The Public Meeting of the Mount Olive Township Council was called to order at 7:26pm by President Nicastro.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT ANNOUNCEMENT

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

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Mr. Amianda

Also Present: Susan Gouveia, Deputy Township Clerk; Fred Semrau, Township Attorney; Robert Greenbaum, Mayor; Andrew Tatarenko, Business Administrator; and Claudia Tomasello, Assistant Business Administrator

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

July 10, 2018 WS & PM

President Nicastro: Mr. Ferrante, would you approve the Minutes from the previous meeting, July 10, 2018, Workshop and Public Meeting please?

Mr. Ferrante: Sure, I make a motion to move July 10, 2018 Workshop and Public Meeting Minutes.

Mr. Mania: Second.

President Nicastro: Any discussion? Roll Call please.

ROLL CALL: Passed unanimously

CORRESPONDENCE

LETTERS FROM RESIDENTS/ORGANIZATIONS/ OTHER TOWNS

1. Email received July 11, 2018 from Sustainable Jersey regarding July Sustainability Hero Announced.

2. Email received July 12, 2018 from NOFA-NJ regarding Come grow with us!

3. Email received July 13, 2018 from GSWA regarding How will you answer the question, “Is our water safe to drink?”

4. Email received July 18, 2018 from Mayor McCormac, Township of Woodbridge regarding Greetings from the New Jersey Senior Olympics and Mayor McCormac!!!

5. Email received July 19, 2018 from NOFA-NJ regarding Learn, Network, Connect.

RESOLUTIONS / ORDINANCES OTHER TOWNS

6. Email received July 11, 2018 from Township of Washington regarding RO-11-18 Amending Land Use Ordinance of the Township of Washington.

7. Email received July 13, 2018 from The Borough of Mount Arlington regarding Mount Arlington Resolution Supporting…..Police & Fire Arbitration Procedures.

8. Email received July 17, 2018 from Township of Washington regarding Adopted Ordinance No. RO-11-18.

9. Email received July 17, 2018 from Borough of Netcong regarding Resolution 2018-74 – Police Arbitration.
10. Email received July 17, 2018 from Township of Washington regarding Resolution – Police Arbitration.


13. Email received July 19, 2018 from Township of Hanover regarding Resolution Urging Amendments to Senate Nos. 716, 477 & 1766.

14. Email received July 20, 2018 from Township of Mendham regarding Resolution to Support – Police and Fire Arbitration Legislation.

LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES

15. Email received July 13, 2018 from NJLM regarding Weekly Round-Up.


STATE AGENCIES

17. Email received July 6, 2018 from NJDEP regarding NJDEP Weekly Update.

18. Email received July 13, 2018 from FEMA regarding FEMA Region II Individual and Community Preparedness Bulletin.

19. Email received July 13, 2018 from NJDEP regarding NJDEP Weekly Update.

MSA / MUA

20. Letter received July 9, 2018 from MSA regarding MGD Water Pollution Control Plant.

MORRIS COUNTY

21. Email received July 6, 2018 from Morris County regarding This Week in Morris Count: CCM Manufacturing Center.

22. Email received July 12, 2018 from Morris County regarding Morris County News Release: Freeholders Approve $2.2 million in Historic Grants for Projects in 16 Towns.

23. Email received July 12, 2018 from Morris County regarding This Week in Morris County: 4-H Fair Starts Thursday in Chester.

24. Email received July 19, 2018 from Morris County regarding This Week in Morris County: 4-H Fair Through Sunday!

UTILITIES

25. Email received July 17, 2018 from Thomas Kaufmann, Elizabethtown Gas regarding Elizabethtown Gas Company Notice of Public Hearings.


President Nicastro: We have 26 pieces of Correspondence. Does anyone have any questions or anything on those? Seeing none. I open the hearing to the public on Ordinance #21-2018,

ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING

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 for adoption and final passage of Ordinance #21-2018.

Mr. Roman: Second.


ROLL CALL: Passed unanimously

President Nicastro: Ordinance #21-2018 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. I open the hearing to the public on 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 for adoption and final passage of Ordinance #22-2018.

Mr. Roman: Second.


ROLL CALL: Passed unanimously

President Nicastro: Ordinance #22-2018 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.

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING - None

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. A Resolution of the Township of Mount Olive, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Appointing Township Animal Control Officer Frank Nelson and Township Detective David Hering as Municipal Humane Law Enforcement Officers.

2. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Authorizing the Transfer of Funds from Lincoln Financial to the Township for Nonvested Members.

3. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Authorizing the Use of a State Purchasing Contract for 2018 (Team Life & Atlantic Tactical)


5. 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 (Tomco Construction, Inc. / Jefferson Recycling)
6. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Awarding a Professional Service Agreements Under the Non-Fair and Open Contracts in Accordance with the Pay-To-Play Law (Van Cleef Engineering Associates)

7. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Authorizing the Omission from Tax Sale Block 803, Lot 43, 32 Vasa Drive.


9. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Rejecting All Bids for Phase III Interior Restoration and Rehabilitation of the Mt. Olive Baptist Church.


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

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

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 that we approve the Bill List.

Mr. Mania: Second.


ROLL CALL: Passed with the exception of President Nicastro who abstained on check #82900

President Nicastro: Administrative Reports.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mayor Greenbaum: A busy weekend coming up: Friday night is Movie Night at Turkey Brook Park, 8:00pm, Baby Boss is playing.

Mr. Roman: Awesome.

Mayor Greenbaum: Saturday: Touch a Truck from 9:00am to 12:00pm, very popular event. Very well attended in the past.

Mr. Roman: Yes, I’m hoping we get “Touch a Councilman” put in one day.

Mayor Greenbaum: If you want to actually take a ride on a New Jersey monster truck—they will be on site—$5.00 a ride. Sunday is Music in the Park from 5:00pm-8:00pm. Bring a blanket and enjoy Turkey Brook Park and the sounds of music with food by Dog House to purchase. Obviously, last week we had the carnival in Town. We got very lucky this year. We had good weather for most of the . . . if not all of the carnival. I was in
Italy, so... following, I know that Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday the weather was great. Sunday, I know before the carnival it monsooned. I guess the skies opened up. It was very successful beyond everyone’s expectations this year. National Night Out is Tuesday, August 7, 2018 with a rain date of August 8, 2018. A special thanks to Petillo for sponsoring the fireworks for the second year in a row. I know that most of you up here, if not all of you, followed both mine and Council President Nicastro’s trip to Italy which was a wonderful vacation. I should mention, based upon comments on my Facebook page, that none of it was paid for by the Town. It was all paid for by either me or Council President Nicastro. We were able to support a local business, obviously, Fratelli Beretta and it was very, very impressive in terms of the presentation put on by our Italian sister-city Carpegna, Italy. They were so overwhelmed. The entire Town came out for us.

Mrs. Labow: How nice!

Mayor Greenbaum: It really was a great event and I’m very proud that we were able to help a business out. From the pride that was expressed, both from Fratelli Beretta, the family, the company, and the Town of Carpegna; it was an incredible experience for both myself and Council President Nicastro. If there are any other companies in Town that have other factories in other European cities, I’m more than welcome to have additional sister-cities. We’re a big family.

Mr. Roman: I got one more... is where they’re also located.

Mayor Greenbaum: It was a great time and I know that Fratelli Beretta’s very happy with how Mount Olive Township embraced the whole concept of sister-city. I don’t know if Joe has anything to add to it.

President Nicastro: No, I mean I can’t say much more. You saw, it was a great time. Really, the small town was just the best part of it. The way the Mayor was walking down the street and this whole band around... it was pretty wild to see that all come out. Meanwhile, they had a whole flea market going on throughout the town with all the fried foods and the... it was phenomenal. It was a great experience overall, but that was the best part I’ve got to say almost, of all of the trip, was experiencing that small town and the friendship between the two that was there. It was great. Mr. Roman?

Mr. Roman: Yes, I want to compliment the Mayor for bringing up the fact that this trip was not at all funded by the tax payers. I think it’s important for the residents to be made aware of it even though there was... it did seem semi-official, and I applaud also the residents that brought it up. Questioning whether it was, I think it’s very, extremely important that we have transparency and that the residents of Mount Olive don’t have any inkling of any impropriety committed by anybody.

Mayor Greenbaum: At the end of the day, it was vacation that both I and Council President Nicastro took at our own expense for the benefit of Mount Olive Township in some small way at the end of the trip. It was not in any way funded by Mount Olive Township.

President Nicastro: At all.

Mr. Roman: Thank you.

President Nicastro: Thank you.

Mayor Greenbaum: Lastly, I’d like to welcome the Perkins who I just saw walk in, obviously...

President Nicastro: You see that?

Mrs. Labow: Yay!

President Nicastro: They’re back for a short period.

Mayor Greenbaum: ... obviously, long-time service to Mount Olive Township; happy to see them. Big supporters of the Township.

President Nicastro: Welcome.

Mayor Greenbaum: Looking tan and healthy.

President Nicastro: Yes. Look like they belong in Carolina or somewhere down South.
Mayor Greenbaum: Yes, it doesn’t look like the south has done you guys any disservice to this point.

President Nicastro: Not at all.

Mrs. Labow: You look younger.

Mr. Roman: That’s where I’ve got to move.

Mrs. Labow: Yes, me too.

Mayor Greenbaum: Lauren looks younger; Ray still looks like an old dude.

Mrs. Labow: That’s fantastic.

President Nicastro: Thank you. Do we have any Old Business? Mrs. Labow.

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Labow: Okay. I have Old Business, sort of New Business; it’s just a continuing business. It’s going to always go on and on and on and I’m glad that Mr. Quinn is here tonight. I have an issue going on with our potholes and I know a lot of people have issues with the potholes. I also feel that we are in a situation where we have to have . . . come up with a plan. For instance, if we have our guys working on one street on the potholes and all of a sudden something shows up on Facebook that somebody hit a pothole on another street, all of a sudden, our guys get a call and they’ve got to go run and take care of that. Stop what they’re doing. Go do this. We need to . . . Tim, correct me if I’m wrong, I feel that if our guys are working on potholes—on say First, Second, Third Street—that’s what they’re working on that day and they’re going to do from start to finish. Then somebody calls in and says they have a problem over on, let’s say, Kenmar. Okay, well, Kenmar is scheduled for Monday next week and we’ll get over there and we’re going to be doing Kenmar, Ridge, whatever on that section. We’re not saving ourselves any time or money by having our guys run all over the place. I’ve seen it happen time and time again and I just really want to see if there’s something we can do to come up with a . . . I’m not saying that the guys haven’t. I know that you guys are working on that but we have to be a little bit more mindful on the other end that’s saying “Tim, get over there. Tim, get over there.” You know, to make sure we do it in a more productive manner. Okay? Understand? Everybody hear what I’m saying here?

President Nicastro: We do.

Mrs. Labow: Any opinions?

President Nicastro: I don’t know. I leave it up to Tim.

Mrs. Labow: Andrew.

President Nicastro: I understand what you’re saying. I don’t know what they’re . . .

Mr. Tatarenko: I don’t want to speak for Tim but I don’t believe we are. When the pothole repairs are scheduled, they are done systematically. If something does pop up then, you know, we might go inspect it and look at the severity and see if it should be addressed at that time or if we could put it into the work order system and address it at a later time. I don’t want the Council to think we’re just running from, you know; aimlessly from pothole to pothole, which we’re not.

Mrs. Labow: No, I know that you’re not specifically doing that but I do know that there’s times that they get dragged off . . . Tim’s here . . .

Mr. Quinn: We do get pulled away if there’s an incident that occurs that needs immediate attention. I mean, unfortunately we have a lot of potholes. Some are worse than others. We have to determine the road it’s on, the amount of traffic, the depth of the pothole, is this a priority road or a secondary road? Yes, sometimes we’re in an area trying to . . . and we do try to do specific areas.

Mrs. Labow: Yes.
Mr. Quinn: We like to do everything in order so nothing is missed. Unfortunately, from time to time, we have
to get pulled out to take care of other issues. It’s just . . . I mean, this year we’ve been clobbered. After we’re
done with the paving, it’s going to relieve a lot of the issues. You guys and the Mayor’s given us a lot of money
for paving this year so after that’s said and done, a lot of the worst areas will be taken care of and it will be a
little more manageable than it has been up to this point. It’s been a very busy year with potholes.

Mrs. Labow: It’s . . . you guys, I know. You guys are . . . just feels like you’re getting dragged from one spot to
the next spot . . .

Mr. Quinn: Yes, it’s busy.

Mrs. Labow: . . . and it’s the nature of the beast, so to speak.

Mr. Quinn: This year, it’s been . . .

Mrs. Labow: It’s been bad, yes. It’s not just Mount Olive either. I get around to a lot of towns.

Mr. Quinn: No, I travel all over. Other towns have the same problems. Highways, I mean it’s . . . you’re going
to find them in many places.

Mrs. Labow: While I’m a little bit more partial to Mount Olive, I will say that I think we’re actually, knock on
wood, we’re in much better shape than most of the towns.

Mr. Quinn: We’re getting there. I mean, we are starting to get some headway. We are starting to knock a lot of
the complaints off now that we can mostly focus on potholes. Obviously, this rain is setting us back.

Mrs. Labow: Right.

Mr. Quinn: You know, it’s just . . . we’re getting there.

Mrs. Labow: Yes, and I know in speaking with Claudia, on the Township website . . . trying to get people to,
you know, list on there like where the potholes are so it’s better planning on our end that we can get it done.

Mr. Quinn: Yes, what you all talked about at the last meeting was consolidating complaints coming into
specific areas . . .

Mrs. Labow: Right, yes.

Mr. Quinn: . . . and that’s a big help instead of five different venues that . . . we don’t look at all of those.

Mrs. Labow: Yes, it’s got to come through . . .

Mr. Quinn: You know, it’s not going to help anything.

Mrs. Labow: . . . right, it has to really come through the website so that it can be categorized, organized, and
then acted on.

Mr. Quinn: Yes, Claudia’s set it up that . . .

Mrs. Labow: Yes, wonderful.

Mr. Quinn: . . . we can see the residential complaints and respond to them in a more proper manner than we
have in the past so that it’s all being addressed.

Mrs. Labow: Yes, and I . . .

Mr. Quinn: It’ll work fine.

Mrs. Labow: . . . we can’t just . . .

Miss Tomasello: I have noticed in the past two weeks, because I do get those requests emailed to me, and I
have noticed in the past two weeks, a major kick-up in the amount that are being sent in and I do monitor other
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Facebook pages, even though I do not reply except by saying to go to the Town website. I see that they have cut back on their complaining on the other pages so I’m hoping pushing them over will help.

Mrs. Labow: Yes, good because we want to be able to get the things done and taken care of but if we don’t know about it, you can’t take care of it.

Mr. Quinn: Yes, unfortunately we don’t spend, we can’t get around to every road in the Town so . . .

Mrs. Labow: You can’t sit on Facebook, yes . . .

Mr. Quinn: The public is a major help in locating the troubled areas.

Mrs. Labow: Right.

Mr. Quinn: We know most of them but we don’t know them all.

Mrs. Labow: That’s what I tell people. They say “I don’t want to call and bother them”, I said “you’re not bothering them. They can not be on every inch of every road in our Town. You’re helping if you . . . but do it through the proper channels.”

Mr. Quinn: Yes.

Mrs. Labow: You know, and then you know, we’ll get it taken care of. It’s not a . . . don’t be afraid of the Town. We’re here for you. You know?

Mr. Quinn: I’m nice. Ask Mr. Patel. I’m nice, right?

Mayor Greenbaum: Don’t answer that. Mr. Patel, don’t answer that.

Mrs. Labow: No, you guys are great; you guys are very responsive and I . . . I’m not complaining about the work you guys are doing . . .

Mr. Quinn: No, I understand what you’re saying, exactly. Yes.

Mrs. Labow: . . . yes, I just want . . .

Mr. Quinn: No, I get it.

Mrs. Labow: . . . I just want us to all band together and, you know, do more . . .

Mayor Greenbaum: Colleen, we’re working on it.

Mrs. Labow: Yes, I know.

Mayor Greenbaum: It’s a very difficult issue.

Mrs. Labow: It’s so difficult.

Mayor Greenbaum: I’ve already spoken to Tim this afternoon about my concerns about the potholes and the residents’ complaints. I’ve asked all of the Administration to monitor all of the social media sites that the issue is being addressed on and to try and push everybody, or I should say follow everybody to the Township website. As you know, you got an email from DPW . . .

Mrs. Labow: Right.

Mayor Greenbaum: . . . in terms of those issues that were addressed this week. We’re doing the best that we can with the . . .

Mrs. Labow: Absolutely.

Mayor Greenbaum: . . . limited persons. We have seven . . . seven guys out doing pothole repair.

Mrs. Labow: Six.
Mayor Greenbaum: Seven, I think. Seven.

Mrs. Labow: You got seven? I . . .

Mayor Greenbaum: Now that Tim’s back . . .

Mrs. Labow: . . . thought it was six.

Mayor Greenbaum: . . . I mean that Ray’s back . . .

Mrs. Labow: Yes.

Mayor Greenbaum: . . . you can . . . how long you here for, Ray? You’ve got to come up to the podium, I’m just kidding. We’re trying to get to as many as we can. It’s a big issue.

Mrs. Labow: Yes, it is.

Mayor Greenbaum: It’s . . . that and the road flooding are the two biggest issues that we’re dealing with at the present time.

Mrs. Labow: I guess, most important, I just really hope that the public understands that we’re not ignoring it. We are working on it. All of us, together, working on it. You know? Not . . .

Mayor Greenbaum: The one thing I can tell you, Colleen, is that no matter what kind of effort you throw at a problem . . .

Mrs. Labow: I know.

Mayor Greenbaum: . . . there are always going to be people who don’t really understand because they’ve made the complaints, their problems aren’t getting fixed, and they get frustrated.

Mrs. Labow: Yes.

Mayor Greenbaum: It’s understandable. We’re here to work for the residents; we’re all residents sitting up here.

Mrs. Labow: True.

Mayor Greenbaum: With limited resources, there’s only so much that we can do. Then people start to question what resources we start spending on other issues that are not dire needs such as pothole repair and flooding repair. We really have to find an appropriate balance between those issues which affect the residents on a daily basis and those issues which move the Town forward either in a recreational sense or another sense. We have to find the right balance. You know, I’m going to be looking at it next year in terms of the issues that have been identified and try to find the right balance between competing financial needs. Leaving aside the fact the we haven’t raised taxes in seven years, it’s an easy issue to throw money at something if you’re taking money out of the residents’ pockets, which we haven’t done. I’m not sure how you get the message out to somebody who’s seen a pothole on their road for a month and a half and has raised the issue five times with the Township and it hasn’t been fixed because the pothole is not a priority pothole from the Township’s perspective. That’s kind of where we have to find a mechanism to educate the public in terms of: this is where we are, this is when we’re coming and we’re going to fix your problem.

Mr. Tatarenko: If I could just add to that: Last week Claudia has been working with our work order vendor to streamline that process and make it more user-friendly, which has been done.

Mrs. Labow: Oh, good.

Mr. Tatarenko: I’ve asked Claudia to put a step by step procedure of, you know, how the residents should use it and what they could expect.

Mrs. Labow: Perfect.
Mr. Roman: Jumping on that, is there . . . do we have any metrics as far as what happens when somebody goes on the website, navigates through, like what’s the bounce rate? Like do they start to . . . and stop at one spot and just not continue? Is there any metrics on that?

Mr. Tatarenko: I’d have to talk to our IT Department and see how that’s measured.

Mr. Roman: I think that would give us insight as to whether the website is being effective or not.

Mayor Greenbaum: It’s not a complaint that I’m hearing, overall. I don’t know the answer to your specific question that you’ve raised.

Mr. Tatarenko: It’s right on the homepage. You know.

Mr. Roman: Right.

Mr. Tatarenko: Request service, so I think it is being found.

Mayor Greenbaum: Most of the complaints that I’ve heard, as Claudia identified early on, is that people are making complaints on pages other than the Township website. Whether it’s on Mount Olive forum, my page . . . it’s hard to coordinate all of those complaints into a list of items that need to be addressed. Then, once there is a list of items that need to be addressed, I’m not sure that the individual resident/taxpayer really understands the prioritization of potholes on main roads versus sideroads versus depth of potholes and how we go about fixing and the amount of resources or lack of resources that the Township has on a daily basis going forward. I think it’s a number of different educational aspects of the outset. One is funnel everything through the Township webpage. Somehow create a site where people can look and see that their complaint has been lodged and prioritization of that complaint based upon a number of different factors. If we could put that kind of list together and have it available for the residents that they can see that the pothole on Kenmar, which is not on a main road, but on a side road, and is not six inches deep versus compared to the pothole on Ramar which is eight inches deep, they could understand in terms of the nature of what we do and how we do it.

Mr. Roman: I think Domino’s has the technology. Every time I order a pizza it tells me what stage it’s at.

Mrs. Labow: Yes, that’s true, they do. Can we do that?

Mayor Greenbaum: I don’t doubt that the information’s available but as you know, having been up here for a long time Alex, government moves very slow in terms of technology updates and in terms of ultimately getting a resolution of many of the issues that we have to deal with.

Mrs. Labow: I think, Joe . . .

President Nicastro: Yes, go ahead, I’m sorry.

Mrs. Labow: Mayor, the one thing that you have . . . well, you’ve done a lot of things extremely well but one of the things is your communication. I think even with this, if we find a way that we can communicate with the public, it’s going to cut down on a lot of the misunderstanding and you already have that so we’ll have the communication then.

Mayor Greenbaum: If I could fix every pothole issue that’s been identified, it would be a homerun for me. There is nothing . . . I spoke to Tim today before the meeting and Claudia, I said “we need to find a way to appease the residents that are raising the pothole issues” and it’s either 1. By fixing the pothole or 2. Communicating with them to let them know that we are aware of the issue and it’s been prioritized. It’s one or the other. That’s our mandate. We’re residents of the Township sitting up here. We’re here to fix the problems and we’re here to move the Township forward, both economically and physically. We have to figure out a way to make the residents happy that the Township is responding to their needs.

Mr. Mania: Sneezing, Joe?

President Nicastro: Not me.

Mrs. Labow: We’re still on Old Business?

President Nicastro: We’re still on Old Business.
Mrs. Labow: Old Business, last week the Freeholder’s meeting, Town meeting was . . .

President Nicastro: It’s a two-minute warning.

Mrs. Labow: . . . fantastic. That reminded me because that was . . . this was . . . static was happening.

President Nicastro: This was happening. That’s right, it happened when they were here.

Mrs. Labow: It was very, very nice having the Freeholders in Town and seeing . . . you know, you don’t always get to see them all the time. We got to see everybody. We received that wonderful grant for the Seward Mansion and so we’ll be able to get the roof completed. We got half of it last year; we got the other half this year.

President Nicastro: Which is great.

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Mrs. Labow: Just so everybody knows, I did go to the County meeting for the grant with Kathy Murphy and Thea Dunkel. It was really cool that we were, while we were there we showed them that the Seward Mansion’s on our new Town logo. They thought that was wonderful; that was at the grant application. Anyway, I want to thank the Freeholders for being here. It was wonderful.

President Nicastro: It was nice. It was nice they were all here.

Mrs. Labow: It was really nice.


NEW BUSINESS – none

LEGAL MATTERS

Mr. Semrau: Thank you, Council President. I just want to mention a few things briefly. First, there was a case where the Township was named as a defendant. It was called Eagleson vs. The Township of Mount Olive. What I’ll say at this point is: the case really challenged the process the Township has for criminal background checks and the way that they’re handled and processed. This was a matter that involved the Police Department reviewing a background check and that’s part of the process when you’re coaching or you’re dealing with children; that’s the Code. What I’ll say at this point is last week, Judge Deangelis dismissed the case against the Township and I believe all of the defendants and the Township has no liability but it . . . you know, that’s a signal as to the actual Ordinance that you have in place and how it’s being applied and handled so there will be no changes to it and there’s no liability. That case is over. Again, I don’t want to mention too much of the facts and details at this point until we get the opinion from the court, which I think is going to be sent over, but the judge did rule in favor of the Township. The case is concluded.

President Nicastro: I think the Mayor has something to say.

Mr. Semrau: I think the Mayor . . .

Mayor Greenbaum: I just want to say that I thought that the JIF did a great job in terms of representing the Township. It’s much appreciated.

Mr. Semrau: Thank you, Council President. I just want to mention a few things briefly. First, there was a case where the Township was named as a defendant. It was called Eagleson vs. The Township of Mount Olive. What I’ll say at this point is: the case really challenged the process the Township has for criminal background checks and the way that they’re handled and processed. This was a matter that involved the Police Department reviewing a background check and that’s part of the process when you’re coaching or you’re dealing with children; that’s the Code. What I’ll say at this point is last week, Judge Deangelis dismissed the case against the Township and I believe all of the defendants and the Township has no liability but it . . . you know, that’s a signal as to the actual Ordinance that you have in place and how it’s being applied and handled so there will be no changes to it and there’s no liability. That case is over. Again, I don’t want to mention too much of the facts and details at this point until we get the opinion from the court, which I think is going to be sent over, but the judge did rule in favor of the Township. The case is concluded.

President Nicastro: I think the Mayor has something to say.

Mr. Semrau: I think the Mayor . . .

Mayor Greenbaum: I just want to say that I thought that the JIF did a great job in terms of representing the Township. It’s much appreciated.

Mr. Semrau: Yes, that was Bill Johnson and thank you, Mayor, because Bill Johnson did do a terrific job, as the Mayor said. Also, just as an aside, you know there’s . . . you read about the affordable housing matters that go on and I think it’s important just to mention. Sometimes, you know, you’re busy. You keep doing things for the Township and making decisions going forward but about a year ago you settled the affordable housing case but you’re reading about many neighboring towns that are getting just enormous demands for rezoning, residential high-density development, and you know, even yesterday a special master came out with numbers and obligations for all of the participating Municipalities. Even towns that aren’t involved, such as Mount Olive, anymore. You made a terrific decision and you did all your homework and I just want to remind you that while you read all those articles, I think it’s important the public knows that’s not applicable to the Township. You’re compliant. There’s no rezoning that’s coming forward or any additional obligation to comply with that. That’s behind you. The Cobblestone acquisition; that was part of your affordable housing plan. You settled with the property owner for the purchase. Some good news, what’s come out of that is as the money is being withdrawn for the sale of the property that you’ve deposited, and that’s from your affordable housing trust fund
. . . there’s no taxpayer dollars. One of the things is: in condemnation law, if there’s any kind of clean up, you also get reimbursed for that as well. That’s the way we wrote the actual settlement. There was some asbestos removal that had to be done and we’re going to get reimbursed for that before the money is released. I don’t have the exact amount but it’s . . . I think it’s in the range from about $15-20,000.00. That’ll be coming back to the Township and just finally, as a Township resident, Mayor, you know our business is located in Boonton. If you get a chance if you guys want to come and vacation there and visit, that’d be nice too. Thank you, and that’s my report, Council President. Thank you.

President Nicastro: Thank you.

Mayor Greenbaum: You think the Mayor of Boonton would want a sister-city with Mount Olive Township?

President Nicastro: Council reports. Mr. Ferrante, anything on Environmental, Lake, or Library?

COUNCIL REPORTS

Environmental Committee - none
Lake Issues - none
Library Board Liaison

Mr. Ferrante: Just for the Library, I have a follow-up for Mr. Roman. Councilman Roman, who asked about some programs for senior citizens. I did speak with the Library Director and after the summer reading programs are over, they will be starting in the fall, some senior themed technology workshops.

Mrs. Labow: Nice.

Mr. Ferrante: Specifically, around Microsoft Word and basic internet usage and there will be other programs as well.

Mr. Roman: Awesome. That’d be great. I’m assuming we’re going to let the senior organization know.

Mr. Ferrante: Yes, yes. They’re going to give me advance notice of when the programs will be . . .

Mr. Roman: Good, excellent, glad to hear it.

Mr. Ferrante: . . . occurring.

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

Economic Development Committee Report
Community Action Panel Report - none

Mr. Stewart: Community Action Panel, no, it’s recessed for the summer. On the Economic Development, we have gone ahead and scheduled with the large businesses, their executive meeting that will be taking place between the Township EDC and also the Chamber of Commerce. They were pretty excited about that. That will be October 10, 2018.

President Nicastro: October, okay.

Mayor Greenbaum: Greg, let me just say that I plan on the 10th . . . I was going to say I plan on being there but I’m going to be out of Town. I thought it was later than that.

Mr. Tatarenko: October.

Mayor Greenbaum: October. October 10th.

Mr. Stewart: October 10th.

Mayor Greenbaum: I plan on attending.

Mr. Stewart: Good.

President Nicastro: October.
Mayor Greenbaum: Let me just say that I really appreciate your picking up the EDC. I know it’s well within your wheelhouse to make that happen so thank you very much. I think it’s an appropriate use of your talents to participate . . .

Mr. Stewart: I appreciate it.

Mayor Greenbaum: . . . or to run the EDC.

Mrs. Labow: Nice.

Mr. Stewart: Well the feedback, I was telling Andrew, the feedback from the leaders of the big businesses has been just mind-blowing on how excited they were about restarting this after a gap of about three years.

Mayor Greenbaum: Great.

President Nicastro: Yes, looking forward to that. Thank you. Mrs. Labow, anything on Open Space, Board of Health, or Stigma?

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

Board of Education Liaison Report - none
Senior Citizen Liaison

Mrs. Labow: Board of Health is not meeting until September and Open Space not . . . yes, next month and Stigma, same thing. I will say since Daniel is not here to do the Senior Citizens, I’ll just kick in and Mr. Stewart can fill in any information that he has also. It was very nice, like I said earlier, to be at the Senior Citizen Picnic. Just seeing everybody; everybody was so happy. Our staff just does an incredibly wonderful job. That was wonderful.

Mr. Stewart: Yes, I second that. They were . . . the smiles going around for everybody was great.

Mrs. Labow: I was just going to say the same thing. Here, it was hot and the Health Department, they were doing the balloons; the centerpieces. They were filling them up here, walking over there, getting things set up. Then you had Marcy Merola who was getting everything organized. Her daughter was helping out and we had Liz Meininger come over with the programs that they had printed out. I mean, everybody and everybody’s smiling and everybody’s saying hi to us and it was fantastic. It was just a very lovely place to be and happy and I’m just so proud of all of them. Just, great job. Over . . . above and beyond, they’re just fantastic. That’s pretty much, I think, all of our departments are. I think everybody does a phenomenal job and . . .

President Nicastro: They love what they do.

Mrs. Labow: . . . I know, it’s like . . .

President Nicastro: It shows.

Mrs. Labow: . . . it’s so nice. Thank you all.

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

Legislative Committee Report – none
Planning Board Report

Mr. Mania: Planning Board met last week. We approved some bulk variances and Jersey Girl Brewing, the meeting, the hearing is set for September 20, 2018 provided the landlord addresses the issues by the Health Department regarding the septic system. The other one is the Autosport Chevrolet on Route 46; their meeting will take place August 16, 2018.

President Nicastro: Okay, thank you.

Mrs. Labow: Did you . . . I wanted to . . . the gentleman who had the blue house on Mount Olive Road. Did they come before the Planning?
Mr. Mania: No.

Mrs. Labow: I saw them out there last week . . .

President Nicastro: Thought he was doing something.

Mrs. Labow: They were surveying . . . there was a survey team out there.

Mr. Mania: Are they going to put a new house there?

Mrs. Labow: Yes, I don’t know. I don’t know what they’re going to do. I was just wondering if maybe . . .

Mayor Greenbaum: Someone . . .

Mr. Mania: No, he hasn’t been here.

Mayor Greenbaum: Someone bought the property . . .

Mrs. Labow: Did they?

Mayor Greenbaum: . . . demolished the house and is putting up another property. It’s not the original homeowner.

Mrs. Labow: It’s not him? Okay. Interesting.

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

Recreation Liaison Report – none
Pride Committee - none

Mr. Roman: Nothing to report.

President Nicastro: Anyone from the public wish to be heard at this time? Please go up to the podium; you know the routine. I’m sure.

Mrs. Labow: Yay, Ray!

President Nicastro: Looking good, boy. I’ll tell you.

Mrs. Labow: You have your flips on, yes? Sandals. Every time I see flipflops I think of Lauren.

Mr. Perkins: Council President, Council members, Mr. Mayor, Administrative staff, and the rest of the public: Greetings from Horry County, South Carolina. Home of the most conservative, I might add, Republican Party.

Mrs. Labow: Really.

Mr. Perkins: Also, greetings from the Horry County Republican Party, to all of my constituents and folks here. I just wanted . . . had to stop by. We’re up for a very short time. I’m proud to say that my daughter-in-law graduated from Warren County Tech this evening with her LPN. That was a great joy for us to come up and see that. Mayor, you’re doing a fantastic job, Rob. I know that I ran against you and I’ve said it before, I couldn’t hold a candle to what you’ve done. You with your staff and with the support of the Councilmembers and most of the residents in this Township, you’ve managed to make this Township a more diverse and desirable place for people to live.

Mayor Greenbaum: Thank you.

Mr. Perkins: You’re on the map. You are a beacon for others to follow. You’re going to be a hell of a shoe to fill. You might as well just keep running for as long as you want to be there.

Mrs. Labow: Yes, keep running, please.
Mr. Perkins: Other than that, gentlemen, ladies, I follow just about everybody on Facebook. You guys are doing a great job. Your families, John; my goodness. Those kids are . . . they’re growing. Colleen, the babies are . . .

Mrs. Labow: My babies are growing.

Mr. Perkins: . . . they’re nobody’s babies anymore.

Mrs. Labow: I know.

Mr. Perkins: That is our lifeline. We’re 700 and some odd miles from here. Our hearts are always in Mount Olive. I remember when I chaired and started the Mount Olive Pride Committee with past Mayor Paul Licitra and we’d had a slogan contest and it said “No matter where you’re from; welcome home.” That’s how I feel when I come here so ladies and gentlemen, I applaud your service to the Township. Andrew, welcome aboard. Claudia, I already know you’re doing a great job. The rest of you all, have a great evening. Time for me to go to bed. I have a 10 o’clock flight out in the morning. Take care, guys.

Mrs. Labow: Good to see you.

President Nicastro: Thank you, Ray.

Mr. Mania: Good to see you, Ray.

President Nicastro: Good seeing you too. Thank you. Does anyone else . . .

Mayor Greenbaum: Wait, I bet you and Lauren went out for dinner at 4:00pm, didn’t you?

President Nicastro: Anyone else from the public wish to be heard at this time? Seeing none. Closed to the public. Council comments? Mr. Ferrante.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Ferrante: Yes, I’d just like to say it was good to see you, Ray and welcome home.

President Nicastro: Mrs. Labow.

Mrs. Labow: I agree with Mr. Ferrante. Welcome home; it’s great to see you guys. Miss you. I miss you so much.

President Nicastro: Mr. Mania. Good seeing you. I’ll see you on Facebook.

Mr. Mania: I just want to say that carnival . . . everything went well at the carnival. It was a great time. Even the Freeholders stopped by Wednesday night. Everyone had a good time. Great job.

President Nicastro: Thank you. Mr. Stewart.

Mr. Stewart: Yes, echoing that for all the Township employees and the volunteers did a great job with that carnival. Same thing with the senior picnic and then just one other thing. August 11, 2018 up at Vasa Park, it’s the annual fundraiser for homeless veterans; Vet Summerfest. You can mark it on your Calendar, 2:00pm I’m on the dunk tank.

President Nicastro: There you go. They’ll be throwing . . .

Mrs. Labow: 2:00pm you’re in the . . .

Mr. Roman: Let me write this down.

Mr. Stewart: My wife’s been practicing.

President Nicastro: Mr. Roman.
Mr. Roman: Unfortunately, I need to make the note of the passing of a longtime Mount Olive and Flanders resident Andrea Tyminski. This was a sudden tragedy. It just reminds us that we should treat everyday precious because we do not know how many days we have left. Thank you.

President Nicastro: Thank you. Do we have a motion to adjourn?

ADJOURNMENT - Motion made and seconded. All in favor, none opposed, the meeting was adjourned at 8:02pm.

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 7, 2018.

Michelle Masser, Township Clerk