The Public Meeting of the Mount Olive Township Council was called to order at 7:21 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. Mania, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Roman and Mr. Nicastro
Absent: None
Also Present: Michelle Masser, Township Clerk; Sue Sharpe, Township Attorney; Sherry Kolody, CFO and Laura Harris, Business Administrator

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

November 1, 2016 WS & PM

President Nicastro: Mr. Amianda, would you approve the Minutes from…Minutes from the previous meeting for November 1, 2016 for Workshop and Public Meeting please?

Mr. Amianda: I make a motion for approval of the Minutes of the previous meetings on November 1, 2016, Work Session and Public Meeting.

President Nicastro: Thank you.

Mr. Roman: Second.

President Nicastro: Any discussion? Roll Call please.

Roll Call: Passed unanimously

CORRESPONDENCE

LETTERS FROM RESIDENTS/ORGANIZATIONS/OTHER TOWNS

1. Email received November 9, 2016, from Raritan Headwaters Association regarding Upcoming Events.

2. Email received November 11, 2016, from Gabe Bolin, Trout Unlimited regarding Webinar & Workshop – Streams, Infrastructure & Flood Resiliency.

3. Email received November 18, 2016, from Great Swamp Watershed Association regarding Municipal Alliance: Battling the Emerald Ash Borer.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES OTHER TOWNS

4. Email received October 28, 2016, from Borough of Rockaway regarding Morris County Fire Mutual Aid Plan.

5. Email received November 2, 2016, from Chester Township regarding Notice of Land Use Ordinance Adoption.

LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES

STATE AGENCIES

7. Email received October 31, 2016, from New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection regarding This weeks NJDEP Podcast: Bats.

8. Letter received October 31, 2016, from CH2M regarding Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC (Columbia), Highlands Applicability Determination Application.

9. Email received November 3, 2016, from FEMA regarding SBA Announces the Deadline to Apply for Hurricane Sandy Disaster Loans (Attn: Gov, cong, key contacts for NJ declaration 14565/14566).


11. Email received November 4, 2016, from New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection regarding NJDEP Press Release – Pet Friendly Camping.

12. Email received November 7, 2016, from New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection regarding NJDEP: Conserve Wildlife Grants Now Available to Nonprofit Groups.

13. Email received November 16, 2016, from FEMA regarding FEMA Region II Individual and Community Preparedness Bulletin.

MORRIS COUNTY

14. Email received November 4, 2016, from County of Morris regarding Great Swamp. MCTS. Jets Donate. Purple Stride. West Side Story at CCM!!

15. Email received November 10, 2016, from County of Morris regarding Vets Honored. Open Spaces. Top Artist and Lawyer. Big Head Todd, too!!

President Nicastro: We have 15 pieces of Correspondence. Does anyone have anything on Correspondence? Seeing none. Then I have…open the hearing to the public on Ordinance #26-2016,

ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Ord.#26-2016 Ordinance Reappropriating $80,000 Proceeds of Obligations not Needed for Their Original Purpose of a Roll Off Conversion Kit in Order to Provide Instead for the Acquisition of a Roll Off Truck in and by the Township of Mount Olive, in the County of Morris.

President Nicastro: Mr. Ferrante.

Mr. Ferrante: Sure, I move for adoption and final passage Ordinance #26-2016.

Mrs. Labow: Second.


Roll Call: Passed unanimously

President Nicastro: Ordinance #26-2016 is passed on second reading and I hereby direct the Clerk to forward a copy of the same to the Mayor and publish the notice of adoption as required by law. I open the hearing to the public on Ordinance #27-2016,

Ord.#27-2016 An Ordinance of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Amending Ordinance #26-2015 Which Established Salaries for the Mayor, Council, Department Heads, Supervisory Personnel and Employees of the Township Clerk’s Office.

President Nicastro: Mrs. Labow.

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Mrs. Labow: Thank you Mr. President. I move that Ordinance #27-2016 be…hold on…I forgot to get my little directions out…be moved for adoption and final passage.

Mr. Mania: Second.

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

Roll Call: Passed unanimously

President Nicastro: Ordinance #27-2016 is passed on second reading and I hereby direct the Clerk to forward a copy of the same to the Mayor and publish the notice of adoption as required by law. I open the hearing to the public on Ordinance #28-2016,


President Nicastro: Mr. Mania.

Mr. Mania: Thank you Mr. President. I move for adoption and final passage of Ordinance #28-2016.

Mrs. Labow: Second.

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

Roll Call: Passed unanimously

President Nicastro: Ordinance #28-2016 is passed on second reading and I hereby direct the Clerk to forward a copy of the same to the Mayor and publish the notice of adoption as required by law. I open the hearing to the public on Ordinance #29-2016,

Ord.#29-2016 An Ordinance of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Establishing Recreation Fees for Various Township-Sponsored Recreational Activities.

President Nicastro: Mr. Stewart.

Mr. Stewart: Thank you Mr. President. I move for adoption and final passage of Ordinance #29-2016.

Mr. Mania: I’ll second.

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

Roll Call: Passed unanimously

President Nicastro: Hereby…Ordinance #29-2016 is passed on second reading and I hereby direct the Clerk to forward a copy of the same to the Mayor and publish the notice of adoption as required by law. Next item on the Agenda for first reading is Ordinance #30-2016,

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING – 2nd reading December 6, 2016


President Nicastro: Mr. Roman.

Mr. Roman: Thank you. I move that Ordinance #30-2016 be introduced by title and passed on first reading and that a meeting will be held on December 6, 2016 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. Mania: Second.

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

Roll Call: Passed unanimously

President Nicastro: Next item on the Agenda for first reading is Ordinance #31-2016, Ord.#31-2016 An Ordinance of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Amending Ordinance #30-2015 Entitled Fees and Rates for Off-Duty Police Officers.

President Nicastro: Mr. Amianda.

Mr. Amianda: I move that Ordinance #31-2016 be introduced by title and passed on first reading and that a meeting will be held on December 6, 2016 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. Roman: Second.

Mr. Ferrante: Second.

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

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.

4. A Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Authorizing the Cancellation of Various General Capital Ordinance Balances.
6. A Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Authorizing the Cancellation of a Grant Balance.
7. A Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Approving a Vendor Service Contract on a “Fair and Open” Basis Pursuant to the “Pay-to-Play” Law (Hardman Construction).
8. A 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 (SAMR).
9. A 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 (USA Bluebook).

10. A Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Authorizing the Use of a Purchasing Contract. (SHI)

11. A Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Authorizing the Institution of an In-Rem Tax Foreclosure. (various properties)


15. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Authorizing the Donation of a 1999 Dodge Ram to the Budd Lake Fire Department.


17. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Authorizing the Application and Acceptance of a Grant from the State of New Jersey Department of law and Public Safety Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Cops in Shops Program.


19. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Authorizing the Use of Open Space Funds for Professional Services Agreement with Connolly & Hickey Historical Architects in Connection with the Structural Stabilization and Restoration of the Seward House.

20. A Resolution of the Township of Mount Olive, in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey, Authorizing Release of a Performance Bond and Cash Bond for Site Improvements in Connection with Morris Chase Section 1 Townhouse Section Subject to the Posting of a Two-Year Maintenance Bond.

President Nicastro: We have 20 Consent Resolutions. Does anyone wish to move any to Non-Consent? Seeing none. Mr. Ferrante, would you move Resolutions…Consent Resolutions one through twenty, please?

Mr. Ferrante: Sure, I’d like to make a motion to move Consent Resolutions one through twenty.

Mr. Mania: Second.

President Nicastro: Anyone from the public wish to be heard? Mr. Fleischner if you go up please…you know the routine.

Mr. Fleischner: Joseph Fleischner, 34 Karen Place, Budd Lake, New Jersey. I’m also Chairman of the Environmental Committee. I just have a question on number 19. Can somebody tell me how much money has been spent on the Seward House to date and I’ll just go back 30 years because I know we’ve been spending money for 30 years. I’d just like to know how much has been spent to repair this building?

President Nicastro: Do you have numbers?

Miss Harris: I don’t have the exact number off the top of my head, but I can…I can email you tomorrow.

Mr. Fleischner: Could you do that please? Some people have raised questions. How much are we spending? How much more will we spend? Will we ever stop spending? Thank you.
President Nicastro: We’ll get you that. Thank you. Anyone else from the public wish to be heard? Seeing none. Closed to the public. Any Council discussion? Mrs. Labow.

Mrs. Labow: I just want to ask Laura, when you get that information on how much money we’ve spent could you designate how much was grants that we received through applications and if there was any money from our budget…

Miss Harris: Sure.

Mrs. Labow: …the tax payers.

Miss Harris: It’s all been…it’s all been grant funded.

Mrs. Labow: It’s all been grants. That’s what I thought.

Miss Harris: The 20 percent of the cost has been coming from the Township, but I can get…I’ll…it’s all been grants. That’s what I thought.

Mrs. Labow: Yes.

Miss Harris: …I’ll copy Council if you’d like.

President Nicastro: That’ll be fine.

Miss Masser: Go ahead.

President Nicastro: Go ahead…you could…that’s fine.

Mrs. Labow: Thank you. Joe’s got another question.

Mr. Fleischner: No, same…same question, but whether it comes from the Township or wherever it comes from, the question is how much have the tax payers of the State of New Jersey or the Federal Government committed to this building?

Mrs. Labow: That’s…overall.

Mr. Fleischner: It’s just a concern, will it ever end? That’s the question. How much have we spent and I say we, the citizens of the United States, spent on this house?

Mrs. Labow: The way I always…

Mr. Fleischner: It wasn’t even the Mr. Seward…

Mrs. Labow: Right.

Mr. Fleischner: …who did the Louisiana Purchase…

Mrs. Labow: Right.

Mr. Fleischner: …I think we all understand that. It’s a different Seward.

Mrs. Labow: That’s why I always look at the…when we get a grant that it’s actually a rebate for the money we poured into the State. We get a little bit back to use in different ways that they allow us to use it, I guess is the way to say it.

President Nicastro: We’ll get the numbers and share it with everyone, that would be great. Appreciate it. Thank you.

Mr. Fleischner: Thank you.

President Nicastro: Anyone from the Council, anyone with discussion? Roll Call please.

Roll Call: Passed unanimously
MOTIONS
1. Bill List.

President Nicastro: Mr. Mania, would you move the Bill List please?

Mr. Mania: Thank you Mr. President. I move the adoption of the Bill List.

Mrs. Labow: Second.

President Nicastro: Any discussion? Roll Call please.

Roll Call: Passed unanimously

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

President Nicastro: Administrative Reports. Laura, do have anything for us?

Miss Harris: Just briefly. Thank you to the Recreation and Buildings and Grounds Department. The Hot Cocoa event was a huge success with over 150 participants. The tree lighting is next Friday, December 2, 2016 at 6:45 pm. The Festival of Lights is Monday, December 26, 2016 at 6:45 pm.

President Nicastro: December twenty…

Miss Harris: Twenty-six.

President Nicastro: Twenty-six, is that what you said?

Miss Harris: Yes.

President Nicastro: That was it. I just want to put it in there. What time is that one, I’m sorry.

Miss Harris: 6:45 pm.

President Nicastro: 6:45 pm.

Mrs. Labow: Both are 6:45 pm?

Miss Harris: Pardon.

Mrs. Labow: Both of them 6:45 pm?

Miss Harris: Yes. PM.


Mrs. Labow: It’s not specifically New Business. It’s just something I want to say that took place in Town this week. A young man, a friend of my son’s, he was like another son of mine. The kids are growing up, they all…were hanging out at my house all the time. His name was Mike Shields, graduate of Mount Olive High School in 1999. He went on to be FDNY…a member of the FDNY and I think it was District 116 and he passed away on Friday from health issues. He…last night was his wake over at Cochran Funeral Home and it was unbelievable. First of all, all the kids from High School showed up at…I mean…you saw all these people and you’re just…it was just so…the whole thing was so incredibly sad, losing so young, 35 years old. His whole entire…I don’t know if they call it their squad or platoon from the FDNY, there was like 40 of them that came as well. They had the guards at either end of the coffin and each one came up and paid their respects. It was…the part that was really nice was a lot of them were telling stories of…you know…“Mike always had a way of making you laugh. You couldn’t be around him for more than three minutes without laughing like crazy.” He was always like that, always. He was always…as an adult…they’re at a fire and he was…they’re trying to make the whole situation light for everybody. Anyway, it was nice to see the New York Fire Department in our Town or close to our Town honoring one of our graduates, our children. Thank you.

President Nicastro: Thank you. Any Legal Matters, Sue?
Ms. Sharpe: Thank you Mr. President. Just a couple, quick updates. Nothing has changed as far as the status of the M&E, which is a very good thing. Cars are still gone. We’re preparing for the upcoming sale of 57 acres land and also preparing for the sale of the… the tax sale foreclosures that are coming up. That’s my report. I just want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mrs. Labow: Thank you, you too.

COUNCIL REPORTS

President Nicastro: Thank you very much. Council Reports. Mr. Amianda, anything on Seniors or Board of Education?

Board of Education Liaison Report - none
Senior Citizen Liaison - none
Mr. Amianda: No reports.

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

Environmental Committee - none
Lake Issues - none
Library Board Liaison - none
Mr. Ferrante: Nothing today.

President Nicastro: Mrs. Labow, Economic or TNR?

Economic Development Committee Report - none
TNR Program – none
Mrs. Labow: Nothing right now.

President Nicastro: Mr. Mania, Legislative…

Legislative Committee Report - none
Planning Board Report - none
Mr. Mania: No. Nothing.

President Nicastro: …nothing.

Board of Health Report
President Nicastro: Board of Health, meets next week on November 30, 2016. Mr. Roman, anything on Open Space or Recreation?

Open Space Committee Report - none
Recreation Liaison Report - none
Mr. Roman: Nothing to report.

President Nicastro: Mr. Stewart, MOTV or Community Action?

MOTV Committee Liaison - none
Community Action Panel Report - none
Mr. Stewart: None for the rest of the year.

PUBLIC PORTION – none

COUNCIL COMMENTS

President Nicastro: That was easy. Anyone from the public wish to be heard? Seeing none. Closed to the public. Council Comments. Mr. Amianda?

Mr. Amianda: Yes, New Jersey League of Municipalities Conference in Atlantic City, November 15, 2016 to November 17, 2016 went very well. This year’s Conference theme was “Meeting the Challenges of Municipal Government,” provided a framework for all of us, but it is up to each of us to fill in that frame. From the seminars to the consulting opportunities to the exhibit floor to the informal encounters with old friends and new acquaintances, it all serves to make you a better public servant. In three short days we could all gain better
knowledge and better perspective on the problems and opportunities that we would encounter over the next 12 months in our Town. On November 15, 2016, I attended the Sustainable Jersey Annual awards ceremony luncheon at which Mount Olive received the Sustainable New Jersey 2016 Bronze Certified wall plaque for their efforts to create a better and sustainable tomorrow, one community tomorrow, one community at a time. I accepted the award…the plaque…the award on behalf of Mount Olive. The plaque is to be mailed to the Town Clerk. Working together, we can have the opportunity to create a better world. Thank you for being a vital part of Sustainable New Jersey. I have…I received through email, my photo receiving the award and if you want to look at it, you are welcome. That’s the end of my report.

President Nicastro: I’m sorry. I was…thank you very much. Mr. Ferrante, any comments?

Mr. Ferrante: No, I just want to wish everybody a Happy Thanksgiving and give kudos to you and your family for organizing the event on Thursday for those in need.

President Nicastro: Thank you.

Mr. Ferrante: Great job.

President Nicastro: Thank you. Mrs. Labow?

Mrs. Labow: Yes, I want to wish everybody a very Happy Thanksgiving. How many people do you have coming Thursday?

President Nicastro: So far I believe there’s 40 and there’s…

Mrs. Labow: Nice.

President Nicastro: …a few that we have to deliver to and pick up a few people, so about 40 so far…which is…

Mrs. Labow: Very nice.

Mr. Mania: Good job.

President Nicastro: Yes, not bad.

Mrs. Labow: Good job. Great job.

President Nicastro: Mary’s doing all of that, I don’t take the credit for that.

Mr. Roman: You call yourself a Politician? You got to take the credit.

President Nicastro: I should, right. Mr. Mania?

Mr. Mania: Just want to thank the Law Firm of Dorsey and Semrau for the Resolution they put together, wonderful job.

Ms. Sharpe: You’re welcome.

Mr. Mania: I want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and God Bless.

President Nicastro: Mr. Stewart?

Mr. Stewart: Just a quick update. The Chamber in cooperation with all the businesses and also with Town Hall here is doing our 21st Annual Food Drive for the month of November. We actually did a partial one last Friday which we delivered 60 frozen turkeys to the food bank for their gift baskets. It’s a great community effort going on.

President Nicastro: Very good. Mr. Roman?

Mr. Roman: This is our first Council meeting since the Presidential Election and to this day there’s still deplorable behavior coming from both sides. I am hopeful and hopefully one day thankful that this stuff would end. I cannot understand how people misbehave at the result of an election in such a way that police action has
to be called in. Protesting is one thing, rioting is quite another and even…and like I said, even know there are portent and inexcusable actions on both sides…and even…and also a good percentage of them are fake. I hope that as a Country we could come together and give President Trump a chance, even if he was not your choice because if the Country succeeds, we all succeed and we have to hold him account for moving us in a forward direction. With that being said I’d like to thank…wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and a prosperous Christmas.

President Nicastro: The rest of the seasons.

Mr. Stewart: All the seasons.

President Nicastro: Just a Happy Thanksgiving as well to everyone and thank you all for everything and we will see you in a couple of weeks.

ADJOURNMENT - Motion made and seconded. All in favor, none opposed, the meeting was adjourned at 7:41 pm.

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Alex Roman, Council Vice President

I, Susan Gouveia, Deputy 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 December 6, 2016.

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Susan Gouveia, Deputy Township Clerk

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