The Public Meeting of the Mount Olive Township Council was called to order at 7:07 p.m. 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, Mrs. Labow, Mr. Roman, Mr. Ferrante and Mr. Nicastro
Absent: Mr. Mania and Mr. Perkins
Also Present: Miss Masser, Deputy Clerk; Jeff Pasek, Township Attorney; Sherry Kolody, CFO and Robert Greenbaum, Mayor

Mayor’s State of the Township Address
President Nicastro: At this time, the Mayor has the State of the Township Address.

Mayor Greenbaum: Before I start reading the State of the Township Address for 2015, I note that some of you were here early and saw that the Webelos were here and they are getting their citizenship badges today. The State of the Township Address, which is required by our Ordinance to be given at the beginning of each year really goes through all of the Administrative functions that we do here at Town and the successes that we have achieved over the course of last year. With that, I’ll read the State of the Township Address for 2015. I’ve already supplied a copy of the Address to the Clerk’s Office to be included in the record, although I may deviate from it slightly, I’m going to read it virtually verbatim as to have you have it.

Miss Masser: Okay.

Mayor Greenbaum: STATE OF THE TOWNSHIP ADDRESS 2015
Council President, members of the Town Council, municipal employees, Boy Scouts, friends, relatives and fellow residents of Mount Olive, I once again thank you for the opportunity to report on the State of the Township of Mount Olive this year. As I go into the final year of my first term as Mayor, I am very pleased with where the Township is situated for 2015 and beyond.

I would like to thank John Mania for his leadership this past year and look forward to working with Joe Nicastro as Council President in 2015.

Through our conservative financial management, smart spending, and our efforts of attracting new businesses to Mount Olive, for the second consecutive year the budget that I will be submitting to the Council will have no municipal tax increase. Even better, looking forward, I am hopeful that the 2016 and 2017 budgets will also contain no tax increase, even though I anticipate providing even greater levels of municipal services.

All of the successes which will be detailed in this Address could not have been accomplished without the strong leadership provided by our Business Administrator, Sean Canning and dedication of both Lisa Brett and Christie Stachnick, both of whom work in the Mayor’s Office.

Through their efforts:
(1) We effectively managed the benefits for the Townships large workforce including multiple complex visits from personnel for FMLA and other human resource issues.
(2) We conducted the initial examination into long term medical benefits analysis in conjunction with our public employee unions.
(3) We administered the Turkey Brook Mount Playmore project.
(4) We used public purchasing to expand our inclusion in cooperatives to two national co-ops and one additional state co-op saving the Township money.
(5) We wrote, received and awarded 27 public bids, in the process saving vast amounts of public dollars for our residents.
(6) We administered the affordable housing trust fund effort at Cobblestone.
(7) We assisted in the zoning enforcement area with the departure of our Zoning Officer.
(8) We implemented Agenda meetings insuring Council is fully apprised of the upcoming issues at Council sessions and Department Heads are fully involved.

(9) We negotiated with Fratelli Beretta resulting in a $1.5 million sale of sewer EDU’s.

(10) We managed the auto refuse project, which came fully online in 2014 and has been nothing short of a huge success, both services wise and financially.

(11) We negotiated a Shared Service Agreement with Chester Borough for sanitation.

(12) We began initial efforts at taking over the Morris Hills and Morris Chase water systems.

(13) We implemented a long term traffic solution to the problem at Country Oaks through the use of Gold Mine Road.

(14) We worked with the DEP to resolve their concerns regarding the Mount Olive water systems.

Some of our Special Projects Coordinator accomplishments included:

(1) Assisting with the distribution of Holiday Baskets with the Health Department for the needy.

(2) Coordination of the relocation of the Food Pantry and developing the outreach program with the Clergy.

(3) Coordination of the Holiday Celebrations for the community.

(4) Community communication through the use of three Facebook pages.

(5) Coordination of the development of the 911 Mount Olive Memorial with Councilman Perkins.

(7) Remaining the point person with regard to community affairs, business development in Mt. Olive, EDC, school liaison and generally with the community residents.

Through the extremely diligent efforts of the Finance Department:

(1) We had no audit recommendations for the 2014 audit. This was the sixth year in a row with no audit recommendations.

(2) Our tax collection rate is currently 99.04%. Last year’s rate was 98.94%, so it went up.

(3) We increased the 2015 NVT by over $20 million for 2014.

(4) We resolved various state tax court appeals representing over $32 million in assessments, which has resulted in only 4% in refunded tax payments.

(5) We switched banks from PNC Bank to TD Bank, which has resulted in higher interest earnings for the Township and reduced bank service fees.

(6) We completed an annual arbitrage analysis, which showed no violations and no excess interest earnings that were due to the IRS.

(7) We defended over 40 county tax board appeals, which resulted in a net loss of less than 5% of the total appealed.

(8) We assisted with the HMFA PILOT agreement, which resulted in additional revenue to the Township.

(9) We completed our SEC continuing disclosure audit, which resulted in no negative findings.

(10) We made security enhancements to our office including a glass shield and door lock system.

(11) We had our bond sale, which resulted in a premium to the Township of $764,061.25.

(12) We created a new purchase order, which has more detailed information on it to assist vendors and departments alike.

(13) We had over 180 added assessments in 2014, which resulted in an additional $560,000 of revenue for the Township.

(14) We implemented the Kronos time and attendance system for all Municipal Departments except for the Police Department, which has their own system.

(15) We completed the best practice checklist and we had no reduction in state aid for 2014 as a result.

(16) We began work on the general revenue online payment system with Citenet.

(17) We purchased a currency discriminator to implement tighter security measures for detecting counterfeit money.

(18) We completed our annual water/sewer study that will result in no new rate increases for 2015.

Last year, the Planning Department was actively engaged in a number of projects beyond the typical responsibilities to assist the general public with questions concerning the zoning, enforcement of the Township’s Land Use Ordinance and the preparation of reports for the Planning Board for site plan, subdivision and variance applications.

Two of the larger applications approved by the Planning Board in 2014 included: preliminary and final major subdivision and site plan approval to Toll Bros/Regency at Flanders for an active adult age restricted community consisting of 227 single family units and 57 affordable family units which will help satisfy the Township’s COAH obligation. In January 2014 the Planning Board adopted a resolution memorializing the granting of preliminary and final site plan approval for Fratelli Beretta to construct a building, 182,440 square foot building consisting of warehouse/assembly and office space in the Foreign Trade Zone. Once construction is finished, Fratelli Beretta will move its headquarters into this facility.
As to COAH/Affordable Housing State mandated requirement, the Township continued in its efforts to acquire the former Cobblestone Nursing Home site to remove the abandoned buildings and redevelop the site with affordable housing consistent with the Township’s COAH requirements. Acquisition of the site and funding for an environmental evaluation and assessment of the existing well for potable water capacity for the proposed development have been financed through the Mount Olive Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The Planning Department and the Township’s consultants also continued to work on a Highlands Redevelopment Plan for a section of Route 46 within the Highlands Preservation Area. The Redevelopment Area consists of some 17 properties including the five-acre Municipal Beach and former Municipal Building/Public Works site as its focal point. The ultimate objective is to create a new Lake Development District to revitalize the commercial and recreational potential within this area while simultaneously introducing new standards for environmental protection of the lake environs.

In 2014, the Building Department was incredibly busy and worked diligently to provide all services required related to the issuing of permits and providing required inspection services related to fees new development and/or construction in Mount Olive, as well as projects involving homeowner remodeling. For 2014, the Building Department:

1. Collected $570,071.00 for permits and other fees.
2. Conducted 4,568 inspections.
3. Processed 32 permits with fees waived for governmental owned buildings and schools.

In 2014, the Municipal Court, working on behalf of both Mount Olive and Netcong, once again processed one of the highest rates of DWI arrests in Morris County through the use of special DWI trial sessions to address the backlog of DWI cases in Mount Olive, which resulted in a decrease in the backlog of such cases by 18%.

The Mount Olive Court accepted a total of 137 DWI charges, 5,277 traffic charges, 127 parking offenses, 282 indictable charges, 922 disorderly persons/petty disorderly persons’ offenses and 520 local ordinance violations for filing from January 1, 2014 through November 30, 2014. In the same time period the Court disposed of 142 DWI charges, 5,389 traffic charges, 137 parking offenses, 848 disorderly persons/petty disorderly persons offenses and 532 local ordinance violations.

With regard to Fleet Maintenance:

1. With the help from Frank Wilpert Jr. and Tim Quinn, we were able to determine the future needs for heavy duty equipment, developing a plan for 2015 into 2016.
2. Developed a boilerplate for pick-up trucks and single axle dump trucks to help to streamline parts ordering and labor times, thus keeping costs to a minimum.
3. Ordered and put into service several vehicles, both heavy-duty and light-duty.

The Health Department in 2014:

1. Successfully re-negotiated a Shared Services Agreement with the Town of Dover for 2015 and 2016.
3. Developed along with the Administration an additional Animal Control Shared Services Agreement with Washington Township.
4. We initiated the use of IPAD and field electronics for the inspectors and have become more proficient in time saving and saved on cost of materials and supplies. Currently, we use the IPADS for restaurant inspections, housing inspections (apartment inspections), as well as complaint response and investigation. Mount Olive Health Department is moving beyond traditional inspection methods to increase efficiency of time spent by staff while increasing the quality of the inspection.
5. We collaborated with various emergency police, fire and EMS providing critical and timely information relative to the EBOLA outbreak.
6. Completed 918 Housing Inspections in the apartment complexes.
7. Conducted 350 Food Inspections in all 4 Communities they serve (172 from Mount Olive).
8. Participated in 21 special events that involved food inspections on weekends and holidays, 25 of those from the other shared services communities.
9. Conducted 34 soil and site evaluations for septic installations.
10. Administered 650 doses of Influenza vaccine, administered 120 immunizations to uninsured resident children.
11. Conducted female and male cancer screenings to uninsured residents, skin cancer and blood screenings to residents, as well.
12. Initiated two smoking cessation programs and a free diabetes education series.
13. Investigated over 200 cases of reports of communicable diseases in Mount Olive and over 450 case updates in covered municipalities.
As always, the Township, continued to improve through:

- The Recreation Department:
- The Public Works Department:
- The Information Technology Department:

In 2014, OEM went through some changes. First a deputy was added to perform training and conduct regular meetings with the Emergency Services in Mount Olive. Also, OEM began a formation of a CERT team in Mount Olive. OEM continues to work on several grants that are in final state review (generator and UPS). OEM has partnered with Mount Olive Health Department to purchase infectious disease protective gear, as well as provide training to the Emergency Services.

In 2014, Parks, Buildings & Grounds completed the following:

- They hosted an estimated total of over 350,000 visitors to Mount Olive Parks.
- They assisted in the construction and maintenance of Mount Playmore.
- They assisted in the construction of the 9/11 Memorial.
- They assisted in the construction of the fire pit at Turkey Brook Park.
- They assisted with the installation of lights on soccer fields 3&4 at Turkey Brook Park, as well as back lighting the loop road.
- They cleared the entrance to Turkey Brook Greenway parking for enhanced use and traffic safety.
- They hosted several baseball/softball tournaments at Township facilities.
- They assisted Recreation with 17 events including the Carnival, Momentum 5K, Mud Run, Monster Mash, and the Fairy and Pirate Festival to name a few.
- They hosted the 20th annual Mount Olive Soccer Club Halloween Tournament.
- They maintained and improved the Givaudan Braille Trail, the White Trail and the Orange Trail networks.
- They assisted in the development of Drakes Brook Park for Lacrosse use in 2015.
- They assisted in the renovation of the Historic Mount Olive Baptist Church and Mount Olive Academy sites.
- They developed plans and implemented landscape plantings utilizing Tree Bank funds.
- They maintained operations of all mechanical systems in the Township DPW garage, Fleet garage, Senior Center and Town Hall locations.
- They responded to over 3,200 work order calls. Each Public Buildings & Grounds employee averaged 356 calls for the year.

The Recreation Department, as in all of the years that I have been Mayor, had many successes in 2014. The Recreation Department:

- They held 20 Special Events during the year, with total annual attendance of over 35,000 participants, including Cabin Fever Reliever, the Do or Dye 5K Color Fun Run/Walk, Power Wheels Races Series, the Fairy & Pirate Festival, Raiders of the Lost Park Mud Run, Mount Olive Week Carnival, Movies in the Park and the Monster Mash Dash. More events are planned for 2015, including the Food Trucks & Fireworks Festival.
- They offered over 22 summer camp programs which served more than 1,000 children.
- They ran enrichment and fitness programs for both adults and children.
- They organized and oversaw the Mount Olive Farmer's Market.
- They conducted on-line continuing education courses.
- They created weekly E-Newsletters, websites and Facebook posts.
- They planned and helped build Mount Playmore, a wonderful addition to Turkey Brook Park.

The Public Works Department successfully maintained and improved the Township owned infrastructure. That department continues to improve through:

- More efficient fleet maintenance.
- Introduction of the one armed bandit system.
- Upgrades to the Clover Hill sewer plant lift station.
- Road resurfacing including sections of Sand Shore Road, Flanders Drakestown Road, Tulip Ave., International Drive South, and a section of Woodsedge.
- Implementation of the Community Development Grant we received allowed the Township to install storm drainage to areas of town suffering from storm water issues such as First Street, Second Street and Fourth Street.

As always, the Township, continued to improve in all aspects related to Information Technology including:

- Better security at the Municipal Building and Turkey Brook Park.
- A new Township website with updated content.
- Updated software implementation.
In 2014, the Police Department had both a significant call load and administrative matters to handle.

In 2014, the Police Department handled another year of increasing call load and simultaneously managed several important projects. Additionally, the agency was also busy replacing and training new personnel. During the year, four officers departed including the Patrol Commander (Lieutenant John Glinko) and a Detective Sergeant (Kevin Hyland). A recruitment and selection process was conducted and the Township initially hired Officers Constantinos Pagonis and Chris Saunders, who both successfully graduated the Police Academy in December. This month (January) two new officers will begin their basic training at the Morris County Police Academy, Mark Reynolds and James Carney. Phil Lucivero was promoted to Lieutenant, and has taken over the Patrol Commander position and Jeff Kalafut and Dave Turner have both been promoted to Sergeant. In addition, Records Clerk Bonnie Schomp retired and Karissa Sevensky was hired to fill that vacancy. Communications Officer James Seeger was hired as a Police Officer in Parsippany and was replaced by Scott Baker.

It was another busy year; in fact the Police Department calls for service increased again to nearly 80,000. The types of calls ranged from a homicide (victim Patrick Gilhuley in March resulting in a charge of murder) to property crimes and narcotic related arrests. The heroin epidemic is of particular concern and as a result the Police Department has initiated a NarCan Program. Headed by Officer Marianne Wurtemberg (also a Paramedic) and Assistant Patrol Commander Mark Carlstrom, each front line patrol officer is being trained how to administer life saving doses of NarCan to overdose patients. The Patrol Division has made approximately 800 arrest this year including 112 drug related offenses and 130 arrests for Driving While Intoxicated (DWI). Patrol Officers have conducted over 21,500 directed patrols towards targeted areas of concern within the Township.

A project in simulcast radio for Police, Fire, and First Aid is currently being managed within the Police Department by Corporal Eric Anthony. This project has been undertaken to assure that radio reception is achievable in all areas of our Township. In 2014, we added the Bar-Coded Evidence Analysis Statistics and Tracking (BEAST) System to manage our evidence and property storage and retrieval process. The BEAST project is managed within our Investigations Division by Detective Corporal Craig Casaletto. The Investigations Division, specifically Detective Lieutenant Dunn, also instituted an early warning detection system into the internal affairs process. The Guardian Tracking program detects and exposes areas of improvement according to complaints received or discipline meted out for our staff. Lieutenant Michael Spitzer coordinated quarterly meetings now known as MOJESC (Mount Olive Joint Emergency Services Committee) designed to facilitate better communication and working relationships amongst the Police, Fire, Emergency Medical and Dispatch personnel serving our town. A coordinated drill was held at the Mount Olive High School to practice in the event a joint response ever being necessary.

In the Support Services Division, traffic related studies and recommendations for improvement were proposed. The intersection of Wolfe Road and Route 46, the Cloverhill Drive Speed Study, the Tinc Road Study, the Route 46 at the Route 80 Off Ramp Sidewalk, the Gold Mine Road Study and the Kid's First Sidewalk Safety Project to name a few. Lieutenant Craig Austenberg and Sergeant Michael Poqueut also spent time during 2014 increasing communication with the Board of Education and by attending periodic meetings at the Board Building to foster better communication.

What I have included in this address is only a small sampling of what our Township Departments and employees have accomplished over the course of the last year. Let us not forget that they are on the front line everyday working to make Mount Olive a better, safer place to live. To that end, I congratulate all of the employees in all of the successes of 2014 and look forward to greater achievements in 2015.

As we move forward into 2015 and beyond, we have many things to look forward to. We can all also take pride in the MOMENTUM the Township has and continues to generate. I can’t tell you how many people stop to tell me that they love living in Mount Olive.

I would like to thank the Town Council, our Business Administrator, Sean Canning and all of our municipal employees for a job well done in 2014. May you all and have a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.
Sincerely and with great appreciation,

ROB GREENBAUM
MAYOR, MOUNT OLIVE TOWNSHIP

Thank you for your time.

President Nicastro: Thank you, Mr. Mayor and I speak for everyone up here that it is a pleasure to work together with you and the Administration to bring so many great things to this Township and it is a great place to live. Thank you very much.

Mr. Roman: Here. Here.

Mrs. Labow: I second that.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS - None

CORRESPONDENCE

LETTERS FROM RESIDENTS/ORGANIZATIONS/OTHER TOWNS

1. Letter received December 24, 2014, from The Land Conservancy of New Jersey regarding 2014 Year-End Report and proposal. PDF Correspondence

2. Letter received December 29, 2014, from Brinkerhoff Environmental Services regarding Petillo, Inc. project. PDF Correspondence

3. Email received December 31, 2014, from Bloustein School News regarding NEWS from the Raritan River Initiative – January 2015. PDF Correspondence

STATE AGENCIES

4. Email received December 23, 2014, from State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection regarding NJDEP Press Release – Particle Standard Achieved. PDF Correspondence

5. Email received December 23, 2014, from State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection regarding NJDEP Press Release – First Day Hikes. PDF Correspondence

6. Letter received December 30, 2014, from State of New Jersey Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control regarding Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control v. Burger and Brew, Inc. PDF Correspondence

MORRIS COUNTY

7. Email received December 30, 2014, from Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders regarding Freehold Focus Newsletter. PDF Correspondence

8. Email received December 29, 2014, from County of Morris regarding Replacement of Morris County Structure No. 1401-101 on Drakestown Road. PDF Correspondence

MUA/MSA

9. Email received January 5, 2015, from Musconetcong Sewerage Authority regarding allocations for the participating municipalities in the 4.31 MGD Water Pollution Control Plant. PDF Correspondence

President Nicastro: We have no approval of any Minutes. Correspondence, I see that we have nine pieces of Correspondence. Do we have a motion to accept?

Miss Masser: Anybody have any questions?

President Nicastro: Any questions on the Correspondence? I’m sorry. Do we have a motion to accept them?

Mrs. Labow: So moved…we don’t have to do that.
President Nicastro: We don’t need to? I forgot. Thank you.

Miss Masser: We’re onto Ordinances.

ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING - none

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING – 2nd reading January 20, 2015

President Nicastro: Ordinances for Public Portion. Next item on the Agenda is for first reading of Ordinance #1-2015 entitled,

Ord. #1-2015 An Ordinance of the Township of Mount Olive, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Conveyance of a Deed of Historic Preservation Easement to the Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders for the Property Currently Known as Block 7801, Lot 14 as the Mt. Olive Baptist Church. PDF Ord.

President Nicastro: Mr. Amianda.

Mr. Amianda: Yes, Mr. President. I move that Ordinance #1-2015 be introduced by title and passed on first reading and that a meeting be held on January 20, 2015 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: Do we have a second?

Mrs. Labow: Second.

President Nicastro: Any discussion? Roll Call.

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.

CONSENT RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Authorizing the Application for the 2015 Morris County Community Development Block Grant. PDF Res

President Nicastro: Thank you. Consent Resolutions. Does anyone wish to have any moved to Non-Consent? Seeing none. Mrs. Labow.

Mrs. Labow: Yes. I move Consent Resolutions one and two.

President Nicastro: Do we have a second?

Mr. Amianda: Second.

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

Roll Call: Passed unanimously
President Nicastro: Any Administrative Reports?

Mayor Greenbaum: The only Administrative Report that I’m going to give this evening relates to the water situation we had up at Oakwood. On Saturday morning at about 11:00 am, I was alerted to the fact that there were water issues. That alert came to me through Facebook posts. I immediately contacted DPW and was advised that there was a serious situation at the pump house. The main pump which pumps water from the bottom of the hill to the water towers on top had, for lack of a better term exploded and had shut down. When the Saturday employee came in to check the equipment, he was confronted with that situation and they immediately started working on fixing it. It became apparent that due to the fact that the pump had shut down, the water had drained from the towers up top through use and wasn’t being replenished. The backup pump was not sufficient to get enough water back into the tank and we had to shut down the water system until we could get enough water back into the tank. At that point, we attempted to communicate with as many residents as we could, both through my Facebook page and also through reverse 911 calls through the Everbridge System.

We’ve learned some lessons in terms of what happened and our response to what happened and I know that there was a meeting that was held by Sean on Monday of this week and some of those issues were discussed more fully in terms of equipment that needs to be purchased to give us a better alarm system. The problem in this case was that system went down on a Friday night into a Saturday morning when there’s obviously no one in the building to monitor water use. I’m not sure that we would have picked up water use anyway because I assume, or at least what I’ve been told is that it was relatively the same water use, but no water going back in. Until someone actually went out to the pump station, we had no idea that the pump had actually shut down and was not functioning. We’re looking at the possibility of putting alarms on all of our pumping stations, audible alarms so that it would give us notice sooner in terms of what had occurred and we’ve asked for quotes in terms of what that would cost and we’ve actually included some capital from the Water Utility to start implementing some of those costs. Learned something about communication as well. I think that we made a mistake in that once we learned that there was a problem...first of all I think it took too long for the communication effort to begin and for me to have to find out through Facebook posts by people, I don’t think that’s the appropriate way. I think once we...and it’s easy to be a Monday morning quarterback because I’m not sure that anyone knew that when the pump went down that we were going to have a serious shortage of water up in the tanks. Now we know it, but what I think what we’re going to do is put something in place that when the system actually goes down like that, there has to be...OEM has to be contacted immediately and we need to put somebody in the building to actually monitor water use. As I say, it’s really hard to think outside the box and get a busy signal. I got a few of those messages for the Mayor who said I’ve called Sewer and Water, all I got was a busy signal and no one was getting any information. As I say, it’s really hard to think outside the box in terms of all of the different types of problems that we might have, but each time we do have a problem, we need to learn from it, try and adapt it to other types of situations and create better responses and I think that we’re doing that through Sean’s review. As of now, the water system is functioning properly, although I was advised today that there was a water main break, I guess, which is not our responsibility within the complex itself and the complex was actually fixing that and I think that was to building one.

President Nicastro: Thank you. Alex.

Mr. Roman: I wouldn’t lay the blame entirely on you as far as communication. Some of the complaints that I got was that the residents were calling management within Oakwood and they kept getting told that it would be fixed in a couple of hours, a couple of hours and a couple of hours and I don’t know where they were getting their information from, but definitely they dropped the ball as far as communication. The follow up also earlier in the week, I had emailed Sean a couple of requests, obviously an after action report, but the other thing I had requested and I don’t know how long it will take to get these numbers, but I’d like to know how many residents are served by that system and how much does it cost us to operate that system. I was advised that Oakwood had changed their policy for charging for water, I think within the last year or so and they are charging residents for water use and I just want to at least for my own edification to find out whether it is a pass along cost or if they are inflating the cost of water onto residents.

Mayor Greenbaum: I would suggest if you haven’t already that you submit something to Sean in writing and I’m sure that he’ll respond in a timely fashion as he always does.

Mr. Roman: Thank you.

President Nicastro: Colleen.
Mrs. Labow: Yes, thank you, Mr. President. I just want to thank the Mayor. I had a resident, like Alex was saying, we get a lot of communication from people what’s going on and one of the residents had actually sent me a message through Facebook and he had a situation where he had a medical issue and how much longer because otherwise he’d have to go to the hospital and the best part was I just sent the Mayor a text and within minutes it was response and it’s just so nice to have that kind of communication between the Council and the Administration and we know that any given point, we’re going to get a response and we can relay that information to the residents. I want to thank you very much for being so quick.

Mayor Greenbaum: That’s one of the benefits of the Facebook page that I run, which I’m addicted to. If I get a complaint, I generally try to respond to the complaint.

Mrs. Labow: Yes.

Mayor Greenbaum: One of the things which was interesting is as the water system went down and as OEM started to crank up, we recognized that the hydrants up there were down as well and so we had to start planning or at least make sure that we had a plan in place that if there were a fire emergency that we would go to a tanker system at the earliest onset. Similar to a part of town that is not served through…

Mrs. Labow: Hydrants.

Mayor Greenbaum: …hydrant service. The last thing that I need to say is that Flanders Fire and Rescue came full force to the problem. They opened up the Firehouse, the manned the Firehouse, they provided potable water source for anyone who wanted to come down and there were a lot of people who came down to fill jugs and they provided a shower service during the timeframe. I don’t know if you can really, really understand how important water is…

Mrs. Labow: Until you don’t have it.

Mayor Greenbaum: …when you lose it for over a 24-hour period and you can’t flush your toilet and you can’t take a shower and you can’t cook food. At times, it can as Colleen said become life threatening actually. Fortunately, in this situation we didn’t really have any life threatening situations and we didn’t have any fire situations that we had to deal with, but once we were alerted to the situation we were prepared to deal with both.

Mrs. Labow: Excellent.

President Nicastro: Thank you. Anyone else? Any comments? Thank you very much, Mayor. That’s it, nothing else on that? Okay.

Mrs. Labow: One more thing.

President Nicastro: Yes.

Mrs. Labow: I just want to thank Mr. Quinn for coming here tonight in case we had any questions. I saw the email that you were requested in case there was any additional information that we needed and that’s greatly appreciated because Tim starts work extremely early and here he is still available for any questions we have, so thank you very much.

Mr. Quinn: You’re welcome.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS - None

LEGAL MATTERS - None


Mr. Pasek: We have no report tonight , Council President.

COUNCIL REPORTS

President Nicastro: Council Reports. Mr. Amianda, anything on Board of Education?
Board of Education Liaison Report

**Mr. Amianda:** Yes. The Board of Education met yesterday, January 5, 2015, 6:30 pm at the Board Office for Reorganization. Elected Board Officers were Anthony Giordano for President and Rhonda Cohen for Vice President. The Board passed a Resolution to hold 2015 Work Sessions and Regular Meetings at 6:30 pm. Work Session Meetings will be held at 6:30 pm on the second Monday of each month at the Board Conference Room, 89 Route 46, Budd Lake, New Jersey and the Regular Meetings unless otherwise indicated will be held on the fourth Monday of each month at Mount Olive Middle School Cafeteria, 160 Wolfe Road, Budd Lake, New Jersey. That’s the end of the Board report.

**President Nicastro:** Thank you. Mr. Ferrante. Anything?

Environmental Committee - none
Lake Issues - none
Library Board Liaison - none

**Mr. Ferrante:** Nothing.

**President Nicastro:** Mrs. Labow.

Senior Citizen Liaison - none
Economic Development Committee - none
TNR Program

**Mrs. Labow:** Thank you. Nothing right now for Senior Citizens Report or the EDC, but I do have a report for the Mount Olive TNR project. They were asked to do a report for 2014 for the Board of Health and I thought it was an extremely interesting report, so I just wanted to read through it really fast for you. It goes on to say that from the time…the inception from 2008 when Mount Olive TNR first began, so far there’s been a 92 percent reduction in impoundments and…oops, one second…impoundments and we have…they’ve been diligently…now they’re working on re-trapping the cats from the colonies. We had started out with several colonies and since that time, they have reduced…every single colony has reduced and some have become extinct, which is absolutely phenomenal. I just have to increase my font here…they also have adoptions. They took in 77 cats and kittens this past year for fostering and adoption. Fifty-seven of the cats were from Mount Olive and of those fifty-seven cats that were Mount Olive cats, fifteen came from colony sites, nine from RH Farms and three from Ironia Road during initial TNR trapping, three abandoned at Oakwood. Eight came from…hold on one second…eight came from Golub, Dr. Golub’s office, four were surrenders from people who otherwise would have gone through Animal Control, thirty were from situations where we either removed the kittens or cats known to be friendly or trapped for TNR, but the cats turned out to be tame, so they didn’t have to go back into the colonies, which has been the case many, many times. This group of people, volunteers are phenomenal because they’ll bring the cats in and if they can possibly tame them and adopt them out, we adopt them...God Bless you...

**Miss Masser:** Bless you.

**Mrs. Labow:** ...and they have adoptions over at…it’s really great, Tractor Supply is fantastic, we do a lot of adoptions over there. From 2008, 181 cats were trapped, brought to Dr. Golub’s and were all euthanized. One hundred eighty one in 2008 and now nothing thanks to Mayor Greenbaum and our Business Administrator, Mr. Canning and the Council, we have made this a no kill town, which is absolutely phenomenal and were doing a lot of really great things all the way around for everybody. The Iworqs system has been phenomenal because when ACO gets any animals, they put it right into Iworqs. TNR knows to go in there and they start preparing for an adoption site for the cat that’s been brought in. Just, as a lot of you remember how everything was a couple of years back and now we have everybody working together and it’s just absolutely wonderful. I just wanted to include it in our reports for the year, Mayor. It’s phenomenal. Thank you, Mayor.

**President Nicastro:** Thank you. It sounds like it’s going well. Mr. Amianda, do you have anything on MOTV or not yet?

MOTV Committee Liaison - none

**Mr. Amianda:** No reports.

**President Nicastro:** Mr. Roman.

Open Space Committee Report - none
Recreation Liaison Report

**Mr. Roman:** Nothing on Open Space. On recreation, we meet next week.
Board of Health Report

President Nicastro: Board of Health meets on the 21st, so nothing on that yet. Mr. Mania is not here and that’s it. Anyone from the public wish to be heard? Seeing none. Council Comments. Anyone? Mr. Amianda.

Legislative Committee Report - none
Planning Board Report - none

PUBLIC PORTION

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Amianda: No.

President Nicastro: Mrs. Labow.

Mrs. Labow: I just want to thank everybody for everything we’ve gone through this past year and I’m looking forward to an even better 2015. That’s it.

President Nicastro: Thank you.

Mrs. Labow: Thank you.

President Nicastro: Mr. Roman.

Mr. Roman: I have nothing.

President Nicastro: Mr. Ferrante.

Mr. Ferrante: Nothing tonight.

President Nicastro: Nothing from me. Can I have a motion to adjourn?

ADJOURNMENT - Motion made and seconded. All in favor, none opposed, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Joe Nicastro, Council President

I, Michelle Masser, 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 January 20, 2015.

Michelle Masser, Deputy Township Clerk