The Public Meeting of the Mount Olive Township Council was called to order at 7:21 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: Mrs. Labow, Mr. Mania, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Roman and Mr. Nicastro

Absent: Mr. Amianda and Mr. Ferrante

Also Present: Susan Gouveia, Deputy Township Clerk; Fred Semrau, Township Attorney; Bob Casey, Interim Business Administrator and Claudia Tomasello, Assistant Business Administrator

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

June 27, 2017 WS & PM

President Nicastro: Mr., Mrs. Labow, would you approve the Minutes from the previous meeting for June 27, 2017, Workshop and Public Meeting?

Mrs. Labow: Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. I make a motion to approve the…let me see, was it…the Workshop Meeting and Public Meeting for June 27, 2017.

Mr. Mania: Second.

President Nicastro: Any discussion? Roll Call please.

Roll Call: Passed unanimously

CORRESPONDENCE

LETTERS FROM RESIDENTS/ORGANIZATIONS/ OTHER TOWNS

1. Email received June 27, 2017, from Downtown New Jersey regarding June 2017 Newsletter.

2. Booklet received June 28, 2017, from The Land Conservancy of New Jersey regarding Spring 2017 Outdoor Issues.

3. Email received June 28, 2017, from NOFA-NJ regarding Food as Medicine for Diabetes, NOFA-NJ Book Club, and Rodale Field Trip!

4. Email received June 29, 2017, from Municipal Clerk’s Association of New Jersey, Inc. regarding S1045 OPMA and S1046 OPRA.

5. Email received July 5, 2017, from NOFA-NJ regarding Upcoming Events from NOFA-NJ.

6. Email received July 5, 2017, from Sustainable Jersey regarding Sustainability Summit Presentations Now Available.

RESOLUTIONS / ORDINANCES OTHER TOWNS


10. Email received June 30, 2017, from Township of Clark regarding Resolution 17-100, Resolution Urging the State Legislation to Extend the 2% Cap on Police and Fire Arbitration Contract Awards and Resolution 17-110, Calling Upon the Governor and Legislature of the State of New Jersey to Pass Common Sense Affordable Housing Rules.

STATE AGENCIES

11. Email received June 23, 2017, from FEMA regarding FEMA Region II Shelter-in-Place Workshops Executive Summary.


15. Email received June 30, 2017, from New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection regarding NJDEP Weekly Update.


MORRIS COUNTY

17. Email received June 29, 2017, from County of Morris regarding Morris View. Triple A. Lake Hopatcong. Food Pantry. Fireworks, too!

18. Email received July 7, 2017, from County of Morris regarding Kinnelon Tract. Flood Maps. NJ Transit. Comic Fest, too!

UTILITIES

19. Email received June 30, 2017, from JCP&L regarding Summer Safety Tips.

20. Email received July 7, 2017, from JCP&L regarding JCP&L Annual Vegetation Management Aerial Patrol.

President Nicastro: We have 20 pieces of Correspondence. Does anyone have anything on Correspondence? Seeing none. I open the hearing to the public on Ordinance #16-2017,

ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING


President Nicastro: Mr. Mania.
Mr. Mania: Thank you Mr. President. I move for adoption of Ordinance #16-2017, first reading, an Ordinance of the Township of Mount Olive, County of Morris, and State of New Jersey, to Amend and Supplement Ordinance 2005-22 Entitled, “An Ordinance of the Township of Mount Olive Authorizing a Lease Agreement Between the Township of Mount Olive and The Mount Olive Child Care and Learning Center, Inc” to Extend the Term of the Lease and Payment Schedule and to Provide For An Option For Additional Lease Term.

Mrs. Labow: Second.

President Nicastro: Anyone from the public wish to be heard?

Mr. Roman: I just want to make a correction…

President Nicastro: Go ahead.

Mr. Roman: …it was not for first reading, it was for public hearing. It was a second reading. I heard first reading.

President Nicastro: Did I say first reading?

Mr. Roman: No, I heard Mr. Mania say first reading.

President Nicastro: Oh, okay. Second reading.

Mr. Roman: I just want to make sure.


Roll Call: Passed unanimously

President Nicastro: Ordinance #16-2017 is passed on second reading and I hereby direct the Clerk to forward a copy of the same to the Mayor and publish the notice of adoption as required by law. Next item on the Agenda is first reading for Ordinance #17-2017,

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING – 2nd reading July 25, 2017

Ord.#17-2017 An Ordinance to amend and supplement Chapter 550 “Land Use” to revise article VII, “Zoning District use and Bulk Regulations,” §550-101, Subsection B and §550-103, Subsections A, E, F, G and I to Permit Billboards in Certain Zone Districts as a Conditional Use and to Provide Specific Standards for Both Static and Digital Billboards and to Identify Those Zone Districts Wherein Either Static or Digital Billboards shall be Permitted as a conditional use. In Addition This Ordinance Amends Article II “Definitions” of Chapter 550 to Strike the Existing Definition of “Billboard” and to Provide New Definitions for Both Static and Digital Billboards and Does Also Amend Article VI “Signs” Regarding Billboards.

President Nicastro: Mr. Roman.

Mr. Roman: Glad your…glad you’re the one who had to read all that.

President Nicastro: Yea

Mr. Roman: I move that Ordinance #17-2017 be introduced by title and passed on first reading and that a meeting will be held on July 11, 2017 at 7:00 pm at the Municipal Building, 204 Flanders-Drakestown Road, Budd Lake, New Jersey for a public hearing, consideration of second reading, and passage of said Ordinance and that the Clerk be directed to publish, post and make available said Ordinance in accordance with the requirements of the law.

President Nicastro: Just a correction on here, it was wrong on the sheet. It’s July 25, 2017 I believe is the next reading.

Mr. Stewart: Yes.
Mr. Mania: Right.

President Nicastro: We’re on there. Anyone from the public wish to be heard on that Ordinance?

Miss Gouveia: Who seconded it?

President Nicastro: Oh, I’m sorry. Who seconded it?

Mr. Stewart: I second it.

President Nicastro: Anyone from the public? Seeing none from the public. Anyone from Council discussion? Roll Call please.

Roll Call: Passed unanimously

CONSENT RESOLUTIONS AGENDA:

Resolutions on the Consent Agenda List are considered to be routine and non-controversial by the Township Council and will be approved by one motion (one vote). There will be no separate discussion or debate on each of these resolutions except for the possibility of brief clarifying statements that may be offered. If one or more Council member requests, any individual resolution on the Consent Agenda may be removed from the Consent Agenda List and acted on separately.

1. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Closing the Bridge on Flanders Drakestown Road at the Intersection with River Road and Wolfe Road Between July 31, 2017 and December 1, 2017.

2. 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. (United Rentals)

3. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Closing Stanley Place August 5, 2017, Between 3pm and 8pm for the Purpose of Holding a Block Party (Rain Date 8/6/2017).

President Nicastro: Mr. Stewart, we have three Consent Resolutions. Would you move one through three, please?

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

Mr. Mania: Second.

President Nicastro: Anyone from the public wish to be heard? Seeing none. Closed to the public. Any Council discussion? I forgot about moving, but we’re okay. Roll Call please.

Roll Call: Passed unanimously

MOTIONS

1. Bill List.

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

Mr. Roman: I move for approval of the Bill List.

Mr. Mania: Second.

President Nicastro: Any discussion? Roll Call please.

Roll Call: Passed unanimously

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

President Nicastro: Any Administrative Reports from Bob or Claudia, anything?
Mr. Casey: No sir.

President Nicastro: Nothing to report. Any Old Business anyone?

Mrs. Labow: I do.

President Nicastro: Mrs. Labow.

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Labow: I had…a question I have. A couple years back we had talked about putting solar panels in the driveway. It was going to be the grant, the program of the State and there was some kind of lawsuit going on that they all got put on the backburner and it fell off the burner or what’s going on. I was just wondering if there was any way, I guess Bob would be the…or Claudia might know, if there was any way we could see if we could still take care of that. From what I understand it’s a really big plus to have, it’s a huge savings in money…

Mr. Mania: Wasn’t there a lawsuit?

Mrs. Labow: …and everything else.

President Nicastro: Yes, it was the Morris County I believe, wasn’t it?

Mr. Mania: Morris County.

President Nicastro: Morris County had a lawsuit that…

Mr. Mania: It was involved, there was a lawsuit.

Mrs. Labow: Yes, there was a big lawsuit.

President Nicastro: We might be able to see other options, if there’s anything available. I don’t know.

Mrs. Labow: Yes, that’s like there’s…I mean…

President Nicastro: For solar…

Mr. Mania: Am I correct Fred, there was a lawsuit?

Mr. Semrau: That’s right…right and that was…that was more part of a program to make money on…

Mr. Roman: Selling it.

Mr. Semrau: …the Administration of it and selling it.

President Nicastro: Right.

Mrs. Labow: Yes.

Mr. Semrau: This would be more on the receiving end…

President Nicastro: Right.

Mr. Semrau: …where you’d be involved as the finish product to try to save money and cost…

Mrs. Labow: Right.

Mr. Semrau: …and that’s different.

Mrs. Labow: Because…

President Nicastro: If you could look into that somehow…
Mrs. Labow: …my phone rings off the hook with solar companies all the time.

President Nicastro: Yes, everybody’s rings all the time. They’re all trying.

Mrs. Labow: They must have some kind of…maybe we should take advantage of it.

President Nicastro: If we could look into it, that would be great.

Mrs. Labow: Look at County College…

President Nicastro: I know.

Mrs. Labow: …they have all their parking lots…are covered with those.

President Nicastro: Everywhere now.

Mr. Stewart: Gold Systems did it too.

Mr. Roman: You should try going in the winter, it doesn’t…it’s not that great when the ice slides off those panels and damages cars.

President Nicastro: That was the big problem…I know where we worked…it’s a problem because it caused a lot of accidents. People falling with the ice…

Mrs. Labow: Oh really.

President Nicastro: They haven’t perfected it yet were it doesn’t come through. As it melts it comes through and it’s been freezing.

Mrs. Labow: It comes through.

President Nicastro: There were lawsuits where I worked last time. I guess people were falling when they go to their cars because you can’t see the ice.

Mr. Mania: Right.

Mr. Roman: I for one would not be inclined to put solar panels in the parking lot whatsoever.

President Nicastro: Unless there’s a newer thing that we don’t know about, but right now from what I saw a lot of those…he’s right that’s just a…it’s been dangerous, but it’s worth…you never know.

Mrs. Labow: You never know. You check it out…things are always…the ones that have been up already and they had those issues…

President Nicastro: Right.

Mrs. Labow: …maybe they’ve come with something to…

President Nicastro: They might have fixed it and added new designs by now. It’s worth looking into.

Mr. Stewart: You got to do like the school did, off to the side.

President Nicastro: Yes.

Mrs. Labow: Yes if…that would be good to.

President Nicastro: If you could…thank you, that’s a good idea.

Mr. Roman: If we buy the property next door, there you go.

President Nicastro: There you go. We get all that, put a solar field up.

Mrs. Labow: Yes, exactly. I just have one other thing.
President Nicastro: Go ahead.

Mrs. Labow: I just wanted to address the public, just explain that we have two meetings every night. The first one is our Workshop Meeting and the Minutes for those meetings are…they’re not verbatim, they’re just a summary. This one, the second meeting, everything is verbatim, detailed and it’s the legal one that…the other one is just a discussion. It could be confusing…

President Nicastro: Yes, thank you for explaining that.

Mrs. Labow: …I know when I first started coming to meetings I was like what’s going on. That’s why the difference in them. When they say if you want to speak in the public portion, that’s so that your opinion, your comments, your suggestions, whatever are going to be part of the official record.

President Nicastro: That will be coming up shortly.

Mrs. Labow: Sorry, I just had to say that…

President Nicastro: No, thank you.

Mrs. Labow: …because that always bother me.

President Nicastro: You’re right. I should’ve explained it. Anything else? Any other Old Business anyone? Any New Business from anyone? Any Legal Matters?

NEW BUSINESS – none

LEGAL MATTERS

Mr. Semrau: Yes Council President. Just two things. First, on the Affordable Housing Litigation that most Municipalities are involved in. The Township is headed towards a Resolution at obtaining certification from the Court that we’re in compliance with our third-round plan. We’re going to be near the top 20 percent of Municipalities to get this done. We’re working towards that and it will not result or require the Township to undertake any additional rezoning. We will not require the Township to designate any areas as Affordable Housing because the Township’s done its homework. We’re steadfast with a fair position and a plan that didn’t result in any changes, so we’re working towards that. While we are working towards that, there’s everyone else who’s sort of mainstream and still left, received a notice from the Court that each community participating right now for starters has to contribute $5,000.00 because there’s yet another expert that the Court has appointed. There’s special masters, there’s experts, there’s your own Attorney, et cetera. It’s certainly a good time to exit for all the right reasons, so we’re working towards that and I’ll have updates for you. Our first step off will be towards the end of August and then the second point will be after our revised Fair Share Plan is adopted then we’ll have a compliance hearing sometime in October and we will be done for the next ten years and compliant. Secondly, just as I mentioned earlier on the Mountain Ridge project, right now that Developer in that project only has permission to do certain clearing to the site not the next phase of construction, but in doing so they’ve asked Gene Buczynski, who agrees, that it would be more functional if they could continue. What they left out of this first phase was installation of approximately 600 linear feet of a water main within Village Way, installation of the Route 46 water main crossing and hydrants to provide fire protection to the Township and a future connection for the Mountain Ridge Development and installation of storm drainage and sanitary sewers for the first phase through the third phase of the development. The Engineer, Mr. Buczynski, believes that it’s really just an extension of what they’re doing now and it will be subject to them having adequate surety bonds and construction bonds posted and it would be an amendment to the Developer’s Agreement. Again they can’t get into phase one, but my recommendation and Mr. Buczynski as opposed to stopping the project for two weeks and trying to do this that I would ask tonight for a motion to authorize an amendment subject to Mr. Buczynski’s approval, to continue with this work, of course subject to posting adequate surety, bonds, Engineering review and all the other terms, but in addition based on what I’ve heard tonight, I think we ought to make a condition to restrict the hours of operation so that there’s no misconception. I’ll just…I’ll take a suggestion, I heard about Sundays on significant projects or certain limited hours as well as a provision that in the event the operation goes beyond these permitted hours there would be… it would be punitive in nature and I would say in this case since we’re working with the Developer that this part of the agreement would automatically terminate, they’d have to come back here to restart. That would be the punitive measures. I would just look to see if the Governing Body had a consensus, do you want to limit the operation so there’d be no operations on Sundays? Is that…

Mr. Mania: That’s for sure.
Mr. Roman: That’d be my…

President Nicastro: For sure on that. Yes, we’re going to look at everything else…Sundays for sure.

Mr. Semrau: Okay.

President Nicastro: Yes Mrs. Labow.

Mrs. Labow: I have a problem with just Sundays because like Mr. Fleischner was saying, Saturday too. If you’re having a family over for a celebration or whatever, and that noise is deafening. I’m four streets away from it and I can…

Mr. Mania: I’m closer then you.

Mrs. Labow: He’s closing then me and I can hear, I’m three streets from John. It’s just very, very loud, but I would say to make it fair would be after they have perhaps 50 percent of the homes finished. When all the infrastructures in…the infrastructure will be in at that point and they…there won’t be as many houses going on. I can just hear when they start hammering they’re going to have four, five, six houses going at once.

Mr. Semrau: Right and you’re going to have a chance…because that’s another developers…

Mrs. Labow: That’s another development…

Mr. Semrau: …a formal one that we’ll go forward with. Right now, it’s in hours of operation and I don’t know…

Mr. Mania: That project…

Mr. Semrau: …what that’s going to do. Sunday, I can understand.

Mr. Mania: …is a five-year project.

Mr. Semrau: This clearing should be done…

Mr. Mania: The whole project, it’s a five-year project.

Mr. Semrau: Yes, there’s phases, correct.

Mrs. Labow: You could hear that grinding.

President Nicastro: They’re looking to get as much as they could in now with the weather, I’m assuming…

Mr. Semrau: Right.

President Nicastro: …with all this underground work, everything has to be done before the winter.

Mr. Semrau: Correct. Yes.

President Nicastro: I’m assuming that’s why they’re working seven days a week.

Mr. Semrau: Yes.

Mrs. Labow: Yes, probably.

Mr. Semrau: Certainly you preclude Sundays. Do you want to limit or you’re asking to preclude Saturday? I can’t say…from a legal perspective I…

Mr. Roman: I’m okay with the Saturday the way we have our normal hours which is 9:00 am to 6:00 pm.

Mr. Mania: I am too okay with Saturday.

Mr. Semrau: Okay. Alright 9:00am to 6:00pm.

Mr. Casey: Fred make sure they know it’s 9:00am to 6:00pm.
Mr. Semrau: Right.

President Nicastro: Again we could address it on the other phases…

Mr. Semrau: Right.

President Nicastro: …when we get into that with the building itself.

Mr. Semrau: We would insert more punitive nature in the event, I’m not saying it happened, but it was reported that perhaps there was operations beyond those hours. We’ll address in the amendment as to how we will handle that in a punitive measure.

Mrs. Labow: I have one more question.

President Nicastro: Go ahead.

Mrs. Labow: Fred, did they say anything about when they were going to do the upgrades to the road itself on Netcong Road and at the light there. There’s going to be widening that a little bit or changing the direction of it?

Mr. Semrau: I don’t know, I could step out and call Mr. Buczynski.

Mrs. Labow: Yes, because the reason why I’m asking is now that they have, what’s going on now with the trucks, I don’t know if you’ve noticed it John, but there’s a back-up there already.

Mr. Semrau: Right.

Mrs. Labow: You figure they have one truck here with a big huge trailer and a backhoe on there, that’s taking up the equivalent of five cars…

Mr. Semrau: Right.

Mrs. Labow: …and that sections not that big there. I don’t want it getting backed-up on Route 46 because when people come up over that little hill there…

Mr. Stewart: Surprise.

Mrs. Labow: …that’s dangerous. All of sudden these cars are stopped.

Mr. Semrau: If it would be okay maybe after the reports.

Mrs. Labow: Yes.

Mr. Semrau: During the reports, I’ll speak to Mr. Buczynski. I want to fill him in on some of the points while everyone’s here and then let you know as to where we are. Of course, we’re mindful of the fact, the plus side of this, we are getting a backup well for the Township.

Mrs. Labow: Right, exactly.

Mr. Semrau: Understood. I’d like to just speak to him to make sure we’re not going to put ourselves in a position where there’s more questions.

President Nicastro: Yes, that’s fine. Just figured…

Mr. Semrau: Alright, thank you. No that’s good.

President Nicastro: Anything else or someone want to make…I guess you want us to make, accept a motion, how do you want…

Mr. Semrau: Yes, perhaps we could just do it after reports Council President…

President Nicastro: That’s fine.

Mr. Semrau: …so I could just check with the Engineer to make sure we’re okay.
President Nicastro: That’s fine. No problem.

Mr. Semrau: Okay, thank you.

President Nicastro: Thank you Fred.

Mr. Semrau: Thank you.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Board of Education Liaison Report - none
Senior Citizen Liaison - none
Environmental Committee - none
Lake Issues - none
Library Board Liaison - none

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

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

Mrs. Labow: Nothing this week.

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

Legislative Committee Report – none
Planning Board Report - none

Mr. Mania: Planning, we have a meeting Thursday evening, coming up.

Board of Health Report

President Nicastro: Okay, Board of Health, I did send a report, but…

Mr. Stewart: It’s cancelled.

Mrs. Labow: It’s cancelled.

Mr. Mania: It’s cancelled?

President Nicastro: It was cancelled?

Mr. Stewart: It’s on the board.

President Nicastro: I do have a report from Board of Health I should read into the record. We have our next meeting, is the third Wednesday in August at 6:30pm, here. Just to give you an update on some of the Administrative issues. They attended the Morris County Regional Public Partnership Health Meeting; they attended the Advisory Panel Meeting for Givaudan; attended B.A.’s Agenda/Department Head meeting; North Jersey Health Collaborative Semi-Annual Meeting; they also were at the Board of Trustees Meetings; a public…Master of Public Health student startup internship this month. Animal Control, continued working with Buildings/Grounds to update, they improved dog park rules and signage; continued to increase the patrols at Turkey Brook as well. Environmental, they attended a meeting with the owner of Jersey Girl Brewery to review the septic system impact and proposed change for their operations; attended a meeting with the new Property Owners of Oakwood Village to follow up on recent solid waste violations, which we were following up with that; attended a Carnival Planning Meeting to involve the Township. Health Education, they created and distributed posters on swimming safety to the Library and contracting Towns; conducted Safe Food Handling course at Mount Olive retail food establishments. Public Health Nursing, they held their Clinic, seven Mount Olive participants, two from other Towns; developed a Nursing Staff Coverage Policy. Senior Programs, special trips that included the Rockaway Mall and Lake Mohawk; the Mount Olive High School Key Club hosted the “Senior Prom” which was the was “The Great Gatsby” theme; several weather postponements, but they got the miniature golf finally in; transportation to the polls to Mount Olive Senior Living Facilities was offered with no takers at the time; and they still have Farmer’s Market Vouchers for income eligible Seniors and finally the General Outreach and Training Meetings, they updated the Facebook pages, the website and the staff.
will be taking competency training as webinars through South Central Public Health Center. That’s the Health Report. Mr. Roman, anything on Pride or Recreation?

Mrs. Labow: Oh wait Joe…

President Nicastro: Yes, Mrs. Labow.

Mrs. Labow: …excuse me I have Health questions.

President Nicastro: That’s alright.

Mrs. Labow: Sorry. Over at the…the new owners of…

President Nicastro: Yes.

Mrs. Labow: …what’s it called Overlook on Route 206. What was the outcome? I’ve had questions from residents over there that they still don’t have their dumpsters.

President Nicastro: Still don’t have the…I don’t have the answers yet on that. They’re still working…

Mrs. Labow: That’s amazing.

President Nicastro: That’s been a year in the works of trying to figure out.

Mr. Mania: I witnessed that personally.

President Nicastro: Why they got rid of that…I don’t know what they did there.

Mrs. Labow: Okay, so that has not been resolved yet.

President Nicastro: Nope. I guess the meeting is still going back and forth. I know they were fined and there were issues that came up and they paid the fines.

Mrs. Labow: Yes and I thought they were going to get the dumpsters in. That’s what the question is since that was in the news, people are saying hey, they were found guilty, they paid the fines, how come we don’t have dumpsters yet.

President Nicastro: I don’t know if they’re…

Mr. Mania: Let me just interject a second.

President Nicastro: Yes, go ahead.

Mr. Mania: The fines they paid weren’t fines that they should’ve paid. They paid a lot less then what they should’ve paid.

President Nicastro: Correct.

Mrs. Labow: It was a negotiation…a compromise.

President Nicastro: It was a negotiation that went through because of the amount.

Mr. Mania: Which I wasn’t very happy with.

Mrs. Labow: The other question I have, I don’t know how many of you saw the news reports…

President Nicastro: I’ll find out and get you more information.

Mrs. Labow: Oh good, yes because I am getting questions.
President Nicastro: I will follow up with that.

Mrs. Labow: Thank you. I think it was two weeks ago in Stanhope there was a red fox, had just…all of a sudden went up to this guy in his yard and bit him in the ankles.

Mr. Mania: Rabid.

Mrs. Labow: Yes it was rabid. Then it ran next door and went after those people’s cat and got saliva all over the cat and started…you know, with the family…then the fox ran off and the animal control over there, they felt they had gotten the appropriate fox and they sent it down and it was rabid. Everybody in that family next door including the cat all got rabies shots including the guy who got bit because with the saliva you just don’t know…

President Nicastro: Yes, you just don’t know.

Mrs. Labow: …you have to start right away. I know that I had a report from somebody three years ago up at Turkey Brook Park where we have the drainage pipes, there was a family of fox living in there. I don’t know if you’ve ever gone up there, you see them all the time, all over the place.

Mr. Mania: I get them in my yard.

Mrs. Labow: Yes, I know I get them in my yard too. I think one actually built a little den on my property.

Mr. Mania: Fox, bear, deer.

Mrs. Labow: I just wanted to talk about it because if anybody reads the minutes or sees…watches the stream whatever for the Council Meetings, just to be aware that some of the fox act…like I was having a garage sale, I don’t know…six, seven, eight years ago, this fox was just walking in my driveway with everybody looking at stuff on the tables…he’s very friendly.

Mr. Stewart: Did he buy anything?

Mrs. Labow: He said he didn’t bring his credit card that day.

President Nicastro: You have to be mindful of all these animals.

Mrs. Labow: Some of them, they become more socialized because of their…so many houses by where…I just think that everybody needs take a little bit more caution, they are really cute and everything, but they could be…and I don’t know how often you think of a…if you saw a racoon walking around, you think oh my God it might be rabid.

President Nicastro: We’ve seen a lot foxes’ around.

Mrs. Labow: Yes, but would you think that with a fox, would you think a fox is rabid?

Mr. Mania: The ones I’ve seen in my yard are mangy looking.

Mrs. Labow: Oh yes, I know…exactly. That’s why I just wanted to talk about it, just try to get…shine some light on the subject.

Mr. Stewart: Just a little awareness.

President Nicastro: Thank you.

Mrs. Labow: Yes, thank you, Greg. Exactly. Thank you.

President Nicastro: Anything else? Mr. Roman, anything on Recreation, did I ask you that already? Recreation and Pride.

Recreation Liaison Report
Pride Committee Report - none
Mr. Roman: No. I have nothing on Pride. On Recreation, just a reminder the Mount Olive Carnival is this Thursday…

President Nicastro: Yes.

Mr. Roman: …it will go through Sunday.

Mrs. Labow: Wednesday.

President Nicastro: Hopefully it won’t rain Friday. It’s supposed to rain Friday…

Mr. Mania: Wednesday.

Mr. Roman: Wednesday.

President Nicastro: …ninety percent, hopefully it won’t.

Mrs. Labow: It’s supposed to rain on Friday?

President Nicastro: Friday.

Mr. Mania: Friday, heavy rain.

President Nicastro: Heavy rain.

Mrs. Labow: Oh really.

Mr. Stewart: They just changed it. It’s not as bad now.

President Nicastro: No, only 90 percent now, I think.

Mr. Mania: Light rain.

Mr. Stewart: Just a chance.

Mr. Stewart: Just a chance.

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

MOTV Committee Liaison - none
Community Action Panel Report - none
Mr. Stewart: Nothing. They’re on recess until September.

President Nicastro: Okay, thank you all. Fred, did you want to follow up before we…

Mr. Semrau: I would, thank you Council President. I don’t know what we did before cellphones because I would’ve had to called at Gene at home…

Mrs. Labow: Yes, really.

Mr. Semrau: …but today I spoke to Gene again. He indicated that yes there was an incident with the operation beyond the hours. He’s addressed it, it’s not happening anymore nor will it. They will not operate on Sundays, that’s in the Developer Agreement, they’re not supposed to. 9:00am to 6:00pm on Saturday is their limitations now based on the Developer’s Agreement the way it is. He said he has no issues as to getting them to comply. As far as Mrs. Labow’s question, its down the road as far as the…

Mrs. Labow: Its further down the road?

Mr. Semrau: It’s a different phase.

Mrs. Labow: Yes, I thought so.
Mr. Semrau: Right now this is just a preliminary clearing.

Mrs. Labow: What about them directing traffic?

Mr. Semrau: That’s required. If something happened there, that’s part of the responsibility of the Developers and…

Mrs. Labow: Not for them to do it, they should call the police?

Mr. Semrau: That’s what they’re supposed to do…

Mrs. Labow: Okay.

Mr. Semrau: …if there’s any kind of traffic interruption or give guidance to the Developer’s responsibility.

Mr. Mania: They probably don’t want to pay the cost to hire the Police.

Mr. Semrau: It’s a big enough project where, so far, they’ve worked with us on any cost that they’ve had to bring forward. I’d hope it either was isolated or maybe it was something that wasn’t related to the project.

Mrs. Labow: Yes.

Mr. Semrau: Gene said he would double check about that and make that clear.

Mrs. Labow: Oh good, thank you.

Mr. Semrau: We will just ask for a motion to amend the Pre-Developer’s Agreement to include the installation of 600 linear feet of the water main within Village Way, the installation of the Route 46 water main and crossing in hydrants to provide fire protection to the Township and the installation of storm drains and sanitary sewers, phases one and three…three/three of the development with the explicit understanding that there’d be no operations on Sunday, no afterhours operations and 9:00am to 6:00pm on Saturday.

Mr. Roman: I’ll move that.

Mr. Mania: I’ll make that motion.

President Nicastro: Do we have a second?

Mr. Roman: Second.

Mrs. Labow: Second.

President Nicastro: Discussion?

Mrs. Labow: Discussion. Fred, for the pipe that they’re going to put on Route 46…

Mr. Semrau: Yes.

Mrs. Labow: …are they going to put up signage ahead of time, plan alternate route or…because they’re going to have to probably close down part of the highway.

Mr. Semrau: Yes, all of that will be part of Gene’s oversight. Yes.

Mrs. Labow: That’s all part of it, right. I figured it was I just wanted to make sure and ask.

Mr. Semrau: Absolutely.

President Nicastro: Just double checking.

Mr. Semrau: Yes, they’re even responsible of course for repair of the road.

Mr. Mania: What they normally do…
Mr. Semrau: Yes.

Mr. Mania: …they’ll do half of the roadway…

Mr. Semrau: Correct.

Mr. Mania: …then fill that in…

President Nicastro: Yes and then go back…

Mr. Mania: …so they can open it to traffic and then start on the other side.

Mrs. Labow: It’s still going to create…

Mr. Mania: That’s what’s normally done.

Mr. Semrau: You’re absolutely right. I recall that being in the discussion.

Mr. Mania: Right Tim?

Mr. Quinn: They’re going to bore.

President Nicastro: Oh they’re gonna go under?

Mr. Quinn: They’re going to bore under the road.

Mrs. Labow: Oh really.

Mr. Mania: They’re going to bore.

President Nicastro: That’s even better.

Mrs. Labow: Wow.

President Nicastro: Even better.

Mr. Mania: Thank you Tim.

Mrs. Labow: Wow. That’s interesting.

President Nicastro: Any other questions? Nope. We have a…Roll Call please, we need a Roll Call, yes.

Mr. Semrau: Roll Call.

President Nicastro: Roll Call, yes.

Roll Call: Passed unanimously

PUBLIC PORTION

President Nicastro: Now I open the meeting to the public. If anyone wishes to go, please just get up and state your name and address for the record.

Mrs. Feola: Hi, I’m MaryAnn Feola. I live at 42 Main Street in Flanders. I’m here tonight because there were people marking markings on our road on Main Street in Flanders. It was coming to our attention that we were told that it was an Engineering survey for the purpose of maybe sewers again. We…I thought when we did this in 2013 and we all signed letters stating our opposition or for it that it was voted down. Now all of sudden its reappeared again and I’m curious, first of all, what’s an Engineering survey? What do they do for an Engineering survey? Second of all, who has brought…why is this brought up again, I under…and where is this…if they’re going…I see the markings up Main Street and down Main Street, but I understand it might be Patriots Way…down towards Patriots Way, I don’t know. This is what I’ve heard so this is what I want to find out and who is…who’s brought it all up again.
President Nicastro: Bob, do you want to address that or…

Mr. Casey: Yes, the Engineer…the Governing Body, the end of last year, authorized the Engineer to proceed with preliminary Engineering work basically doing a survey of property line and elevations for the potential of a sewer system along that area. What he’s done at this point in time is they’re basically just developing a base map and the critical point there is the base elevations, to see if in fact they could put in what’s called a low head pressure system, a special type of sewer system. That work is basically complete, field works done, the Engineer’s been instructed that when that’s done there will be further discussion by the Governing Body. I was going to schedule a discussion at your next meeting. I’ve done a cost pro forma, cost benefit analysis, a lot of the data that was provided to you earlier this year was…will be expanded and presented to you in a different fashion based upon the Engineering survey and at that point the Governing Body will make a determination whether in fact it’s going forward, we’ll have better data than you had originally. My understanding is at the end of last year the Governing Body authorized the Engineer to proceed, to gather preliminary data so they could verify the final decision as what’s going to happen.

President Nicastro: It was also limited in scope. It wasn’t as big when we talked…

Mr. Casey: Right.

President Nicastro: …originally it was a whole area, this is mainly Main Street.

Mr. Casey: …the area in question is Park Place, both sides of Park Place…

President Nicastro: Right.

Mr. Casey: …and Main Street from Park Place down to the entrance way to Crenshaw Drive, the back-door entrance into Crenshaw Drive. There’s a sewer manhole there which was placed there when the sewer system was expanded for Flanders Crossing for expansion in the future. That will be the only area they’re looking at right now is the Park Place/Main Street, from Park Place down to the entrance to Flanders Crossing, the dirt way…the pathway entrance down there.

Mrs. Feola: Okay, we’re in the middle of the street where they made those markings and further on up towards the Fire House.

Mr. Casey: Main Street, the current plan is not to go on Main Street…not to go any further on Main Street then Park Place. In other words, it’s going…its basically Park Place…from Park Place back towards Flanders Crossing.

Mrs. Feola: Okay.

President Nicastro: We haven’t determined that yet, that was…

Mr. Casey: That’s the area…that’s the area that’s being done right now.

President Nicastro: …the area to look at.

Mr. Casey: The main issue that he’s looking at is really the elevations because that will determine whether in fact the…they can do that with a low head pressure system. If the elevations are too great, it can’t be done that way. That’s where they’re trying to make the determination. That coupled with the financial report, that I’m going to present to the Governing Body next week, will give the Governing Body a much better understanding as to what your options are.

Mrs. Feola: For those…for that area…

Mr. Casey: For that area.

President Nicastro: Correct.

Mr. Casey: Correct.

Mrs. Feola: …for Park Place and down that way.

President Nicastro: Correct.
Mr. Casey: That’s correct.

Mrs. Feola: Okay, so…

President Nicastro: Nowhere else we were looking outside. Originally it was a lot larger scope…

Mrs. Feola: Yes it was.

President Nicastro: …but we brought it more to the business area down there on that Main Street and Park Place.

Mrs. Feola: I’m right on Main Street and I’m right down from the Fire House, but…

Mr. Casey: Yes, you would not be…

Mrs. Feola: I know they wanted them over at Park Place.

President Nicastro: Correct.

Mr. Casey: Right. The issue on Main Street, one of the issues that will be discussed next week is I’m looking at, one of the issues I’m looking at is I’m looking at the economics of including that portion of Main Street because with a larger number of sewer participants, the cost structure may change. We’re looking at that purely from a costing stand point.

Mrs. Feola: Yes, but is this something that would be brought up again to be voted on?

President Nicastro: Sure.

Mr. Casey: Yes.

Mrs. Labow: No.

Mrs. Feola: Would the residents of that…

Mr. Casey: Yes. Yes.

President Nicastro: Yes. It’s for discussion. We didn’t…there’s no decision made.

Mr. Casey: If they go forward with this, there will be…if they go forward with this and they follow the recommendation we’ll be making next week, there will be specific public hearings on this before they go further.

Mrs. Feola: Okay.

Mrs. Labow: Joe.

President Nicastro: Mrs. Labow.

Mrs. Labow: I think she’s asking will the residents have a chance to vote on this.

Mrs. Feola: Well the residents…like last time when this all came up…

President Nicastro: Yes.

Mrs. Feola: …there was opposition to it, some people were for it, so they ended up doing a questionnaire/survey…

President Nicastro: Correct.

Mrs. Feola: …and it was certified, we had to send back and we voted on it.

President Nicastro: Right.
Mrs. Feola: The majority ruled that they did not want the…

Mr. Casey: There was another questionnaire that I am told was sent out in December, but it was to a smaller area.

President Nicastro: Right.

Mr. Mania: Right.

Mr. Casey: It was just to Park Place…

Mrs. Feola: Yes, we didn’t get that.

Mr. Mania: That’s right Bob.

President Nicastro: It wouldn’t include you. It was only in the areas that we wanted to include.

Mr. Casey: You wouldn’t have got that, you’re outside the area.

President Nicastro: Correct.

Mrs. Feola: Alright, okay.

President Nicastro: You’ll be informed. Nothing has…

Mr. Casey: There will be…there will be…my goal will be at the next meeting I’ll have a report to the Governing Body that I’m hoping we’re going to discuss relative to the cost benefit ratio of the work being done.

President Nicastro: Just state your name please for the record. That’s fine.

Ms. DiNapoli: I’m sorry. Donna DiNapoli, 44 Main Street in Flanders.

Miss Gouveia: Sorry Donna…

Ms. DiNapoli: I have a question.

Mrs. Labow: Donna.

Mr. Roman: Excuse me.

President Nicastro: Last name?

Mr. Roman: Last name?

Ms. DiNapoli: What?

President Nicastro: Last name. I’m sorry, your last name.

Ms. DiNapoli: Donna DiNapoli.

Mrs. Labow: DiNapoli.

President Nicastro: Thank you.

Ms. DiNapoli: 44 Main Street in Flanders. I have a question, you were just talking about extending that perhaps up to Main Street. I thought that was part of the study you had just said.

Mr. Casey: That’s one of the issues I’m looking at, purely develop the economic data base.

Ms. DiNapoli: I don’t know if you’re aware that most the people on Main Street are elderly, we’re retired, most of us are retired. We are limited income, to assess our…to put in sewers and assess us like the last time was $50,000.00 or $60,000.00 assessment. We cannot afford that. There is no way that that community…
Ms. Casey: The numbers that we’re looking at are dramatically different now.

Ms. DiNapoli: It’s still…it’s still, you’re looking at someone forcing us to do something at a cost that we don’t have the dollars to do that as retired people. We are on fixed incomes, we don’t have a cash flow coming in that some of the other people that maybe pushing for this do have that. We want you to…take that into consideration that there is an economic impact to the people on Main Street in Flanders.

President Nicastro: Definitely…definitely will, there’s no question. That’s why we were trying to get it down to a limit.

Ms. DiNapoli: It’s just…we’re just very concerned that this is going to be something that’s going to be pushed down our throats and we prefer that this be voted on by the citizens that live there. We want to make sure that that’s going to happen.

President Nicastro: Mr. Roman.

Mr. Roman: The last time…the reason that it got voted down was precisely, at least from my standpoint, was the economic impact.

Ms. DiNapoli: Yes, it’s huge.

President Nicastro: Yes.

Mr. Roman: I would…again I voted for moving this project forward because I think it would be irresponsible of definitely myself, I don’t want to speak for everybody else, to just outright say no to a project without knowing it’s full cost and benefits. What we are definitely going forward is to find out, and on a much smaller scale what are going to be the costs and because it’s a smaller project…the overall impact because even though there’s an impact in putting them in, there is also going to be an upside and a benefit.

Ms. DiNapoli: Well…

Mr. Roman: Unfortunately, that area where we’re looking at sewers, it’s something that eventually has to get done because of the septic tanks and cesspools that are in that area.

Ms. DiNapoli: You’re talking about Park Place?

Mr. Roman: Yes.

President Nicastro: Yes.

Ms. DiNapoli: Okay, so when we talk about…yes…do you want to say something?

Mr. Mania: Again, it’s only the exploratory stage.

President Nicastro: Yes, we’re not…there’s no decisions made.

Mr. Mania: No decisions have been made.

Ms. DiNapoli: Right.

President Nicastro: We just need the facts. Just state…

Mr. Roman: Name and address.

President Nicastro: Sorry, name and address for the record.

Ms. Albertson: My question is…this is Sandra Albertson, 36 Main Street.

President Nicastro: Thank you.

Ms. Albertson: Just…for my own edification I want to find out, twice we had surveys where we were asked if we wanted the sewers, once in 2013 and prior to that we had it. I can’t understand why we’re pursuing this again. If somebody could give me the rationale behind it. If the owners of the properties have already indicated
twice that we don’t want the sewers, why are we pursuing this and who’s paying for this survey. I’m curious why this came up all of a sudden again because we were told back in 2013 this was done. They were going to pursue the Park Place down…

President Nicastro: Correct.

Ms. Albertson: …but on Main Street it was done. All of sudden now its surfacing again. I just don’t understand why it’s being brought up.

President Nicastro: It was…I believe it was just brought up again because of the fact of the areas of Park Place we were talking about. Some of those areas we were getting issues with the cesspools and all, so we wanted to try and streamline it down to see what the costs were. Again, it was the same reason as Mr. Roman said we did not want to go through with this because the costs were ridiculous when they came up…

Ms. Albertson: Right.

President Nicastro: …and it’s not right to impose that unless there was something absolutely necessary to do. We looked at this to say, we need to look at this on a smaller scale to start at least to see if we could bring that area into the sewer area because eventually like Mr. Roman said, this is going to have to be done at some point. The costs just keep going up, but if we could do something smaller at this point to tap into what we have and it’s reasonable and everybody’s okay with that…like we said this is all exploratory. It was just a matter of…we really wanted…last time was such a large scope that I think it took us all by surprise, I don’t think we were really looking to do that massive of all this kind of scale and why didn’t we scale it down, which is what we’re doing now to see what the cost would actually be. As Bob said there’s…the costs are a lot…substantially less, at least from what we’re looking at, I don’t know what they are yet, but we will see.

Ms. Albertson: Now I’m assuming that you said it has to be done anyway. You’re talking about Park Place down?

President Nicastro: Eventually, I’m assuming…yes.

Mr. Roman: Eventually.

Ms. Albertson: Okay.

President Nicastro: We’re assuming that’s…it’s going to be at a point…

Ms. Albertson: Main Street is basically off limits because as I said we were told that after 2013 we weren’t bringing this up anymore. I just wanted to make sure.

President Nicastro: Mr. Roman.

Mr. Roman: One of the reasons why the project last time was so expensive was because of the elevations. There were a lot more infrastructure that was required, some pumping, grade issues.

Mr. Casey: The issue last time was, the original one that…I’ve been reading files going…yes, it had to be a major pump station.

Mr. Roman: Yes.

Mr. Casey: The issue now is to put…restricted to those areas that we could do what’s called, buy a low head pressure system, which is a similar system that’s done on Budd Lake on the back side of the hills where you basically pump up the top of the hill and bring it…gravity flow, same type of system. Yes, that’s why the elevations are critical in terms of what can happen. The only way that…the only reason I’m looking at the rest of Main Street would be if by adding those in there whether there’s economies of scale which may make it more feasible overall, but that’s an issue that we’ll discuss next week.

Mr. Roman: Again…

Mrs. Labow: Two weeks.

Mr. Casey: Two weeks, excuse me.
Mr. Mania: Two weeks.

President Nicastro: Two weeks.

Mr. Roman: …one of the responsibilities that I see is when residents are coming forward with health problems which failing septics and cesspools are a problem, it’s something that we can’t ignore.

Mr. Mania: Need to address.

Mr. Roman: We can’t ignore it because let’s say two out of ten people say they can’t afford it, it’s a public health issue.

Ms. Albertson: Understood, but we…

Mr. Roman: I can understand that you’re not being affected now by it and I don’t want to make any decisions whatsoever that adversely impacts you or any of your neighbors…

Ms. Albertson: Right.

Mr. Roman: …but unfortunately there is another…there are some other of your neighbors that have been asking for years for sewers because they have an issue and they’re asking for relief from the Township.

Ms. Albertson: On Main Street?

Mr. Roman: Mostly on Park Place, which is why…

Mrs. Labow: Some on Main Street.

Ms. Albertson: Okay, then I understand.

President Nicastro: Right.

Mr. Roman: …which is why we went with this small…at least this survey of a much smaller project.

Ms. Albertson: Okay.

Mr. Roman: It would be the reverse also. If you were begging for sewers to be put in place and your neighbors on the other side of the street were not, we’re not going to ignore your issues.

Ms. Albertson: Right, but as long as you take into consideration that the people on Main Street have been maintaining their sewers and some have…I’m sorry the septic and have new septic…

Mr. Roman: Yes.

Ms. Albertson: …and we’ve already indicated that we don’t want this, as long as you take that into consideration and…

Mr. Roman: Most definitely.

Ms. Albertson: …survey’s come out that would be…that’s fine with me.

President Nicastro: Without a doubt. We just want to keep it like we said…look at it.

Ms. Albertson: Right.

President Nicastro: Bob’s just looking for other options, doesn’t mean we’re going that route at all.

Ms. Albertson: Okay. That’s a great thing.

President Nicastro: Mrs. Labow and then Mr. Mania.
Mrs. Labow: I just want to say just because…no areas…I wouldn’t consider any area down there as off limits at this point, we’re trying to find out what the cost is going to be and that’s the biggest problem. I think the last time, there was all these estimates of what it might be, but there was no actual study done to tell us.

Ms. Albertson: There was a study done is my understanding.

Mrs. Labow: No, no. They didn’t…it was not a comprehensive study like this one that gives us the actual financial information.

Ms. Albertson: When will the study be done and when can we come back again and look at it, see what the results of this are?

President Nicastro: Two weeks.

Mrs. Labow: Bob said…I’m sorry, in two weeks.

Mr. Casey: My goal is to have a discussion on this on July 25, 2017.

Ms. Albertson: The 25th of this month?

President Nicastro: Yes.

Mr. Casey: Yes.

Mr. Mania: The next Council Meeting.

Mrs. Labow: We should…I…

Mr. Casey: A preliminary review based upon the data we’ve got this far with an outline as to, following the methodology that was used in the Budd Lake system, using that methodology carrying it forward to this system gives you a framework in which you could look at that which is different from the presentation you did before which was basically…wasn’t in a framework.

Mrs. Labow: Also there are some people on Main Street who want the sewers as well…

Ms. Albertson: There may be some people on Main Street, but the majority had voted prior that we didn’t. When Bob is talking about cost benefits and doing Main Street that makes the cost a little more satisfying for the people on Main, it doesn’t make it cost satisfying for the people on Main Street. If you increase…if I have to have an assessment of $20,000.00 or $30,000.00, I’m never going to get a return on those dollars because my house is never going to be worth that much money. Sewage or septic or whatever, it’s never going to increase to that scale.

Mrs. Labow: Those are all the things that we’ll be figuring out once we find out what the cost will be.

President Nicastro: Correct.

Ms. Albertson: Okay, so you’ll see me again on July 25, 2017.

President Nicastro: We will have it then.

Mrs. Labow: We want to send notices to everybody too, to let them know when it’s…

President Nicastro: I don’t know.

Mr. Casey: I think this is too preliminary.

President Nicastro: It’s just preliminary.

Mrs. Labow: Oh, it’s too preliminary?

President Nicastro: They can come and obviously hear it and ask questions, but we’re not voting.
Mr. Casey: If in fact after the meeting on July 25, 2017 you want to go forward, then it’d be more appropriate to…

President Nicastro: Correct.

Mr. Casey: … have an informational meeting, but the July 25, 2017 is still in the educational process.

President Nicastro: There is no vote going to happen on July 25, 2017 to do it, so you don’t have to worry.

Ms. Albertson: I know there’s no vote happening on July 25, 2017 and I understand it’s a preliminary of what the survey comes up with…

President Nicastro: Right.

Ms. Albertson: …but I’d still like to be present for that.

President Nicastro: You can…your welcome.

Ms. Albertson: My other thing is if the Town…

Mr. Mania: It’s a public meeting, you can come to any meeting.

Ms. Albertson: …if the Town is interested in doing this…

Mr. Mania: Unless there’s litigation, then its closed.

Ms. Albertson: …why wouldn’t the Town be picking up the cost instead of putting the burden on the citizens of the Town.

President Nicastro: Well this will all be through the study. We’ll go through that and that’s what we’ll determine.

Mr. Casey: If you look at the Budd Lake system, the Budd Lake system, the resident’s paid approximately 70 percent of the cost.

Mrs. Labow: Yes.

Ms. Albertson: I don’t have 70 percent of whatever it is.

Mrs. Labow: I didn’t either.

Mr. Casey: I’m just saying is that what I’ve tried to do is to structure this system in using that as a precedent and there will be numbers presented as to what these probable cost estimates would be based upon the history of the Budd Lake system. Using that as…since the Budd Lake…

Ms. Albertson: What did the Budd Lake…

Mr. Casey: …system, there were 3,000 residents were involved in the Budd Lake system that’s a good precedent to use to establish.

Ms. Albertson: There is not 3,000 people in our little neighborhood.

Mr. Casey: The issue is the precedent was established.

Ms. Albertson: What was the cost of Budd Lake? It was 75 or 70 percent, what did people have to…what did they have to put?

Mr. Casey: The cost to the Budd Lake person in 1995 for a residence with a… who had a septic system was $7,521.00.

Ms. Albertson: Okay and they’re talking 20 years ago.

Mr. Casey: That’s 20 years ago plus on top of that they had the cost of connection to the system…
Ms. Albertson: Right.

Mr. Casey: … and the cost of clearing out. My guess is that they spent about $10,000.00 per unit…

Ms. Albertson: Twenty years ago.

Mr. Casey: …and they allowed that…the Governing Body allowed the $7,500.00 to be paid over 17 years by assessment district.

Ms. Albertson: I’ll be dead in 17 years, but that’s okay. You know what I mean…but seriously.

Mr. Casey: Anyway, the issue is you have to witness being on…

Ms. Albertson: Your comparing something that happened 20 years ago, I don’t know how that comparable is correct.

Mr. Casey: That’s exactly what I’ve been doing.

Ms. Albertson: Are you adding inflation onto that and cost of labor and everything else like that?

Mr. Casey: We had done some analysis, we’ll discuss next week as how we updated those numbers.

Ms. Albertson: Alright, that’ll be great.

President Nicastro: On July 25, 2017, we’ll have the numbers and then we’ll be able to discuss it further once we have them. Mr. Mania.

Mr. Mania: Just a point of information, if you have to replace your septic system, you’re talking between $25,000.00 and $30,000.00.

Mrs. Labow: $40,000.00.

Mr. Mania: Just to replace your septic system.

Ms. Albertson: That’s why I keep it…that’s why I have it serviced every year, so I don’t have to have that cost.

Mr. Mania: Just a point of information.

Ms. Albertson: I know. I understand that.

President Nicastro: Any.

President Nicastro: Anything else? Anyone…go ahead Mr. Joe Fleischner.

Mr. Fleischner: I’m sorry.

President Nicastro: That’s alright, no problem.

Mr. Fleischner: My house was built in 1974. I have all sewer lines in my street, I paid for it. I don’t have sewers and yet Bell Court which is half a block from me, is the highest point in Mount Olive. Everything flows down. That’s why I live on Karen Place, so everything else floods to New York, I’m still on dry land. When you talk about a sewer system, I’m confused why we don’t even have one in…where we are in Budd Lake. I do know, and if you go through your records, when the County wanted to build a jail in Mount Olive, the deal was you let us build a jail here and we’ll…the County was going to pay for the entire sewer of Budd Lake, but the Township didn’t want the jail here. I could understand that because they break out of jail, they’re going to go to the Budd Lake Diner and have breakfast. We have sewer lines, I paid for them, they’re still sitting there, but we have septic systems. You got to…I feel for these people…20, I don’t know what added on to the cost of my house in 1974, maybe Mr. Mania remembers back in those days. We have sewers, but we don’t have sewers. Just be very careful what you do.

President Nicastro: Thank you. Anyone else from the public wish to be heard? Just go up and state your name and address please.
Mrs. Labow: Mr. Bonte, how nice to see you.

Mr. Bonte: My name is Richard Bonte, Budd Lake, New Jersey. I had some comments that I wanted to address to the Council first, but I just want to bring up one other subject regarding what Mrs. Labow brought up regarding solar panels.

Mrs. Labow: Oh yes.

Mr. Bonte: This building was built in the late 1990’s. I stood before this Council at that time and recommended that we put solar on these roofs because all of these roofs face the proper position.

Mrs. Labow: Face south.

Mr. Bonte: It is beyond me that we are now in 2017 and the Township has never moved to do that. I’ve been in the solar energy business since 1977, we operate a warehouse in Town here. We’re one of the largest distributors of solar thermal equipment in the northeast. I’m not here to sell my product to the Town because I would never engage in business with the Town because I think it would be a conflict of interest. I think the Town needs to seriously investigate doing that at this building and using taxpayer money to do that because the return to the taxpayer is…at this point in time, less than five years between what I call a renewable energy credits that the Town would earn as well as the savings. There’s no reason why…with the size of the roof on this building and the electrical consumption in this building, that you probably could reduce your consumption in this building by 80 percent on an annual basis. I would seriously recommend that the Town look into doing this. If you need to float a bond to do it, you’ll still come out way ahead because you’ll pay that bond off in five years. Now the real reason I’m here. I just want to give a hand out to each one of you so I can then discuss this.

President Nicastro: Do you want us to pass it down or do you want…or you got it…thank you.

Mr. Roman: Thank you.

Mr. Stewart: Thank you.

Mr. Mania: Richard, it’s been a long time.

Mr. Bonte: It’s been a while.

Mr. Mania: How are you?

Mr. Bonte: Very good, thank you.

Mrs. Labow: Thank you so much.

President Nicastro: …need another one?

Mr. Casey: Hello, thank you.

Mr. Bonte: The real reason I’m here, and some of you may remember from many years ago the fact that I keep weather records in the Township. I’ve kept forms like this since January 1972 to date. Record daily temperatures on a daily basis. For many years I’ve heard about “global warming” and was not a believer. Over the last few years I have become a believer. What I wanted to just show and bring to your attention is, if you look at this chart, if we establish the base line period of 1972 to 2001, and compare those average maximum temperatures which is the first column and the average minimum temperatures which is the fourth column for that entire period of time and compare them to the last 15 years. In the green column, it shows how much warmer it has been on the maximum temperatures and the minimum temperatures, in the last 15 years versus the previous 30 years. The thing that’s most significant is the minimum temperatures, which is the nighttime temperatures. You’ll notice that in every month of the year, over the last 15 years, the minimum temperatures have averaged significantly warmer than the previous 30 years. When I say significant, typically a difference of two or three tenths of a degree is considered significant. We’ve averaged on an annual basis 1.8 degrees warmer at nighttime over the last 15 years than the previous 15 years. Another way to look at that is if you look at the ten years in the 1970’s, we went below zero at nighttime, 40 times. That was considered pretty much the normal. From the period 2007 to 2017, we’ve only gone below zero at night, 15 times. Even more significant is if you look at each month of the year January, February, March, April and you look at over the last since 1926 we have dated for this area and I personally kept data since 1972, if you look at that period of time and
look at the warmest January, the warmest February, the warmest March for that long period of time, seven out of the 12 months, the warmest months have been set in the last 15 years. There’s been a significant change in the climate here in Budd Lake as well as the Country. Our Governor removed the State of New Jersey from the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative eight years ago, which you may or may not be aware of which cost the State millions of dollars in funding that could’ve gone to Clean Energy Infrastructure in the State. Other States like New York and Massachusetts are booming right now in terms of installation of measures to reduce Greenhouse Gas Initiatives. Since our Governor was elected in 2009, $13 billion of your money that you pay in your electric bill every month that’s supposed to go to the clean energy fund to fund the projects to reduce your money from your electric bill every month. Now our President is condemning the environment to third world status by promoting coal and weakening protection of our drinking water and our rivers. Since our leaders are not going to protect us, it becomes an issue for each and every one of us in the public to do what we need to do at the City, County and State level, to make the people in Washington understand what we the people really want in terms of reducing Greenhouse Gases, helping our climate, keeping our water clean. What I’m here for tonight is to request that the Council pass a Resolution and that Resolution would state its beliefs in first of all the Paris Accord, secondly, that New Jersey rejoin the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative and thirdly, that the money that is being collected for the clean energy fund is released back to the purpose that it was designated by the State Legislature. I realize that this is not a Town issue, but it is an issue for all of us to address and unless every Town, County and State passes Resolutions like this, it’s not going to happen. You’re probably aware that many large cities in the US have already passed Resolutions supporting the Paris Accord. While it may just seem symbolic, eventually these small stones will create ripples that’ll eventually will create a wave and move our National Government to the leadership that it should have. I respectfully request that you seriously consider that we take this action, doesn’t cost the Town anything, but it would put...first of all it would put Mount Olive at the forefront of any other Town in the County and maybe other Towns will follow suit and then the County will. You may be aware that Union County, two weeks ago, passed a similar Resolution. We wouldn’t be the first in the State, but we would be the first in the County. Again, I think the evidence shows that we’re moving towards some long-standing changes and public policy needs to start at the ground level within the small Towns. That’s my request. Thank you.

Mrs. Labow: Thank you.

President Nicastro: Thank you, appreciate all the research you did as well.

Mrs. Labow: Yes.

President Nicastro: Thank you. Mr. Roman.

Mr. Roman: I respectfully need to address some of the issues Mr. Bonte raised. One, I applaud you for all the work that you did when taking in temperatures, that’s something...that’s awesome. I think from a statistical point of view, I think it’s not proper to extrapolate the climate of a planet that’s millions of years old on a couple decades worth because if you were projecting this out further in about 50 years we’d be having 80-degree weather in January, which I don’t think that would be...I don’t think that’s the case. Unfortunately, I do believe the climate is changing as it always has. A few thousands of years ago there were glaciers covering this very area, so climate did change. Do I believe that we should be stewards of our environment? Of course. There’s nothing...no difference between the air that I breathe and the air that you breathe and I’m all for clean air, clean water. I just think that whatever we do has to be a measured response. Gas cars are one of the more major polluters of CO2. If you’ve driven any car back in 1997 and compare it to today’s car, you are putting out much less emissions and that’s all due to the technology that the market has determined to improve. In about 20 years you’ll be driving electric cars, why, because that is more than likely the way that technology is going and you’ll be making that choice. I am not a fan of Resolutions that are feel good Resolutions. I think this Governing Body should always enact Legislation on Resolutions that are meant to create an action and something that it can be done. I know my opinion is probably not the most popular of opinions, but if all we ever wanted to do was just put out things that feel good, that accomplish nothing for the residents of Mount Olive, we could be addressing Resolutions every time we have a meeting. I am definitely for making sure that we are stewards of our environment because we all embrace it, I just think that we should be making actions that are impactful and are not just to make us feel better. That’s all I have.

President Nicastro: Anyone else? Yes sir, you could go back up.

Mr. Bonte: I will agree that 15 years or 30 years does not make for meaningful data other than it is interesting to know that there has been this significant change. In the last 15 years versus the previous 30 and it does support what everybody is seeing everywhere else on the planet. I believe that Resolutions, although they may
sound like they feel good, reflect the policy and opinion of not only those of you that are on this Board, but citizens of this Township. I think that the citizens of this Township and probably most of you on this Board are for clean air and are for clean water. If the present Government that we have and direction that is being promoted from Washington continues, we’ll all be driving coal powered cars, and yet the Kentucky coal museum has switched over to solar. If Mr. Roman, you want to do something that is not feel good, but has a substantial impact and you could justify to the taxpayers of this Town, then remember my opening comments regarding what Mrs. Labow said and that is that the former Committee to investigate putting PV (photovoltaic) on this building to reduce the amount of electricity that’s consumed in this building because that won’t be just a feel-good measure that’ll be a positive taxpayer savings over the next 20 years. Thank you.

Mr. Roman: Thank you.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

President Nicastro: Thank you, anyone else? Anyone else from the public wish to be heard? Seeing none. Closed to the public. Any Council Comments? Mrs. Labow?

Mrs. Labow: Just want to thank the Administration and our Recreation Department for the carnival plans for this week.

President Nicastro: Oh yes. Coming up.

Mrs. Labow: I know a lot of people look forward to it. Hopefully everybody has a good time, safe time.

Mr. Roman: Hopefully.

Mrs. Labow: Yes. Hopefully.

President Nicastro: Mr. Mania?

Mr. Mania: Ditto.

President Nicastro: Mr. Stewart?

Mr. Stewart: Yes, a special shout out recognition to the Budd Lake Fire Department and to Jersey Girl Brewery for a large-scale training exercise they performed Sunday at the brewery, it was just absolutely phenomenal for a man down training. They put a smoke machine into the whole back operation and then they walked through with the younger members of that crew and worked with them to improve their results in a safe environment. What a great job they did.

President Nicastro: Thank you. Mr. Roman?

Mr. Roman: I have nothing.

President Nicastro: I have nothing. Thank you all for coming this evening. Do we have a motion to adjourn?

ADJOURNMENT - Motion made and seconded. All in favor, none opposed, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 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 August 8, 2017.

Michelle Masser, Township Clerk