 2017 at 6:30 pm.

Mr. Roman: I just want to jump in on Councilman Amianda’s report there. I want…I do want to congratulate Ms. Ouimet on becoming President of Board of Education and it has nothing to do with her gender. I think she’s a hard working individual and she will be an asset to the Board of Education regardless of how many chromosomes or what letter is at the end of it.

Mayor Greenbaum: I believe it’s the same number of chromosomes.

Mr. Roman: I know, as I was saying it…

Mr. Stewart: You should’ve Googled that.

Mr. Roman: I corrected it with the letter at the end.

President Nicastro: Thank you Mr. Amianda. Mr. Ferrante, anything on Lake, Environmental or Library?

Mr. Amianda: Excuse me Mr. President.

Mr. Ferrante: He’s got another one. Hold on.

Mr. Stewart: Still on a roll.
Mr. Amianda: Senior Citizens Report. Mount Olive Seniors Club held its social meeting today January 17, 2017 at 11:00 am. The Club discussed the adoption of the four permanent New Jersey bus stops along US Route 46 within the Township of Mount Olive. Council Liaison asked the Club members to attend the Budget Meeting on January 28, 2017 at 9:00 am. It appears that we will not be receiving a request from the Seniors for an increase in their Budget. They said they are doing very well on the present Budget.

President Nicastro: Thank you. Mr. Ferrante?

Environmental Committee
Lake Issues
Library Board Liaison - none

Mr. Ferrante: I’ll have the report for Library next meeting. I got their…the Librarian’s report late this afternoon.

President Nicastro: Okay.

Mr. Ferrante: Then in both for the Environmental Committee and the Lake Issues, they both and I’ve mentioned this before, there’s still some concerns on the treatment of the lake. I know Laura’s been addressing the issues with both the Environmental Commission and the Budd Lake Association. Separately and maybe the Mayor can sort of address this, but is there any sort of short or even long-term plans for the treatment of the lake and…or even usage and what not? We’ve seen I guess a decrease in the use of the lake the past several years. Could be…you know…due to the algae and the seaweed and everything else that we’re dealing with. Anything you could comment on at this point or…

Mayor Greenbaum: I do have a long-term plan for usage of the lake which actually requires purchase of various properties around the lake. One in particular which I’d rather not get into, but I’d be happy to speak to you off the record. I have no plan at the present time to bring back swimming in the lake. I do know that there was a segment of the community that did use the lake for swimming. I think there’s a segment of the community that still uses the lake for swimming even though we’re not running a program there at this point in time. We’ll have to address any future swimming aspects. There is nothing in place this year for that program.

I’m not aware of any real additional environmental concerns around the lake. I know this year there was an algae issue because of the hot weather without any rain. I haven’t been advised by anybody and maybe Tim, you know whether or not there’s been any change in terms of the environmental condition surrounding Budd Lake this year. I know it’s kind of outside of your area of…

Mr. Quinn: Yes, the only thing I’ve noticed and gotten complaints about is the…the algae and the lily pads throughout the lake and that is attributed to the dryer weather. You know it’s just…nature of the beast. We had a bad summer with rain.

Mayor Greenbaum: One of the problems with the lake in terms of boat usage is the inability to actually get your boat into the water and to park your vehicle which has always amazed me. Going forward at some point in time it’s my hope that we’ll have the opportunity to correct that as I said through the purchase of a number of different properties that are on the lake. It’s always been my position to increase usage of the lake for fishing and watercraft type activities rather than swimming. Over the years when we were running the beach program, I continued to notice an increase cost of running the program as compared to a decrease usage and at some point I made the decision…for a couple of years the cost of running the program at the lake were funded by a private individual actually and then we started charging for the use of the lake. It’s really not appropriate for swimming and for sunbathing because of its location right along Route 46. There’s no ability to provide privacy, there’s no real bathroom facilities there. To expend the kind of money that it would cost to put in bathroom facilities right there right now, doesn’t make any sense. Down the road maybe so, if and when we develop the old Municipal Building site, but currently that’s not part of my plan, my plan is to increase boating usage on the lake.

I think at some point the Municipality needs to take a look at purchasing the marina which is next to our property which I think is really the lynchpin to better boat usage of the lake. He’s not ready to sell at this point and there are environmental concerns on that property that would have to be addressed. In the long run I think that’s where the Township needs to go in terms of improving that stretch of Route 46. We’ve already gone the step of getting highlands redevelopment approval. We’re trying to interest various local property owners in developing a restaurant along…you know where the plumbing supply store is, that they already have approvals for and there are a couple of other properties that are adjacent to that plumbing supply. I think they’re all owned by the same individual. We’ve been in touch with him, we’ve been bringing different restaurant tours to him to try and get some synergy in terms of getting that up and running with…you know how nice would that be with a patio overlooking the lake right there, which I think would help spur additional boat usage of the lake. In terms of swimming, not in my plans right now and in terms of the environmental concerns, nothing has been
brought to my attention of a long-term concern other than what we saw last year. If we have the same problem this year, I’m going to have to address it going forward.

President Nicastro: Thank you. Mrs. Labow, anything on Environmental or TNR?

Economic Development Committee Report - none
TNR Program - none
Open Space Committee Report - none
Mrs. Labow: No and also I’m the Open Space…

President Nicastro: Open Space…

Mrs. Labow: I have to find out when Open Space meeting is…

President Nicastro: …that’s correct, we need to add that.

Miss Masser: She’s here.

President Nicastro: You’re there. It was just below that. Sorry about that.

Miss Masser: I’ll bring it up for the next meeting.

Mrs. Labow: I just need to know when the meetings are because…

Mr. Roman: I sent the email to the Chairman to include you, to take me off, so you should be in the next…

Mrs. Labow: Okay, yes because I wasn’t so far so…so I could get to the meetings. Monday nights are good for me. Just need to know when.

Mr. Roman: No problem.

Legislative Committee Report - none
Planning Board Report - none

Board of Health Report

President Nicastro: Anything else? Thank you. Health Department, I know the Mayor gave a bunch…Trevor had sent me a couple of things. I’m not going to repeat everything, but some of the report he gave me, an update for the Council was in December. The Health Department and Lisa Brett solicited donations and gifts for the needy Mount Olive family’s children and they organized a distribution of 74 families. It was the largest number of families assisted by the Health…according to the Health Department records. Also, with regards to the Overlook with the garbage situation, I know there was issues there. There was a court session with Overlook Village regards to the 48 summonses issued to the solid waste violations have been rescheduled for February for those who were interested. The Health Department Prosecutor at Overlook could not reach a settlement because there’s a lot of outstanding summonses on all the garbage stuff that was going on there. A lot of this, I’m just going through this because some of the other stuff the Mayor…the Mayor already touched on through here. There was 136 marriage applications, 129 certified copies of vital records and 176 death record…Mount Olive from anywhere not just Mount Olive. I guess they get them from everywhere else. That’s the snapshot on top of what the Mayor already reported on his report. Our next meeting is tomorrow evening at 6:30 pm here. Mr. Roman, do you have anything on Recreation and Pride?

Recreation Liaison Report – none
Pride Committee Report - none

Mr. Roman: Nothing to report on Recreation. On Pride, I’m still gathering volunteers and slating to have our first meeting in February.

President Nicastro: Thank you. Mr. Stewart, anything on MOTV or Community Action?

MOTV Committee Liaison - none
Community Action Panel Report

Mr. Stewart: Community Action Panel meets on January 26, 2017, so I’ll have a report for the next meeting.
President Nicastro: Thank you very much. Does anyone from the public wish to be heard? Mr. Fleischner.

Mr. Fleischner: Joe Fleischner, Chairman of the Environmental Committee. I don’t think the Environmental Committee is really concerned about swimming in the lake Mr. Mayor. They really are on board with what you’ve done. The only thing the Environmental Committee, we spoke about at our last meeting was what is the ultimate plan for the lake? I think the Mayor has like stated for redevelopment. Our biggest concern was treatment of the lake, especially from the Budd Lake… I guess there is a group, it’s gotten smaller over the years that’s responsible for the lake. Questions were raised; what about approaching the Federal Government to have it dredged, its only 12 feet deep at its deepest point. If we want to put more boats on the lake we’re going to have to get a deeper lake or air boats like they have down in the bayous, but that’s an issue. I think the Council and the Mayor really have to kind of put their heads together and say what is the plan for the lake? It’s beautiful in the spring, it’s beautiful in the fall, we all love the leaves turning and everything like that. We recognize people do not…they’d rather go to Turkey Brook and I don’t disagree with them, but we do need a long-term plan, what it is we want for the lake and how we’re going to get there. I think that’s…my years of business tells me that…you know…one, three, five and ten year plans you change them every year, but you really do need a plan for the lake. It’s important that we move ahead now as you know Laura, with treatment and the design what needs to be done because before you turn around its almost too late to do what you need to do to the lake. Let’s put together a plan, let’s make it public, everybody knows…I think this past summer, yes there were people swimming, swim at your own risk. I think it was great that there were girl’s volleyball teams out there practicing. It was awesome to see these young people playing volleyball out there, but we need a long-term plan for the lake. I know there are people in Flanders that have never seen the lake, they really haven’t because they don’t go west and that’s okay, times have changed, but we do need, it’s part of our Town. We have a post office called Budd Lake 07828. We need to have a plan, a one, three, five and ten year plan for Budd Lake, that’s all we ask. Thank you.

President Nicastro: Thank you. Anyone else from the public wish to be heard? Seeing none. Closed to the public. Any Council Comments? Mr. Amianda?

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Amianda: Yes Mr. President. I would like to thank the Mayor for updating us on the State of the Township. We have had many accomplishments and it looks like we have much to look forward to this upcoming year. We are fortunate to have a Mayor who gets things done. The children of our community are enjoying all of his updates to Turkey Brook Park and I’m sure they are working…they’re looking forward to another summer of Pirate Cove’s spray ground. Our roads are in good shape and there are continued changes to make the roads safer by making updates like the changes at the intersection of Route 46 and Smithtown Road. We can all look forward to the Mayor’s plans for new pedestrian and bicycle paths throughout Town which we are going to start moving forward this year. I would also like to acknowledge Mount Olive High Schools recognition by Newsweek as one of the top High Schools in the nation. Thank you again to the Mayor, my fellow Council members and the citizens of Mount Olive for another successful year and a successful year to come. Thank you.

Mayor Greenbaum: Thank you.

Mrs. Labow: Thank you.

President Nicastro: Thank you. Mr. Ferrante?

Mr. Ferrante: Nothing tonight.

President Nicastro: Mrs. Labow?

Mrs. Labow: I would also like to congratulate our Mayor and Administration and our employees for doing an outstanding job this year. Just listening to Rob reading through everything…I mean, sure we’re all here, we live through it, but it’s like so impressive and like he said it’s only a portion of what was actually done this year. I want to thank you very much, excellent job. I also want to congratulate…congratulate Liz Ouimet for becoming the President of the Board of Education. I just want to say that it is…it is really…it’s nice to make a comment to notice the fact that she’s the first female because that is something in our society where there aren’t a lot of females who have held various positions whether they were deserving or not deserving and she certainly did not get the position because she’s a woman, she is one heck of a smart lady. I’ve worked with Liz for many, many, many years. She’s very impressive and I’m just really thrilled that she’s going to be leading the Board of
Ed and I’m sure they’ll be doing great things this year. Last but not least, I just want to say my next door neighbor had to have a well drilled. They had to go down over 400 feet for this well when they normally go 200 feet. I agree with the Mayor 100 percent, it’s like you want to keep putting money into Open Space and I understand the regeneration, but I do believe that a better more effective way to regenerate the water supply in the ground is to possibly do things a little bit different where they’ll…the reclamation of the water like to water like just say for golf…golf fields or golf courses and things of that nature. It’s not always about allowing areas for the water to regenerate, there’s other ways to try to save water and I’d like to see those sort of options explored a little bit more and that’s it.

President Nicastro: Thank you. Mr. Stewart?

Mr. Stewart: Yes, just a big congratulations and shout out to all the departments as well as the Mayor and the Administration team here, great job on the Budgets. Next week, January 24, 2017 is our annual breakfast with the Mayors and the business community and that’s at LongHorn.

President Nicastro: 7:00 am?

Mr. Stewart: 7:15 am.

President Nicastro: 7:15 am. I’ll come. Thank you. Mr. Roman?

Mr. Roman: We all know how much I love praising the Mayor, but I would…I’d be remiss if I didn’t congratulate…on the next…on us having an excellent 2016. To reiterate Mrs. Labow’s comments, yes you don’t see how much has been done until you see it all added up and it kind of flows one day to the other. I look forward to another productive and exciting 2017.

President Nicastro: Thank you. I already congratulated the Mayor once.

Mayor Greenbaum: You can do it again if you want.

Mrs. Labow: Yes, come on, do it again.

President Nicastro: That was good, anyway. Looking forward to a good 2017 with everyone and thank you all. Any…motion to adjourn?

ADJOURNMENT - Motion made and seconded. All in favor, none opposed, the meeting was adjourned at 9:18 pm.

Joe Nicastro, Council President

I, Michelle Masser, Township Clerk of Mount Olive do hereby certify that the foregoing Minutes are a true and correct copy of the Minutes approved at a legally convened meeting of the Mount Olive Township Council duly held on January 31, 2017.

Michelle Masser, Township Clerk