The Public Meeting of the Mount Olive Township Council was called to order at 7:04pm by 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; Andrew Tatarenko, Business Administrator; and Claudia Tomasello, Assistant Business Administrator

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

President Nicastro: Mr. Amianda, would you please approve the Minutes from the June 11, 2019 Workshop and Public Meeting, please?

June 11, 2019 WS & PM

Mr. Amianda: Yes, Mr. President. I make a motion for approval of Minutes of previous meetings on June 11, 2019, Work Session and Public Meeting.

Mr. Roman: Second.

President Nicastro: Any one for discussion? Anyone from the public? Closed to the public. Roll Call please.

ROLL CALL: Passed unanimously

CORRESPONDENCE

LETTERS FROM RESIDENTS/ORGANIZATIONS/ OTHER TOWNS

1. Letter received June 6, 2019 from Laddey, Clark & Ryan, LLP regarding Notice of Hearing, application made to the Mount Olive Planning Board for property known as Block 8200, Lots 5 & 6, located at 358 and 364 Route 46.

2. Email received June 18, 2019 from NOFA-NJ regarding NOFA-NJ Upcoming Events.

RESOLUTIONS / ORDINANCES OTHER TOWNS

3. Letter received June 14, 2019 from Randolph Township regarding Ordinance #17-19: An Ordinance Amending Sections 15-2.2 and of The Land Development Ordinance of the Township of Randolph, Morris County, New Jersey Regarding Portable Storage Containers.

LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES

4. Email received June 7, 2019 from NJLM regarding Weekly Round-Up for June 3-7.

5. Email received June 11, 2019 from NJLM regarding URGENT ALERT: Your Action is Needed.

6. Email received June 18, 2019 from NJLM regarding Daily Update – Legislative Alert.

STATE AGENCIES

7. Email received June 7, 2019 from NJDEP regarding NJDEP Weekly Update.
8. Email received June 17, 2019 from Commitment to Communities, DOT regarding NJDOT Commitment to Communities – Volume 3.


10. Letter received June 17, 2019 from New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection regarding Area of Concern: One 550-gallon #2 Heating Oil Underground Storage Tank System Unrestricted Use – No Further Action Letter and Covenant Not to Sue, Block 1201, Lot 6, 79 Crease Road, Mount Olive Township, Morris County. Program Interest #:658797, Activity Number: CSP190001. Communications Center Number: 19-05-10-0920-36.

11. Letter received June 17, 2019 from New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection regarding Area of Concern: One 550-gallon #2 Heating Oil Underground Storage Tank System Unrestricted Use – No Further Action Letter and Covenant Not to Sue, Block 7801, Lot 3, 134 Stedwick Drive, Mount Olive Township, Morris County. Program Interest #:807725, Activity Number: CSP190001. Communications Center Number: 19-01-23-1028-03.

12. Letter received June 20, 2019 from New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection regarding Area of Concern: One 550-gallon #2 Heating Oil Underground Storage Tank System Unrestricted Use – No Further Action Letter and Covenant Not to Sue, Block 7600 Lot 49, 22 Highfield Road, Mount Olive Township, Morris County. Program Interest #:807736, Activity Number: CSP190001. Communications Center Number: 19-04-11-1037-11.

MORRIS COUNTY


14. Email received June 13, 2019 from Morris County regarding This Week in Morris County: Ash Tree Removals Start.

UTILITIES

15. Notice of Filing and Public Hearing received June 20, 2019 from New Jersey Natural Gas.

President Nicastro: We have 15 pieces of Correspondence. Does anyone have any questions on those? Seeing none. I open the hearing to the public on Ordinance #12-2019,

ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Ord.#12-2019 An Ordinance of the Township of Mount Olive, in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey, Amending Chapter 367, Towing of the Township Code to Clarify Towing Rates and the Protections of the Predatory Towing Prevention Act.

President Nicastro: Mr. Ferrante.

Mr. Ferrante: Sure, I move for adoption and final passage, Ordinance #12-2019.

Mr. Stewart: Second.

President Nicastro: Does anyone from the public wish to be heard on this? Seeing none. Closed to the public. Does anyone from Council have any . . . questions, comments? Seeing none. Roll Call please.

ROLL CALL: Passed unanimously
President Nicastro: Ordinance number . . . I lost the number already . . . 12-2019 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 #13-2019,

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING: (2nd reading July 9, 2019)

Ord.#13-2019 Ordinance Amending Section 3(i)(ii) of Bond Ordinance #6-2019 of the Township of Mount Olive, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, Finally Adopted March 5, 2019, in Order to Add an Additional Project.

President Nicastro: Mrs. Labow.

Mrs. Labow: Thank you, Mr. President. I move that Ordinance #13-2019 be introduced by title and passed on first reading and that a meeting be held on July 9, 2019 at 7:00pm 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: I second it.

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

ROLL CALL: Passed unanimously

President Nicastro: Next item on the Agenda is Ordinance #14-2019,


Mr. Tatarenko: Council president, if I could just add to that. There’s a typo on the Ordinance. It should say “Mayor, . . .

President Nicastro: . . . and . . .

Miss Masser: Yes.

Mr. Tatarenko: . . . Council, Department Heads, Supervisory Personnel, and Employees of the Township Clerk’s Office” . . .

President Nicastro: I was wondering that.

Mr. Tatarenko: . . . so . . .

Miss Masser: I was just going to say that.

Mr. Tatarenko: . . . okay.

President Nicastro: There you go, I knew something . . .

Miss Masser: Thank you.

President Nicastro: . . . was missing there. Thank you for that correction. Mr. Mania.

Mr. Mania: Thank you, Mr. President. I move that Ordinance #14-2019 be introduced by title and passed on first reading and that a meeting be held on July 9, 2019 at 7:00pm 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: Thank you. Anyone from the public wish to be heard? Seeing none. Closed to the public. Anyone from Council? 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.

PUBLIC PORTION ON CONSENT RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Authorizing the Sale of Certain Land and Property Which is no Longer Needed For Public Use by the Township.

2. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Authorizing the Submission of a Grant Application and Execution of a Grant Agreement With the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Resurfacing of Continental Drive Phase I.

3. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Authorizing the Use of Open Space Funds for Mechanical Weed Harvesting of the Turkey Brook Detention Pond.

4. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Requesting Approval From the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for Insertion of a Specific Item of Revenue into the 2019 Municipal Budget. ($241.12 Alcohol, Education and Rehabilitation)

5. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Authorizing the Award of Contract to JS Morgen Building & Design, LLC DBA Garden State Lawns for Bid No. 05-2019 Rebid Landscaping Services for 2019-2021. REVISED


7. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Authorizing the Use of Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council for 2019. (Good Type Business Machines)

8. 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. (Core & Main, LP)

9. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Authorizing the Award of Contract to Reiner Group, Inc. for Bid No. 09-2019 to Remove and Replace Two (2) Air Conditioning Units.

10. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Awarding a professional Service Agreement Under the Non-Fair and Open Contracts in Accordance with the Pay-to-Play Law for the Year 2019. (Realty Appraisal Co.) REVISED


13. Resolution of the Township of Mount Olive, in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey, Approving and Authorizing Developer’s Agreements With Fratelli Beretta, USA, Inc., for the Development of Property Located at 750 Clark Drive (Block 102, Lots 11-CON4 and 14) and with ST FRA International, LLC, for Development of Property Located at 700 International Drive (Block 104, Lot 4.)
President Nicastro: We have 13 Consent Resolutions. Does anyone wish to move any to Non-Consent? Seeing none. Mr. Stewart, would you move Consent Resolutions one through thirteen, please?

Mr. Stewart: Thank you, Mr. President. I would like to move for adoption and final passage, Consent Resolutions one through thirteen.

Mr. Mania: Second.


ROLL CALL: Passed unanimously

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

MOTIONS
1. Bill List.

Mr. Roman: I move for approval and adoption, the Bill List.

Mr. Stewart: Second.

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

ROLL CALL: Passed with the exception of Mr. Nicastro, who abstained on check #84980

President Nicastro: Administrative Reports.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mr. Tatarenko: Nothing to report.

President Nicastro: Any Old Business from anyone? Mrs. Labow.

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Labow: I just want to thank Andrew, our Business Administrator, for checking out the situation with the blinking light at Sand Shore Road and Smithtown Road. I don’t know if everybody saw the memo. Our traffic officer said that we’ll . . . we’re going to try warning signs coming up instead of spending the money on the light.

Mr. Tatarenko: Well, he had several recommendations.

Mrs. Labow: Right.

Mr. Tatarenko: Our Administration still recommends putting in the blinking light.

Mrs. Labow: Oh. So, we vote on that. How do you guys feel?

Mr. Tatarenko: This is for the . . .

President Nicastro: Oh, for the . . .

Mr. Tatarenko: . . . blinking yellow and . . .

Miss Masser: You could take a consensus.

Mr. Tatarenko: . . . and red light at the . . . at Sand Shore Road and Smithtown Road, which we put into the Budget.
Mrs. Labow: One of the things that Mike had . . . Pocquat . . . had said was that, you know, for the country area to have a blinking light and then of course the continued cost of maintaining it and everything else and the situation has gotten much better.

President Nicastro: Yeah, I was in favor of that until I saw like the signs, I didn’t have a problem with the signs as I emailed back, as you saw. If we can do the blinking type signs that flash at night, because to me it’s nighttime is a bigger issue as well.

Mrs. Labow: I think that they reflect . . .

President Nicastro: You know, but . . .

Mrs. Labow: . . . anyway, with the headlights.

President Nicastro: . . . somehow to make them . . . if you’re going to use signs, they need to be seen.

Mr. Quinn: Yeah, let me just add a little bit to that.

President Nicastro: Sure.

Mr. Quinn: If you notice, at the top of Smithtown Road, we’ve got huge stop signs up there. They are . . . it’s mandatory they’re reflective.

Mrs. Labow: Right.

Mr. Quinn: They don’t have the lights on them, but they’re larger than your standard signs because of the issues we’ve had up there in the past. I know a four-way stop came up in the conversation . . .

Mrs. Labow: That was . . .

Mr. Quinn: . . . but with traffic and then school traffic up there, I think that would cause a major problem. I was up there the other morning and it was a foggy morning and at that point, any sign that you’re going to put up there is just non-functional. You just can’t see it. I’ve seen a lot of accidents at that road. The light that Andrew has had us look at is not going to look horrible up there, it’s going to be a black post and it’s just going to be a single light each direction. If any intersection in this Town warrants a blinking light, it’s that one.

Mr. Mania: Yeah.

Mr. Quinn: There’s been lots of issues there. One of the worst parts of it is coming to Sand Shore Road going westbound, you have the bend with the slight knoll of it, as you’re heading to that intersection.

Mrs. Labow: Right.

Mr. Quinn: That makes it difficult to see cars crossing or cars coming Smithtown Road seeing you coming. With this blinking light, there’s going to be a lower light on the post so when you’re at that . . . that bad section, you’re going to be able to see that there is a dangerous intersection ahead. So, I think that all needs to be taken into account. Signage is great but it’s only functional for a certain level. There is adequate signage on both those intersections.

President Nicastro: Mr. Stewart.

Mr. Stewart: To Tim’s point, Sunday afternoon, I watched a car . . . a van come flying up Smithtown Road and ran the stop sign.

Mr. Quinn: Absolutely.

Mr. Stewart: Right in front of me. If I wasn’t watching him, I would’ve been broadsided.

Mr. Quinn: Yeah, we just trimmed the hedges up there. I mean, those signs are huge. We can’t get bigger signs than we have there.

President Nicastro: Yeah, they’re big.
Mr. Stewart: Those signs are immense.

Mr. Quinn: Yes, yes. I’m not one for lights and signs all over the place but, I’m kind of . . . I lean towards a light at that intersection at this point.

President Nicastro: I think we approved that . . .

Mrs. Labow: Yeah, we did.

Mr. Tatarenko: It was approved in the Budget, yeah.

President Nicastro: It was approved in the Budget anyway.

Mrs. Labow: Yeah, it was approved.

Mr. Mania: Yeah.

Mr. Tatarenko: We overestimated what was approved in the . . .

President Nicastro: I saw . . . yeah.

Mr. Tatarenko: . . . Capital Budget. We reached out to the vendor and they came in way under.

President Nicastro: Lower. When would that be going in if we are . . .?

Mr. Tatarenko: I’m not sure what the time . . .

Mr. Quinn: I could have it in within a month.

President Nicastro: Oh, okay.

Mr. Quinn: We’ve had them up here already, they looked and checked everything out, gave us a price if we were interested, so . . . that’s kind of where we’re at, at this point.

President Nicastro: How much of a maintenance is there? It’s not that much . . .

Mr. Quinn: Basically, we’re going solar so, there’s not even . . .

President Nicastro: Oh.

Mr. Quinn: . . . electrical hook up.

President Nicastro: Okay.

Mrs. Labow: Oh, nice.

Mr. Quinn: It’s basically maintenance free. The only thing you’ve got to change would be the LED bulbs from time to time.

President Nicastro: Time to time.

Mr. Stewart: Yup.

Mr. Quinn: Which, the LEDs last a very long time compared to the old standard bulbs, so . . . very little, if any maintenance.

President Nicastro: That’s good. Okay. Anything else?

Mrs. Labow: Nope.

President Nicastro: From Anyone? Thanks for explaining . . .

Mr. Quinn: Thank you.
President Nicastro: . . . that all. Appreciate it.

Mrs. Labow: Thank you.


NEW BUSINESS - none

LEGAL MATTERS

Mrs. Sharpe: Just one item. I just wanted to let everyone know that . . . regarding the Toys ‘R’ Us tax appeal; we were successful in that. That’s going to bring an additional $140,000.00 to the Township. So, that’s good news.

President Nicastro: Very nice.

Mr. Mania: Nice. Thank you.

President Nicastro: That’s a good Legal Report. Thank you. Council Reports. Mr. Amianda, anything on Board of Education or Seniors?

COUNCIL REPORTS

Board of Education Liaison Report - none
Senior Citizen Liaison - none

Mr. Amianda: None. No report.

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: Mr. Stewart, anything on Economic Development or Community Action Panel?

Economic Development Committee Report
Community Action Panel Report

Mr. Stewart: EDC, our meeting is tomorrow evening and concerning the Community Action Panel, that’s actually Thursday morning and planning the evening event for the fall.

President Nicastro: Thank you. Mrs. Labow, anything on Open Space, Board of Health, or Stigma?

Open Space Committee Report
Board of Health Report
Stigma Committee

Mrs. Labow: Board of Health, we met last week and we had a presentation by a lady going . . . talking more about the vaping and the juuls and all this other stuff; it was very interesting. They said what they’re finding is that sometimes parents don’t understand that those juuls actually have nicotine in them and they’ll actually buy them for the kids so . . . trying to . . . and then we carried that information over earlier today for the MOMAC and Stigma Free, meaning we want to get the word out more so, that you know, be aware. You know, you have to understand what you’re . . . it’s just because it’s a fruity smelling vape thing, doesn’t mean that it’s not dangerous or addictive, to a degree so, that was for that. We were talking about that. We’re also going to be looking . . . oh, the other thing that they’re talking about were . . . Board of Health, were looking into is . . . some of the stores like that . . . some of the communities are having Ordinances where you have to actually be a cigarette shop or a liquor store to be able to actually sell the juice and all this other stuff. You can’t just sell it on a counter at 7-Eleven or QuickChek or anything. You have to actually have different licenses. So, we’re looking
into doing that all through the Board of Health. Oh, Open Space, did we do anything Open Space? No, that was last meeting.

President Nicastro: That was the last . . . thank you.

Mrs. Labow: There we go.

President Nicastro: Mr. Mania, anything on Legislative or Planning?

Legislative Committee Report – none
Planning Board Report

Mr. Mania: Planning, we had a meeting last week. We had three development matters and two were carried to August 15, 2019 and one was carried to September 12, 2019. We also approved the Wawa and we’re waiting for a report from the State for Route 206 and a report from the County. It’s been approved by the Planning Board.

President Nicastro: Thank you. Mr. Roman, anything on Recreation or Pride?

Recreation Liaison Report – none
Pride Committee - none

Mr. Roman: Nothing to report.

President Nicastro: Thank you. Anyone from the public wish to be heard at this time? If you do, could you just please go up to the podium and state your name and address for the record please?

Mrs. Testa: Good evening, Councilmen. My name is Tiffany Testa. I reside at 10 Brendan Drive in Flanders. I have my neighbors here as well.

Mrs. Sullivan: I’m Geri Sullivan. I’m at 12 Brendan Drive.

Mrs. Bagley: Maggie Bagley at 14 Brendan Drive.

Mrs. Testa: I moved into my property in July of 2015. At that time, there was a portion of the land between my property and 12 Brendan Drive that looked to be slightly sunken in. Over the course of the last several years, that area has become treacherous. It is now to the point of almost becoming a sinkhole. It’s a danger not only to the property owners, but to people coming on our property for landscaping; trick-or-treaters at Halloween. I’ll let Geri speak to this, but I know she did a little digging on what was causing this severe decline in the property over the last several years and I know she spoke with Tim Quinn and there was in issue with a pipe and she can fill you in on what happened but we’re here to follow up on if this is being addressed and what the Town’s recourse for this issue is.

Mrs. Sullivan: It’s between 10 and 12 and between 12 and 14, the property’s deteriorating. I was here in December to discuss the issue and I brought pictures and showed Tim Quinn the pictures. Someone came out the next day. To backtrack, our road was spray-painted two summers ago. They were going to come out and fix the road and then it wasn’t. Then, when I came in December, they said that they had bought the piping and the materials to fix what’s going on underneath. There was a man from the Town, I believe, that said that the pipes underneath the road are mismatched and you can actually look down the drainpipes and you can see the cracks. So, the water that’s not going down the drainpipes is literally pouring onto our properties. The next day after I was here, Maggie’s husband spoke with the person who came out to determine what was going on underneath the road. Did you want to say what he had . . . ?

Mrs. Bagley: Yeah, he pretty much walked him up and down the street and they looked down in the drainpipes and there’s a lot of cracks and there’s also PVC pipes that are . . . if the drain’s pointing this way, the PVC pipes are pointing towards the yard, so, if you could only imagine, it could be like a firehose when there’s . . . we’re on the downside of the development, so there’s a lot of water flowing. So, as Geri said, all of our properties have been deteriorating and sinking and it’s been going on for several years now. I’m a resident for 30 years and I’m a pretty patient person but it’s gotten to the point where something seriously needs to be done and it probably needs to be addressed underneath. Not just pave on top because the top is also crumbling. I believe my husband spoke to somebody that had looked down in with a camera or something, and they determined there was cracks and things that need to be repaired but nothing’s been done. So, we’re, like I said, we’re all kind of here just to follow . . . see what’s going on as a follow up to see where we stand.
President Nicastro: Tim Quinn is on his way up.

Mr. Quinn: I’m coming. Yes, we . . . there is work that does have to be done up there. They are correct. I was planning on camera-ing the pipe again. I know that you all said it was already camera’d but I haven’t seen it for myself and that was planned for last week, but because of the rain, I couldn’t get the camera down there, so, now we’re off to this week. The weather dictates to what I can get done and a lot of times my schedule does get pushed back. That’s why I don’t normally give out solid days where I’m going to be somewhere. I did hope to get there last week. As for the sinkholes, what you’re going to find there is . . . I’ve seen it up in that area. This is the second phase of the Bennington Development. This was built after the first phase went bankrupt, then a new builder came in. Mr. Mania probably remembers all this. The area where these homes are built wasn’t the farmland area. This was all wooded land. Trees were cleared and stumps were cleared and in my digging up in your neighborhood, in the roadways, and what I found is a lot of rotting vegetation that the builder just bulldozed over. Many years later, it starts to actually decay and rot down and that’s what’s causing the sinkholes. I don’t believe that the sinkholes are being caused by the storm drain or the gaps in the pipes. Many of the pipes are made to have a certain level of gaps in them. Plus, the soil over there is a clay and rock. The sinkholes, I’m 99 percent sure are not being caused by that pipe. I guarantee that if we did some excavating on the private properties, you would see that there is some timber in there, some stumps, some roots . . .

Mrs. Sullivan: No, but . . . I’m sorry to interrupt . . .

Mr. Quinn: Go ahead . . .

President Nicastro: You have to just . . . yeah, just come back up, thanks.

Mrs. Sullivan: Maggie Bagley, she’s an original owner and they were there when the houses were being built and her husband said that that’s not true. They didn’t just put trees in as landfill and that’s what you’re saying is decomposing.

Mr. Quinn: Well, I’ve dug up there and I’ve pulled out trees and I’ve pulled out stumps in some properties a little further up from yours. So, I’ve seen it.

Mrs. Bagley: Can you determine which properties . . .

Miss Masser: You have to go to the microphone.

President Nicastro: You have to just come up to the microphone if you want to say something. Yup. Thank you.

Mrs. Bagley: Can you just explain which properties you were digging around so we can understand?

Mr. Quinn: We did some work . . . we did some work over . . . north of Deborah Court. There were two houses over there that had something in the backyards that had to be excavated out and then had to be filled in. I believe there was another one right around Deborah Court and we also dug in the road and found stumps in the road. So, I know they’re there. I see . . . I saw the sinkholes at your properties. I would almost guarantee that if you excavated down, you’re going to find some wood down there. I don’t believe it’s coming from the pipe but I still have to get the camera down there and really see what’s going on first. I could be wrong but we are planning on moving forward with that. Administration and Council gave us Capital money this year for drainage improvements so we do have funding this year, which we didn’t have last year. We’re going to try to keep a timeline onto at least the drainage part of it for this year. Last year, I didn’t have the funding, so it didn’t get done last year. This year we talked about it at our Budget Hearings and they gave us money to explore things like this and try to figure out what’s going on. There are separations in the pipe. They can most likely be sealed but we’re going to get into it and see exactly what’s going on.

Mrs. Testa: Will the use of the camera, when you go down there, will that be able to tell whether or not there’s a correlation between the piping and the rapid declining and deterioration of the actual sinkhole?

Mr. Quinn: Yeah. I want to get down there with the camera and I want to see the size of the gaps and exactly where the water’s going. I don’t believe the water’s . . . has a major affect in it. I do believe water does aggravate it. A lot of that would be surface water and once you start to get a surface cavity, it’s going to obviously collect more water than normal. That’s pretty much what I’m leaning with in this situation. As I said, I could be wrong, but we’ll find out.

President Nicastro: Mr. Roman, did you have something?
Mrs. Sullivan: In December, you had said . . .

President Nicastro: Oh. Never mind. Sorry.

Mrs. Sullivan: In December you had said that you already bought the material to replace the piping but you ran out of funding to actually do it.

Mr. Quinn: Right.

Mrs. Sullivan: You still have that delegated for our . . .

Mr. Quinn: We still have . . .

Mrs. Sullivan: . . . piping?

Mr. Quinn: . . . all the material and I have monies this year to continue, so, we are . . . we are going to be getting up there. Like I said, I had several drainage jobs we had to get done first. One was a time-limited community development project, which I had to have done by the end of June. I’ve got one more smaller project we’re going to knock off in two days over on Woodland Avenue and Second Street and then we’re going to be heading up in your area and see what’s going on. I should have the camera up there this week because I want to see exactly what’s going on underground.

Mr. Roman: Andrew . . . Andrew, is there . . . or . . . and Tim, is there any possibility that we can have our engineering firm go out there and give us a report? Just to make the residents feel that we have an external third-party that is kind of giving a report as to what is causing their current situation?

Mr. Quinn: Are you going to go so far as to do excavation on private property?

Mr. Roman: Well, first off, I think if we can get our engineers to at least come up with a preliminary idea of what would be needed in order to determine exactly what is needed.

Mr. Quinn: Mhm.

Mr. Tatarenko: Yeah, I’ll talk to our engineering company and we’ll sit down with Tim and brainstorm a little bit more and then we’ll figure out a game plan but like Tim said, you know, getting the camera there, and seeing exactly what’s going on with the pipes is step one. Then, from there, we can see what needs to be . . . what work needs to be done.

President Nicastro: Mrs. Labow.

Mrs. Labow: Thank you. Tim, I just want a clarification. So, they have sinkholes now on their properties, so when you’re going to do the work on the . . . you’re talking about the piping. Are you talking about filling in their property as well?

Mr. Quinn: No. No, basically, I don’t do work on private property. What I want to determine is what the cause is.

Mrs. Labow: Well, that’s what I . . .

Mr. Quinn: You know, whether the Town steps in and does something or whether they have to do something, if I’m right, then it’s going to be something that’s going to have to be dug out and then refilled. Depending on how deep it is, it’s a lengthy project. I am to determine what’s going on with the pipe underground, make sure the water is going where it needs to be, make sure any large gaps or separations are repaired and that’s my part of this. Then we go to part B, which is their major part is . . . and at the same time period, we’re going to figure out what’s causing the sinkholes.

Mrs. Labow: Okay. Thank you.

Mrs. Sullivan: There was also . . . they said with the . . . we have Belgian block on our curb and they said it’s an expense that . . . if they take the pipe out, it was placed underneath the Belgian block, not towards the . . . you know, side of it. That that’s an expense that you didn’t account for. So, if you have to dig up and fix the piping, you’ll replace the Belgian block and make the road look like it should look?
Mr. Quinn: Yeah, one of the suggestions was that we were going to remove the entire line of pipe all the way up and down the road. We’re not going to do that. There’s not a need for that. There is going to be sections where we are going to have to excavate and with that, the curbing will be replaced. We’ll bring an outside contractor in to do Belgian block curbing because I do it roughly. We’d rather have somebody in who knows what they’re doing with that and that’s also included in the Capital funds that we have. So, we should be able to take care of the whole problem. Hopefully.

Mrs. Bagley: I will say, you should probably look as far as up 18 Brendan Drive because that’s kind of where there’s a drain with a pipe pointing into their property and it downslopes towards our property through 16 and then us at 14 and we have noticed water coming literally out of a . . .

Mrs. Sullivan: It’s a stream of water.

Mrs. Bagley: . . . underneath the ground from Geri’s property. From my property to Geri’s property so, it’s not really all just surface, you know, there certainly is surface water.

Mr. Quinn: There’s going to be surface, yes.

Mrs. Bagley: This water is coming literally from under the ground.

Mr. Quinn: Yeah, I’d like to see. That, I’d like to see. You’ll have to show me where that’s coming from. I’m shooting the whole road. You know, I’m going to start at the top and then I’m going all the way down, you know all the way past Deborah Court as far as I can go with that whole road because I’ve got issues on David Place also. I mean, you come down David Place, you can see that at one point, there was a sinkhole there also . . . that we pulled tree stumps out of. So, it’s like just that whole area, so that’s . . . I want to shoot everything.

Mrs. Bagley: Right.

Mr. Quinn: If I’m going to come in there and pave that next year, or whenever we’re going to pave it, I’m not promising that’s . . .

Mrs. Bagley: You don’t want to do it again.

Mr. Quinn: . . . that’s going to happen. I don’t want things to settle down on us.

Mr. Tatarenko: Do you have sump pumps that are tied into the drainage?

Mrs. Sullivan: I have a sump pump . . .

Mrs. Bagley: She does; we don’t.

Mrs. Sullivan: . . . and in the 20 years I’ve lived there, it’s only been used twice.

Mrs. Bagley: We’ve never had water . . . in our basement.

Mr. Quinn: Did you . . .

Mrs. Sullivan: You see it pouring down between the houses. You see it.

Mr. Quinn: Your sump pump would go out back, though.

Mrs. Sullivan: It comes out back, yeah.

Mr. Quinn: Yeah, they’re down a steep incline, so the pump wouldn’t be going up to the drains.

Mrs. Bagley: We also had to install a $6,000.00 industrial drain in our yard to collect some of this water and push it out back because we have a built-in pool and we ended up with literally mud, you know, everything going into the pool. So, we had to incur that expense.

Mrs. Sullivan: We did call the Town once because I thought it was a watermain break that happened between our houses because it was pouring down. It was ice-cold water. I guess they did a litmus test or something and said it wasn’t water.
Mr. Quinn: Actually, it was a watermain break.

Mrs. Sullivan: No, that was . . . this was like three years ago. The watermain break was last summer.

Mr. Quinn: Right.

Mrs. Sullivan: Yeah, no, this was three years ago.

Mr. Quinn: Okay.

Mrs. Sullivan: Yeah, it was just . . . they said it was water coming from, I don’t know where, it was just pouring down.

Mr. Quinn: Well, basically . . .

Mr. Tatarenko: We’ll investigate.

Mr. Quinn: . . . yeah, I plan on it.

President Nicastro: Yeah, we’ll get . . .

Mr. Quinn: We’ll get the . . . Van Cleef involved with it also, and then we’ll report back to Council and obviously we’ll keep in touch with the residents to let them know what we find and what we’re doing.

President Nicastro: Yeah, that’s the important thing. Just update the residents and let us know what’s going on as well.

Mr. Quinn: Absolutely.

Mrs. Sullivan: So, were you . . . are you still doing the engineer? The third-party engineer?

Mr. Quinn: Yes.

Mrs. Sullivan: Are they still coming out?

Mr. Mania: Yes.

Mr. Quinn: Yes.


President Nicastro: Yup, we will . . .

Mrs. Bagley: If we could possibly get a heads up for that . . . because my husband would like to be there to, you know, meet the person and maybe show them something they’re not looking at, whatever.

Mr. Quinn: Yeah, that’s fine.

Mr. Tatarenko: Just leave your contact information with Tim and we’ll coordinate.

Mrs. Bagley: Okay.

Mr. Tatarenko: You know already Tim?

Mr. Quinn: Yeah, I got their emails.

Mr. Tatarenko: Okay.

Mr. Quinn: If I communicate with one of you, you’ll all be together?

Mrs. Bagley: Yes.

Mr. Quinn: Can we do it that way?
Mrs. Sullivan: That’s fine, that’s fine. Thank you, very much.

Mr. Quinn: Or I’ll come to your houses.

Mrs. Bagley: Thank you.

Mr. Roman: Thank you.

President Nicastro: Thank you for bringing it up.

Mrs. Labow: Thank you.

President Nicastro: Thank you. Appreciate it. Does anyone else from the public wish to be heard at this time? Seeing none. Closed to the public. Do we have any Council Comments? Mr. Amianda.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Amianda: None.

President Nicastro: Mr. Ferrante.

Mr. Ferrante: I just want to extend my condolences to the Detoro Family again.

President Nicastro: Mrs. Labow.

Mrs. Labow: Yes, I also want to extend my condolences to the Detoro family. It’s . . . we lost Fred Sr. November 10, 2018 and now we lost Fred Jr. and it’s a very sad . . . very sad time and wishing the best for the family and everybody in the healing process.

President Nicastro: Mr. Mania.

Mr. Mania: Ditto.

President Nicastro: Mr. Stewart.

Mr. Stewart: The only thing I would like to add is I highly recommend people see the video that was shared from the Mayor as well as from HTV Media. They did a great job on that for a tribute.

President Nicastro: Oh, okay.

Mrs. Labow: Yeah, that’s true. It was very good.

President Nicastro: Thank you. Mr. Roman.

Mr. Roman: I, too, would like to . . . once again pass along my condolences to the Detoro family and even . . . well, pretty much everyone of us here knew Fred. Some of us knew the Detoro family more extensively and it is . . . for those of us . . . for those of us that didn’t know them as well, to see the service and to see the outpouring of the community coming out . . . I was mostly moved by the Last Call that came out through the pager. It just reminds me how all our volunteers give up their time and give up their time with their family so that they can protect us and you know, it’s amazing, the type of residents that we have here in Mount Olive that just give so much. Thank you.

President Nicastro: Yes, and the same here. Fred will be missed, that’s for sure; but not forgotten. Do we have a motion to adjourn?

ADJOURNMENT - Motion made and seconded. All in favor, none opposed, the meeting was adjourned at 7:33pm.

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Alex Roman, Council Vice 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 July 9, 2019.

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Michelle Masser, Township Clerk