The Public Meeting of the Mount Olive Township Council was called to order at 7:06pm by President Nicastro.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT ANNOUNCEMENT

Miss Masser: According to the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting has been given to the Daily Record. Notice has been posted in the Municipal Building, 204 Flanders-Drakestown Road, Mount Olive Township, New Jersey and notices were sent to those requesting the same.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mr. Ferrante, Mrs. Labow, Mr. Mania, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Roman, and Mr. Nicastro

Absent: Mr. Amianda

Also Present: Michelle Masser, Township Clerk; Sue Sharpe, Township Attorney; Robert Greenbaum, Mayor; Claudia Tomasello, Assistant Business Administrator, and Sherry Kolody, CFO

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

June 26, 2018 WS, PM & CS

President Nicastro: I don’t see the representative here from Cablevision yet so we’re going to move that public hearing to the end . . . move it along till when he gets here. Mr. Ferrante, would you approve the Minutes from the previous meetings, June 26, 2018 Workshop and Public Meeting please?

Mr. Ferrante: Sure, I make a motion to approve the June 26, 2018 Workshop, Public Meeting, and Closed Session Minutes.

Mr. Mania: Second.

Mrs. Labow: Second.

President Nicastro: Give her time. Roll Call please.

ROLL CALL: Passed with the exception of Mrs. Labow, who abstained on June 26, 2018 Workshop, Public Meeting, and Closed Session Minutes

CORRESPONDENCE

LETTERS FROM RESIDENTS/ORGANIZATIONS/ OTHER TOWNS

1. Email received June 22, 2018 from Meghan Hunscher regarding Last call! Network with members of the Morris Chamber and MCEDC at Morris in the Evening on June 26.

2. Email received June 27, 2018 from Sustainable Jersey regarding Sustainability Summit Presentations Now Available.

3. Email received June 28, 2018 from NOFA-NJ regarding Special NOFA programs just for you!

4. Letter received July 2, 2018 from Dean J. Donatelli, Inglesino, Webster, Wyciskala & Taylor, LLC regarding Public Notice of KDS Aggregates, LLC application to the Planning Board of the Township of Mount Olive for preliminary and final site plan approval with respect to property located at 46 Waterloo Valley Road, Mount Olive, New Jersey.

5. Email received July 3, 2018 from NOFA-NJ regarding Action Alert! Networking and Workshops from NOFA-NJ.

6. Letter received July 5, 2018 from Township of Roxbury regarding Adoption of the Amendment to the Roxbury Township Master Plan Land Use Plan Element.

7. Publication received July 6, 2018 from Advancing Opportunities regarding June 2018 Newsletter.
RESOLUTIONS / ORDINANCES OTHER TOWNS


STATE AGENCIES

9. Email received June 29, 2018 from FEMA regarding FEMA Region II Individual and Community Preparedness Bulletin.

10. Email received June 29, 2018 from NJDEP regarding NJDEP Weekly Update.

MSA / MUA

11. Email received June 29, 2018 from MSA regarding MSA May 24, 2018 Approved Meeting Minutes.

MORRIS COUNTY

12. Email received June 22, 2018 from Morris County regarding MCPB Minutes.

13. Email received June 28, 2018 from Morris County regarding Morris County Medical Examiner Dr. Ronald Suarez Retiring.

14. Email received June 28, 2018 from Morris County regarding This Week in Morris County: Photo Contest Winners!

15. Email received July 3, 2018 from Morris County regarding Notice of Public Hearing, please post.

16. Email received July 5, 2018 from Morris County regarding Morris County News Release: Freeholders to Meet in Mt. Olive on July 11.

17. Email received July 6, 2018 from Morris County regarding Morris County 4-H Fair July 19-22.

UTILITIES


President Nicastro: We have 18 pieces of Correspondence. Does anyone have any issues with those? Next item on the Agenda for first reading is Ordinance #21-2018 with a second reading of July 24, 2018.

ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING: NONE

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING - (2nd reading July 24, 2018)

Ord.#21-2018 An Ordinance of the Township of Mount Olive, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Amending Chapter 169, Dogs and Other Animals, of the Township Code to Establish the Position of Municipal Humane Law Enforcement Officer.

President Nicastro: Mrs. Labow.

Mrs. Labow: Thank you, Mr. President. I move that Ordinance #21-2018 be introduced by title and passed on first reading and that a meeting will be held on July 24, 2018 at 7:00pm at the Municipal Building, 204 Flanders-Draekstown 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.

Mr. Roman: Second.
President Nicastro: Any Council discussion? Anyone from the public wish to be heard? Seeing none. Roll Call please.

ROLL CALL: Passed unanimously

President Nicastro: Next item on the agenda for first reading is Ordinance #22-2018,

Ord.#22-2018 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: Mr. Mania.

Mr. Mania: Thank you, Mr. President. I move that Ordinance #22-2018 be introduced by title and passed on first reading and that a meeting be held on June 24, 2018 . . .

President Nicastro: July.

Mr. Mania: . . . at 7:00pm at the Municipal Building . . .

Miss Masser: July.

President Nicastro: July.

Mr. Mania: . . . 204 Flanders-Drakestown . . .

Mr. Stewart: July.

Mrs. Labow: July 24th.

Mr. Mania: . . . July 24th, I’m sorry; 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: Council discussion? Anyone from the public wish to be heard? 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.


2. Resolution Authorizing Donation of Surplus Public Works Equipment.

3. 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 (Harrington & Sons, Inc.)

4. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Approving a Vendor Service Contract on a “Non-Fair and Open” Basis Pursuant to the “Pay-To-Play” Law (William Stothoff Company)
5. A Resolution of the Township of Mount Olive, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Approving and Authorizing a Developer’s Agreement in Connection with the Property Designated as Block 500, Lots 2 and 3, also Known as Waterloo Valley Road (Scannell Properties 322, LLC)

6. Resolution of the Township of Mount Olive, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Release of Performance and Cash Bonds Posted in Connection with Site Improvements for the Property Identified as Block 8300, Lot 6, also Known as 428 Sand Shore Road (JR Bon-1, LLC)


President Nicastro: We have seven Consent Resolutions. Does anybody wish to move any to Non-Consent? Seeing none. Mr. Stewart, would you move Resolutions one through seven?

Mr. Stewart: Thank you, Mr. President. I would like to move for adoption and final passage, Consent Resolutions one through seven.

Mr. Mania: Second.


ROLL CALL: Passed unanimously

MOTIONS
1. Bill List.

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

Mr. Roman: I make a motion we approve the Bill List.

Mr. Mania: Second.

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

ROLL CALL: Passed unanimously

President Nicastro: Administrative Reports.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mayor Greenbaum: I’ll be quick.

Miss Tomasello: Yes, I just have one thing too.

Mayor Greenbaum: Okay, go ahead.

Miss Tomasello: Andrew and I would just like to ask Council to, starting in the future if there are any requests or concerns you get from residents regarding potholes or any other road conditions, if we could refer them to the Township website to the service request section. Once it gets entered in there, it gets a work order number. It’s much easier for the Town to keep track of; it’s easier for the residents to call and for us to help them keep track of it. It’s hard when they’re all over Facebook for us to keep track of what’s being done and not done. If you could just help us push them in that direction it would really help us and it would help the residents as well.

Mr. Roman: Now, with the . . .

Mayor Greenbaum: On the same note, sorry, on the same note I would like Tim . . . I’d like a weekly report of pothole work orders that are submitted, the status of those which have been filled so that . . . and I’d like that circulated to everybody up here so that we all have the same information. Obviously, it’s been a big issue on all of the social media. I recognize that you guys are doing more with less. I know that you’re down one guy. You have eight guys doing the entire Town.
Mrs. Labow: Seven.

Mayor Greenbaum: Seven now, it’s eight. It’s eight, isn’t it?

Mrs. Labow: Seven.

Mayor Greenbaum: Seven.

Mr. Quinn: Seven.

Miss Tomasello: Seven.

Mayor Greenbaum: Including brush pickup and all the other things that the road department does. It’s hard to actually communicate that to the community but if we could, I agree with Claudia, push everybody into the work order and then you give us a weekly update in terms of: these are the work orders that are still open, which came in; these are the ones that have been filled. That would be extremely helpful to everybody up here.

Mr. Roman: With that in mind, I would request if you can, make a . . . create a TinyURL and then submit it to all of us so that way . . .

Miss Tomasello: Sure.

Mr. Roman: . . . as things come up we could just put that TinyURL in and that’ll direct somebody exactly to where because I . . .

Miss Tomasello: Yes, it’s very easy to find too. It’s mountolivetownship.com and it’s right on the . . . but I know . . .

Mr. Roman: You’d be amazed.

Miss Tomasello: . . . I will definitely, I know . . .

Mrs. Labow: Yes.

Miss Tomasello: I will definitely send it to you, although it is . . .

Mr. Roman: You’d be amazed.

Miss Tomasello: . . . easy to remember too, Mount Olive Township, all spelled out.

Mr. Roman: Right, and what . . . I thought a while ago we discussed about creating like an interactive map . . .

Mr. Stewart: Yes.

Mr. Roman: . . . that kind of outlines the streets that have been paved, will be paved, and it was going to be color coordinated . . .

Miss Tomasello: Color coordinated.

Mr. Roman: . . . so that way . . .

Miss Tomasello: Yes.

Mr. Roman: . . . people at least have an idea of like “okay, all right, 2018 is my year.”

Mayor Greenbaum: It doesn’t necessarily work that way. That’s the thing that I’m a little bit concerned about. Every year, although we have plans to do certain areas of Town, obviously the main roads take priorities over other areas of, you know, inside the neighborhoods so that in a particularly bad year, the paving that’s actually going to be done becomes prioritized again. If you put out information that somebody’s neighborhood is going to get repaved, it may not be the case and you may be creating . . .

Mr. Roman: Right, but I’m thinking more of something that’s constantly updated, so . . . where you go back and it gets changed.
Mayor Greenbaum: Yes, the problem with that Alex, is that once you put the information out that someone’s road is being repaved and then it doesn’t become repaved because of a reallocation of resources, it’s a problem. Really, DPW has an idea as to where they want to go and DPW is the one who decides what’s . . .

Mr. Roman: Right.

Mayor Greenbaum: . . . what gets paved.

Mr. Roman: Right.

Mayor Greenbaum: It’s no one—the audience should recognize—it’s no one sitting up here. It is simply a review of the Township roads and then allocation of resources to those roads, which DPW deems are most in need of repaving.

Mr. Roman: I completely understand the problems that that brings up, but I think right now what we have is no information whatsoever. I think if we give residents some information, we could always dial that back. We can always say if it ends up like, creates more problems than not, we can always dial it back.

Mayor Greenbaum: I’ll give it some thought. I’m not inclined to do it, but I’ll give it some thought and I’ll let you know what my thought process is afterwards.

Mr. Roman: Thank you.

Mr. Quinn: Mayor nailed it. I mean, that’s exactly what it is. Come fall, we have our tentative list. Come April, that list will change. A good example is Ringenbach Lane after the waterlines went in. The repairs of the roadway were not sufficient enough for actual good travel. Even though they did, the contractor did what they were supposed to do, the road is aged and just the wear and tear on it pushed that one up on the list, that it has to be done this year. That being said, it knocks a different area out of the list. If we publicize what we’re planning on doing early on; you will have an outcry from people that are not going to be happy when their road is taken off the list.

Mr. Roman: Right, but again . . .

Mr. Quinn: Once we get to this point right now, we have the contractors scheduled to come in, our firm list is out. I mean, right now it’s a done deal. It’s where it is.

Mayor Greenbaum: I don’t have a problem putting that out at all.

Mr. Quinn: Right, because that’s solid. That’s not changing once we get to this point. Things continually change, as the Mayor said.

Mr. Roman: Right, but speaking as if I was a resident, I would like to . . . I would be interested or at least maybe my frustration would be assuaged if I saw a map of the Township where our Township crews are doing this, they’re taking this, so it’s not like “oh, they’re not doing anything” because that’s what . . .

Mr. Quinn: I can do it, I can do it. I’m working on the map . . .

Mr. Roman: . . . that’s what I’m hearing.

Mr. Quinn: . . . I’m working on the map for, because you asked for it before, of past projects year to year, as to the areas that we’ve done. That, you’re going to get. I mean, that is areas that have been completed already so you can kind of get a schematic of the entire Town and what we’ve been doing over the past five, six, eight years with the paving program and you can see how it’s increased and decreased with the budgets that we get. Putting something down that hasn’t happened yet; I’m totally against it. It’s just not going to work.

Mayor Greenbaum: We’ll come up with something that everyone can agree with. I agree 100 percent that putting out the information to the residents is the best thing that we can do. As you know, any time that I can communicate any information that I believe to be true and accurate, I’m in favor of doing that. In this particular case, when you talk about repaving, you cannot do it earlier than the timeframe that it’s been set in stone, which is where we are now with this year’s paving. I could give you, I mean I could circulate to the Council, Tim Quinn’s list as to where he thinks he’s going to get next year but putting it out to the public doesn’t necessarily benefit anybody in my mind because it may not happen. It may not happen the year after because it becomes a reallocation of resources based upon particular road conditions.
President Nicastro: Anything else from Administration? Nothing? Okay.

Mayor Greenbaum: I do, I’m sorry.

President Nicastro: Yes, I was going to say Mayor . . .

Mayor Greenbaum: I’m sorry. Obviously, the carnival is this week. We’re really excited and it looks like for the first time in a long time . . .

Mrs. Labow: Don’t jinx it.

Mr. Mania: The weather’s going to . . . the weather’s going to be good.

Mayor Greenbaum: The weather’s going to be good, yes. Fireworks without rain will be Saturday night. I expect that there’s going to be an excellent turn out if people can get there without having to travel on Route 206. So far, the complaints with respect to Route 206 are small. We’ve had some businesses that we’ve tried to help in light of the detour. I asked Andrew today whether or not he’s heard and I don’t know if you’ve heard, Tim, of any change in their plan in terms of when they’re going to complete the plan. I didn’t hear of any. Are they on target still?

Mr. Quinn: Yes, they’re on schedule. I mean the only issue that would’ve came up with them was rain and we’re not having any.

President Nicastro: Dry; high and dry.

Mr. Quinn: As far as we know, they are on schedule. They’ve given us the nine-day window and I see no reason why they should not meet that.

Mr. Roman: Right and correct me if I’m wrong; I think if I recall from the meeting that they get penalized financially . . .

Mr. Quinn: After nine days.

Mr. Roman: . . . if they were to go after . . .

Mr. Quinn: Yes.

Mr. Roman: . . . the time.

Mr. Quinn: After nine days they get heavily fined if it’s not completed, so they have a lot hanging in the balance. They’re working 24/7. It’s not just a daytime or nighttime crew. They’re going day and night.

President Nicastro: The traffic’s good; the lights are working well.

Mrs. Labow: Yes.

Mr. Mania: Yes.

President Nicastro: I came down the back way . . .

Mayor Greenbaum: Traffic except . . .

President Nicastro: . . . the traffic lights, the temporary lights are good.

Mayor Greenbaum: . . . except Flanders-Bartley Road, coming into the turn to come across Route 206.

President Nicastro: Route 206 is still . . .

Mayor Greenbaum: It’s significantly impacted.

President Nicastro: Over there, okay.
Mrs. Labow: Yes.

President Nicastro: I came the other way, through Chester.

Mrs. Labow: That’s because everything comes down from Route 206.

Mayor Greenbaum: Significantly impacted.

Mrs. Labow: Yes.

Mayor Greenbaum: You know what, what can you do? It’s outside of our control.

President Nicastro: . . . we’re already almost a week. What is it? A week it’s going to be . . . it’s this week, is the week already.

Mayor Greenbaum: Sixteenth.

President Nicastro: Yes, so they’re getting close.

Mrs. Labow: I have to say on the plus side, is when you’re on Route 206 like when I bring my granddaughter to the dance studio down there on 3 . . . 230 or 330 Route 206, it’s the first time ever I’ve actually been able to make left-hand turns out of there.

President Nicastro: You can make a turn out of there.

Mrs. Labow: I’m like “oh wow, this is great”, you know? There’s always an upside to every situation.

Mayor Greenbaum: The last thing that I have to say is as I came across the bridge at River Road and Flanders-Drakestown, I thought to myself and I said to Kelly “what a beautiful job it turned—it was delayed—but what a beautiful job they did at the end of the day.” It really is a plus for Mount Olive Township and if you haven’t been to the pool, the pool is . . . I have gotten so many compliments from people about the pool. I understand today, Joe, you attended a donation of umbrellas.

President Nicastro: Yes, yes.

Mayor Greenbaum: That was from Autosport.

President Nicastro: Correct. Very nice.

Mayor Greenbaum: What was it, about ten umbrellas?

President Nicastro: I think a dozen umbrellas, they gave. It was really nice.

Mayor Greenbaum: For beach and for . . .

President Nicastro: For the pool.

Mayor Greenbaum: Yes. Do you have an update on the beach? Do you know what’s going on with the . . .

Mr. Mania: That was nice, Joe.

President Nicastro: Yes, it was very nice thing they did.

Mayor Greenbaum: . . . the algae?

Miss Tomasello: Algae blooms? No, we’re good so far.

Mayor Greenbaum: Okay, the tests all came . . .

Miss Tomasello: They’re testing; testing came back fine.

Mayor Greenbaum: All right, good.
Miss Tomasello: Yes.

Mrs. Labow: So, it’s open.

Miss Tomasello: Everything’s good; open.

Mayor Greenbaum: It’s open.

Miss Tomasello: Safe to swim.

Mayor Greenbaum: Okay, good. That’s it.

President Nicastro: Very good, thank you. Any Old Business? Any New Business? Any Legal Matters?

OLD BUSINESS – none

NEW BUSINESS – none

LEGAL MATTERS – none

Mrs. Sharpe: Nothing to report tonight, thank you.

President Nicastro: We’ll do the Council Reports and then we’ll move on to the . . . is the representative here from Verizon? Okay.

Miss Masser: No.

President Nicastro: No.

Mayor Greenbaum: Cablevision.

President Nicastro: I mean Cablevision, I’m sorry.

Miss Masser: Cablevision.

President Nicastro: I keep saying Verizon.

Mr. Roman: . . . We’re changing it.

President Nicastro: That’s it.

Mrs. Sharpe: We moved the public hearing . . .

President Nicastro: We moved it.

Mrs. Sharpe: . . . until later in the meeting.

President Nicastro: We’ll move it; we’re almost there for that. Daniel’s not here. Mr. Ferrante, anything on Lake, Environmental, or Library?

COUNCIL REPORTS

Board of Education Liaison Report - none
Senior Citizen Liaison - none

Environmental Committee - none
Lake Issues - none
Library Board Liaison

Mr. Ferrante: Nope, I was just going to say that the lake is opened and in regards to the Library, they have a lot of events going on in the summer including movie nights, crafts for kids, lots of events for adults too. Check out their website for the calendars.
Mr. Roman: John.

President Nicastro: Thank you. Mr. Stewart . . . oh, I’m sorry.

Mr. Roman: John, has the Library implemented, remember, that suggestion to kind of teach seniors how . . .?

Mr. Ferrante: Yes, let me . . . let me follow up with that again.

Mr. Roman: Okay.

Mr. Ferrante: Yes.

Mr. Roman: Thank you.

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

Economic Development Committee Report
Community Action Panel Report

Mr. Stewart: Yes, we’ve had two meetings, the EDC. We’ve agreed to reinstate the—with the cooperation of Mount Olive Area Chamber—the Executive Council which will be meeting quarterly. It’ll be a special meeting with the EDC, then the Morris County EDC with the chief executive officer or lead executives of the big companies in the area. That’s going on and then the next one will be this month, there’s another one. Monthly EDC here, is meeting. It’s linked up with the Morris County EDC now.

President Nicastro: Good.

Mr. Stewart: Then, on the other one, is the Community Action Panel. We had a wrap up meeting for the pre-summer; next meeting will be in September. We reviewed the successful event that we had in June.

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

Open Space Committee Report
Board of Health Report - none
Stigma Committee

Mrs. Labow: Yes, Open Space: we met last night and one of our members, David Alexander, he’s been working with a couple of the Boy Scout troops. Boy Scouts, in particular, working on their Eagle Scout and the . . . how do you say that? Cosix? How do you say that word? The signs . . . cosix?

Mr. Roman: Kiosks.

Mrs. Labow: Kiosks.

President Nicastro: Kiosks.

Mrs. Labow: Thank you. Anyway, they’re up in several locations and also, we have plastic covering that’s going to be put on them and we have another scout who’s looking for a project and we’re going to have him hopefully install the puncheons in some of the trail areas that we have. That’s all good news. Also, we discussed the storm water regulations in the video that we all watched this past week . . .

President Nicastro: Yes.

Mrs. Labow: . . . the storm water . . .

President Nicastro: I saw that one.

Mrs. Labow: . . . and it had not been passed on to the Open Space Committee. You know, it was the . . . we were required and the Planning Board was required so I sent that link off to, also to our Open Space so that they could review it also; very informative. For the Board of Health: I wasn’t able to go to the meeting because I was recuperating from my stent procedure. I don’t have anything to report tonight on the Stigma Free except that I try to post every day on the site and hope people get some kind of positive influence and reinforcement from it.
President Nicastro: Thank you, very much. Mr. Mania, anything on Legislative or Planning?

Legislative Committee Report – none

Planning Board Report

Mr. Mania: Planning: our last meeting there was an extension denied for ARD Mount Olive Associates. They are the former owners of the property Morris Chase. The extensions were denied because they live in Florida now and they really don’t think it’s important to do anything in Jersey right now. The Board took the position “we’re not giving you an extension.”

Mr. Roman: John.

Mr. Mania: We had . . .

Mr. Roman: John, does that in any way open us up to litigation?

Mr. Mania: No, well, I’m sure they’ll . . . they may. It’s possible.

Mrs. Labow: Does that mean their proposal; their project is done now? Since they didn’t, because they’re . . .

Mr. Mania: Well, it goes back many years. The property was wet and they couldn’t build on it so they decided to wait till the property dried out to make those lots available.

Mrs. Labow: Now it’s Highlands.

Mr. Mania: Pardon?

Mrs. Labow: It’s Highlands Preservation now.

Mayor Greenbaum: Only if their extension . . . only if their extension is not applicable. They get the protection. That’s the whole . . . that is the whole issue that was before the Board. Once their extension expires, their protection is under, whatever approvals they got originally expire.

Mrs. Labow: Since they didn’t get their extension, if they . . .

Mayor Greenbaum: It’s going to be a litigated issue.

Mrs. Labow: Yes, okay. No . . . can’t . . .

Mr. Mania: Then we had two development matters: one was a relief for a side yard setback on Corey Road and the other was Bouka Associates, which is the Budd Lake Diner. We had to adjourn that to August 16, 2018 because one of the residents within 200 feet . . .

Mr. Roman: Wasn’t . . .

Mr. Mania: . . . was not notified.

President Nicastro: Okay.

Mr. Mania: Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Recreation Liaison Report – none
Pride Committee - none

Mr. Roman: Nothing to report.

President Nicastro: Okay. Now we’re going to go into the . . . I’ll introduce Marilyn Davis; the Area Director of Government Affairs and we’re going to have a public hearing on the Cablevision . . .

Mr. Roman: Franchise.
President Nicastro: What’s that?

Mr. Roman: Franchise? No?

Mrs. Sharpe: The franchise renewal.

President Nicastro: Franchise, I’m sorry. Yes, I was reading there. The CSC TKR, LLC Cablevision of Morris in regard to the renewal of its Municipal Consent to construct and operate a cable television system in the Township. Ms. Davis, if you would go up to the podium there and state your name . . .

Miss Masser: State your name . . .

President Nicastro: Just state your name and then . . .

Miss Masser: . . . and title.

President Nicastro: . . . and title and Michelle will swear you in for the record.

Ms. Davis: Good evening. Hi, I’m Marilyn Davis with Altice USA.

Miss Masser: Okay, I’m just going to swear you in for the record. If you could just raise your right hand and repeat after me or just . . . you can just say yes or no. Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?

Ms. Davis: Yes.

Miss Masser: Thank you.

President Nicastro: Thank you, very much. You have to . . .

Ms. Davis: This is my first hearing.

President Nicastro: Okay.

Mrs. Sharpe: Yes, and you’re welcome to at this time, give us a presentation, discuss your application, etc.

Ms. Davis: Sure, okay. Hi. Again, I’m Marilyn Davis. I’m with Altice USA. I’m the Area Director for Government Affairs so I oversee all the government affairs activities in the State of New Jersey for Altice USA. Some of you may know, two years ago, Altice USA purchased Cablevision. Altice USA initially was a multinational corporation. As of June, of this year, the company separated from its parent company and is now a total US based company. Cablevision previously was located in . . . I have a brain freeze . . . Long Island but has now relocated to Queens. The company Altice USA has relocated to Queens and we’re located in Long Island City, Queens. The company has been aggressively transitioning from Cablevision to Altice USA. Some of the things that we’re doing as a company is we are upgrading our entire network throughout our system. Our system is now in 21 states. We’re upgrading our network from what is currently, we are now at 350 megabytes per second to what will ultimately be 10G. We’ve heard from customers that their broadband service has been slow and so the company, the new company is in the process of upgrading our network. Here in New Jersey, we’re in about 175 towns give or take, and so we’re aggressively embarking on a five-year project which started last year in 2017. As far as the franchise renewal, I’m not sure what else to say about that other than it just allows us to operate in the Town.

President Nicastro: Mr. Roman.

Mr. Roman: You say that you have an aggressive renewal . . .

Ms. Davis: Aggressive upgrade. Network upgrade.

Mr. Roman: . . . aggressive . . . I’m sorry, aggressive upgrade. When would this aggressiveness hit Mount Olive Township?

Ms. Davis: Mount Olive is not on the 2019 list, 2018 list, which is what I’m working on right now. I can certainly find out the timing for Mount Olive. This is a five-year project that started in 2017 so we’re in our second year now.
Mr. Roman: Is Altice considering doing any partnerships with any municipalities to provide free Wi-Fi service for areas as I’ve seen some other companies do throughout the United States? You know, where pilot programs, is there anything in the works for that?

Ms. Davis: Everything’s negotiable.

Mr. Roman: Then let’s negotiate. There is nothing right now that your company currently is partnering with any Township at all to provide any free public Wi-Fi?

Ms. Davis: Everything is negotiable. After this meeting, when we talked to Michelle and is it Andrew?

President Nicastro: Andrew, yes. He’s not here this evening but yes.

Ms. Davis: Michelle and Andrew, you guys will provide us with what your asks are and then we’ll negotiate.

Mr. Roman: All right. Thank you.

Mrs. Sharpe: I just wanted to confirm, because the Administrator was not able to attend tonight, but he did represent to me that he had spoken to you about the possibility of discounts for both senior citizens and disabled residents and also about a $25,000.00 technology grant. I just wanted to confirm on the record that that is under consideration.

Ms. Davis: I believe two out of three are under consideration. I don’t recall, and Michelle, you can correct me about the disabled, because I’m not sure if we have a program for disabled individuals specifically.

Miss Masser: I did take notes. I know the one was definite. They were going to take it under consideration. I know with the grant . . .

Ms. Davis: The grant is fine. Well, they’re not fine but the grants are for negotiations.

Miss Masser: . . . it was $25,000.00 and Andrew had also asked, I guess, there were two previous years and he wanted to look into getting those back as well.

Ms. Davis: We’re confirming that.

Miss Masser: I believe it was Rob, was it Rob . . .

Ms. Davis: Rob.

Miss Masser: . . . who was on your call? He had said when we submit everything to just go ahead and ask for that and to write him a letter going for the $25,000.00 plus the two years back. Just do it initially, you know, all at once.

Ms. Davis: Councilwoman Sharpe . . .

Mrs. Sharpe: I’m the . . .

Mr. Roman: The attorney.

President Nicastro: The attorney.

Miss Masser: Township attorney.

Ms. Davis: I’m sorry.

Mrs. Sharpe: I’m just asking on behalf of the Administrator because he couldn’t be here tonight.

Mr. Roman: Don’t insult her like that.

Ms. Davis: We definitely have a program for seniors but it is income based. I think it’s associated with . . . what is the . . . is it? The utility program, is it LIHEAP?

President Nicastro: I don’t know.
Ms. Davis: I think it’s LIHEAP.

Mrs. Sharpe: I don’t know.

Ms. Davis: There’s a . . . we do have an income-based program for seniors. I don’t recall whether we have one for the disabled individuals but certainly if there’s an individual regardless of whether they’re disabled or not, that meet the income threshold, we do have programs for individuals who need assistance. The grant, again, is part of the negotiation process.

President Nicastro: Mrs. Labow.

Mrs. Labow: Yes, is there a program for vets as well? Veterans?

Ms. Davis: I don’t think we have a program for veterans but we can confirm as we go through negotiation process but I don’t . . .

Mrs. Labow: Yes, if we could check into that.

Ms. Davis: . . . think so.

Miss Masser: Yes, Rob indicated on the call that no. There wasn’t a . . .

Mrs. Labow: Oh, really?

Miss Masser: . . . program at this time for veterans and there was a discount for seniors. That was a statutory discount . . .

Ms. Davis: Yes.

Miss Masser: . . . if I’m correct.

Ms. Davis: I think it’s associated with LIHEAP. We do have an income-based program. We have an economy internet program for individuals who are on SSI, not SSDI.

Mrs. Sharpe: This is also an opportunity for anyone from the public to ask questions as well, if you’d like to.

President Nicastro: If anyone has any questions for Cablevision, you’re welcome to get up and ask. If not . . . you have to go up there Rachel . . . no you have to go . . .

Mr. Roman: Go up to the mic.

President Nicastro: State your name and . . .

Mr. Roman: Name, address, blood type.

President Nicastro: The usual.

Ms. Marlowe: Rachel Marlowe, 39 Oakwood Village, Apartment 5. If the individual is on SSI then they, per se, would be disabled, right?

Miss Masser: Rachel . . . Rachel.

President Nicastro: You have to talk into the . . .

Ms. Marlowe: Into the microphone.

Miss Masser: If you talk into the mic, she’ll be able to hear you and then we’ll be able to hear you as well.

Ms. Marlowe: No, because SSI is an income-based program for people who are disabled.

Ms. Davis: SSDI is for individuals who are disabled.

President Nicastro: You need to come up to the microphone as well. We can’t hear.
Ms. Davis: I’m not an expert when it comes to Social Security but I believe SSDI is for individuals who are . . . so it’s called Social Security Disability Insurance. That is not the qualification program. It’s SSI that qualifies you for our low-income program.

Ms. Marlowe: The low-income program under SSI is for people who are disabled so I think that anybody who is disabled and is also low-income would be covered under that program. The SSDI is based on your retirement income. You can also get that program if you are disabled, however, you have to have four credits to obtain.

President Nicastro: Thank you. Yes, thank you. We’ll look at that as well when we . . . does anyone else have any questions? You just go up, you have to just, you got to go up and state your name and address. Yes, I know, you need to state your name and address for the record.

Mr. Capone: Mr. Capone, Elizabeth Lane. We’re new to the meeting so we’re learning the lingo, so what is . . . I know Social Security, but what does the “I” stand for? Anybody know?

President Nicastro: What is it?

Mr. Roman: Insurance.

Ms. Davis: It’s Supplemental Security Income.

Mr. Mania: Income.

Mr. Capone: Income.

President Nicastro: Income. There you go.

Mr. Capone: She just looked it up on her iPad.

President Nicastro: Supplemental . . .

Miss Masser: Supplemental . . .

Mr. Capone: All right, that’s it, thank you.

President Nicastro: Social Security . . .

Miss Masser: Social Security . . .

Mr. Mania: That was easy, Paul.

Miss Masser: Income.

President Nicastro: Income.

Mr. Capone: Income.

President Nicastro: Income. Thank you, we all learned something. Anyone else have any questions for Cablevision while they’re here? Ms. Davis, you can get back . . . we can, there you go. I don’t think there’s anyone else from Council have anything else at this point?

Mr. Roman: Nope.

President Nicastro: If not, then we have nothing else and thank you for being here.

Ms. Davis: It’s my understanding that today is just a hearing and then . . .

President Nicastro: Correct.

Ms. Davis: . . . we’ll begin the negotiation process and then we will . . . that will come back . . .

President Nicastro: Correct.
Ms. Davis: ... to the Council and you present that.

President Nicastro: Yes.

Mrs. Sharpe: That’s right.

President Nicastro: We’ll get in touch with the BA.

Ms. Davis: Okay, great.

President Nicastro: Thank you.

Miss Masser: Thank you.

President Nicastro: I’ll just close the hearing on the Cablevision contract. All right, we’re down to public portion. Does anyone from the public wish to be heard at this time? Seeing none. Closed to the public. Any Council comments? Mr. Ferrante.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Ferrante: Nothing tonight.

President Nicastro: Mrs. Labow.

Mrs. Labow: I just want to say everybody enjoy the carnival this week. The festivities; it is a very exciting time for Mount Olive. That’s it.

President Nicastro: Mr. Mania.

Mr. Mania: I just want to say to Colleen, welcome back.

Mrs. Labow: Thank you.

Mr. Mania: God bless.

Mrs. Labow: Thank you. Thank you.

President Nicastro: Mr. Stewart.

Mr. Stewart: Just two other reminders for folks: August 7, 2018 National Night Out and then August 11, 2018 up at Vasa Park is the Veteran’s Summer Fest for homeless veterans.

President Nicastro: Thank you. Mr. Roman.

Mr. Roman: Nothing to report.

President Nicastro: I have nothing to report so with that, do we have a motion to adjourn?

ADJOURNMENT - Motion made and seconded. All in favor, none opposed, the meeting was adjourned at 7:36pm.

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 July 24, 2018.

Susan Gouveia, Deputy Township Clerk