The Public Meeting of the Mount Olive Township Council was called to order at 7:17pm 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; Robert Greenbaum, Mayor; Andrew Tatarenko, Business Administrator; and Claudia Tomasello, Assistant Business Administrator

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

December 4, 2018 WS & PM

President Nicastro: Mr. Amianda, would you approve the Minutes from the previous meeting, Workshop and Public Meeting from December 4, 2018 please?

Mr. Amianda: Yes, Mr. President. I make a motion for approval of Minutes of previous meetings on Tuesday, December 4, 2018, Work Session and Public Meeting.

Mrs. Labow: Second.

President Nicastro: Anyone have any . . . anything on the Minutes? Seeing none. Roll Call please.

ROLL CALL: Passed unanimously

CORRESPONDENCE

LETTERS FROM RESIDENTS/ORGANIZATIONS/ OTHER TOWNS

1. Email received December 3, 2018 from New Jersey American Water regarding Welcome to New Jersey American Water’s NEWS DROP.

2. Email received December 5, 2018 from The Affordable Housing Alliance regarding The PAGE Program – Designed to Help Working, Moderate-Income NJ Families pay for their Gas/Electric bill(s).

3. Email received December 5, 2018 from Raritan Headwaters Newsletter regarding ‘Tis the Season.

4. Email received December 5, 2018 from NOFA-NJ re NOFA-NJ Upcoming Events.

5. Email received December 5, 2018 from Rebecca Moore regarding Life planning for seniors with disabilities.

6. Email received December 7, 2018 from Sustainable Jersey regarding One award and six sustainability success stories.

7. Email received December 10, 2018 from Sustainable Jersey regarding December Sustainability Hero Announced.

8. Publication received December 10, 2018 from ARC Morris regarding Winter 2018 Touchstone.

9. Email received December 11, 2018 from The Land Conservancy of New Jersey regarding Governor’s Environmental Excellence Award Received.
10. Email received December 12, 2018 from NOFA-NJ regarding NOFA-NJ Upcoming Events (and deadline notice for Vermont Compost Bulk Order).


RESOLUTIONS / ORDINANCES OTHER TOWNS

12. Letter received December 10, 2018 from the Township of Millburn regarding Resolution 18-250, Support the Upgrading and Improvement of Regional Infrastructure.

13. Email received December 11, 2018 from Chatham Borough regarding Chatham Borough Resolution Opposing the Legalization of Recreational Marijuana.

LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES


15. Email received December 11, 2018 from NJLM regarding Daily Update.

16. Email received December 13, 2018 from NJLM regarding Daily Update.

STATE AGENCIES

17. Email received on November 30, 2018 from NJDEP regarding NJDEP Weekly Update.

18. Email received on December 7, 2018 from NJDEP regarding NJDEP Weekly Update.

MORRIS COUNTY

19. Email received December 6, 2018 from Morris County regarding This Week in Morris County: Sheriff: Phone Scam Warning.

20. Email received December 10, 2018 from Morris County regarding MCPB Minutes.

21. Email received December 13, 2018 from Morris County regarding This Week in Morris County: Sheriff – Mt. Arlington Officer Struck.

UTILITIES

22. Email received December 6, 2018 from FirstEnergy Corp. regarding JCP&L Topic of the Month – Holiday Lighting Contest & Safety Reminder.

President Nicastro: We have 22 pieces of Correspondence. Anyone have anything on those? Seeing none. I open the hearing to the public on Ordinance #36-2018,

ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Ord.#36-2018 An Ordinance of the Township of Mount Olive, County of Morris, State of New Jersey to Amend and Supplement Chapter 550 “Land Use” to Establish Bond Requirements for Successor Developers.

President Nicastro: Mr. Ferrante.

Mr. Ferrante: Sure, I move for adoption and final passage, Ordinance #36-2018.

Mrs. Labow: Second.

President Nicastro: Anyone from the public wish to be heard? Seeing none. Closed to the public. Anyone from Council have anything? Seeing none. Roll Call please.
ROLL CALL: Passed unanimously

President Nicastro: Ordinance #36-2018 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. We have no Ordinances for first reading. We have 35 Consent Resolutions. Does anyone wish to move any to Non-Consent? Seeing none. Mrs. Labow, would you move Resolutions one through thirty-five?

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


2. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Amending a Contract Awarded to Equishare USA, LLC for The Valley Brook Horse Training Facility.

3. 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 Improvements to Waterloo Valley Road Project.


5. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with Weston Solutions, Inc. for Environmental Investigation Services in Connection with the Property Located at 20-23 Stonewald Court Drive, Budd Lake. (Block 3203, Lots 21 & 29)

6. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Authorizing the Award of Contract through the Houston-Galveston Area Council Cooperative Purchasing Program for a Ford F450 4X2 Diesel Type I Base Ambulance Remount for Budd Lake Rescue Squad.


8. Resolution of the Council of Mount Olive Township Entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Township of Roxbury. (Simulcast Radio System/Site)


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


14. Resolution of the Mayor and Council of Mount Olive Township Supporting National Police Week and Affording the Full Protections of the Collective Bargaining Agreement During the 2019 Police Unity Tour Riding Hours for Participating Officers.

15. 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 2018 Municipal Budget. ($5,500.00 for Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over – Y/E Holiday Crackdown)

16. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Authorizing the Award of Contract to Brave Industrial Paint, LLC for Bid No 25-2018 Coating of the 0.75 MG Sutton Plaza Water Storage Tank.


21. 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.) Revised

22. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Approving a Vendor Service Contract on a “Non-Fair and Open” Basis Pursuant to the “Pay-to-Play” Law. (USA Bluebook) Revised

23. 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. (William Stothoff Company) Revised

24. 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. (Performance Trailers Inc.) Revised

25. 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. (Dover Brake & Clutch Co., Inc.)

26. 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 2018. (The Buzak Law Group, LLC) Revised

27. 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 2018. (Habitat By Design, LLC) Revised

28. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Awarding a Professional Service Agreements Under the Non-Fair and Open Contracts in Accordance with the Pay-to-Play Law for the Year 2018. (Van Cleef Engineering Associates) Revised
29. 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. (Frank Rocco)

30. 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. (Stryker EMS)

31. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Authorizing the Use of the Educational Services Commission of the New Jersey Purchasing Contract for 2018. (Foley, Inc.)

32. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Authorizing the Use of a State Purchasing Contract for 2018. (Northeast Communications)

33. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Authorizing a Chapter 159 Budget Amendment in the 2018 Budget for a Donation – Benjamin Moore $1,075.00.

34. Resolution of the Township of Mount Olive Authorizing the Transfer of Unexpended Storm Control Appropriations to the Accumulated Snow Trust Fund.

35. Resolution of the Township of Mount Olive Authorizing the Cancellation of 2018 Appropriation Balances in the Current Fund.

Mrs. Labow: Thank you, Mr. President. I move Resolutions one through thirty-five . . .

Mr. Mania: Second.

Mrs. Labow: . . . for approval.

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

President Nicastro: Roll Call please.

ROLL CALL: Passed unanimously

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

MOTIONS
1. Bill List.

Mr. Mania: Thank you, Mr. President. I move for approval, the Bill List.

Mr. Roman: Second.

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

ROLL CALL: Passed unanimously

President Nicastro: Administrative Reports.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mayor Greenbaum: I'll start. Couple things. First of all, I would be remiss if I didn’t start with the passing of John Dorsey. John was, as I indicated before the meeting, Mount Olive’s number one fan during the time frame that he represented the Town from, I believe it was the early eighties through about 2012. It was a very lengthy period of time and those of us sitting up here who had the good fortune of actually working with John knew of his brilliance, of his tenacity, of his ability to take one Council member and pit them against another Council member and just enjoy watching the . . .

Mrs. Labow: The fight.
Mayor Greenbaum: ... acrimony that he had caused as a result of doing that. He was an incredibly generous individual who, I can’t tell you on how many occasions, came forward with donations for any number of different causes. You know, it’s easy to eulogize somebody after they’re gone and it’s unfortunate that we didn’t get to do it while he was still alive. After he had left us, I know that he had been suffering from some health conditions which really limited his public access but he was a piece of work and he was a good piece of work for the Township. He will be missed. Condolences to the family; to Fred and Susan. You know, obviously it was Fred’s partner. I know that they’re grieving as a result of the loss. The arrangements that I saw are ... viewings on Friday at a funeral home in Boonton, both in the afternoon and the evening. If you didn’t get the email, I can provide you with the exact information or I’m sure that Michelle can. Then, I believe that the funeral services and interment are on Saturday morning. So, I plan on going Friday in the afternoon to the viewing to pay my respects. So, that’s the sad news. Today we were very fortunate. We had a whole bunch of different events on the calendar basically from about 1:30pm on. There were just ... one event to the next today, as far as the Administration was concerned. One of the events was at the Holiday Inn and it was to receive this check, which you can see, was a donation to the Mount Olive Food Pantry of ...

Mrs. Labow: Nice.

Mayor Greenbaum: ... $1,256.00, so, kudos to the Holiday Inn. Once again, very grateful that they have provided for those in need in the fam ... in the Mount Olive Family who are otherwise not going to be able to feed their family, so, wonderful. I would hope that there are other businesses in Town also that would take this gesture and turn it into their own and also step up and provide for the Mount Olive Food Pantry. So, that’s a wonderful thing. I tried to cash the check myself; my bank told me they wouldn’t take it.

Mr. Roman: You’ve got to use the mobile app.

Mr. Stewart: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Greenbaum: Yes?

Mr. Stewart: Remember that we just finished the month of November with over 2,500 pounds of food that the Township businesses did collect for us.

Mayor Greenbaum: Yes. I do know that there are a lot of businesses that step up and I would hope that those that haven’t stepped up, will step up because it really is ... there’s nothing greater that we can do up here as a Council and an Administration than to be able to take care of some of the social service needs of our residents who are unable to take care of them themselves. Other than that, today, I obviously had a wonderful meeting with Michael Aaron sitting next to me from Troop 236 in Long Valley, who is looking to ultimately get to his Eagle Scout and this is the next step, I think, going from ... to second class to first class to ... wherever it goes from there. Life to ... right? How does it go?

Mr. Aaron: Star; life.

Mayor Greenbaum: Star; life. Yeah, so, wonderful. I hope that you continue on your trek to Eagle Scout. It’s an incredible accomplishment. We’re all very proud of all of our Boy Scouts that stay with the program and ultimately achieve the essential goal of becoming an Eagle Scout. Did three grand openings today. We were at ITC Subway Pizza which is taking the place of Stewarts in ... actually in Walmart.

Mrs. Labow: Walmart.

Mayor Greenbaum: If you haven’t seen the store, it is beautiful. They really ...

Mrs. Labow: Oh, really.

Mayor Greenbaum: ... came in with a new model Subway store. It’s bright; it’s clean. Yeah, it’s really pretty wonderful. Next to that, we went outside to ITC ... I mean, to Joe and Anthony’s pizza which took the place of the other pizza place that was there.

President Nicastro: Little Caesars.

Mayor Greenbaum: Little Caesars.

Mrs. Labow: Little Caesars.
Mayor Greenbaum: Pizza, pizza.

President Nicastro: Pizza, pizza.

Mayor Greenbaum: Joe and Anthony, as you know, are the owners of Frank’s Pizza in Flanders. Fortunately, I had a slice of pizza there, it was . . . it was really good.

Mrs. Labow: Really good.

Mayor Greenbaum: Finally, went to Revolution Fitness, which is a new gym/fitness facility, which is down in Flanders in the old building, kind of near Benjamin Moore that . . .

Mr. Stewart: Yeah.

Mayor Greenbaum: . . . there was a mortgage place in. Then it was empty for a long period of time so we wish him the best of luck and success in his business. So, it was a busy day. Besides that, I would just wish everybody a very happy, healthy holiday season and look forward to seeing everybody after the meeting for drink and dessert at my house.

President Nicastro: Thank you. Andrew.

Mr. Tatarenko: Just real quick, we have an active survey on our social media pages for the signage on the water tank.

President Nicastro: I filled it out.

Mrs. Labow: Yeah, I did too.

Mr. Tatarenko: After a couple hours, over 300 people already . . .

Mrs. Labow: Wow.

Mrs. Sharpe: Wow.

Mr. Tatarenko: . . . filled it out, so, there’s definitely interest in some signage on that.

President Nicastro: Alex was 299 of them, right?

Mayor Greenbaum: Yeah, anybody . . .

Mr. Roman: It will say “Home of Alex Roman.”

Mr. Tatarenko: It’ll be interesting to see what comes in.

Mr. Stewart: How many times did you log in?

President Nicastro: Well, Alex has a lot of email accounts . . .

Mr. Tatarenko: We try to limit the suggestions.

Miss Tomasello: You can’t see till the end, right?

Mayor Greenbaum: The one thing I can tell you is that nobody put “The Home of Alex Roman.”

Mr. Roman: You got a good spam blocker, I guess.

Mr. Stewart: Not even your wife.


OLD BUSINESS – none
NEW BUSINESS – none

LEGAL MATTERS

Mrs. Sharpe: Nothing to report but on behalf of Fred, thank you very much for the kind words and condolences. I will be sure to pass them along.

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

COUNCIL REPORTS

Board of Education Liaison Report
Senior Citizen Liaison

Mr. Amianda: Board of Education held its Work Session meeting on Monday, December 10, 2018 at the Administration Building, 6:30pm. After opening activities and action procedure, the floor was open for public discussion. Mr. Robert Zywicki, the new Superintendent of Schools, gave a report on status of schools. He thanked the school community for the warm welcome he received when he arrived and continues to receive. Our schools are doing well on standardized tests. He praised the faculty who are committed to student experience and quality of instruction. Mr. Zuzek . . . Zuyek wants . . .

Mayor Greenbaum: Zywicki.

Mr. Amianda: . . . Zywicki wants to celebrate district success through social media, increase technology, and parental and student participation in the process of education. Mr. Zywicki is a dynamic leader who brings innovation to the way children learn. Board of Education discussed school reports and took actions on Personnel Committee Report and Curriculum and Instruction Report. The Board of Education also approved Business Administrative Report. The Board of Education approved Business Administrator’s Merit Goal for 2018-2019 school year. They also approved the Superintendent’s Merit for 2018-2019 school year. There is no report from the Senior Citizens.

President Nicastro: Anything on Seniors, did you say, Mr. Amianda?

Mr. Roman: No.

President Nicastro: No, okay, I’m sorry. Thank you. Mr. Ferrante, anything on Lake, Environmental, or Library?

Environmental Committee – none
Lake Issues – none
Library Board Liaison

Mr. Ferrante: Just on the Library. The Library Director will be looking for the Council to pass a Resolution supporting the delivery services between the libraries in the County and the State. They just passed it themselves and they’re just looking for our support. It sounds like the State Library is looking to move their resources elsewhere which would, you know, cause a little financial burden on all the libraries in the County. I don’t know if they’ve reached out yet but they’re going to be looking for us to pass a Resolution just supporting them as well. That’s all.

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

Economic Development Committee Report
Community Action Panel Report

Mr. Stewart: Community Action Panel did not meet in December but the Economic Development Committee, in partnership with the Mount Olive Area Chamber and obviously our Township, is hosting a job fair open to everybody in the community. Complimentary, January 9, 2019 and as a matter of fact, the Holiday Inn has offered their location complimentary to us to have it at. Right now, . . .

Mrs. Labow: Nice.
Mr. Stewart: . . . we have about 20 companies including a couple educational components as well, for business education for the folks. Centenary, CCM, Morris County Tech, and the Small Business Center . . . Training Centers are all participating.

President Nicastro: Very good. 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: Yes, Open Space, we met this past Monday and I had called Sue to check in to a donation we have for the Morris Canal. I think she’s going to check with Andrew. We want to kind of wrap that up and see what the status is and what we need to do to make it happen as it’s a very important piece of the canal to connect to Waterloo Village and Mount Olive. Also, we were talking about the possibility of building a new dog park over at the Greenway. They were a little bit upset that before any survey went out, that they weren’t consulted since it’s a very diverse group that knows a lot about all these types of things and I said “Well, before they did that, the first thing would be the dog owners. You want to see how they feel. That’s why the survey really basically went out and it seemed to be well received.” So, they would like to know, could we have a plan? Or is there anything in the works for that?

Mr. Tatarenko: We looked at the survey results and it was mixed feelings and after reading all the input, we just felt that it’s . . . it’s fine where it is; that there’s no need to change it.

Mrs. Labow: I think it would, personally, I think it would be a wonderful idea to move it over there because it is a much better location but without having a proposal to find out . . . well there’s some things like with the dog park now, the fence wasn’t properly installed. It was supposed to go down a couple of feet and there was all kinds of issues with that. So, there’s a lot of repairs that have to be done to it. So, instead of going in to putting more money into the location now, if we moved it over to the Greenway, it’ll help to encourage people to start using more of the trail system, for one thing. I think for the dogs, it’s just a good location in terms of now when we have functions going on, the dog park gets closed, and having the dog park moved over there; that’s not going to happen. I don’t think a lot of people really understood like the location and the pluses and minuses. So, my question is, how do we go about . . . what would the cost be to develop a plan as to what we could do?

Mr. Tatarenko: It all depends on what you want to see. I mean, right now, the dog park is just fencing and some structures. You know, some of the concerns that the residents brought up were safety issues, having something so secluded, and not part of the park system. You know, they were inquiring if we could get water out there, which we wouldn’t be able to do, so some of the things they wanted to see in a new dog park, we weren’t able to facilitate . . .

Mrs. Labow: Do we have water now?

Mr. Roman: No.

Mr. Tatarenko: No.

Mrs. Labow: No.

Mayor Greenbaum: By . . . by choice.

Mrs. Labow: Yeah.

Mayor Greenbaum: It was set up that way. Willie Cirone had looked at the water and decided that there were particular issues . . .

Mrs. Labow: Yeah.

Mayor Greenbaum: . . . that were associated with actually providing water rather than the residents bringing water.

Mrs. Labow: Yeah, that’s what some of the . . . conversations I had with people. They said there was . . . well, most of the dog parks you’ve got to bring your own water, so, it’s like that’s not a . . .

Mayor Greenbaum: I think the bigger concern is the isolation of the . . .
Mrs. Labow: It’s not isolated. That’s what really confuses me.

Mr. Roman: As someone who uses that dog park . . .

President Nicastro: Yeah.

Mr. Roman: . . . for their much . . .

President Nicastro: I use it . . .

Mrs. Labow: Do you?

President Nicastro: . . . too.

Mr. Roman: Yeah.

President Nicastro: I like it there too.

Mr. Roman: One, because you realize that at Turkey Brook it becomes a family event.

Mrs. Labow: Mhm.

Mr. Roman: So, while your kid can be playing basketball, you could be walking your dog. Now when you start separating them, it’s like “All right, I’ll drop you off and then maybe take the dog to the dog park that’s . . . you know, farther away.” I . . . you know, . . .

Mrs. Labow: So, we don’t want to . . .

Mr. Roman: . . . and also, one thing, because it is so visible; women that go by themselves that maybe have a smaller dog will feel a lot more comfortable in this open area versus in a secluded, you know, it gets a little bit darker there sooner in the other . . . in the Greenway, so, I’m glad we’re not moving it and I’m glad the residents . . .

Mrs. Labow: So, it doesn’t sound like there’s Council support overall.

Mr. Roman: No, not from me.

Mrs. Labow: All right. Forget about . . . looking at the cost of it . . .

Mr. Mania: Forget about it.

Mrs. Labow: . . . it’s not . . . that I will report back to . . .

Mr. Mania: Forget about it.

Mrs. Labow: . . . Open Space that we’re not doing it.

President Nicastro: Forget about it.

Mrs. Labow: Thank you. And then, yeah, forget about it.

President Nicastro: Forget about it.

Mr. Mania: Forget about it.

Mrs. Labow: Board of Health meets tomorrow and for Stigma Free . . . I just want to . . . this is our last meeting at the end of the year, and I just want to say, you know, coming into the new year, I’d like . . . there seems to be more and more awareness of being Stigma Free communities. You see a lot of more and I know a lot of people at first are saying “Stigma Free; what does that mean?” Well, you know, the reality is it used to be called a label, you don’t want to label somebody, you know? Now it’s called Stigma. So, what it is . . . I think we should all take an opportunity . . . any opportunity we have to just say a kind word to somebody, whether they have an issue or not. You ever walk into a store or walk down the street and somebody is coming in the other direction and you just say “Oh, good morning.” They’re taken aback and they put a smile on our face.
Mr. Roman: Hello Rachel.

Mrs. Labow: So, if we could all just make an effort to do that and give everybody an opportunity to have that feel good, “Hello, how are ya?” . . . and stop being so judgmental of people because we’re all unique and wonderful all in our own ways. Even John, right here, he’s . . .

President Nicastro: Yeah.

Mrs. Labow: . . . really unique.

Mr. Roman: His tie is unique.

Mrs. Labow: He’s a good guy.

President Nicastro: Thank you.

Mrs. Labow: Thank you.

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

Legislative Committee Report – none
Planning Board Report

Mr. Mania: Yes, Planning, we had a meeting last Thursday. We had an extension request for two “c” variances, single family dwellings, one on 33 Netcong Road; the other on 14 First Street. We also had a request to amend a Resolution for the Mount Olive Veterinary Hospital. We had Lowe’s Home Center revised final site plan, Walmart with a revised final site plan, and a . . . a “d” variance for Prism Holdings and we have a meeting this coming Thursday.

President Nicastro: Mr. Roman?

Mr. Roman: John, what’s Walmart doing?

President Nicastro: The trailer. Probably the trailer.

Mr. Mania: It’s the outside storage . . .

Mr. Roman: Oh, okay. That’s right.

Mr. Mania: . . . there was a concern and the same thing with Lowes. They have two trailers back there. They pick up appliances; they don’t put them in the trucks. They leave them outside.

Mr. Roman: All right.

Mr. Mania: Chuck saw it and brought it to our attention.

Mrs. Labow: Wow.

Mr. Roman: Do you know what’s going on with the . . . the Kennedy’s Pub? Is that . . .

Mr. Mania: No, nothing’s come before the Board.

Mrs. Labow: Yeah.

Mr. Roman: Oh, so there’s no plans at all?

Mr. Mania: Nothing yet.

Mr. Roman: Okay. Thank you.

President Nicastro: Mr. Roman, anything on . . .

Mr. Mania: Thank you, Mr. President.
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: Anyone from the public wish to be heard? Seeing none. Closed to the public. Council Comments, Mr. Amianda.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Amianda: Yeah, I join everybody in mourning the passing of our late attorney Dorsey.

President Nicastro: Thank you. Mr. Ferrante.

Mr. Ferrante: Sure, I just want to wish everybody a happy and healthy end of the year and I look forward to another successful year next year.

President Nicastro: Mrs. Labow.

Mrs. Labow: Thank you. I also . . . I’m devastated at the passing of Mr. Dorsey, Senator Dorsey. I will say, when I first met him, I didn’t . . .

Mayor Greenbaum: Oh, he was your enemy number one when you were running for office.

Mrs. Labow: . . . he was my enemy number one when I first met him and it was . . . you have to go back and listen to one Council Meeting when I was still in the audience; I hadn’t been elected yet. I came up to the podium. Everybody told me “Oh, you can’t make John mad. You can’t make John mad. He’ll get even with you. You know, he’s . . . he’ll, you know he’s known for making cement shoes and throwing people in Budd Lake, you know.”

Mr. Mania: And he wasn’t Italian either.

Mrs. Labow: No, I know and so I went up at the podium and I said to him, you know, I said “Mr. Dorsey, do you want to know what size shoes I wear?” and he goes “Why do I want to know what size shoes you wear?” I said “Well, make sure you get . . . I want you to make sure you get the cement boots right so when you throw me in the lake, I don’t like float back up.” and he goes “Oh no, we don’t want that to happen.” It was funny, as much as I really didn’t care for him, after getting to know him, I have to tell you, I just absolutely loved the man. I had said to him one time, I said “You know, John, a very strange thing happened at Town the other day. Somebody was complaining about you and I actually was defending you. I don’t know what the heck happened. I guess I was drinking the Kool-Aid,” and Fred had told me a couple years back that John had said to him “I never thought I’d like her, but I really like her.” So, it was . . .

Mayor Greenbaum: Fred says that to everybody.

Mrs. Labow: Yeah, I heard. He even said that about you, Rob.

Mayor Greenbaum: I know.

Mrs. Labow: So, it was a relationship that we really, we were . . . started out with a . . . I was complaining about an issue, he said “You don’t like it, sue us.” I did. I won. He wasn’t very happy about that and the rest of the time on Council he would constantly tease me when a question came up about Ordinance. He’d go “Oh, don’t ask me, you’ve got to ask Mrs. Labow, she’s the resident expert.”

Mayor Greenbaum: Yeah.

Mrs. Labow: I do miss him and I certainly hope he rests in peace and he really was truly a wonderful person.

Mayor Greenbaum: Sometimes.

Mrs. Labow: Some . . . yeah. Deep down, he was really a good guy. Very generous . . .
Mayor Greenbaum: He was.

Mrs. Labow: So, and I want to wish everybody very happy holidays. Very happy, healthy, prosperous New Year and just take every day, each day as it comes and be thankful when we do wake up.

President Nicastro: That’s right.

Mrs. Labow: Thank you.

President Nicastro: Mr. Mania.

Mr. Mania: Yes, as far as concerning Mr. Dorsey, he was also a great State Senator. Not only the Township Attorney, but became a dear friend of mine. He’s going to be sorely missed.

Mrs. Labow: He’s been sorely missed.

Mr. Mania: I want to wish everybody a happy and healthy holidays because health is wealth. Thank you.

President Nicastro: Mr. Stewart.

Mr. Stewart: Wow. I echo everybody’s comments though, about Senator Dorsey, as well as happy holidays, Merry Christmas, and a great new year to everybody.

President Nicastro: Mr. Roman.

Mr. Roman: When I first got on Council, I was warned not to piss John off. I am so lucky that I never did. I was . . . it was like having . . . getting the approval of that grandfather, the crotchety old man. I learned a lot from John and I’m sad to see that he has passed. I’m grateful that he’s no longer suffering and I wish his family nothing but the best through this harsh time. I want to wish everybody a Merry Christmas and happy holidays. Thank you for once again, for making 2018 another great year in Mount Olive. It’s great to serve with the rest of you, even though we sometimes may disagree on certain things, it is always done out of love, and for that I thank you.

President Nicastro: There isn’t much more I can say when it gets to this point. Everybody already said everything so, I say ditto to everybody and I echo Alex, especially the end part about thanking everyone because we have a great body here that works together very well and a good Administration and good people here and it makes it . . . it’s been a pleasure for me for eight years already, coming up. It’s hard to believe, it’ll be going on eight years and you know, alls you ever . . . every time I tell somebody about Mount Olive they say “Oh, I remember when it was so tough there.”

Mrs. Labow: Yeah.

President Nicastro: I say “Well, I don’t remember any of that because so far, we’ve been lucky for the years I’ve been on.”

Mr. Mania: We remember that, don’t we though?

Mrs. Labow: Then the ones who remember it are so thankful for . . .

President Nicastro: For what we have now, right?

Mrs. Labow: . . . getting things done.

President Nicastro: Thank you, everybody.

Mrs. Labow: Thanks to Rob and the Administration.

President Nicastro: Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Do we have a . . .?

Mayor Greenbaum: Best of luck to Michael Aaron in his pursuit of his . . .

President Nicastro: . . . and Michael, yes . . .
Mr. Stewart: Yes.

President Nicastro: . . . best of luck on the . . . the scout.

Mayor Greenbaum: . . . next . . .

Mrs. Labow: Yes . . .

Mayor Greenbaum: . . . goal and scouting.

Mr. Stewart: Thanks for coming.

Mrs. Labow: Best of Luck, Michael.

President Nicastro: Do we have a motion to adjourn?

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

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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 January 8, 2018.

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Michelle Masser, Township Clerk