The Public Meeting of the Mount Olive Township Council was called to order at 7:00 pm by Council President Nicastro.

Pledge of Allegiance

MOMENT OF REFLECTION in recognition of the men and women fighting terrorism and those who have lost their lives defending the freedom we all enjoy

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; Laura Harris, Business Administrator and Sherry Kolody, CFO

Election of 2017 Council President

President Nicastro: Do we have a motion…the Election for 2017 Council President. Do we have a motion for President?

Mr. Mania: I move to nominate Joe Nicastro for Council President.

Mrs. Labow: Second.

Mr. Roman: Second.

President Nicastro: Thank you. We have any other nominations? Seeing none. Roll Call please.

Roll Call: Passed unanimously

Election of 2017 Council Vice-President

President Nicastro: Thank you very much all, appreciate it. Thanks. We have a…Election for Council Vice-President. Do we have a nomination for Vice-President?

Mr. Stewart: Yes, I…yes, I move Alex Roman for Council Vice-President.

Mr. Mania: Second.

Mrs. Labow: Second.

President Nicastro: Do we have any other nominations? Seeing none. Roll Call please.

Roll Call: Passed unanimously

President Nicastro: Congratulations Mr. Roman.

Mr. Roman: Thank you once again.

Invocation – Bruce Gallagher

President Nicastro: At this time I’d like to ask Bruce Gallagher to come up for the Invocation, please.

Pastor Gallagher: Let’s pray. Dear Heavenly Father, we come before you tonight and we ask that these proceedings for the Reorganization meeting, that they go well. Lord, we thank the Council, the Mayor and Business Administrator, everyone involved, in just having the hearts to do what they do for Mount Olive
Township. Lord, we just ask blessings on everyone and that everything is done in the best interest of all the employees, the residents and just everyone involved in this wonderful Town of Mount Olive. Amen.

Mr. Roman: Amen.

Mrs. Labow: Amen.

President Nicastro: Amen. Thank you. Next up are Appointments. We have the Mayor’s Appointments.

Appointments:

a. Mayor’s Appointments

Morris County Community Development Revenue Sharing Committee
Laura Harris, 1 year term expires 12/31/2017
Richard Escobor, Alternate, 1 year term expires 12/31/2017

Planning Board
Brian Schaechter, Member Class IV, 4 year term expires 12/31/2020
Kim Mott, Member Class IV, 4 year unexpired term expires 12/31/2017
Carl Mase, Member Class II, 1 year term expires 12/31/2017
John Mania, Member Class III, 1 year term expires 12/31/2017
Dan Nelsen, Member Class IV, 4 year term expires 12/31/2020
John Batsch, Alt. I, Class IV, 2 year unexpired term expires 12/31/2017
Joe Ouimet, Alt. II, Class IV, 2 year term expires 12/31/2018
Ken Forlenza, Mayor’s Designee, 4 year unexpired term expires 12/31/2019

Environmental Committee
Kay Serebrakian, 3 year term expires 12/31/2019
Hank Titone, 3 year term expires 12/31/2019
Kathy Murphy, Alt I, 2 year term expires 12/31/2018

Open Space Committee
Kim Mott, Planning Liaison, 3 year term expires 12/31/2019

President Nicastro read the Mayor’s Appointments

b. Mayor’s Appointments with Advice & Consent of Council

Township Attorney, Fred Semrau, Esq., 1 year term expires 12/31/2017
Prosecutor, Brian Mason, Esq., 1 year term expires 12/31/2017
Public Defender, Anthony Abore, Esq., 1 year term expires 12/31/2017

Economic Development Committee
Lisa Brett, 3 year term expires 12/31/2019
Joe Nicastro, 3 year term expires 12/31/2019
John Mania, 3 year term expires 12/31/2019

Ethics Committee
Steven Young, 5 year unexpired term expires 12/31/2020
Vacant, 5 year unexpired term expires 12/31/2020

Recreation Advisory Committee
Brigitte Geiger, 3 year term expires 12/31/2019
Noelle Kehrley, 3 year term expires 12/31/2019
Dave Mauro, (RAC) 3 year unexpired term expires 12/31/2017
Maureen Tamoosh, (MAC) 3 year unexpired term expires 12/31/2019

Library Board
Joanne Onoreveole, 5 year term expires 12/31/2021
Drew Van Dam, 5 year term expires 12/31/2021

President Nicastro read the Mayor’s Appointments with Advice & Consent of Council
President Nicastro: Do we have a motion to accept the Appointments?

Mrs. Labow: So moved.

Mr. Mania: So moved.

Mrs. Labow: Second.

President Nicastro: Any discussion? Roll Call please.

Roll Call: Passed unanimously

c. Council Appointments

All Subcommittees of the Township Council previously created are extended through 2017:

Township Auditor, Gary Higgins, 2 year term expires 12/31/2018
Library Board Liaison, John Ferrante, 1 year term expires 12/31/2017
Pride Committee Council Liaison, Alex Roman, 1 year term expires 12/31/2017
Recreation Board Liaison, Alex Roman, 1 year term expires 12/31/2017
Board of Education Liaison, Daniel Amianda, 1 year term expires 12/31/2017
Legislative Committee, John Mania, 1 year term expires 12/31/2017
Committee RE: Lake/Environment Issues, John Ferrante, 1 year term expires 12/31/2017
Community Development Revenue Sharing Committee, Steven Rattner, 1 year term expires 12/31/2017
Economic Development Committee Liaison, Colleen Labow, 1 year term expires 12/31/2017
Planning Board, John Mania, Councilmember, Class II, 1 year term expires 12/31/2017
Senior Citizen Liaison, Colleen Labow, 1 year term expires 12/31/2017
TNR Liaison, Colleen Labow, 1 year term expires 12/31/2017
Open Space Committee Liaison, Colleen Labow, 1 year term expires 12/31/2017
Mt. Olive TV Liaison, Greg Stewart, 1 year term expires 12/31/2017
Community Action Panel, Greg Stewart, 1 year term expires 12/31/2017

Open Space Committee
Kathleen Murphy, 3 year term expires 12/31/2019

Board of Health
Anita Cooper, 3 year term expires 12/31/2019
Mark Kana, 3 year term expires 12/31/2019

President Nicastro read the Council Appointments

President Nicastro: Do we have a motion to accept the Appointments?

Mr. Mania: So moved.

Mr. Roman: Second.

Mrs. Labow: Second.

President Nicastro: Any discussion? Yes, Mrs. Labow.

Mrs. Labow: Not to complain, but I think there was a mistake. I thought Daniel was on the Senior Citizen...weren’t you Daniel?

President Nicastro: Daniel was the Senior’s correct...oh, okay...

Mr. Amianda: Yes.

President Nicastro: …right, you are the Senior’s, right?

Mrs. Labow: Yes. He was the Senior’s, but you have my name on there. I can’t make their week...their daytime meetings.
President Nicastro: Then let’s…

Mrs. Labow: I think…

Miss Masser: Where…

President Nicastro: … on here, on the Council for Senior Citizens.

Mrs. Labow: I mean I was it a…couple of years ago.

Mr. Mania: Yes, right.

Mrs. Labow: I think Daniel’s been…

President Nicastro: Maybe we got it wrong.

Mr. Mania: Daniel’s been…

President Nicastro: Daniel’s…

Mrs. Labow: Right Daniel?

President Nicastro: We’ll correct that to Senior Citizen Liaison is Daniel Amianda, one year term expires 12/31/2017.

Mrs. Labow: Although I would love to be it, I just can’t get to those meetings and…

President Nicastro: Understand.

Mrs. Labow: …Daniel can.

Mr. Roman: I’m glad I don’t qualify either.

President Nicastro: Yes, I’m not able to go myself. We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Roll Call please.

Roll Call: Passed unanimously

RESOLUTIONS

Consent Resolutions Agenda:
Resolutions on 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 which may be offered. If one or more council members 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 Designating the Official Newspapers of the Municipality for the Purpose of Publication of Legal Notices.

2. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Establishing the Annual Schedule of Meetings and Other Requirements Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act.


5. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Fixing the Rate of Interest to be Charged on Delinquent Taxes or Assessments.

7. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Authorizing the Tax Assessor and/or the Township Attorney to File and Prosecute Tax Appeals/Rollbacks.


9. Resolution of the Township of Mount Olive Authorizing the Cancellation of Water, Sewer, Sewer Assessment and Tax Receivable Overpayments and Balances $1.00 or Less.


12. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Designating Christie Stachnick as the Qualified Purchasing Agent.


15. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Appointing Steven Rattner as Council Representative to the Community Development Revenue Sharing Committee.

16. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Appointing Laura Harris, Business Administrator to the Morris County Joint Insurance Fund as the Fund Commissioner and Christie Stachnick, Benefits Coordinator as the Alternate Commissioner for 2017.

17. Resolution of the Township of Mount Olive Authorizing the Use of Various Purchasing Contracts.

Council Comments/Statements on Consent Resolutions Agenda

Public Portion on Consent Resolutions

President Nicastro: We have 17 Resolutions. Any…comments…

Miss Masser: Do we have a…yes…

President Nicastro: Yes, do we…

Miss Masser: …comments, public portion.

President Nicastro: Do we have a motion to accept the 17 Resolutions?

Mr. Mania: So moved.

Mr. Amianda: Second.

President Nicastro: Do we have a second? Someone seconded it already? Daniel did.

Mrs. Labow: Yes, Daniel.

Mr. Stewart: Daniel.

Roll Call: Passed unanimously

Closing Council Comments

President Nicastro: Closing Council Comments. Anything, Mr. Amianda?

Mr. Amianda: Yes, congratulations to you, Mr. Nicastro for being elected as the Council’s President. Congratulations to Alex for being elected as the Vice-President of the Council.

President Nicastro: Thank you, appreciate that. Mr. Ferrante?

Mr. Ferrante: Yes. I too would like to congratulate Joe and Alex for leading us again. I just wish everybody here a Happy New Year.

President Nicastro: Mrs. Labow?

Mrs. Labow: Yes, thank you. I also would like to congratulate Joe and Alex. Wishing everyone a very healthy, Happy New Year.

President Nicastro: Mr. Mania?

Mr. Mania: I too wish to congratulate Alex and Joe. Happy, healthy and prosperous and God bless you all in this coming year.

President Nicastro: Mr…

Mr. Mania: Amen.

President Nicastro: Mr. Stewart?

Mr. Stewart: I echo the same. Congratulations to you and Alex. Also, looking forward to another great year for the Township of Mount Olive.

President Nicastro: Mr. Roman?

Mr. Roman: I congratulate you and I guess myself. I’m looking forward to once again working with the rest of you to move Mount Olive in the direction that we are…been going which in my opinion and by the opinion of most residents is tremendous. Much of the credit unfortunately belongs to the Mayor. I…

Mr. Mania: Unfortunately.

Mrs. Labow: Unfortunately.

Mr. Roman: Happy 2017 for everyone. Thank you.

President Nicastro: Thank you and I thank everyone again for the confidence of voting me in again. Congratulations Alex as well. Happy New Year to all and I look forward to another great year in 2017. 2016 was great. Mayor?

Mayor Greenbaum: Yes. I’m sorry I didn’t get a chance to have a comment.

President Nicastro: That is true.

Mayor Greenbaum: There is no Administrative…

President Nicastro: Nothing there.

Mayor Greenbaum: …function at the Reorganization Meeting except for the State of the Township Address, which obviously I’m going to be giving on the 17th of January along with our Budget presentation. I’m sure that you all saw the email that Sherry sent out which…

President Nicastro: Yes.
Mayor Greenbaum: …really highlights what great financial position the Municipality is in from the Municipal Budget side. Our surplus is at an all-time high, our revenues exceeded expectations and we’ve accomplished a lot and we’ve been conservative in terms of our spending and it shows in terms of where our balances ended up. 2017 looks to be a good year for Mount Olive Township and its residents.

President Nicastro: Thank you.

Mayor Greenbaum: Congratulations…

President Nicastro: Thank you.

Mayor Greenbaum: …to you and to Alex and to all of you sitting up here because it’s truly a team effort.

President Nicastro: Thank you Mayor. Susan, you wanted to say something?

Ms. Sharpe: Yes Mr. President. Thank you. On behalf of Fred and everyone at Dorsey and Semrau, I just wanted to say thank you for continuing our long-standing relationship. On a personal note, thank you for the warm welcome that you all gave to me arriving here this year. It’s been a great year. I love working with you all and Happy New Year.

Mrs. Labow: Happy New Year.

Public Portion

President Nicastro: Thank you. Happy New Year. Does anyone from the public wish to be heard? Mr. Fleischner if you’d go up there…wrong one…I was…

Mr. Fleischner: Joe Fleischner, 34 Karen Place, Budd Lake. I couldn’t pass up the opportunity, sorry Mr. Mayor, but I do want to thank you and the Town Council for an excellent 2016. You folks did a really good job even though I may not have agreed with everything, but I really believe you’ve worked hard and you’ve done a great, great job. I also want to give a special thanks to our Police Force. Having been here for 44 years, Mount Olive is a very safe place to have your children grow up and your grandchildren. Thank you all for making Mount Olive a great Township.

President Nicastro: Thank you.

Mrs. Labow: Thank you.

Mr. Roman: Thank you Joe.

President Nicastro: Thank you, appreciate that.

Mayor Greenbaum: Happy New Year.

Mr. Fleischner: Happy New Year.

President Nicastro: Anyone else from the public wish to be heard? Seeing none. Closed to the public. Pastor Matt, would you come up for the Benediction, please?

Benediction – Pastor Matt Jones

Pastor Jones: I would like to reiterate the words of the previous gentleman who’s here. On behalf of myself and my family, what a blessing it is to be in this community, a part of this community, to serve with this very able leadership. I am very privileged and blessed as a Pastor here in this community and I’m very grateful to be a part of this. Why don’t we take a moment to pray? Our Father, I thank you for this evening and I thank you for the opportunity Lord that we can organize. Lord, I think of what your scripture says, unless the Lord builds this house say that labor, labor in vain and so we tonight come to you and we ask for your blessings upon that which has been organized and planned. Lord, we ask Lord and we invoke your name Lord God for protection, Lord for guidance and Jesus we ask you even tonight Lord God that you would bless each one of our Town Council, that you would bless our Mayor, Lord, that you’d bless our public servants, Lord our Police, our Firefighters, Lord God our Emergency Response people. Lord, we just ask you that you would give a very prosperous, a very healthy and a very blessed year to Mount Olive, New Jersey. We ask all these things in Christ’s name. Amen.
Mrs. Labow: Amen.

Mayor Greenbaum: Amen.

President Nicastro: Thank you. Thank you Matt for all you do for the Township and for the people here. You do a lot for us, appreciate it.

Adjournment

President Nicastro: Do we have a motion to adjourn?

ADJOURNMENT - Motion made and seconded. All in favor, none opposed, the meeting was adjourned at 7:14 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 January 17, 2017.

Michelle Masser, Township Clerk

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