The Public Meeting of the Mount Olive Township Council was called to order at 7:29 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. Mania, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Roman and Mr. Nicastro

Absent: none

Also Present: Susan Gouveia, Deputy Township Clerk; Susan Sharpe, Township Attorney; Robert Greenbaum, Mayor and Laura Harris, Business Administrator

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

March 28, 2017 WS & PM

President Nicastro: Mr. Amianda, would you approve the Minutes from the March 28, 2017, Workshop and Public Meeting, please?

Mr. Amianda: I make a motion for approval of the Minutes of the previous meetings on March 28, 2017, Workshop…Work Session and Public Meeting.

Mr. Mania: Second.

President Nicastro: Any discussion? Roll Call please.

Roll Call: Passed unanimously

CORRESPONDENCE

LETTERS FROM RESIDENTS/ORGANIZATIONS/OTHER TOWNS

1. Email received March 24, 2017, from Raritan Headwaters regarding Special Request for RHA’s Stream Cleanup.

2. Email received March 27, 2017, from Sustainable Jersey regarding And the Winners Are…

3. Email received March 31, 2017, from NOFA-NJ regarding NOFA-NJ Events Email 3-29-17.

4. Email received March 31, 2017, from Raritan Headwaters Newsletter regarding April Happenings.

5. Email received March 31, 2017, from Downtown New Jersey regarding March 2017 Newsletter.

6. Email received March 31, 2017, from Whippany River Watershed Action Committee regarding Here’s what’s happening this week.

7. Email received April 3, 2017, from TransOptions regarding Registration is Now Open!!

8. Email received April 4, 2017, from Sustainability Jersey regarding 2017 New Jersey Sustainability Summit: Reserve Your Spot Today!

9. Email received April 5, 2017, from NOFA-NJ regarding NOFA-NJ Events Email 4-5-17.

STATE AGENCIES

10. Email received March 27, 2017, from New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection regarding NJDEP: Important Grant Information.
11. Email received March 30, 2017, from New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection regarding NJDEP Weekly Update.

12. Letter received March 30, 2017, from New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection regarding One – 550 gallon #2 Heating Oil Underground Storage Tank System; Unrestricted Use – No Further Action Letter and Covenant Not to Sue; Block 4100, Lot 87; 67 Route 46, Mount Olive Township; Program Interest #224836, Activity Number: CSP170001, Communications Center Number: 17-02-03-1222-38.

13. Letter received April 3, 2017, from New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection regarding One – 550 gallon #2 Heating Oil Underground Storage Tank System; Unrestricted Use – No Further Action Letter and Covenant Not to Sue; Block 5300, Lot 53; 165 Tinc Road, Mount Olive Township; Program Interest #750655, Activity Number: CSP170001, Communications Center Number: 17-01-13-1042-34.


MSA/MUA

15. Letter received April 6, 2017, from Musconetcong Sewerage Authority regarding MSA - LIST of ALLOCATIONS.

MORRIS COUNTY

16. Email received April 5, 2017, from County of Morris regarding World War I.

17. Email received April 7, 2017, from County of Morris regarding WWI. Kinnelon Tract. Crime Victims. CCM. Easter Train, too!

UTILITIES

18. Email received March 29, 2017, from New Jersey American Water regarding NJ American Water Flushing Schedule.

President Nicastro: We have 18 Correspondence. Anyone have any questions or concerns on those? Seeing none.

ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING – None

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING - None – 2nd reading April 25, 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.

1. 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 2017 Municipal Budget ($5,500.00 for the distracted Driving Crackdown Grant).

2. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Authorizing a Grant Application to New Jersey Transit’s 5310 Grant.

3. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Authorizing the Submission of a Tonnage Grant Application to the State of New Jersey for Calendar Year 2016.

4. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Authorizing the Use of Open Space Funds for a Professional Services Agreement with Louis Berger in Connection With the Engineering Services for Phase I Environmental Site Assessment at Drakesdale Road, Block 4500 Lot 29.
5. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Authorizing an Award of Contract to Security Structures, Inc. For the Construction a Maintenance Building at Turkey Brook Park.


8. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement With Van Cleef Engineering Associates in Connection with Construction Administration and Inspection Services For Maintenance Building at Turkey Brook Park.


10. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Awarding Professional Service Agreements Under the Non-Fair and Open Contracts in Accordance With the Pay-To-Play Law For the Year 2017 (Robert D. Correale, Esq. of Brady & Correale, LLP).

11. 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 (GTBM – Gold Type Business Machines).

12. 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 (Montague Tool & Supply Co. Inc.).

13. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Approving a Vendor Service Contract on “Non-Fair And Open” Basis Pursuant to the “Pay-To-Play” Law (All Traffic Solutions).

14. 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 (Mt. Olive Hardware/Amish Mike).

15. 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 (Mangiro Contracting Co. Inc.).


17. A Resolution of the Township of Mount Olive, County of Morris and State of New Jersey, Approving and Authorizing a New Developer’s Agreement with Hunkele Equities for the Property Located at Block 4440, Lot 85.

President Nicastro: Consent Resolutions. I believe we’re going to table number six? I need, Mr.…anyone need any moved to Non-Consent? Seeing none. Mr. Ferrante, do you…would you move Consent Resolutions one through five and seven through seventeen please?

Mr. Ferrante: Sure, I make a motion to approve…to move Consent Resolutions one through five and seven through seventeen.

Mr. Roman: Second.

Mr. Amianda: Second.


Roll Call: Passed unanimously
MOTIONS
1. Bill List.

President Nicastro: Mrs. Labow, would you move the Bill List please?

Mrs. Labow: Yes, thank you Mr. President. I move the Bill List for approval.

Mr. Mania: Second.

President Nicastro: Any discussion? Roll Call please.

Roll Call: Passed unanimously

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

President Nicastro: Administrative Reports. Laura…Laura, Mayor? Anything?

Miss Harris: I don’t have anything.

Mayor Greenbaum: I have nothing.

OLD BUSINESS – none

NEW BUSINESS – none

LEGAL MATTERS – none


Ms. Sharpe: No, not any today.

COUNCIL REPORTS

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

Board of Education Liaison Report
Senior Citizen Liaison

Mr. Amianda: Yes. The Board of Education held its Work Session meeting on Monday, April 10, 2017 at 6:30 pm at the Administrative Building. The Board discussed and they took action on school matters. The Board approved an agreement with Alpha Best Education for before and after school child care services. The Board approved an agreement bid for waterline installation at the Tinc Road School. The project was awarded to the lowest bidder in the amount of $88,625.00 to Dulaine Contracting Company. Senior Citizen Club liaison report. Mount Olive Senior Club held its business meeting on April 4, 2017 at 11:30 am. The Seniors had two guest speakers from the Atlantic Health System. They spoke of health programs for Seniors. They spoke about faster stroke treatment, overcoming drug addiction, guided energy techniques and screening and the fight against diabetes. Seniors also discussed the need for future guest speakers. That’s my comments on those two items.

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

Environmental Committee
Lake Issues
Library Board Liaison - none

Mr. Ferrante: Sure. The lake association has scheduled the spring clean up on Saturday, April 29, 2017. We will be meeting at 9:00 am at the pavilion parking lot. The Environmental Commission has scheduled their…the well testing for Saturday, May 20, 2017. Sample pick up…so you return your samples on May 22, 2017. That’s all.

President Nicastro: Thank you. Mrs. Labow, anything on Economic or TNR…
Economic Development Committee Report - none
TNR Program
Open Space Committee Report

Mrs. Labow: Yes, thank you Mr. President.

President Nicastro: …and Open Space?

Mrs. Labow: Yes. EDC hasn’t met yet. TNR, a little interesting event happened last week. There’s been a black cat in my neighborhood that looks identical to my black cat that never goes out. All of a sudden one day…

Mr. Mania: Are they related?

Mrs. Labow: …I…no they’re really not. One has green eyes, one has some other color eyes. Anyway, one of the kids…when they were dropping the babies off…and my daughter-in-law, she says “Momma, there’s a cat in your garage.” There it was sitting in the window. We tried to get it out; it runs out the back door. About a week later it’s back in my garage again. I called TNR, they put flyers all over the neighborhood, anybody seen blah, blah, blah. This time I actually caught the cat in my garage, my neighbors came over. TNR came, they flyered again. Lo and behold, now I live on Third Street, it was a neighbor over on Waterloo Road about a quarter of a mile down the street from us, it was their cat, Fulton, you know Alan.

Mr. Mania: Right.

Mrs. Labow: It was Alan and Courtney’s cat, was in my garage. Anyways, it was a happy ending. Their cat went missing Christmas Eve and they were just reunited last week.

President Nicastro: Good for them.

Mrs. Labow: You never know with these things.

Mr. Mania: Nice.

President Nicastro: You never know.

Mr. Mania: Nice.

Mrs. Labow: TNR went right to work on it. We got that all settled and we’re still cleaning up the garage. The next thing; I had the Open Space Committee meeting last night. It was very, very interesting. Jill Devlin who’s a member of the Open Space Committee had given permission…deeded permission to build a trail through her property. She’s on Tinc Road and there’s three access points, one on River Road, one on Briarhurst Drive and one on Tinc Road to get to these trails. They had been out there working on them last week and had gotten quite a bit done. In the discussion we started saying, you know it’s a shame we keep doing all this work and nobody ever seems to use the trails and it was like nobody seems to know where the trails are. They were talking about other ones going to other Towns to use the trails. Then we all started looking on our phones trying to find…because we knew at some point there had been a link on the website, so we’re trying to find it, couldn’t find it. I sent an email and asked Laura, where is it? Laura said it was in the Planning tab. Under the Planning tab was where there was this paperwork about the trails, but it dated back to 2009. There’s nothing updated and I don’t believe for a second that we can’t update our website because Laura, from the work they did on Saturday, Laura Szwak, the other Laura…she was sitting there at the meeting and she could show us the work that they did on the trails with the…what’s that called Alex, a GPS tracking’s thing…

Mr. Roman: Yes.

President Nicastro: Yes.

Mrs. Labow: Here we’re looking at everything they did yet none of this information is on our website for everybody to be able to benefit from, so it’s kind of upsetting. That’s what we’re working on right now, trying to figure out how we can…and Alex had started working…

President Nicastro: Get that…
Mrs. Labow: …on it when he was the liaison. We really want to try to get to the point that if somebody pulls up our website…different things that are important like the trails, it’s easy to get to. They don’t have to…I looked for almost an hour today; I knew it was there somewhere and I couldn’t find it.

President Nicastro: It’s not too good. It’s not too good when you can’t find it.

Mrs. Labow: Yes, I know. That’s what we talked about. The other thing they had talked about when…because they are an advisory board, an advisory committee, if any money is going to be spent out of the Open Space fund, if they could just be given a heads up or asked their opinion instead of the money just being allocated to this, that or the other. That was it.

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

Mr. Roman: I’d like to…

President Nicastro: Mr. Roman, I’m sorry.

Mr. Mania: Nothing on Legislative…

Mr. Roman: Excuse me John. I’d like to chime in on what Mrs. Labow was talking about.

Mrs. Labow: Oh good.

Mr. Roman: On the Recreation side, there used to be a map there of the trails. It was like just a jpeg image…

Mrs. Labow: It disappeared, right?

Mr. Roman: …nothing interactive, it’s not there. I’m kind of a little bit upset because I thought we hired a part-time IT guy…

President Nicastro: Well, yes.

Mr. Roman: …to resolve these issues.

President Nicastro: Yes that’s true, we did.

Mr. Roman: Is the IT guy…the part-time IT guy, is he working on this website? I think that’s the main purpose that we put that money in the budget is to make sure that issues like this get resolved. Unfortunately, our website is a hodgepodge of information and it’s rather difficult to navigate and…

Mrs. Labow: It’s not user friendly.

Mr. Roman: I’m pretty sure anybody under 25 is more than apt to figure that out and how to fix that.

Miss Harris: We did relocate the link today…

President Nicastro: We did what?

Miss Harris: …to a more…we relocated the link…

Mrs. Labow: Did you…yes.

Miss Harris: …to a more prominent.

Mrs. Labow: The other…

Mr. Roman: Right and that’s the…

President Nicastro: What’s the answer on the part-time person because that is a good point? I’m sorry, but I have to…

Mr. Roman: That link that we relocated is a 45 page pdf if I recall.
Mrs. Labow: It’s from 2009.

Mr. Roman: That’s not…that’s fine that it’s on there, but what people need to see is quick access to an interactive map. I am here, 700 yards that way is a trail, let me zoom in, hey look that’s what the trail ahead picture looks like…

Mrs. Labow: Remember when we talked about…when we talked about being able to pretty much click on it.

Mr. Roman: That’s…

Miss Harris: We actually have one that was created by NV5 which is the consulting group who’s doing the Bike, Pedestrian Path Plan study for us. It just hasn’t gone live yet because they’re still pulling together all the information and bringing in public input.

Mr. Roman: Wow.

Miss Harris: We expect that…it’s a Wiki-Map, it’s like…one of the…if you haven’t taken a survey, you should really take the survey because it’s one of the coolest things I’ve ever seen. It allows you to put comments in about trails and put in proposed trails and…

Mrs. Labow: Right.

Miss Harris: …it shows the existing trails.

Mrs. Labow: Nice.

Mr. Roman: Up until that’s available we should at least have a relatively easy map on there, because we’re not even listed on…I even forgot that there’s a website that if you just hit trails near me.

Mrs. Labow: We’re not on there.

Mr. Roman: It’s got the Columbia Trail, Patriots’ Path. None of our trails…

Mrs. Labow: Not even the Braille Trail.

Mr. Roman: …none of our trails are on there.

Miss Harris: You’re probably aware that mapping isn’t…it’s not something that you can do…we would actually need the software for it, which is a pretty significant investment. It’s not like you could just create an interactive map and put it online. You need…

Mr. Roman: To do something extremely interactive I understand it’ll be expensive, but we already have at least an image on there. We have the GPS unit that you actually walk the trail, it downloads the data. We have that, we just need…

Miss Harris: The QR codes you need.

Mr. Roman: We just need somebody to connect “A” with “C” and put it on because again if we put…

Mrs. Labow: The County will help.

Mr. Roman: …somebody in the budget to test these small…

President Nicastro: Where are we with that? That was my question. Do we have someone working part-time with the IT? Okay.

Miss Harris: I don’t think…I mean I don’t…again he’s…the maps are being created and…

President Nicastro: Right.

Miss Harris: …it’s not something that’s done overnight. It is…it’s a lot of work and I don’t know that hiring an IT assistant is…
President Nicastro: I understood that.

Miss Harris: …that person is going to be capable of doing...

President Nicastro: It’s just overall, I think we’re saying with the website itself it’s supposed to be…it needs to be…it really needs…somehow, we have to direct them.

Miss Harris: I haven’t…Zachary, the intern that Colleen has referred to me…

Mrs. Labow: Zachary’s going to be doing it?

Miss Harris: …he’s going to be actually assigned. He’s going to actually…

President Nicastro: Yes, because we need somebody…

Miss Harris: …he’s going to go around and meet with department heads and get information from them.

President Nicastro: Perfect, because that needs to be redone totally, it’s very antiquated.

Mrs. Labow: He’s not Scott’s IT guy?

Miss Harris: No, he’s just the…not just an intern, but an intern.

President Nicastro: Good. Alright, thank you.

Mrs. Labow: Going on the website, one more thing, when I was in search of the link for our trails, I saw right on the front page it says March 17, 2017, Turkey Brook park is open, Dog Park is closed, it’s unsafe and further notice…okay that was March 17, 2017, today’s April 11, 2017.

President Nicastro: No update.

Mrs. Labow: Laura said it’s…I guess the Dog Park is open now, but that’s what’s on our website.

President Nicastro: Right.

Mrs. Labow: Our Dog Park is extremely popular, so you go on there and you see it, its right there and they’re saying that our dog park is closed. That’s…that’s…

President Nicastro: That’s why we’ll…

Mr. Roman: There should be one person whose job is to update because…the whole website you have different departments that changes information…that one person changes it because…

President Nicastro: I think the information just has to be…make sure the information is being given to the person. That’s really the key.

Miss Harris: That’s definitely the key.

President Nicastro: The person doing it won’t know what to change unless the department’s giving it to them.

Mrs. Labow: Yes, that’s probably the big problem.

President Nicastro: That’s part of it. I’m not disagreeing with you on that, but we got to make sure…someone has to make sure they’re giving them the flow of information otherwise it’s only as good as what they get.

Mrs. Labow: I don’t want it…I mean to sound like I’m complaining about a whole bunch of stuff because everybody does a really nice job. They have a lot going on.

President Nicastro: Yes that’s fine, but the website…that’s all.

Mrs. Labow: It’s just something like this is when it’s information that has to get out to the public we want it to be accurate, we want it to be done in a timely fashion because it’s very, very important.
President Nicastro: Important. Agreed. Thank you.

Mrs. Labow: Thank you.

President Nicastro: Mr. Mania, Planning and…

Legislative Committee Report – none
Planning Board Report - none
Mr. Mania: Nothing on…no on Legislative.

President Nicastro: …Legislative.

Mr. Mania: Planning Board meeting was cancelled.

Board of Health Report - none
President Nicastro: Okay. I have nothing on Health this meeting.

Mrs. Labow: Planning Board…

President Nicastro: Recreation and Pride, Mr. Roman?

Recreation Liaison Report
Pride Committee Report
Mr. Roman: Recreation met last week. Basically, Jill just updated us on the upcoming events for spring and summer. There’s nothing really of note. My idea of drone racing was once again squashed. It will come. I’m telling you, drone racing is going to come to Mount Olive. On Pride, we identified a site. The site of the former…where the former veteran’s memorial was, right next to the lake itself for beautification through landscaping. We’re currently waiting on the Administration to get us some quotes, so we could at least put some color there. 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 - none
Mr. Stewart: Community Action group meets next Thursday, so I’ll have a report the next time.

President Nicastro: Thank you very much. Anyone from the public wish to be heard? Seeing none. Closed to the public. We’re going to go into Executive Session now, which means we’re going to leave and go in there. If Mr. Mania would take us into Executive Session.

PUBLIC PORTION - none

EXECUTIVE SESSION
  • Affordable Housing Litigation – attorney client privilege
  • Cobblestone Litigation – attorney client privilege

Mr. Mania: Thank you Mr. President. According to section 7 and 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, I make a motion we move into Executive Session to discuss Affordable Housing Litigation, Cobblestone Litigation matters noting that the minutes will be available upon conclusion of the issue.

Mr. Stewart: Second.

President Nicastro: Mr. Mania would you take us out of…

Mr. Mania: Motion to come out of Executive Session.

Mr. Stewart: Second.

Executive Session began at 7:45 pm and the Public Meeting resumed at 8:13 pm.

President Nicastro: Reopen the Mount Olive Township Council Meeting. We have to wait for that one.

Mr. Stewart: Take two.
President Nicastro: I open up the Mount Olive Township Council Meeting. Do we have a motion to adjourn?

Mrs. Labow: So moved.

Mr. Amianda: Second.

Mr. Mania: We didn’t do Council Comments.

President Nicastro: Council comments. I’m sorry.

Mr. Mania: We didn’t do comments.

President Nicastro: I forgot. I didn’t have any comments…

Mr. Mania: That’s alright.

President Nicastro: …so I wasn’t worried. Mr. Amianda, any comments?

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Amianda: No, none.

President Nicastro: Mr. Ferrante?

Mr. Ferrante: None.

President Nicastro: Mrs. Labow?

Mrs. Labow: None.

President Nicastro: Mr. Mania?

Mr. Mania: None.

President Nicastro: Mr. Stewart?

Mr. Stewart: Wishing everybody a Happy Passover and Easter.

Mrs. Labow: There you go…Easter.

President Nicastro: Mr. Roman?

Mr. Roman: I got nothing.

President Nicastro: None for me.

ADJOURNMENT - Motion made and seconded. All in favor, none opposed, the meeting was adjourned at 8:13 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 April 25, 2017.

Michelle Masser, Township Clerk

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