The Public Meeting of the Mount Olive Township Council was called to order at 7:29pm by Vice President Roman.

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. Ferrante, Mrs. Labow, Mr. Mania, Mr. Stewart, and Mr. Roman
Absent: Mr. Amianda and Mr. Nicastro
Also Present: Michelle Masser, Township Clerk; Sue Sharpe, Township Attorney; Robert Greenbaum, Mayor; Andrew Tatarenko, Business Administrator; Claudia Tomasello, Assistant Business Administrator and Sherry Kolody, CFO

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Vice President Roman: Mr. Ferrante, can you please approve the previous Minutes?

July 23, 2019 CS (Absent: D. Amianda)
July 23, 2019 PM (Absent: D. Amianda)

Mr. Ferrante: Sure, I make a motion to approve the July 23, 2019 Closed Session and Public Meeting Minutes.

Mr. Stewart: Second.

Vice President Roman: Okay. Roll Call.

ROLL CALL: Passed unanimously

CORRESPONDENCE

LETTERS FROM RESIDENTS/ORGANIZATIONS/ OTHER TOWNS

1. Publication received July 24, 2019 from ARC Morris regarding Touchstone, Issue 31, Summer 2019.

2. Email received July 24, 2019 from Raritan Headwaters regarding Celebrate Raritan Headwaters 60th Anniversary!

3. Email received July 25, 2019 from NOFA-NJ regarding Upcoming NOFA-NJ Events.

4. Email received July 31, 2019 from Sustainable Jersey regarding august Sustainability Hero Announced.

LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES


6. Email received July 22, 2019 from Cade Shirley, NJLM regarding Member Benefit-National Civic League Newsletter.


STATE AGENCIES

8. Email received July 19, 2019 from NJDEP regarding NJDEP Weekly Update.
9. Letter received July 19, 2019 from CPL Partnership regarding Flood Hazard and Freshwater Wetland Permit Applications; 700 International Drive, Lot 4, Block 104, Mount Olive Township, Morris County, New Jersey.

10. Email received July 22, 2019 from NJDEP regarding NJDEP – State Forest Action Plan.

11. Email received July 26, 2019 from NJDEP regarding NJDEP Weekly Update.

MORRIS COUNTY

12. Email received July 23, 2019 from Mary Romance, Morris County, regarding Clarification Re: MCPB Minutes.

13. Email received July 25, 2019 from Morris County regarding This Week in Morris County: Freeholders Approve Courthouse Design.

UTILITIES


Vice President Roman: Okay. We’re on to Correspondence. There are 15 pieces of Correspondence. Does anyone have any questions/comments? Seeing none. We are on to Ordinances for first reading with a second reading of August 20, 2019. The next item on the Agenda for first reading is Ordinance #16-2019 entitled,

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING: (2nd reading August 20, 2019)


Vice President Roman: Mrs. Labow.

Mrs. Labow: Thank you, Mr. Vice President. I move that Ordinance #16-2019 be introduced by title and passed on first reading and that a meeting be held on August 20, 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.

Vice President Roman: Can I get a second?

Mr. Ferrante: Second.

Vice President Roman: Okay. Any Council discussion? Anyone from the public? Okay. 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
PUBLIC PORTION ON CONSENT RESOLUTIONS

1. A Resolution of the Township of Mount Olive, In the County of Morris and State of New Jersey, Supporting the Operation of an Alternative Treatment Center Dispensary within the Township Under Certain Conditions.

2. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Accepting the Bid for the Sale of Certain Municipal Land and Property from the Township Auction of July 23, 2019 (Block 7702 Lot 14, 0-1 Carteret Avenue).

3. Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Developer’s Agreement Between the Township of Mount Olive and the Three T’s LLC for Property Known as Block 106, Lot 1.10, Mount Olive Township, New Jersey (10 Waterloo Road).

4. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Authorizing Change Order No. 3 to the Contract with Tuway Communications for Bid No. 09-2017 – Completion of Public Simulcast Radio Infrastructure and 911 Radio Communications Upgrade.

5. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Authorizing Change Order No. 1 Purchase of a 4-Door Tandem Axle Pumper/Rescue Truck for Budd Lake Fire Department.


7. 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 (FCR Morris, LLC / ReCommunity / Republic Services).


Vice President Roman: Okay, we’re on to Consent Resolutions. There are eight Consent Resolutions. Does anyone wish to move any to Non-Consent? Okay, seeing none. Mr. Mania.

Mr. Mania: I move for approval of Consent Resolutions one through eight.

Mrs. Labow: Second.

Vice President Roman: Any Council comments? Anyone from the public? Okay. Roll Call.

ROLL CALL: Passed unanimously

Vice President Roman: Okay, next item on the Agenda is the Bill List. Mr. Stewart.

MOTIONS

1. Bill List.

Mr. Stewart: Thank you, Mr. Vice President. I move that the Bill List . . . for adoption and final passage.

Mr. Mania: Second.

Vice President Roman: Okay. Anyone have any questions/comments? Seeing none. Roll Call.

ROLL CALL: Passed unanimously

Vice President Roman: Okay. Administrative Reports.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS
Mayor Greenbaum: A couple things. National Night Out is this evening at Turkey Brook. There’s food and fireworks. A special thanks to Petillo, once again, for their continued generosity in helping the event move forward. Budd Lake Wet Down is Saturday, August 17, 2019. I believe it’s in the Sam’s Club parking lot and the Food Truck and Fireworks Festival, one of our best attended events, is Saturday, August 24, 2019 at 4:00pm to 10:00pm and again, there’ll be fireworks at that event.

Mr. Tatarenko: Just one more thing to add. We finally heard back from the BPU today that they’ve agreed or they’ve approved the franchise agreement with Cablevision/Altice after sitting on their desk . . .

Mr. Stewart: Wow.

Mr. Tatarenko: . . . for a year. So, on the next Agenda will be an Ordinance and Resolution approving that agreement.

Mr. Mania: Good job, Andrew.

Mrs. Labow: Nice. Thank you.

OLD BUSINESS

Vice President Roman: Does anybody have any Old Business? Okay. Andrew, have you gotten a chance to meet with Chief Beecher regarding the body cam?

Mr. Tatarenko: I did ask him for a report, so I will follow up with him and get that to you shortly.

NEW BUSINESS - none


LEGAL MATTERS - none

Mrs. Sharpe: Nothing tonight.

Vice President Roman: All right. Council Reports. Mr. Ferrante, Environmental, Lake, or Library.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Environmental Committee
Lake Issues
Library Board Liaison

Mr. Ferrante: Environmental meets tomorrow and the Library was cancelled next week. Next meeting will be in September.

Vice President Roman: Mr. Ferrante, do you have any . . . I understand the Lake is closed once again. Do you know when we’re going to be testing it? You or Andrew?

Mr. Tatarenko: We’re doing testing more frequent. This way we can get a better control over the events that we have coming up. So, every other day we’re out there testing.

Vice President Roman: I assume this is environmentally caused. There was no other . . . you know, is it runoff? No idea?

Mr. Tatarenko: It’s . . . no.

Mayor Greenbaum: It’s a combination of everything, Alex. It’s a natural lake that has runoff and growth and people using it and it’s common to most of the lakes in Northern New Jersey and Florida and wherever else. It’s just something which has happened. I understand that part of the problem or part of the reason why we’re having such a problem is that the DEP changed the standard and that, you know, such as . . . I heard this episodically that Greenwood Lake on the New Jersey side, you can’t swim in it but on the New York side, you can because the standards are different in terms of what potentially is harmful. So, that the New York DEP or
whoever regulates their bodies of water has a higher allowance for the Algae Bloom. So, you know, I just . . . it’s just one of those things which all the lakes . . . you know, you saw what happened in Lake Hopatcong.

Mr. Stewart: I was up there today and they were talking exactly about the Greenwood Lake on the Jersey side versus the New York side.

Vice President Roman: All right. Thank you. Mr. Stewart, anything on Economic, Community?

Economic Development Committee Report
Community Action Panel Report

Mr. Stewart: Economic Development is . . . continues to have its monthly meetings with the focus for . . . in October, we’ll be having the Executive Council Meetings with our largest employers and we’ve been working on that. The . . . or, I’m sorry, the . . . yeah, Community Action Panel was not held this month.

Vice President Roman: Okay. All right. Mrs. Labow, anything on Open Space, Board of Health, or Stigma?

Open Space Committee Report
Board of Health Report
Stigma Committee

Mrs. Labow: No. All those meetings have to take place next week and the week after, but I do want to use this opportunity to talk about a function I went to on Sunday over at the Library. I’m sorry, Senior Center. It was called Brave Space. It’s building respect for diversity in Mount Olive. It’s run by the Mount Olive Clergy Association at Interfaith Alliance and I have to say, it was one of the most impressive, fantastic functions I had really ever attended. We talked constantly about trying to respect the views and opinions of other people, getting to understand other people, you know, trying to calm down the hatred and the stigma of thinking people are so horrible because they’re a little bit different. We had . . . Pastor Serena Rice was there, from Abiding Peace Church. She pretty much was the media . . . you know, ran the event. We had Reverend Kim from the Flanders United Methodist Church. We had . . . I don’t want to say this wrong . . . how do you say it? Imam . . . Imam . . . Ahmed was there with his wife and his son. We had Pastor Matt Jones from Mountain Top Church, Reverend Gomez from the Mountain Top Spanish Church, and we had Father Stanley Barron from Saint Elizabeth’s, Rabbi Dan Zucker from Temple Hatikvah, and we had Reverend Rick Oppelt from United Presbyterian Church. It was really cool. They all stood up, they all gave a . . . like a five-minute summation of what their religions were and how they differed from this one or that one and then we had . . . I guess we had about 40 people there. We sat in tables and groups and we discussed several questions and it was just . . . overall, it was really wonderful. One thing, I just, in closing, I just want to say one of the . . . Iman, he was saying how it’s so funny how so many of your parishioners, you’d only see them at a certain celebration. Like Christians, you might just see them at Christmas and Easter and you know, that type of thing. Where are they the rest of the year? I said the same thing kind of happens in Council too. We’ll go through the whole year and like, well, we have some people here, which is nice but we won’t get a lot of people coming but the minute there’s something that’s a discrepancy, everybody shows up and usually with a lot of misinformation. So, across the board, the point is, it doesn’t matter if it’s religion, nationality, political views, anything. We just all have to learn how to make sure we know what we’re talking about and investigating. We got the facts and we should just take the time to respect other peoples’ opinions. That’s it.

Vice President Roman: Thank you very much, Mrs. Labow, for attending that event. Unfortunately, I was caught up in something else and I so badly wanted to go. It does definitely highlight the diversity that is in Mount Olive and how . . .

Mrs. Labow: Yeah.

Vice President Roman: . . . it’s such a wonderful community. Mr. Mania, anything on Legislative or Planning?

Legislative Committee Report - none
Planning Board Report

Mr. Mania: Planning Board, we have a meeting Thursday night. This coming Thursday.

Recreation Liaison Report
Pride Committee – none
Board of Education Liaison Report – none
Senior Citizen Liaison – none

Vice President Roman: Recreation will meet as soon as we’re done with all the summer activities and I have nothing for Pride. We’re on to our last public portion. Does anyone from the public wish to be heard? Seeing none. Council Comments. Mr. Ferrante.

PUBLIC PORTION - none

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Ferrante: Nothing tonight.

Vice President Roman: Mrs. Labow.

Mrs. Labow: In light of what happened this weekend with the horrible mass shootings, we did talk about that on Sunday also and we’re sitting there and we have all these different religions in this room for two hours and everybody got along quite nicely and very respectful. We all prayed and were very upset about what happened with the people who were shot and how this keeps happening. People just have to learn how to respect one another and shooting somebody you don’t like for whatever reason, is not the answer.

Vice President Roman: Okay. Mr. Mania.

Mr. Mania: Again, I want to comment, my sympathy goes out to the people of El Paso and Ohio. May God bless them.

Vice President Roman: Mr. Stewart.

Mr. Stewart: Just a reminder to everybody, Saturday is the annual Vets Fest which is for the homeless veterans up at Vasa Park. I want to thank you for joining me as being one of the honorary dunkees this weekend. You get dunked for a charity.

Vice President Roman: I succumbed to pressure. People wanted to harm me so I figured this was the safest way.

Mrs. Labow: Alex, what time is your time?

Mr. Stewart: I’m on at 1:00pm, he’s on at 3:00pm.

Vice President Roman: I’m on at 3:15pm. We do have a contest to see who can raise the most money. If you’ve ever had an ill thought about me, now is the time. All right. I, too, want to express my sentiments regarding the tragic events that happened and to remind everyone that this is not an example of what this Country is about. This Country is made up of 330 million diverse people and we cannot let the actions of a few evil and hateful people define who we are and with that being said, can I get a motion to adjourn?

ADJOURNMENT - Motion made and seconded. All in favor, none opposed, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42pm.

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 August 20, 2019.

Michelle Masser, Township Clerk