The Public Meeting of the Mount Olive Township Council was called to order at 7:41 pm by Council President Nicastro.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT ANNOUNCEMENT

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Mr. Amianda, Mr. Ferrante, Mr. Mania, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Roman and Mr. Nicastro

Absent: Mrs. Labow

Also Present: Michelle Masser, Township Clerk; Sue Sharpe, Township Attorney; Andrew Tatarenko, Business Administrator; Claudia Tomasello, Assistant Business Administrator and Robert Greenbaum, Mayor

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

September 19, 2017 WS, PM & Closed Session (absent: G. Stewart)

President Nicastro: Mr. Amianda, would you move the approval of Minutes from the previous meeting, September 19, 2017, Workshop, Public Meeting and Closed Session?

Mr. Amianda: I make a motion for approval of the Minutes of the previous meetings on September 19, 2017, Work Session and Public Meeting and Closed Session.

Mr. Mania: Second.

President Nicastro: Any discussion? Roll Call please.

Roll Call: Passed with the exception of Mr. Stewart abstained

CORRESPONDENCE

LETTERS FROM RESIDENTS/ORGANIZATIONS/ OTHER TOWNS

1. Email received September 18, 2017, from Sustainable Jersey regarding Don’t Miss These September Events.

2. Email received September 18, 2017, from TransOptions regarding Win Great Prizes and Find Your Commute Fallternatives!

3. Email received September 20, 2017, from NOFA-NJ regarding Movie Night and Other Upcoming Events from NOFA-NJ.

4. Email received September 26, 2017, from Sustainable Jersey regarding Sustainable Jersey Session Spotlights.

5. Email received September 26, 2017, from Downtown New Jersey regarding June 2017 Newsletter.

6. Email received September 26, 2017, from Whippany River Watershed Action Committee regarding Whippany River Watershed Action Committee Meeting Notice.

7. Email received September 27, 2017, from NOFA-NJ regarding Upcoming Events from NOFA-NJ.

RESOLUTIONS / ORDINANCES OTHER TOWNS

MOUNT OLIVE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MINUTES

October 3, 2017

9. Resolution received September 20, 2017, from Township of Hanover regarding Petitioning the Members of the Morris County Legislative Delegation to Support Senate, No. 1832 and Assembly, No. 3823 in Establishing a Fast Track Foreclosure Law.

STATE AGENCIES


MSA/MUA

11. Email received September 28, 2017, from Musconetcong Sewerage Authority regarding MSA August 24, 2017 Approved Meeting Minutes.

MORRIS COUNTY

12. Email received September 15, 2017, from County of Morris regarding This Week in Morris County: Morris Man is National EMT of the Year.


14. Email received September 21, 2017, from County of Morris regarding This Week in Morris County: World War I Road Show.

UTILITIES

15. Letter received September 20, 2017, from New Jersey Natural Gas regarding Approval of Base Rate Adjustments; Docket No. GR17030326 and Review and Revision of its Basic Gas Supply Service and Conservation Incentive Program; Docket GR17060588.

16. Letter received September 25, 2017, from Elizabethtown Gas regarding Call Before You Dig.

17. Letter received September 27, 2017, from Verizon regarding Get the facts about the Verizon public safety communications plan.


President Nicastro: We have 19 pieces of Correspondence. Does anyone have any questions on the Correspondence? Seeing none. I open the hearing to the public on Ordinance #20-2017,

ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Ord.#20-2017 An Ordinance of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive, County of Morris, State of New Jersey to Amend Ordinance #4-2012 Vacating a Portion of South Rose Lane.

President Nicastro: Mr. Ferrante.

Mr. Ferrante: Sure, I move for adoption and final passage, Ordinance #20-2017.

Mr. Amianda: Second.


Roll Call: Passed unanimously
President Nicastro: Ordinance #20-2017 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 #21-2017,

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING – 2nd reading October 17, 2017


President Nicastro: Mr. Roman.

Mr. Roman: I move that Ordinance #21-2017 be introduced by title and passed on first reading and that a meeting be held on October 17, 2017 at 7:00 pm at the Municipal Building, 204 Flanders-Drakestown Road, Budd Lake, New Jersey for a public hearing, consideration of second reading, and passage of said Ordinance and that the Clerk be directed to publish, post and make available said Ordinance in accordance with the requirements of the law.

Mr. Mania: Second.

President Nicastro: Thank you. Any Council discussion? Mr. Roman.

Mr. Roman: Yes. I’d like to one, congratulate not only the Planning Department, the Administration and everybody involved in this Ordinance. I think this is an excellent example of how this Governing Body not only takes into consideration the business community, but also the residents in order to make Mount Olive a much better place for not only people to live, but businesses to prosper. Thank you.

President Nicastro: Thank you, agreed. Anyone from the public wish to be heard on this? Seeing none. Closed to the public. Roll Call please.

Roll Call: Passed unanimously

President Nicastro: Next item on the Agenda for first reading is Ordinance #22-2017,

Ord.#22-2017 An Ordinance of the Township of Mount Olive Amending Ordinance #27-16 Which Establishes Salaries for the Mayor, Council, Department Heads, Supervisory Personnel and Employees of the Township Clerk’s Office.

President Nicastro: Mr. Mania.

Mr. Mania: Thank you Mr. President. I move that Ordinance #22-2017 be introduced by title and passed on first reading and that a meeting will be held on October 17, 2017 at 7:00 pm at the Municipal Building, 204 Flanders-Drakestown Road, Budd Lake, New Jersey for a public hearing, consideration of second reading, and passage of said Ordinance and that the Clerk be directed to publish, post and make available said Ordinance in accordance with the requirements of the law.

Mr. Stewart: Second.

President Nicastro: Thank you. Any Council discussion? Anyone from the public wish to be heard on this? Seeing none. Closed to the public. 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.
1. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive to Cancel Taxes on Block 1001, Lot 21 for Disabled Veteran Declared 100% Totally & Permanently Disabled by the Tax Assessor. Revised

2. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Authorizing the Institution of an In-Rem Tax Foreclosure.


4. 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 (Cintas Corp No. 2) REMOVED

5. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Authorizing the Award of Contract to D&S Land Development, LLC for Bid#14-2017 Budd Lake Fire Department parking Lot Resurfacing.

6. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Authorizing the Use of a Purchasing Contract for 2017 (Residuals Management Services, LLC)

7. A Resolution of the Township of Mount Olive, County of Morris, and State of New Jersey, Authorizing a Reduction in Cash Bonds and Performance Bonds Held in Connection With Block 6000, Lots 5 and 6, Also Known as Regency at Flanders (Phase II) - Revised

President Nicastro: We have six Resolutions on the Agenda and one for Non-Consent. Does anyone wish to move any others to Non-Consent? Seeing none. Mr. Stewart, would you move Resolutions one through three and five through seven?

Mr. Stewart: Thank you Mr. President. I would like to make a move for adoption and final passage Consent Resolutions one through three and five through seven.

Mr. Roman: Second.

President Nicastro: Anyone from the public wish to be heard on these? Seeing none. Closed to the public. Any Council concerns, comments? Seeing none. Roll Call please.

Roll Call: Passed unanimously

RESOLUTIONS NON-CONSENT


President Nicastro: We have one Non-Consent Resolution. Mr. Ferrante, would you move Resolution number eight please? Mr. Roman, I’m sorry. I didn’t see that there.

Mr. Roman: I know we look alike.

President Nicastro: I know, it’s the hair.

Mr. Roman: I move for approval of Non-Consent Resolution number eight.

Mr. Stewart: Second.

President Nicastro: Anyone from the public wish to be heard on this one? Seeing none. Closed to the public.

Mr. Roman: Council comments?

President Nicastro: Council comments? I’m sorry. Mr. Roman.
Mr. Roman: I’d like to congratulate Chuck McGroarty for coming on board. He fills a need that is greatly required since the retirement of Catherine Natafalussy. I’d like to congratulate the Administration on thinking outside the box and saving the taxpayers of Mount Olive a considerable amount of money by making this move.

Mr. Stewart: Second that.

President Nicastro: Third that one, thank you. Anyone else? Roll Call please.

Roll Call: Passed unanimously

MOTIONS

1. Bill List.

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

Mr. Amianda: Yes. I make a motion for approval of the Bill List. PDF Bill List.

Mr. Mania: Second.


Roll Call: Passed unanimously

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

President Nicastro: Administrative Reports. Andrew or Mayor, Claudia?

Mayor Greenbaum: Yes, I have several. First of all I’d like to congratulate Andrew Tatarenko on joining our Administrative staff and to lead us into the future. He started on Monday and already I know that I made…that we made the right choice in terms of our new Business Administrator. I’d also like to take the opportunity to welcome back Chuck McGroarty who…it just really couldn’t have worked out any better for the Township. I have several other comments beyond those congratulations. The Back Yard BBQ I understand was a huge success, there were approximately 1,000 people present for this adult only event. A special thanks to the Buildings and Grounds Department as well as our Recreation Department for another successful community event. Mount Olive Township will be receiving awards from the Morris Park Alliance. The awards are for Outstanding Facility Award for Mount Playmore and Pirates Cove. A Certificate of Merit for Outstanding Program for the Do or Dye Color Run and Outstanding Public Official, me. The awards dinner is Thursday, October 12, 2017 at 7:00 pm, at the Haggerty Education Center Frelinghuysen Arboretum in Morris Township.

President Nicastro: Thank you. Anything else?

Mr. Tatarenko: I would just like to take this opportunity to publicly thank the Mayor and Council and to introduce myself to the residents. I’m excited for the opportunity and ready to join the team. Thank you.

President Nicastro: Thank you and welcome again.

Mr. Mania: Welcome aboard.

Mr. Tatarenko: Thank you.

OLD BUSINESS – none

NEW BUSINESS – none


LEGAL MATTERS - none

Mrs. Sharpe: No Legal Report tonight, but I just wanted to say Fred and I look forward to meeting with your new Business Administrator on Friday to get started. Also I wanted to congratulate Chuck who we’ve worked with, with the Township and it’s been terrific both for Fred and I to work with, so congratulations.
Mr. Roman: It’s like a wedding, something old, something new.

COUNCIL REPORTS

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

Board of Education Liaison Report - none
Senior Citizen Liaison
Mr. Amianda: No report on Board of Education. Mount Olive Senior Citizens Club held their Business meeting today, Tuesday, October 3, 2017 at 11:30 am. Seniors are excited and are looking forward to playing a Bocce game with the Council Members. They are confident of their victory. The game is on Saturday, October 7, 2017 at 11:00 am.

Mayor Greenbaum: After last year, I know why they’re so confident too.

President Nicastro: Thank you. Mr. Ferrante…

Mr. Roman: Excuse me. Where…it’s October 7, 2017?


Mr. Mania: October 14, 2017.

President Nicastro: October 14, 2017 at 11:00 am.

Mr. Stewart: I thought it was October 14, 2017?

Mr. Mania: 11:00 am on October 14, 2017.

President Nicastro: Because I know I couldn’t make that one.

Mr. Roman: 11:00 am? I got 10:00 am.

President Nicastro: It’s 11:00 am, they changed it too.

Mr. Roman: Okay.

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

Mr. Stewart: 11:00 am, okay.

Environmental Committee - none
Lake Issues
Library Board Liaison – none
Mr. Ferrante: Just for the Lake Association. They have…just a reminder again the fall Lake…the fall clean-up for the Lake, the Sand Shore shoreline portion of the Lake will be on October 14, 2017 at 9:00 am. We will meet at the Pavilion parking lot.

Economic Development Committee Report - none
TNR Program - none
Open Space Committee Report - none

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

Legislative Committee Report – none
Planning Board Report
Mr. Mania: Planning. We had one item on the Agenda last month and it’s been adjourned to the October meeting.

Board of Health Report

President Nicastro: Okay. Planning Board…I mean Planning Board…Health Department met last week. A couple of things that were of note that I received were, we’re having…they’re holding…the Flu Clinic’s coming up now…coming up in October. Overlook was scheduled for Court today, but the defendant was sick and they
President Nicastro: Thank you. Mr. Stewart, anything on MOTV or Community Action Panel?

Mr. Stewart: Community Action Panel had its meeting to start planning process for 2018 and looking for ideas from the different folks in the community for…business community for what they’re looking for as to drive for.

Mr. Roman: Nothing. Recreation meets tomorrow, Pride next week.

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

MOTV Committee Liaison - none
Community Action Panel Report – none

Mr. Roman:

Recreation Liaison Report - none
Pride Committee Report - none

President Nicastro: Thank you. Does anyone from the public wish to be heard at this time? Please go up to the mic, state your name and address for the record please.

Mrs. Uhrmann: My name is Charlie Uhrmann. I live at 12 Jennies Lane, Mount Olive. I’m here today on behalf of the All Veteran’s Memorial. I kind of wanted to let you know the progress of where we are and potentially where we would like to go and kind of an understanding of what we have acquired as a Township because I’m not sure that the Township quite understands what we have achieved at the All Veteran’s Memorial. I wanted to take this opportunity to let you know that we are progressing very well, we have several phases that we have completed. Seven elements that have been registered with the Library of Congress as being the original designs, which will soon be Statewide known. We’ve been trying to keep everything kind of very quiet so we can complete the Memorial. I’m really proud of what we’ve accomplished and I really want to thank very much the Parks because they have been the…they’re very polite, they’re very generous to us. Whatever we need, heavy equipment wise and everything else, very supportive. I don’t know that we would be able to do it. I think as you’re aware that we don’t use taxpayer’s money. We try to…we fundraise and we’re out there physically building, doing things ourselves. We have elements that are the first of its kind in the nation and one being the Spiritual Cenotaph. We have…that is of all the books of scriptures or books of authorities that are actually entombed at the park. We have an obelisk that honors all of the different wars, the different fallen, the wounded. We have the original War Dog Memorial which seems to be a lot of people’s favorite, which covers five wars in five different theaters with five different breeds of dogs with five different missions. We have the first Bill of Rights Wall, it has the original Bill of Rights from one to ten that were ratified originally by Congress and we’re very proud of that, which that somewhat remains a little bit still incomplete. We have the Presidential Preamble Area, which honors our Presidents. We have our Pentagon, our Military Flags. We have a North Star seating area which is for…designated for the families who have lost their loved ones. We have a Path to Enduring Freedom that has…it denotes all of the wars, our conflicts that we have been through as a nation. It gives brief information about the Wars, about our wounded and about our deceased and also the opportunity for people who have served honorably in the United States Armed Forces to honor their service. We are at a situation right now. We have two final phases. One is called the Veteran’s Remembrance Wall, this is probably one of the most important aspects of the All Veteran’s Memorial that ties it in. We also have, it’s called the Soul Garden and it will be a prayer garden. One of the most important aspects of the All Veteran’s Memorial is that we have remained all inclusive. We have bollard, the 14 bollards that represents the equality of all men. We’ve respected all religions, races, branches of service, economic groups, you name it, we’ve covered it. A lot of years, 15 years, it’s been 15 years now since we have first proposed it and giving the Mount Olive War Memorial a…I believe a stunning home. When we first started the project we didn’t really fathom that we would reach to this point because it just seems like one element leads to another. I do believe that our last two final phases is going to complete this park. We have had five, four-star Generals come to our Veteran’s Memorial and they have sung our praises. They think this is one of the finest Veteran’s Memorial they’ve ever walked. A couple of weeks ago we had the President of the POW/MIA, specifically because the project that we’re about to embark upon is going to give a lot of the POW/MIA’s a place to hold their vigils. It’ll be the first place ever in the State of New Jersey where it is the formal POW/MIA vigil. What we’re going to be doing there is we’ve got a lot of the first. I don’t know if anybody is familiar with the London Tower Poppy Project, but we are about to not perfectly replicate it, but somewhat, where they actually handmade 890,000 poppies to
represent the life and death of their soldiers during World War I. We are going to be providing somewhat the similar thing to the Veteran’s Remembrance Wall. The Veteran’s Remembrance Wall is kind of the reason why I’m here tonight because I have some deep concerns. The Veteran’s Remembrance Wall is going to be the first of its kind and what that’s going to do is that it is going to open up the AVM (All Veteran’s Memorial). It’s going to actually create traffic, not traffic, but it’s going to be a center place where Veterans who are POW…who were POW’s or who hold vigils, which is usually typically a 24 to 48 hour vigil for those who have not come back. Also it’s…we’re going to have a custom made and it’s going to be the first of its kind, I’m working with welders right now in Michigan to be where…it’s going to be a globe, it’s going to be a three foot in diameter globe and it’s going to denote where all of our men and women fought in all the different wars specifically because we want to honor all those who fought in all the wars, it’s all inclusive. Which means that if one of the Comrades of an American Legion, a VFW or a disabilities Veteran’s or whatever, if they lose a fallen, they’re going to want to be able…we’re going to be able to provide them a very, very unbelievable place to hold a vigil. The poppies…it’s going to be a ruins if your standing by the lake, facing towards the Seward Mansion, we are actually having artists come in and they’re actually going to create a ruins. We’re going to have all the different elements and ground material from all over the world. We’re going to have replica items from soldiers that are going to be embedded into the rubble then we’re going to have massive poppy vines coming up through the wall, through the Bill of Rights and coming down. That’s where the handmade poppies are going to be. What we’re going to do is open this handmade poppies up to the public because not only do we build the Veteran’s Memorial, but we also on a continuous basis, we’re…we are involved with the outreach, teaching, supporting our wounded, we have a lot of things that we do during the year besides the Veteran’s Memorial. Recently, I’m going to go back a little bit, when we started the project we first started under Mayor De La Roche and then we pretty much built under Mayor Scapicchio. In our inaugural ceremony we had a parking lot there and it was our understanding, and then Jim was part of the conversations and all, the parking lot was really not going to be utilized, but we had offered to pave the parking lot because we knew that we…we knew the…we kind of knew what our goals were going to be. Then of course Mayor Scapicchio had said “no, let us pave it” and we’ve got that. Initially we had kind of thought that the parking lot was ours, but then it was utilized for a lot of the soccer moms and different things and we didn’t mind, but we did request a time back that we at least have three parking lots…or parking spaces because we also serve a lot of the family members who happen to be elderly of the recent fallen soldiers. It’s very hard to watch an elderly person going from, walking from another parking lot over to the AVM to visit their son’s or daughter’s Memorial paver that there at the AVM. We were given the three parking spaces, but sometimes we still don’t have that because we have our challenges. We have big challenges with bicycles, scooters, typically during the sport’s season, soccer specifically. This is nothing out of maliciousness, it just seems that the kids are just having fun, so they’re going to ride the dogs and…because mom is watching the one sibling and then somebody’s…there’s going to be a little boy or a little girl, they’re going to kick their soccer ball and things like that and we have damage. We try to do is, we’re trying our very best to be as discrete as we possibly can hence the wall because we were having a lot of troubles with the bicycles going…cutting through the Path to Enduring freedom onto the Memorial pavers and skidding through and so on and so forth. We figured if we build a wall it’ll be a deterrent. Then what we decided to do is maybe put ropes around it because people were parking on the Memorial. We actually had people parking on the Path to Enduring freedom. I know it sounds bazaar, but it happens. I just…I don’t think it’s out of maliciousness, but we try to discreetly put things where it would be a deterrent. One of the things that I don’t feel, doing this for 15 years, putting a lot of work, a lot of money, a lot of my own money, a lot of time, a lot of heart, I really don’t feel and it’s not to be critical, I really don’t feel that the Town understands what they have or appreciates or shows how much they appreciate it. It makes me really kind of sad because if you could see some of the people, some of these high ranking officers, these military, these mothers. If anybody’s ever been to one of our services, we have the number one amount of gold star mothers and people who have lost their kids at our Memorial. This last Memorial Day we had 12 World War II Veteran’s, the largest crowd of World War II Veteran’s in any one place. We’ve had every year since we’ve been doing the Memorial Day, we’ve had Generals be our keynote speakers, we’ve had men who are historic, the original dog handler of Smokey the War Dog. I notice with some people it doesn’t really matter because we’re in those kind of times, but you know what, I don’t think it really matters what we think, but we should really respect how other people perceive this Veteran’s Memorial because when you see a lot of mothers and a lot of people sitting by themselves at the All Veteran’s Memorial, they come there because they say that they feel the greatest peace is at our Memorial. I think that that is really important because if we don’t respect what the Memorial is, at least respect what it means to others. When I’m…we just recently wanted to do an event and we had thought that everything was fine. When we first started with the AVM we basically applied for a change of use with the State of New Jersey. Not that we felt like we’re going to do whatever we want, we always want to stay within the rules or the…what’s required of us with the Township, but we did feel very much like an antonymous body, if you will, because we have a very, very special and very important role in this Town. We are with those disabled Veteran’s. I am, I sit with those parents and they cry on my shoulder because they really feel like I understand. There are certain Military protocols when we are holding our Memorial Day because we have these Generals coming in and because we are non-affiliated politically to anybody and this is why…it’s so important that I remain silent is because we want these amazing people coming in. We’ve got the American Legions who had
no clue we had something so magnificent at the park. Where I’m concerned is recently there was a schedule problem. We were going to host a reenactment. We had the President of the Reenactors of New Jersey come to visit on, a couple of Sunday’s ago. He couldn’t believe how absolutely magnificent, he wanted to know how we kept this a secret. He called out all troops and we were going to have an encampment on October 21, 2017. October 21, 2017, what we wanted originally to do is we were going to have the reenactor’s encampments for the Revolutionary War, the Civil War, World War II and the Vietnam War. It’s never happened in the State of New Jersey where we had all the reenactors in one place. It was because we have a beautiful setting to do so, but more importantly it was because we wanted our kids to make these poppies to go on this wall. It’s that one added effort of heart that I wanted to put. The deal was this, you go through with the reenactment you understand what our men and women go through. Even when they do the ultimate sacrifice, they’re sacrificing something before they lose their lives. We wanted the kids to understand that because we’re always trying to bring…we’re an educational complex, we want to teach our kids. When we opened the poppy project up to them we wanted them to have a right heart and a right mind and for them to remember this for the rest of their lives. We had the conflict and I understand that. We were willing to not solicit at all and we were willing to just be very quiet, but still be there and then we would then solicit our event for the following Sunday. It didn’t work out, unfortunately for us, soccer prevailed, they took a knee. What I am worried about is this, we are going…and now I’m told that we are going to…that we have to mesh and we don’t want to break any rules or whatever, but now all of a sudden we have to fit into the Township calendar. What concerns me and I hope that you understand this isn’t criticizing anybody, but we’re defined differently. The reason why we are where we are in the park is so we don’t affect the park. We don’t…we’re not intertwined with the sports and my understanding in the beginning was is the parking lot was going to be us and that we would have just this little area. I worry because if we build this wall and we bring in our Veteran’s and it’s going to be inconvenient.

How do you tell somebody…somebody dies in an American Legion and they want to have a motorcycle event coming in or whatever and you say sorry you got to find somewhere else to go because we got soccer or whatever? I really kind of want to just impress upon you guys that it might not be important to some people in Mount Olive, but I will tell you it’s damn important to a lot of the people from outside of Mount Olive. When they see this, they think it’s absolutely stunning. I want to figure out a way, how do we as a Township look at this as being exceptional, look at this as for what it is. It is a Memorial, it is the life and death of many, many, many people, it represents our Country. I think it should be revered a little bit more sacred because I know when you get these mothers coming in, they think this is absolutely the most magnificent place in the world. I really wish that we would look at the All Veteran’s Memorial a little bit differently that if it’s not important to you, it might be important to the person you’re sitting next to or…because I know, John you’ve been to some of them, you’ve seen these mothers weep and they’ve never been to Memorial services like ours. They’ve said this locally, they’ve said “oh my goodness,” Generals, they say “oh my goodness” you’ve put so much effort into these ceremonies and the Girls Scouts and the Boy Scouts, they come back. We’ve got kids who say you know what, you changed my life. If you get on the Mount Olive High School website and you see Will Barr who now is going to be a candidate for West Point, he tells a story about how the All Veteran’s Memorial has changed his life. I really would like…my goal tonight is for us to think about how is it that we could be able to in promptly allow somebody, a group or is this just a bad idea. Do we just not offer this and because we’re not going to be able to fit into the Township’s Agenda, we’re not part of the sports, we’re not entertaining anybody. I’m sorry its…we don’t entertain people, we educate people. I think sports is really important and I think carnivals are really important to some people, but I also feel that the Veteran’s Memorial is by far going to be one of the shining stars once we release this…it to the public because we’ve been very quiet about the AVM.

President Nicastro: Mayor.

Mayor Greenbaum: Yes. Charlie first of all, last time I saw you at the AVM I came up to you and I told you how I impressed I was with the…

Mrs. Uhrmann: Thank you.

Mayor Greenbaum: …effort that you had done up there. It really is quite a Memorial, fitting and all inclusive. One of the difficulties that we have in the Municipality obviously, is juggling our facilities in terms of the needs of the community and why you feel that the AVM Committee is a separate and distinct entity, the fact remains that it’s part of our park system, always has been. Its owned by the Municipality, its Governed by the Municipality, mostly in the way that you have directed the Municipality in the past to pass Ordinances and alike to protect. Every time that you’ve come to the Municipality in the past, whether it be for security cameras or lighting, the Township has ultimately given as generously as we could to help in additional funding to what you and your group have done up there. With respect to the weekends in October, unfortunately October…that weekend of October 21, 2017, which every year is the soccer tournament and a Municipal event is probably, next to the Saturday of carnival, the busiest day in the park. It wasn’t something which was planned way in advance, it was kind of something which was brought to our attention most recently. It’s not an impromptu thing, it really is something which is a planned event and therefore we couldn’t do it. We couldn’t in good
I would make for that weekend, I would make Drakes Brook Park, which is open, available to you for the Mayor Greenbaum:

able to do this, that overnight would be permissible. If there was absolutely no problem with spending the night when the Boy Scouts were going to do the flag precedence for it. The parking overnight as far away from any residences as we can push it up to the top, I aware of that we allow other people to sleep in the park, generally, is related to the carnival, so there is for overnight staying in the park because it does affect other residents to a certain degree. The only day that I’m aware of that we allow other people to sleep in the park, generally, is related to the carnival, so there is precedence for it. The parking overnight as far away from any residences as we can push it up to the top, I think that that’s something which would need to be looked at. In terms of simply granting a different status to the AVM than any of our other users of the park, I just don’t see that as a viable alternative at this point. I am very sorry that you were unable to schedule this event. As I said I offered a different park. I understand why it doesn’t work. It’s not that I’m singling out the AVM Committee, it just was a weekend which the park is going to be at its busiest to not allow anyone into the park to participate in any of the type of activities that are up there, that are open such as the AVM, but not the Splash Pad. We don’t prohibit overnight vigils or something completely different. My position on it and I do believe that this is a Council issue more than an Administration issue is that there would need to be an Ordinance and a procedure that was put in place to allow for overnight staying in the park because it does affect other residents to a certain degree. The only day that I’m aware of that we allow other people to sleep in the park, generally, is related to the carnival, so there is precedence for it. The parking overnight as far away from any residences as we can push it up to the top, I think that that’s something which would need to be looked at. In terms of simply granting a different status to the AVM than any of our other users of the park, I just don’t see that as a viable alternative at this point. I am very sorry that you were unable to schedule this event. As I said I offered a different park. I understand why it doesn’t work. It’s not that I’m singling out the AVM Committee, it just was a weekend which the park is already in use.

Mrs. Uhrmann: Do you want me to respond to that?

Mayor Greenbaum: Yes.

Mrs. Uhrmann: Well I appreciate that. One of the things under David Scapicchio as Mayor and I know he’s not Mayor now I get that, but we are speaking about understanding. One of the things when we had moved forward and I had spoken to Jill about was when we had the flag burning vault there, our understanding was is that there was absolutely no problem with spending the night when the Boy Scouts were going to do the flag retirement vigil. I just want you to know that we did certain things with the understanding that we would be able to do this, that that overnight would be permissible.

Mayor Greenbaum: It’s generally not, I think, whether it happened under Dave Scapicchio and I’m not saying that I’m opposed to it generally with the appropriate procedures in place to protect the residents. Generally our park system’s close at I think 10:00 pm at the latest depending upon the…or dusk for certain of our facilities. I’m okay with people staying in the park as long as there are appropriate procedures in place in terms of noise reduction, location, approval in advance, those types of things are all acceptable to me. Again, I think that’s something which would have to be codified by the Governing Body ultimately in terms of changing the way in which our parks are used after hours. I just think that that overnight would be permissible.

Mrs. Uhrmann: I agree, we’re not asking for any special favors.

Mayor Greenbaum: I just…

Mrs. Uhrmann: Yes, we’ve never asked for any special carve outs, however I do believe that if we’re going to carve out for carnivals, I think probably a Veteran would be a little bit…

Mayor Greenbaum: Agree 100 percent with you. I’m not saying that I’m…I’m saying that I’m in favor of allowing exactly what you’re asking for with the appropriate change in policy being adopted. That’s what I’m saying, I’m saying yes, but let’s look at what we need to do to make it happen.

Mrs. Uhrmann: Well, then I guess I’m here tonight requesting that we kind of look at, before we move forward with the Veteran’s Remembrance Wall. It is a very, very beautiful project, but it is going to require a one overnight minimally and then also looking at the aspects of if we do have a fallen hero and they want to start using the AVM to honor that hero and that’s going to happen, that’s going to start to happen and that’s why we pushed it in the front where we have the barn, we’ve got the Seward Mansion where we don’t really, they don’t go through the park, they come straight to the AVM. I really just…tonight I’m asking for you just to think about it. I want you to look at it, instead of anybody coming back and saying this can’t happen or whatever because you know I look at these and most that know the AVM, I look at these elements and they’re not done just because I took out a piece of paper and I designed something. We looked at it and we looked at it and it took years. For us to just say well this can’t happen, I really…we do have a Veteran’s Memorial in...
Turkey Brook Park and it’s no different than if you were to go to Washington DC and have the same reverence there. We’re trying to make…when we designed the AVM, we tried to make it as less maintenance as we possibly can, we’re always meeting with the Parks people and saying will this work for you, will this be convenient for you. We’ve taken…we’ve done, with everybody we don’t look at that we’re a carve out, but I do believe that we are a special entity simply because we work with the Veteran’s. We’re the only Veteran organization in Mount Olive. I think that that should be somewhat appreciated and acknowledged by the Governing Body because we do more than just the AVM, we do a lot of outreach. I have to tell you, its sometimes a little disheartening when we’re being thanked by outsiders saying “boy is your Township lucky” and we’re like “tell them about it” because we don’t feel, we don’t feel like we’re appreciated. We really don’t. Its…

Mayor Greenbaum: Well I can tell you from my perspective and I know I speak on behalf of the entire Council that we appreciate all of your efforts at the AVM on behalf of the residents of the Township.

Mrs. Uhrmann: Well, and you are kind of the, you…I will tell you I worked there almost every day and the residents all say “isn’t this…this is by far the best money that the Township…the taxpayers money that the Township is paying.” When I have volunteers out there they're like well the Town’s not building this.

Mayor Greenbaum: The Town does participate in providing you the land, providing you the services of our Buildings and Grounds, providing different aspects.

Mrs. Uhrmann: They’re a great support and I don’t doubt that.

Mayor Greenbaum: The taxpayers of Mount Olive are providing support to the majority of the effort that you put in to create and maintain the facility.

Mrs. Uhrmann: It’s a service Rob.

Mayor Greenbaum: I know…

Mrs. Uhrmann: It’s a service…

Mayor Greenbaum: Charlie, I know it is. I love…it is a creation of the love that you have for that project and for what stands behind that project. I know that your heart and everything that you do is for the right reason and doing it because your providing for everything that you’ve discussed here tonight in terms of for all the Veteran’s, for the Township, a place where people can go and be recognized or to contemplate or to remember all of those things. I know you’ve done a fantastic job and I’m not just saying that here because I came up to you in the parking lot when I saw it and told you I can’t tell you how many people have come up to me in the same way that you just addressed it and said what a wonderful facility, what a wonderful monument that the All Veteran’s Memorial is. I think…I can’t say it anymore then I speak on behalf of the…

Mrs. Uhrmann: No one’s asking. I just want…

Mayor Greenbaum: Notwithstanding that you have to understand I’m not against overnight vigils as long as there’s a procedure in place because you have to understand that we have to be able to provide security.

Mrs. Uhrmann: You know I want to stop you there Rob because the reason we found out that there was a conflict is because I was doing everything the way it should be. I was applying for the permits, we were doing everything. It’s not like we’re going willy-nilly and we’re doing this. We were applying for them, actually they were supposed to and when I got the email that they couldn’t apply for the permits…

Mayor Greenbaum: Yes.

Mrs. Uhrmann: …they asked me to. That’s how we ended up talking about it. We don’t ever take anything for granted. We follow the rules of the Township. That’s…

Mayor Greenbaum: I don’t doubt that. I’ve never heard anything to the contrary and unfortunately those two weekends out of all of the weekends and I know that’s the only weekend that works for your…for the group doing the re-creation.

Mrs. Uhrmann: That was the only weekend that the five…the four groups and we were very fortunate. I think…they said we’ll just be there, we’ll just be there and we’ll get our own parking and we’ll have zero…it’ll
be an added value with zero effect on...if we don’t advertise it we’re just going to be there as a beautiful setting for the All Veteran’s Memorial.

**Mayor Greenbaum:** There is nothing stopping anybody who wants to go into the park on that day to attend the All Veteran’s Memorial, to play basketball or whatever. The problem is that an organized event is not something which the park and the Township can accommodate for that weekend and the following weekend based upon, I know that the soccer club is going to have 150 teams there, it is going to be a zoo to start with. I’m not even sure that the re-creation in light of the fact that this massive soccer tournament is happening. Believe me that the soccer club also participates in maintenance and does significant purchasing for improvement of the Turkey Brook Park with their own dollars. For instance, the turf field that is in Turkey Brook was paid for entirely by soccer.

**Mrs. Uhrmann:** I understand how the method works Rob.

**Mayor Greenbaum:** Right.

**Mrs. Uhrmann:** We don’t want to get into that.

**Mayor Greenbaum:** Okay.

**Mrs. Uhrmann:** It’s debatable. What I would ask is…

**Mayor Greenbaum:** What is debatable?

**Mrs. Uhrmann:** I don’t want to get into that right now. I would ask the Council to at least consider that if there’s on an occasion for the AVM to have some vigils, it would be typically in the month of September, it’s with our POW’s/MIA’s, and if spending the evening in the park is going to be prohibited than we will not be able to go forward with the wall. That’s really the reason why I’m here today, is because if we can’t allow the POW’s and MIA’s to do the vigils and overnight, we…the wall would be pointless. That was really pretty much what the wall was going to be. I’m open for any questions if anybody has, otherwise I’ll just yield.

**President Nicastro:** If there’s any questions we’ll discuss it with Administration, with the Mayor and Administration…

**Mrs. Uhrmann:** Okay.

**President Nicastro:** …of what he’s bringing up.

**Mrs. Uhrmann:** Thanks for listening. Thank you very much.

**President Nicastro:** Thank you. Thank you for the AVM. It is a beautiful…

**Mrs. Uhrmann:** Your welcome.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**President Nicastro:** Does anyone else from the public wish to be heard? Seeing none. Closed to the public. Any Council Comments? Mr. Amianda?

**Mr. Amianda:** None.

**President Nicastro:** Mr. Ferrante?

**Mr. Ferrante:** I’d just like to welcome Andrew to the team.

**Mr. Tatarenko:** Thank you very much.

**President Nicastro:** Mr. Mania?

**Mr. Mania:** I just want to state that I’ve been a supporter of the AVM from day one. I’m a Veteran myself and I don’t know how many of us are Veteran’s up here, but I served my Country. I think the AVM is one of the best things that could’ve ever happened to Mount Olive.
Mrs. Uhrmann: Thank you John.

President Nicastro: Thank you. Mr. Stewart?

Mr. Stewart: In support of that, I’ve attended a couple of them, the ceremonies are phenomenal.

President Nicastro: Mr. Roman?

Mr. Roman: I’d like to welcome Andrew aboard and also reiterate the comments that I applaud Mrs. Uhrmann’s efforts, yeomen’s efforts with the AVM. It is definitely a hidden jewel among the jewel that is Turkey Brook Park. Also at this time I’d like to say that my heart is heavy over the horrendous and incomprehensible murders that occurred in Las Vegas this past weekend. I pray for the families of those that were affected and for the soul of this Country. Thank you.

President Nicastro: Thank you. The same there Alex on those comments, is horrendous what happened there. As well the Veteran’s Memorial, Charlie as we said, is a great place. In fact, my relatives I know just went there last week. How beautiful it is from out of Town. Everyone does recognize that and appreciate the efforts that you did, do to create that. Do we have a motion to adjourn?

ADJOURNMENT - Motion made and seconded. All in favor, none opposed, the meeting was adjourned at 8:31 pm.

Joe Nicastro, Council President

I, Michelle Masser, Township Clerk of Mount Olive do hereby certify that the foregoing Minutes are a true and correct copy of the Minutes approved at a legally convened meeting of the Mount Olive Township Council duly held on October 17, 2017.

Michelle Masser, Township Clerk