The Public Meeting of the Mount Olive Township Council was called to order at 7:19 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, Mrs. Labow, Mr. Mania, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Roman and Mr. Nicastro
Absent: none
Also Present: Michelle Masser, Township Clerk; Susan Sharpe, Township Attorney; Robert Greenbaum, Mayor; Claudia Tomasello, Assistant Business Administrator; Laura Harris, Business Administrator and Sherry Kolody, CFO

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

January 28, 2017 Budget Hearing
February 28, 2017 WS & PM
March 20, 2017 Special Public Meeting

President Nicastro: Mr. Amianda, would you move for the approval of the Minutes from January 28, 2017, Budget Meeting, February 28, 2017, Workshop and Public Meeting and March 20, 2017, Special Public Meeting?


Mr. Roman: Second.

President Nicastro: Any discussion? Roll Call please.

Roll Call: Passed with the exception of Mrs. Labow abstained on March 20, 2017, Mr. Mania abstained on January 28, 2017 and February 28, 2017 and Mr. Stewart abstained on February 28, 2017

Public Hearing on the 2017 Municipal Budget and Sanitation District Budget

President Nicastro: I open the hearing to the public on 2017 Municipal Budget and Sanitation District Budget. Does anyone wish…from the public wish to be heard? Seeing none. Closed to the public. Mr. Ferrante, would you move Resolution number one?

1. Resolution RE: Self Examination of Budget.

Mr. Ferrante: Sure, I make a motion to approve Resolution number one.

President Nicastro: Any…

Mr. Roman: Second.

President Nicastro: Any discussion? Roll Call please.

Roll Call: Passed unanimously

President Nicastro: I open the hearing to the public on Resolution: Waiver of reading full Budget. Does anyone from the public wish to be heard? Seeing none. Closed to the public. Mrs. Labow.

2. Resolution: Waiver of reading budget in full.
Mrs. Labow: Hold on…

President Nicastro: Move Resolution number two.

Mrs. Labow: I was reading a letter. Resolution number two or Ordinance?

Mr. Mania: Number two.

Mr. Roman: Resolution…

President Nicastro: Resolution number two.

Mr. Stewart: Resolution two.

Mr. Mania: Resolution two.

Mrs. Labow: I move for…

Mr. Mania: Approval of Resolution number two.

Mrs. Labow: …for vote for Resolution number two.

Mr. Roman: Second.

Mr. Ferrante: Thanks John.

Mrs. Labow: I was reading my mail.

President Nicastro: Any discussion? Roll Call please.

Roll Call: Passed unanimously

President Nicastro: I open to the public hearing, Resolution to adopt 2017 Municipal Budget. Does anyone from the public wish to be heard? Seeing none. Closed to the public. Mr. Mania.

3. Resolution to adopt the 2017 – Municipal Budget.

Mr. Mania: Thank you Mr. President. I move for adoption of Resolution number three.

Mr. Stewart: Second.

President Nicastro: Any discussion? Roll Call please.

Roll Call: Passed unanimously

President Nicastro: I open the hearing to the public on Resolution number four, to adopt the 2017 Sanitation District Budget. Mr. Stewart.

4. Resolution to adopt the 2017 – Sanitation District Budget.

Mr. Stewart: I move that we move Resolution number four for adoption.

Mr. Mania: Second.

President Nicastro: Any discussion? Roll Call please.

Roll Call: Passed unanimously

CORRESPONDENCE

LETTERS FROM RESIDENTS/ORGANIZATIONS/ OTHER TOWNS

1. Email received February 28, 2017, from Raritan Headwaters Newsletter regarding It’s March already?
2. Email received March 1, 2017, from Sustainable Jersey regarding This Week: Local Action-Collective Impact, Save the Date for NJ Sustainability Summit.

3. Email received March 1, 2017, from Downtown New Jersey regarding Upcoming Events – March 2017.

4. Email received March 2, 2017, from Jim McGreevey regarding Conference Registration is Filling Up, Please Register Soon to Hold Your Space.

5. Email received March 3, 2017, from Great Swamp Watershed Association regarding NJ Forest Health.


7. Email received March 11, 2017, from NOFA-NJ regarding NOFA-NJ’s Annual Meeting.

8. Email received March 14, 2017, from Sustainable Jersey regarding March Sustainability Hero Announced.

9. Email received March 15, 2017, from NOFA-NJ regarding NOFA-NJ Events Email 3-15-17.


13. Email received March 24, 2017, from NOFA-NJ regarding NOFA-NJ Events Email 3-22-17.

LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES


STATE AGENCIES

15. Email received February 24, 2017, from New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection regarding NJDEP Podcast: Groundwork Elizabeth.

16. Email received February 27, 2017, from New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection regarding NJDEP: USGS Survey Shows Water Quality Improving in New Jersey.

17. Letter received March 1, 2017, from State of New Jersey Department of Transportation regarding Application for Flood Hazard Area General Permit #10 and Freshwater Wetlands General Permit #2 and #10B; Route 206 over Drakes Brook Superstructure Replacement, Mount Olive Township, Morris County, NJ.

18. Email received March 2, 2017, from New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection regarding NJDEP: Christie Administration Requests Hold on Summer Flounder Restrictions.

19. Email received March 6, 2017, from New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection regarding NJDEP Podcast: Watershed Ambassadors Program.

20. Local Finance Notice received March 6, 2017, from New Jersey Department of Community Affairs regarding Municipal Budget Appropriations for Volunteer Fire Companies and Fire Districts.


22. Email received March 9, 2017, from New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection regarding DEP Preparing Plans to Dredge Boat Channel for Little Egg Inlet.
23. Email received March 13, 2017, from New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection regarding NJDEP: Earth Week 2017.

24. Letter received March 13, 2017, from New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection regarding Withdrawal of Applications for Freshwater Wetlands Statewide General Permit No. 10B and No 21, File No. 0000-17-0004.1 (FWW 170001 – GP10B; 170003 – GP21); County of Morris Department of Planning & Public Works; Waterloo Road Bridge Replacement (Structure #1401-038); Mount Olive Township & Netcong Borough, Morris County; Stanhope Borough, Sussex County.

25. Final Equalization Table received March 13, 2017, from County of Morris for the Year 2017.


27. Email received March 15, 2017, from New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection regarding NJDEP: Public Hearing on Hudson River Flood Resiliency Project.

28. Email received March 16, 2017, from New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection regarding NJDEP: Flood Resiliency for MCUA in Sayreville.

29. Email received March 16, 2017, from New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection regarding NJDEP: State-Local partnership.

30. Email received March 22, 2017, from New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection regarding NJDEP: Extended Agricultural Burning.

31. Email received March 23, 2017, from New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection regarding NJDEP: Weekly Update.

MSA/MUA

32. Email received February 24, 2017, from Musconetcong Sewerage Authority regarding MSA January 26, 2017 Approved Meeting Minutes.

33. Email received March 23, 2017, from Musconetcong Sewerage Authority regarding MSA February 23, 2017 Meeting Minutes.

MORRIS COUNTY

34. Email received March 1, 2017, from County of Morris regarding Morris County Public Safety Youth Academy – Enroll Now for 5th Annual Academy – Space is limited!

35. Email received March 2, 2017, from County of Morris regarding Road paving. Stigma Free. NASA Launch. Big Beer Brew, too!

36. Letter received March 3, 2017, from County of Morris Department of Planning & Public Works Division of Mosquito Control regarding Yearly Information Packet on Mosquito Control.

37. Email received March 9, 2017, from County of Morris regarding Morris View. Mental Health. Lincoln Park. The Planets, too!

38. Email received March 13, 2017, from County of Morris regarding Upcoming Veterans Legal Clinic and Benefits Expo.


40. Email received March 17, 2017, from Morris County Planning Board regarding MCPB Minutes.

41. Email received March 23, 2017, from County of Morris regarding County Budget. MLK Bridge. Dover Rail. Open Space. Opera, too!
UTILITIES

42. Email received March 1, 2017, from Comcast CI – Freedom/NJ regarding Comcast Connections.

43. Letter received March 8, 2017, from Elizabethtown Gas regarding In the Matter of the Petition of Pivotal Utility Holdings, Inc. D/B/A Elizabethtown Gas for Approval of Increased Base Tariff Rates and Charges for Gas Service and Other Tariff Revisions, BPU Docket No. GR16090826, OAL Docket No. PUC 15870-2016 N.

President Nicastro: We have 43 pieces of Correspondence. Does anyone have anything on the Correspondence? We have no Ordinances this evening.

ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING – None

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING – None – 2nd reading April 11, 2017

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.

5. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Consenting to the Proposed Upper Delaware Water Quality Management (WQM) Plan Amendment.


7. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Awarding Various Professional Service Agreements Under the Non-Fair and Open Contracts in Accordance With the Pay-To-Play Law For the Year 2017.


10. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Authorizing Reimbursement of Tax to Employees On Township Purchases.

11. A Resolution of the Township of Mount Olive, County of Morris and State of New Jersey, Approving and Authorizing a Partial Developer’s Agreement for Clearing and Grading Phases I, II, and III For the Property Located at Block 4100, Lots 80, 83, and 84, Also Known As Route 46 and Chamberlain Road (Mountain Ridge Estates).

12. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Authorizing the Use of Previous Bid Awards (Bid#03-2016 & Bid#04-2016).

13. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Authorizing a One (1) Year Contract Extension For Water Testing Services With Garden State Laboratories, Inc.


President Nicastro: We have 10 Consent Resolutions. Does anyone wish to move any to Non-Consent? Seeing none. Does anyone from the public have anything on the Resolutions? Seeing none. Closed to the public. Mr. Roman, would you move Consent Resolutions one through…

Miss Masser: Five…
President Nicastro: Five…

Miss Masser: …through fourteen.

President Nicastro: I’m sorry, five through fourteen.

Mr. Roman: I move for approval, Consent Resolutions five through fourteen.

Mrs. Labow: Second.

President Nicastro: Any discussion? Roll Call please.

Roll Call: Passed unanimously

MOTIONS
1. Bill List.

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

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

Mrs. Labow: Second.

President Nicastro: Any discussion? Roll Call please.

Roll Call: Passed unanimously

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

President Nicastro: Administrative Reports.

Mayor Greenbaum: I’ll start. A couple comments. Lego and Tech Festival was a success this past weekend. Our Robotics High School team was there to showcase their talents. This weekend the Robotics Team 11, which is the Varsity program is competing down in Montgomery and the following week, hopefully both teams will be competing at the MAR (Mid-Atlantic Robotics) Championships at Lehigh University. If you’ve never been to a Robot’s event, that’s quite the spectacle. CCM (County College of Morris) will be visiting Town Hall early in April to see if they will be offering Cyber Security Certification in Mount Olive. Registration for the Do or Dye 5K is open. You can visit the Recreation website at rec.mountolivetownship.com.

Miss Harris: I just have one quick item. We interviewed two firms for the Budd Lake treatment. Both of the firms would basically be providing assessment and treatment services for the lake, rather than splitting it up as we have done in the past. I think once the contract is awarded, everyone’s going to be very pleased with the results. Both of the firms are very, very qualified. They’re managing lakes that are pretty well known in the region and they both have a very aggressive approach. I don’t expect all the problems to be solved in one summer. From what they’re telling me it’s going to take a couple of years because what we’ve been getting in the past is definitely not been sufficient for what we need. It’s probably going to cost a little more money, but I think we’re going to get much better results. I’ll keep you updated as we award the contract.

President Nicastro: Thank you.

Mrs. Labow: Good.

OLD BUSINESS – none

NEW BUSINESS - none


LEGAL MATTERS

Ms. Sharpe: Yes, a brief update. Our office continues to work on the 57 acres deed restrictions. I’m going to be speaking with Chuck McGroarty tomorrow regarding some DEP requirements on that. We’re continuing to
update the Ethics Board Ordinance, that should be done shortly. Fred asked me to let you all know that he and Chuck McGroarty will be here at the next meeting which I believe is April 11, 2017, to provide an update on Village Green, an update on Cobblestone and also an update on the Affordable Housing application. That’s my report.

COUNCIL REPORTS

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

Board of Education Liaison Report
Senior Citizen Liaison - none

Mr. Amianda: Yes, I have something about the Board of Education. The Board of Education held two meetings…while we were not meeting…March 13, 2017 and March 27, 2017, which was yesterday. The most important issue that they worked on was they approved the 2017/2018 School Tentative Budget…let me start again. The Board of Education approved a Tentative Budget for the school year 2017/2018. It’s a tentative budget because they have to forward it to the Executive County Superintendent, who has to approve it. The approval was…General Fund was $87,318,427.00, Special Revenue Fund included in that was $1,271,504.00, Debt Service Fund was $4,754,870.00 and Total Base Budget which was approved was $93,345,101.00. The 2017/2018 Budget includes adjustments for healthcare costs in the amount of $686,038.00, resulting in a General Fund Tax Levy of $65,274,998.00 and a Debt Service Tax Levy of $4,234,063.00. I copied this for you guys because it’s very complicated. You have to have good accounting experience to understand what the Budget is. Those were the important issues with the Board.

President Nicastro: Thank you. Anything on the Seniors or no?

Mr. Amianda: No.

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

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

Mr. Ferrante: Nope, nothing tonight.

President Nicastro: Mrs. Labow, anything on Economic, TNR or Open Space?

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

Mrs. Labow: No.

President Nicastro: Legislative…Mr. Mania, Planning Board?

Legislative Committee Report – none
Planning Board Report

Mr. Mania: Legislative, no. Planning Board, it was brought to my attention at the March 9, 2017 Planning Board Meeting, that Oakwood Village had been given 41 violations. Out of the 41 violations, they were fined only on 11. The fine was $1,000.00 each, $11,000.00 in fines.

Mayor Greenbaum: I thought it was 13.

Miss Harris: I think it was.

Mr. Mania: I had asked our Council President to look into this…why 30 violations were…and he…you told me negotiations between the Attorneys…

President Nicastro: Correct.

Mr. Mania: …it went to the highest amount, which was $1,000.00 for each fine…

President Nicastro: Correct.

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Mr. Mania: …and they fined 11…on 11 violations.

President Nicastro: They fined 11 of them. They came to an agreement on 11 of them at the highest fines which set the precedence for the highest fines going forward if anything comes up. I sent an email to all of Council which I’ll resend to you.

Mr. Mania: Yes.

President Nicastro: Everyone else should have that as well. That was the reason from the Health Department’s perspective. It was…it involved the Attorney’s and that’s what they negotiated it for.

Mr. Mania: I mean it was a fair question.

President Nicastro: Yes.

Mr. Mania: Out of 41…

President Nicastro: It was 41…

Mr. Mania: …only 11.

Board of Health Report - none

President Nicastro: It’s a fair question. Thank you and speaking of Board of Health, there’s nothing to report yet on that, but I’ll keep you updated from them. Mr. Roman, anything on Recreation or Pride?

Recreation Liaison Report - none

Pride Committee Report

Mr. Roman: Recreation, we meet next week. As far as Pride, at our last meeting we discussed the idea of installing…having banners and/or flags installed around the Turkey Brook loop. Reached out to Buildings and Grounds as to what the feasibility is about that. I was informed that the light poles are owned by JCP&L and he…Buildings and Grounds is currently trying to figure out…get at least permission from JCP&L to install them and I ask…I would ask that the Administration could follow up on that and see if we could get the ball rolling. I don’t know if they need…if JCP&L will be needing anything on our part, but I think it would be something wonderful as you drive into or walk into Turkey Brook, that you have either seasonal flags or banners on the light poles. The other idea that we came up with is interspersing the different sports related flags, so when softball, football…and it would be the intention of switching them out routine…seasonally depending on, so we can have some Christmas ones and as such. The other thing that we’re starting to identify is areas around the Township that we could possibly beautify, one of them that was pointed out was the space next to the lake, that currently has the flag pole, I think that’s something that we should definitely do something about. I believe there’s a wellhead on that square piece of mound of dirt, so that’s probably why it can’t be removed, but I think we should at…we’re going to be coming up with ideas, somehow improve the ascetics of that. That is all I have.

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

MOTV Committee Liaison - none

Community Action Panel Report

Mr. Stewart: Yes, the Community Action. The Workshop for this year is going to be May 16, 2017 and it’s a Special Workshop on Cyber Security for the community. It’ll be at the Budd Lake Fire Department.

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

PUBLIC PORTION - none

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Amianda: Yes. Mount Olive High School Robotic’s, which the Mayor just referred to, Robotic’s Competition and Sandshore Annual Science Fair competition on Saturday, March 11, 2017 and Sunday, March 12, 2017, were phenomenal and exciting. There were many people from the neighboring states, Connecticut, New York and New Jersey. It was…the High School was filled with people. They were counted to be in the thousands. The Mayor was visible, so we were well represented. For myself, it was an honor to be asked to be one of the Judges for the Sandshore Elementary School Fair. It was also highly…the attendance was very high
and parents were happy. If you want to know how wonderful Mount Olive Township is, you better come to those meetings. Many people...they admire Mount Olive Township. People just came from all over. We also had dignitaries who were when invited by the High School.

Mr. Stewart: Daniel, we also posted on the Chambers website. Picatinny Arsenal’s STEM Program actually filmed it.

Mr. Amianda: Right.

Mr. Stewart: It was a pretty good film that they shared with us that we posted.

Mr. Amianda: Right. It was well attended and I was glad. I think Alex was also at the Elementary Science Fair as one of the Judges. It was also attended by parents and children. Students were very excited.

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

Mr. Ferrante: Nothing tonight.

President Nicastro: Mrs. Labow?

Mrs. Labow: Nothing.

President Nicastro: Mr. Mania?

Mr. Mania: Kudos for Senator Oroho for sponsoring a Bill to get money out of the Trust Fund for local infrastructure. The Governor signed the bill.

President Nicastro: Mr. Stewart?

Mr. Stewart: Kudos to our Administration for the great job with the Budget this year with all the…with all of the Organizations as well.

Mrs. Labow: Good point. Very true.

President Nicastro: Mr. Roman?

Mr. Roman: Earlier today we…the Mayor read a Proclamation regarding the Red Cross and unfortunately I used their services twice in my life. You never know of Organizations like this until a disaster hits and they are by far probably some of the best people that I know of as volunteers. They come out in full force, they are well organized, they have…they’re able to answer your questions, questions that you didn’t even know. When at all possible, if we can donate to the Red Cross I think we should wholeheartedly do. As Daniel had mentioned I too was at the Sandshore Science Fair and I am constantly impressed by the knowledge of these kids. I’d like to think that had I’d the internet back when I was that age that I’d be at least half as impressive. These kids know things that…I think I only learned in High School. I tried to stump them and they do not fall. If this is just a mere example of what our kids are going to be, we’re headed for a bright future. Thank you.

President Nicastro: Thank you.

ADJOURNMENT - Motion made and seconded. All in favor, none opposed, the meeting was adjourned at 7:39 pm.

Joe Nicastro, Council President

I, Susan Gouveia, Deputy 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 April 11, 2017.

Susan Gouveia, Deputy Township Clerk

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