The Public Meeting of the Mount Olive Township Council was called to order at 7:22 pm by Council President Nicastro.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT ANNOUNCEMENT

Miss Gouveia: 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. Stewart, Mr. Roman and Mr. Nicastro

Absent: Mr. Mania

Also Present: Susan Gouveia, Township Deputy Clerk; Dawn Sullivan, Township Attorney; Andrew Tatarenko, Business Administrator; Claudia Tomasello, Assistant Business Administrator; Robert Greenbaum, Mayor and Sherry Kolody, CFO

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

December 19, 2017 PM

President Nicastro: Mr. Amianda, would you approve the Minutes from the December 19, 2017 Public Meeting?

Mr. Amianda: Yes Mr. President. I make a motion for approval of the Minutes of the previous meeting…

President Nicastro: Previous.

Mr. Amianda: …on December 19, 2017.

Mrs. Labow: Second.

President Nicastro: Any discussion? Roll Call please.

Roll Call: Passed unanimously

CORRESPONDENCE

LETTERS FROM RESIDENTS/ORGANIZATIONS/ OTHER TOWNS

1. Letter received December 13, 2017, from Community Coalition for a Safe & Healthy Morris regarding the Public Law 2000 C.33 concerning possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages by underage persons called the “Private Property Ordinance.”

2. Local Finance Notice 2017-26 received December 15, 2017, from New Jersey Department of Community Affairs regarding CY 2018 Budget Matters.

3. Email received December 19, 2017, from Sustainable Jersey regarding Start Your New Year Off Right.


7. Email received December 31, 2017, from Raritan Headwaters regarding Three reasons to give now.

8. Email received January 10, 2018, from Sustainable Jersey regarding January Sustainability Hero Announced.
RESOLUTIONS / ORDINANCES OTHER TOWNS

9. Ordinance received December 20, 2017, from Township of Chester regarding Notice of Ordinance Adoption: 2017-09; an Ordinance Amending the Code of the Township of Chester as to Chapter 113 Land Use as to Article 55 General Provisions §113-361, and Schedule of Fees and Article 53, Zoning, §113-355, Regulations of Signs, Fees.

STATE AGENCIES

10. Email received December 15, 2017, from New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection regarding NJDEP Weekly Update.

11. Letter received December 18, 2017, from EnviroTrac Ltd. regarding Public Notification LNA Facility No. 57203, 292 Route 206 South, Flanders, NJ (Block 6800, Lot 5); NJDEP Case #89-10-05-0923, NJDEP PI #007190.


13. Email received December 21, 2017, from New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection regarding NJDEP Happy Holidays and Weekly Update.

14. Letter received December 27, 2017, from New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection regarding Freshwater Wetlands Letter of Interpretation: Line Verification; File No.: 1427-04-0014.2, FWW 170001; Applicant: Morris Mount Olive Associates, LLC (Block 400; Lots 1 and 2) (Block 500; Lots 2 and 3), Mount Olive.

15. Email received December 28, 2017, from New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection regarding NJDEP Weekly Update.

16. Email received January 3, 2018, from FEMA regarding FEMA Region II Individual and Community Preparedness Bulletin.

17. Email received January 5, 2018, from Department of Community Affairs regarding Protected Tenancy Figures and Qualifying County Protected Tenancy Figures for 2018.

18. Letter received January 11, 2018, from New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection regarding Area of Concern: One – 550 gallon #2 Heating Oil Underground Storage Tank System; Unrestricted Use – No Further Action Letter and Covenant Not to Sue; (Block 2000, Lot 13); 15 Kenmar Road, Mount Olive; Program Interest #: 768270, Activity Number: CSP170001; Communications Center Number: 17-07-24-1047-59.

MSA/MUA

19. Email received December 22, 2017, from Musconetcong Sewerage Authority regarding MSA November 21, 2017 Meeting Minutes.

20. Letter received January 5, 2018, from Musconetcong Sewerage Authority regarding Allocations for the Participating Municipalities in the 4.31 MGD Water Pollution Control Plant.

MORRIS COUNTY

21. Email received December 21, 2017, from County of Morris regarding This Week in Morris County: Merry Christmas Morris County!

22. Email received January 4, 2018, from County of Morris regarding This Week in Morris County: Send Us Your Morris County Photos!

23. Email received January 11, 2018, from County of Morris regarding This Week in Morris County: Send Us Your Morris County Photos!
UTILITIES

24. Letter received December 18, 2017, from New Jersey American Water regarding Petition for Approval of Increased Tariff rates and Charges for Water and Wastewater Service; Change in Depreciation Rates and Other Tariff Modifications; BPU Docket No. WR17090985; OAL Docket No. PUC-14251-2017S.


26. Letter received January 4, 2018, from New Jersey American Water regarding Petition to Change the Levels of its Purchased Water Adjustment Clause and Purchased Wastewater (Sewerage) Treatment Adjustment Clause; BPU Docket No. WR17111145; OAL Docket No. PUC 16837-2017S.

President Nicastro: We have 26 pieces of Correspondence. Does anyone have anything on those? Seeing none. Next item on the Agenda for first reading is Ordinance #1-2018,

ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING – none

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING – 2nd reading January 30, 2018


President Nicastro: Mr. Ferrante.

Mr. Ferrante: Sure, I move that Ordinance #1-2018 be introduced by title and passed on first reading and that a meeting be held on January 30, 2018 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.

Mrs. Labow: Second.

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

Roll Call: Passed unanimously

President Nicastro: Next item on the Agenda is Ordinance #2-2018,

Ord. #2-2018 An Ordinance of the Township of Mount Olive Amending Ordinance #26-17 Which Established Salaries for the Mayor, Council, Department Heads, Supervisory Personnel and Employees of the Township Clerk’s Office.

President Nicastro: Mrs. Labow.

Mrs. Labow: Thank you Mr. President. I move that Ordinance #2-2018 be introduced by title and passed on first reading and that a meeting be held on January 30, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the Municipal Building, 204 Flanders-Drakestown Road, Budd Lake, New Jersey for a public hearing, consideration of second reading, and passage of said Ordinance and that the Clerk be directed to publish, post and make available said Ordinance in accordance with the requirements of the law.

President Nicastro: Thank you.

Mr. Stewart: Second.

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

Roll Call: Passed unanimously

President Nicastro: Next item on the Agenda is Ordinance #3-2018,
Ord. #3-2018  An Ordinance of the Township of Mount Olive, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Vacating a Portion of Third Street by the Township.

President Nicastro:  Mr. Stewart.

Mr. Stewart:  Thank you Mr. President. I move that Ordinance #3-2018 be introduced by title and passed on first reading and that a meeting will be held on January 30, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the Municipal Building, 204 Flanders-Drakestown Road, Budd Lake, New Jersey for a public hearing, consideration of second reading, and passage of said Ordinance and that the Clerk be directed to publish, post and make available said Ordinance in accordance with the requirements of the law.

President Nicastro:  Do we have a second?

Mrs. Labow:  Second.

President Nicastro:  Any Council discussion?

Mrs. Labow:  I have a question.

President Nicastro:  Yes.

Mrs. Labow:  What is the reason for this?

Mr. Tatarenko:  There was a request made by a resident. It was reviewed by our Engineer and the Town has no issue with the vacation.

Mrs. Labow:  That’s right next to my house. That’s why I’m asking, what’s the reason. I know the people, I’m just wondering why they want to have that vacated. What’s going…

Mayor Greenbaum:  They want it vacated so that they end up getting a portion of the road.

Mrs. Labow:  I have a portion of the road. My property goes right across the road. Can I set up a toll bridge?

Mr. Stewart:  Are you going to share the revenue?

President Nicastro:  Get a lot of traffic through there?

Mrs. Labow:  Sure, I’ll donate it.

President Nicastro:  Any other questions? Anyone from the public wish to be heard on that Ordinance? 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 Council of Mount Olive Township Commending Officer John M. Bevacqua on His Retirement From the Mount Olive Township Police Department.

2. A Resolution of the Township of Mount Olive, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Reappointing Michael A. Paciowski as a Member of the Musconetcong Sewerage Authority.

3. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Closing the Bridge on Flanders Drakestown Road at the Intersection With River Road Between January 31st 2018 Through April 30th 2018.
4. 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 December 19, 2017 (Block 7100 Lot 2, 190 Tinc Road).

5. Resolution Waiving Plumbing Subcode Fees to Custom Fabs Inc. For the NJDEP Water Line Extension Project.


7. A Resolution of the Township of Mount Olive, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Release of the Inspection Escrow in Connection with Development of the Property Designated as Block 4100, Lots 80, 83 and 84 (Mountain Ridge Estates).

8. A Resolution of the Township of Mount Olive, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Release of the Performance Bond and Cash Bond For Site Improvements in Connection With Development of the Property Designated as Block 8000, Lot 33.

9. A Resolution of the Township of Mount Olive, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Release of the Performance Bond and Cash Bond For Site Improvements in Connection With Development of the Property Designated as Block 1700, Lots 23 and 24, and Block 1402, Lot 21. (Camelot Estates)


11. A Resolution of the Township of Mount Olive, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Regarding Shared Services With the Township of Allamuchy For Administration and Enforcement of the New Jersey Uniform Fire Code For the Years 2018 - 2019.

12. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Authorizing the Expenditure of Certain Funds From the Township’s Tree Bank Fund For the Beautification of Mount Playmore, All Veterans Memorial and Other Municipal Sites.

13. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Authorizing the Award of Contract to Bubble Palooza For Competitive Contract For Bubble Run Event.


17. 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 (Realty Appraisal Co.).

18. 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 Land Conservancy of New Jersey).

19. 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 (Skylands Risk Management).

20. 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 (Edmunds and Associates).
21.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 (Barry Krauser, LLC).

22. A Resolution of the Township of Mount Olive, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Endorsing the Housing Element and Fair Share Plan Adopted by the Township Planning Board on December 21, 2017. *Added 1/16/2018*

**President Nicastro:** We have 22 Resolutions. Does anyone wish to move any to Non-Consent? Seeing none.

**Mr. Roman:** I move for approval of Resolutions one through twenty-two.

**Mr. Stewart:** Second.

**President Nicastro:** Any Council discussion on any? Anyone from the public wish to be heard on any Resolutions? Seeing none. Closed to the public. Roll Call please.

**Roll Call:** Passed unanimously

**MOTIONS**

1. Bill List.

**President Nicastro:** Mr. Amianda, would you move the Bill List for approval?

**Mr. Amianda:** I move for approval of the Bill List.

**Mr. Roman:** Second.

**President Nicastro:** Thank you. Any discussion? Anyone from the public? Seeing none. Roll Call please.

**Roll Call:** Passed with the exception Mr. Nicastro abstained on check #81663

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

**President Nicastro:** Administrative Reports. Mayor, Andrew?

**Mayor Greenbaum:** Yes, I’ll start. Last week, it was either Thursday or Friday, I got a call from Tim McDonough the Mayor of Hope. It was also, I guess as his second job is some type of Marketing and Public Relations individual, who told me or asked me whether or not I could take a conference call from Wal-Mart at 10:15 am. I was in Court, I said as long as I’m not before the Judge, happy to take the call. About 10:15 am, my phone rings, I take the call, it’s an individual from Wal-Mart who obviously advised me, as you all know at this point, that Sam’s Club was closing immanently. My question to the representative of Wal-Mart was, what does immanently mean. She said well the doors are already locked. There was absolutely no notice. About 140 employees lost their jobs as a result of Sam’s Club closing. I later came to learn that Sam’s Club closed down 63 stores nationwide and Mount Olive was one of those stores. It was a business decision that was made by them. It seemed to me that Sam’s Club was always busy, but we don’t know what the profit margins are. My understanding is that these big box stores make their money off of memberships and that the margins on the sales are so small. For whatever reason, it didn’t fit into Wal-Mart’s plan, so immediately my office got to work in terms of looking at any ways that we could help the employees. I don’t know how many of them live in Town, but all of them worked in Town. As you know tomorrow between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm, we have established a job fair in conjunction with Mountaintop Church, which is at 6 Naughright Road in Hackettstown, but it’s actually Mount Olive. It’s kind of behind Johnson Dodge on Naughright Road. We have over 30 businesses who have stepped up to the plate and are…and will be looking for employees, so we’re very excited. In addition, the County of Morris was very responsive and they will have a representative present at the job fair in terms of Social Services that the County is able to provide. Whether it be by way of food stamps or any other Social Service, obviously we’re not in a position to provide Social Services. We’re very thankful to the community for stepping up to the plate to help those in need and we’re hopeful that we will get a good response in terms of those who have lost their jobs. That again will be tomorrow from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at Mountaintop Church. I wanted to thank Lisa Brett who spearheaded this effort on behalf of my office. It’s really touching when the community steps up to help each other.

**Mr. Stewart:** Mayor, we also pushed it through the Chamber too. Same message.
Mayor Greenbaum: Great. That’s all that I have.

President Nicastro: Yes, thank you for that quick response too. It was a quick response.

Mayor Greenbaum: Quick response.

President Nicastro: Andrew.

Mr. Tatarenko: I’d just like to announce that myself, Sue Sharpe and Jack Koczan will be driving down to Trenton tomorrow morning, weather permitting, to meet with DEP to discuss the Combe Landfill Solar Project. We’re excited about that meeting tomorrow morning.

Mrs. Labow: Nice.

President Nicastro: Very good. Thank you. Does anyone have any Old Business? Seeing none. Does anybody have any New Business? Is that a hand?

Mr. Roman: No.

OLD BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS – none

President Nicastro: I saw the hand. Any Legal Business?

LEGAL MATTERS

Ms. Sullivan: Yes Mr. President. Sue Sharpe and Chuck McGroarty appeared before Judge Nergaard last Friday on the Affordable Housing for a compliance hearing and there are very, very few small tasks that still need to be completed. She was very satisfied and pleased. I believe you should all have a memo in your packets that Sue put together giving a comprehensive run down. We’re…it’s anticipated that at the next hearing that she will issue her final findings of fact and compliance order.

President Nicastro: Thank you very much.

Ms. Sullivan: You’re welcome.

COUNCIL REPORTS

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

Board of Education Liaison Report
Senior Citizen Liaison – none

Mr. Amianda: Yes Mr. President. I have a report on the Board of Education. Mount Olive Board of Education met Monday, January 8, 2018 for their Reorganization Meeting at the Board Administration Building at 6:30 pm. After opening activities, a Call to Order, Flag Salute, Moment of Reflection and Statement of Advance Notice, the Board of Education nominated and elected Ms. Elizabeth Quimet, Board President, for the 2018 calendar year. The Board of Education also nominated and elected Dr. Antoine Gayles, Board Vice President, for the calendar year of 2018. Reorganization action items included Board Presidents annual review of the School Ethics Act and Code of Ethics. Board Attorney reviewed School Ethics Act and the Board Member Code of Ethics. The floor was open for public comments. Board action items included the appointment and confirmation of Ms. Lynn Jones, Board Secretary, appointed and confirmed, Marc Zitomer, Board Attorney, appointed and confirmed, Mr. Thomas Ferry, Board Auditor and appointed and confirmed Professional Services. That is my Board of Education report.

President Nicastro: Thank you.

Mr. Amianda: The Mount Olive Senior Citizen’s did not hold their meeting. The weather has really affected it. All of this month, all of their meetings have been cancelled.

President Nicastro: Yes.
Mr. Amianda: Today was to cover the other meeting they missed, but they also called it off. It has been a very bad month for the Senior Citizen’s.

President Nicastro: Okay, thank you very much. Mr. Ferrante, anything on Environmental, Lake or Library?

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

Mr. Ferrante: Nothing until next month.

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

Economic Development Committee Report – none
Community Action Panel Report

Mr. Stewart: No meeting on Economic Development, no formal meeting, but we did kick around, update the charts with everybody who’s on it. Community Action Panel, yes we had our first meeting last week. Starting to finalize what’s going to be the event in the July, August or September timeframe for the community with the smaller business targets.

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

Open Space Committee Report – none
Board of Health Report – none

Mrs. Labow: We had to cancel the Open Space meeting because of the weather, so we’ll be meeting in February. Tomorrow night we meet for the Board of Health.

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

Legislative Committee Report – none
Planning Board Report – none
Recreation Liaison Report – none
Pride Committee Report – none

Mr. Roman: We meet later this month.

PUBLIC PORTION

President Nicastro: Thank you. Does anyone from the public wish to be heard? If you do, just go up to the front, please state your name and address for the record.

Mr. Backman: Good evening everybody.

Mrs. Labow: Good evening.

President Nicastro: Good evening.

Mr. Backman: My name is Jonathan Backman. I live at 6 Indian Spring Road in Budd Lake. I grew up in Flanders, my…me and my wife. Both of our parents still live here. We had our first daughter, she’s two and a half now and that’s when we moved back to Budd Lake. We have another son who’s seven months old. We love it here, that’s why we moved back. We loved growing up here. All the diversity, things to do, it’s just a great Town. When we moved here, it’s been two years, November of 2016, we’ve had bad water pressure at the end of Indian Spring Road which is right at the top of Sand Shore Hill, when you come up Route 46. At the maximum it has been 20 psi regularly going below that to 17 psi. We’ve called a few times and it has been explained that we’re at the top of the mountain, so we have the lowest water pressure because of the elevation change. We’ve basically dealt with it. We were encouraged to buy a booster pump, which would boost pressure into our house. A couple of our neighbors have done that. We’ve been explained too that a couple of our neighbors have done that and they’ve had good results. If you do that, that would be good too. Now that would be out of our pocket and then also our electricity usage. Three quarter horse support motor, does…uses a significant amount of energy. Anyway, we’ve been dealing with it for the last two years. Since Thursday morning, we’ve had no water pressure. It’s been between six and eight psi which is very minimal and barely any in our running. According to the New Jersey the Safe Drinking Water Act, 20 psi is the absolute minimum. Safe Drinking Water Act 7:10 in section of the Safe Drinking Water Act, section 11.9 (d) specifies that a pressure loss is anything less than 20 psi. Throughout the two years, like I said, the 20 psi is the max that I’ve gotten in my home personally. When any time that in the main that the water is supposed to be less than 20 psi
according to section 2.4 (b), the Water Department or the water supplier is supposed to report that to the DEP within six hours and of any unplanned outage. Planned outages, they have five days to notify the DEP. The water suppliers also are supply…also supposed to notify the residents. That is from section 5.5 (b) and they’re also supposed to…yes, they’re supposed to notify the residents at any time that’s supposed to…drops below 20 psi. This unfortunately I just found out within the last four days, sorry five days since I’ve had no water pressure. Looking a little more into it, with adding a booster pump, that would cover up any of this pressure loss that was in my main, so if it did drop below 20 psi, I would have no knowledge because I would turn on my water pressure, I would have okay water pressure, but I wouldn’t know that my water could potentially be contaminated. Under 20 psi, the loss of pressure endangers public health from the EPA, this is exactly what this states. Loss of pressure endangers public health because of the high protentional of the introduction of contaminants through back siphonage and through pipe joints and holes in pipes. Since Thursday, I was told that a pipe was broken and then the power…it made a big power outage on Friday also attributed to it that the water level in the tank that supplies my house was low and it’d take a while to fill up and that I would have water pressure back pretty soon. That was Thursday and Friday. Today I still have eight pounds of pressure at my house. I started walking around, started asking my neighbors to see how much this has been affecting other people in my neighborhood because I was explained that…I was told that I was at the very top of the hill, so I’m the only one, me and a couple neighbors just around. Well it turns out this is a much bigger problem than just my immediate neighbors. Nineteen neighbors that I’ve gotten in touch with have had water problems in the past and it seems to be an ongoing thing. Like I said, installing a booster pump, but unfortunately, I would not know that the water pressure would be low and that it’d be…it wouldn’t be meeting a DEP requirement. Also, in the Safe Water Drinking Act, when this is a reoccurring thing that it’s under 20 psi there is supposed to be an automatic shut off so that you can’t accidentally drink contaminated waterline. I just replaced my boiler last year, it was an old boiler that was 30 years old and that boiler did not have a backflow preventer. A lot of the houses up by my house are older houses that could potentially have older boilers. I know for one in fact that it does and those older boilers do not have backflow preventers. Your boiler typically works at 12 to 14 psi. If your water pressure drops below that, then that nasty black water that’s in your boiler gets sucked back into the water main and is supplied into your drinking water. Basically, my question is if there’s an engineered solution planned for this issue. I know the elevation is an issue. I understand that it’s not going to be something overnight, but I was just wondering if there was any large plan in place. That’s it.

President Nicastro: Mayor.

Mayor Greenbaum: I can respond.

Mr. Backman: Okay.

Mayor Greenbaum: I was unaware of any problem with respect to the water pressure in your area up until last week when I started getting contacted by residents who we’re indicating that there was less water pressure than…less water pressure that they normally had. That’s the first that it was brought to my attention. I immediately contacted DPW, which runs our Water and Sewer Department, to find out what was going on. He was unaware of any particular problems that had occurred, looked into it and found that in fact there was a leak in the system which caused the water pressure to be decreased to, I don’t know what levels. I have no reason to doubt what your telling me is true. I also have no reason to doubt what you telling me is true with regard to your normal water pressure and it doesn’t meet DEP standards. What I’m going to do, Tim Quinn is sitting in the back of the room, he’s our DPW director.

Mr. Backman: That’s him?

Mayor Greenbaum: I suggest you sit and talk with him, give him your contact information. Tim, I’m going to request from Water and Sewer, detailed information in terms of the water pressure in that area on an ongoing basis. If in fact it is less than 20 psi on a regular basis, then I want a report from you as to how you’re going to fix that problem for the residents in that area. I want you to stay in touch with, I apologize…

Mr. Backman: Jonathan Backman.

Mayor Greenbaum: …with Jonathan in terms of, any particular correspondence with me is to go to Mr. Backman as well and so that we can come up with a solution to what sounds to me to be a problem on many different levels in terms of what the law requires and what the Township is providing. We’ll take it from there and we’ll move it forward. At this point in time, this is the first that I’ve learned of the water pressure problem which was last week. The answer to your question is there is no plan in place, but the Township is prepared to fix the problem going forward.
Mr. Backman: What could also be...my house is at the top of the hill, water is fed down to other people down at a lower hill. Every foot of elevation is approximately, I believe 0.4 psi, so people at the lower elevation might have a higher pressure, but they’re coming from a contaminated main that is a section of lower pressure.

Mayor Greenbaum: I understood everything that you said in terms of your research, in terms of what the Township is required to do and I’m prepared to meet the requirements obviously of...there should be no residents in the Township who are not at a minimum getting what is required by the DEP in terms of water. That’s why you had the wherewithal to do the research, to get involved. I know that you’re fully committed to getting a resolution which will benefit all those who are not being provided water pursuant to the law and I’m going to ask Tim that within the next two weeks that you get something in terms of where we stand and where we’re going. Then you can come back in two weeks and we’ll see where we are and what the Township can do.

Mr. Backman: All right.

Mayor Greenbaum: Okay.

Mr. Backman: Greatly appreciated.

Mayor Greenbaum: Thank you.

Mr. Backman: Thank you.

President Nicastro: Thank you. Mr. Roman.

Mr. Roman: Tim, I have a question if you wouldn’t mind.

President Nicastro: Thank you for bringing that to our attention John, appreciate it.

Mr. Roman: Tim, do our water systems have alarms?

Mr. Quinn: Yes. Everything is metered, everything is gauged. I’m going to get a report. We’re going to see what’s going on over in the Indian Springs section.

Mr. Roman: Okay.

Mr. Quinn: We did have the power outage, we did have a water main break. There was one other issue, which I’m trying to get information on now, but we’ll get this resolved.

Mr. Roman: Okay. Once you get it resolved, if you could also let us know whether this is an isolated problem or is this an endemic problem with the, let’s say, the whole system as a it’s starting to degrade and if it’s anything that we should be planning ahead for, to do major upgrades.

Mr. Quinn: Yes, the system he’s referring to is the Indian Springs system which covers Alcrest / Indian Springs area. It’s actually one system that covers two areas. There’s several wells that feed that area. We’ll find out what’s going on.

Mr. Roman: All right, thank you.

Mayor Greenbaum: I’d like to see the rundown.

Mr. Quinn: You’ll have it.

Mayor Greenbaum: Thank you.

Mr. Roman: I look forward to it. Thank you.

President Nicastro: Mrs. Labow.

Mrs. Labow: Thank you Mr. President. Tim, isn’t that the area that the tank is lower than the other house...the houses are all higher? Did we at one time, a couple of years back, talk about maybe putting another tank up higher so they would be...
Mr. Quinn: There was…many, many years ago when they built the Cardinal Lane Development, there were plans to add a second tank in there, but the plans never went through, so it never happened. Which would’ve been on a higher elevation.

Mrs. Labow: That would of satisfied that issue that they…with the water pressure.

Mr. Quinn: When that was being talked about it was also to supply water with the other smaller developments, Bridle Lane, Kings Court area, around there that do not have city water. That’s was just a bigger part of the plan that was going on. Not to just focus on the Alcrest and Indian Springs area, it was more broad.

Mrs. Labow: Okay, so something that was kind of going to solve the issue in one section, just grew a little bit too big to really…

Mr. Quinn: For some reason, it just didn’t happen.

Mrs. Labow: Yes, because I…

Mr. Quinn: To me it would of been a…it would have definitely helped the situation, but it did not happen.

Mrs. Labow: Okay.

Mr. Quinn: Why? I have no idea.

Mrs. Labow: Do we still have the plans for that anywhere?

Mr. Quinn: I believe the lot was sold and there are no plans that I know of for it. This was being handled by a private developer and I couldn’t tell you what happened.

Mrs. Labow: Okay. Thank you.

Mayor Greenbaum: Do we have another meeting in two weeks?

Miss Tomasello: Yes.

Mayor Greenbaum: Next Council meeting is in two weeks.

President Nicastro: Thank you.

Mayor Greenbaum: We’re going to address it in two weeks, but you should have some information before that.

President Nicastro: Thank you. Hello.

Ms. Marlowe: My name is Rachel Marlowe, I live at 39 Oakwood Village, apartment 5, but I’m here on behalf of my sister and my brother-in-law who live at 23 Hill Drive. I’m not sure if you’re familiar with Hill Drive, but it’s a very small street. It doesn’t connect to the rest of Hill Street. Since they moved here five years ago, they’ve had issues getting their street to be plowed. Mayor Greenbaum has actually been very helpful to my brother-in-law. Every time he hasn’t got the street plowed after a storm and continued not to get their street plowed, he would post on Facebook and the Mayor would send the DPW over to their house to plow. They would be here themselves tonight, but they had my niece on December 25, 2017. This year I think there has been forward movement towards getting their street plowed and I understand that it’s a small street. The DPW has come in the past two storms, however they still don’t feel that it’s plowed to a safe level and not to a way that meets their satisfaction. My sister just asked me to speak tonight because she knows I would be here anyway regarding their street and hoping that some…a resolution can be reached that will meet the satisfaction of my sister and brother-in-law.

Mrs. Labow: Which street is it?

Ms. Marlowe: 23 Hill Drive, so all of Hill Drive.

President Nicastro: Hill Drive.

Mr. Roman: It’s right off of Spring Street.
Mrs. Labow: Hill Drive. Yes, I know where that is.

Ms. Marlowe: Yes, on the corner of Spring Street.

Mrs. Labow: Yes, it’s a very, very small street.

Ms. Marlowe: It’s a small street, yes.

Mr. Roman: Three houses I think.

President Nicastro: Yes, I’m sure Andrew, you’ll check with…

Mr. Tatarenko: I’ll check with Tim when he returns.

President Nicastro: …Tim to make sure that we can…see what we can do to get that…

Mrs. Labow: Yes, Tim…actually Tim grew up in that area over there. I think he might have grown up on Hill Street, so he’s very familiar with the area.

Mr. Roman: I thought we had a system in place that we’re tracking the plows and mapping where they’re going?

Mr. Tatarenko: We can. They’re hooked up with GPS, so I could find out exactly and the times they were there.

President Nicastro: Yes.

Mr. Roman: Yes, because…

Mrs. Labow: It depends on if it’s a private contractor or not. We don’t have them on GPS, do we?

Mayor Greenbaum: I’m sure we don’t.

President Nicastro: No, I’m sure.

Mayor Greenbaum: It’s not a question of the fact that we look at the GPS either, only when there’s an issue. Someone raises the issue that there hasn’t been a plow on their street and we obviously have information. I’ll look into it. I’ll make sure that it gets taken care of.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

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

Mr. Amianda: Yes, I was going to say something about the snow removal. I’m thankful to the employees from all the Departments. The Department of Police and the Department of Sanitation for doing an excellent job of keeping the roads safe and plowed during the snow storm. I think those people who managed to come to work, they need some compliment because there are some who didn’t…it if all of them didn’t have that good way of saying that it is their job, they would have called in sick, but since they came in spite of all the snow falling, they were out there plowing our roads. We should be thankful for them and if it is possible, I would send out an email, a departmental email to each employee who came to work on that particular day. In fact, we should recognize them. That’s the best I can tell you.

President Nicastro: Thank you. Mr. Ferrante, anything?

Mr. Ferrante: Nothing tonight.

President Nicastro: Mrs. Labow?

Mrs. Labow: Thank you Mr. President. I just want to thank the Mayor and his staff and Sherry and her staff for the excellent…really awesome job on the Budget this year. It is truly an honor to be able to tell people that six years in a row we haven’t had any Municipal Tax increase and we haven’t lost any services and overall the Town has been improving.
Mayor Greenbaum: We’ve paid down debt.

Mrs. Labow: Yes, we paid down the debt. That’s the key thing. That is so incredibly fantastic.

Mr. Roman: I can only imagine our credit score.

Mrs. Labow: Yes.

Mayor Greenbaum: I know you wanted to wish Sherry a Happy Birthday, thirty-first for the nineteenth time.

Mrs. Labow: Sherry, Happy Birthday.

Mrs. Kolody: Thank you Colleen.

Mrs. Labow: I think we should all sing. Happy Birthday to you…

President Nicastro: Yes.

Mrs. Labow: You’re going to get your AARP card soon, don’t worry.

Mrs. Kolody: Don’t remind me.

President Nicastro: They send you that early.

Mr. Stewart: Wow, what a low blow on her birthday.

Ms. Sullivan: Wow.

President Nicastro: As soon as you hit 50, boom that’s it.

Mrs. Labow: That’s okay, when I turned 50, my mother called and wanted to know how it felt to be 50 years old and I said I don’t know Mom, how does it feel to be the mother of a 50 year old. She promptly hung up on me.

Mayor Greenbaum: I’m surprised you can even remember that far back.

Mrs. Labow: Thank you.

President Nicastro: Okay. Mr. Stewart?

Mr. Stewart: On top of that one, just a Happy Birthday Sherry.

Mrs. Kolody: Thank you. Thanks.

President Nicastro: Mr. Roman?

Mr. Roman: Happy Birthday to you too, Sherry

Mrs. Kolody: Thank you Alex.

President Nicastro: Yes Sherry and same to you. It’s hard to believe I could say I wish I was 50 again because…

Mr. Stewart: Yes, me too.

President Nicastro: …I can’t believe I can even say that.

Mr. Roman: The way you guys make it sound I don’t think I want to get there.

President Nicastro: Yes, it might…well you want to get there, I hope.

Mrs. Kolody: Thank you.
President Nicastro: Happy Birthday and thank you. Do we have a motion to adjourn?

ADJOURNMENT - Motion made and seconded. All in favor, none opposed, the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 pm.

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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 30, 2018.

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Michelle Masser, Township Clerk

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