

The Public Meeting of the Mount Olive Township Council was called to order at 7:09pm by Vice President Roman.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT ANNOUNCEMENT

Vice President Roman: In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by sending timely notice to the Daily Record and the Mount Olive Chronicle and posting notice on the bulletin board of the Municipal Building, 204 Flanders Drakestown Road, Budd Lake, N.J. Additional notice has been posted on the Township website and Facebook page and on the outside front door of the Municipal Building and sent to those individuals requesting same.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Mr. Aaron and Mr. Nicastro

Also Present: Susan Gouveia, Deputy Township Clerk; Jonathan Testa, Township Attorney; Andrew Tatarenko, Business Administrator; and Claudia Tomasello, Assistant Business Administrator

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- 1. July 11, 2023 WS & PM (Absent: C. Aaron)
- 2. July 11, 2023 Closed Session Minutes (Absent: C. Aaron)

Mr. Ferrante makes a motion to approve the July 11, 2023, WS & PM Minutes, and the July 11, 2023, Closed Session Minutes and **Mrs. Labow** seconds.

ROLL CALL: Passed unanimously

CORRESPONDENCE

LETTERS FROM RESIDENTS/ORGANIZATIONS/OTHER TOWNS

- 1. Email received July 10, 2023, from NOFA NJ regarding NOFA NJ Weekly Email: July 10, 2023.
- 2. Email received July 14, 2023, from the Statewide Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of NJ regarding Your Weekly Source for Local Events: Community Calendar.
- 3. Email received July 17, 2023, from the Statewide Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of NJ regarding Fill the Skill Gap and Nurture Future Talents with this NO COST program!
- 4. Email received July 17, 2023, from NOFA NJ regarding NOFA NJ Weekly Email: July 17, 2023.
- 5. Email received July 18, 2023, from the Statewide Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of NJ regarding The Columbia Bank Summer Series Program will help you master your finances! Join the class now!
- 6. Email received July 19, 2023, from the Statewide Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of NJ regarding The event yesterday was great! Next up, check out these signature events!
- 7. Email received July 20, 2023, from the Statewide Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of NJ regarding Weekly Community Calendar: There's always something happening in NJ, don't miss out!
- 8. Email received July 21, 2023, from the Statewide Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of NJ regarding ChamberNews - July 21, 2023.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES OTHER TOWNS

- 9. Email received July 20, 2023, from Chester Township regarding Chester Township, Ordinance 2023-10.

LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES

- 10. Email received July 7, 2023, from NJLM regarding Bills Signed; Budget Cuts; Mental Health Grant; DEP Lunch & Learn.
- 11. Email received July 14, 2023, from NJLM regarding SHBP Rate Hike; DLGS State Aid; Lunch & Learn.
- 12. Email received July 19, 2023, from NJLM regarding Governor Signs Advanced Clean Cars Proposal.

STATE AGENCIES/LOI/HIGHLANDS

- 13. Email received July 17, 2023, from NJDEP regarding NJDEP Weekly Update.
- 14. Email received July 21, 2023, from NJDEP regarding NJDEP Commissioner LaTourette Congratulates Successful Stormwater Assistance Grant Applicants as New Jersey Leaders on Climate Change.

MSA/MUA – None

MORRIS COUNTY

- 15. Email received July 7, 2023, from Morris County regarding This Week in Morris County: July 6, 2023 Update.
- 16. Email received July 14, 2023, from Morris County regarding This Week in Morris County: July 14, 2023 Update.
- 17. Email received July 17, 2023, from Morris County regarding Memorial Butterfly Release.
- 18. Email received July 18, 2023, from Morris County regarding Morris County Approves Funding for 23 Historic Sites.

UTILITIES

- 19. Email received July 17, 2023, from Notice of Optimum and Suddenlink Settlement regarding Notice of Optimum and Suddenlink Settlement.

There was no discussion on Correspondence.

Vice President Roman: I open the hearing to the public on Ordinance #20-2023 entitled,

ORDINANCE FOR PUBLIC HEARING:

Ord.#20-2023 Ordinance Amending Section 3(e)(ii) of Bond Ordinance #7-2022, As Amended by Ordinance #1-2023 and Ordinance #18-2023, of the Township of Mount Olive, In the County of Morris, New Jersey, Finally Adopted April 5, 2022, As Amended January 24, 2023 and June 27, 2023, In Order to Include Additional Projects

Vice President Roman: Mr. Ferrante.

Mr. Ferrante: Sure, I move for adoption and final passage, Ordinance #20-2023.

Mrs. Labow: Second.

Vice President Roman: Does anyone from the public wish to be heard on this Ordinance? Okay. Seeing none. I close to the public. It’s been moved and seconded. Any Council discussion? Seeing none. Roll Call, please.

ROLL CALL: Passed unanimously

Vice President Roman: Ordinance #20-2023 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. Okay, we’re on to Ordinances for first reading, with a second reading of August 8, 2023. The next item on the Agenda is for first reading is Ordinance #21-2023 entitled,

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING: (2nd reading August 8, 2023)

Ord.#21-2023 An Ordinance of the Township of Mount Olive, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Amending Chapter 343, Stormwater Management, of the Township Code to Establish NJDEP-Mandated Regulations for Privately Owned Salt Storage

Vice President Roman: Mrs. Labow.

Mrs. Labow: Thank you. I move that Ordinance #21-2023 be introduced by title and passed on first reading, be scheduled for public hearing, second reading, and consideration of final passage at a meeting to be held on August 8, 2023, at 7pm at the Municipal Building, 204 Flanders-Drakestown Road, Budd Lake, New Jersey, and be published, posted, and made available by the Clerk in accordance with law.

Mr. Mania: Second.

Vice President Roman: It’s been seconded. Any Council discussion? Andrew, am I correct that this is an Ordinance that the State’s requiring us to . . .

Mr. Tatarenko: Correct.

Vice President Roman: All right. Thank you. Roll Call, please.

ROLL CALL: **Passed unanimously**

Vice President Roman: All right. We’re on to the next item. On the Agenda, for first reading, is Ordinance #22-2023 entitled,

Ord.#22-2023 An Ordinance Amending Ordinance #31-2022 of the Township of Mount Olive Entitled Salaries of Certain Exempt and Non-Union Personnel

Vice President Roman: Mr. Mania.

Mr. Mania: Thank you, Mr. Vice President. I move that Ordinance #22-2023 be introduced by title and passed on first reading, be scheduled for public hearing, second reading, and consideration of final passage at a meeting to be held on August 8, 2023, at 7pm at the Municipal Building, 204 Flanders-Drakestown Road, Budd Lake, New Jersey, and be published, posted, and made available by the Clerk in accordance with law.

Mrs. Labow: Second.

Vice President Roman: Any Council discussion? Okay. Seeing none. Roll Call.

ROLL CALL: **Passed unanimously**

CONSENT RESOLUTIONS AGENDA:

1. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive accepting the 2022 Fire and Rescue Audits
2. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing a Chapter 159 Budget Amendment in the 2023 Budget for the LEAP Shared Service Czar Program for \$342,465
3. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive requesting approval from the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for insertion of a specific item of revenue into the 2023 Municipal Budget (\$307,327 for Enhancing Local Public Health FY24)
4. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive notice of intent to award a contract under a National Cooperative Purchasing Agreement for the purchase of a camera trailer off the Sourcewell Co-op (Aries Industries)
5. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing purchases off New Jersey State Contracts pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12 for calendar year 2023 (Witmer Public Safety Group)

6. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the award of a contract for the purchase of equipment and spare parts off the North Jersey Wastewater Cooperative Pricing System (Pumping Services, Inc.)
7. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the purchase of a water valve exerciser off the Buyboard National Purchasing Cooperative (EH Wachs)
8. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the use of Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council Contract for 2023 (Tilcon New York)
9. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive approving a non-fair and open vendor service contract pursuant to New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law (General Alarm dba General Security) REVISED - Increasing contract amount
10. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the use of Open Space Funds for the installation of an aeration fountain in Turkey Brook Retention Pond (Aquatics Analysts, Inc.)
11. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the use of Open Space funds for management of Pondview Drive Pond aquatic weed and algae growth (Aquatics Analysts, Inc.) Revised - Increase in cost of treatment
12. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the award of a non-fair and open professional services agreement for Pyrotechnic Services to International Fireworks MFG Co. Revised - Increasing contract amount and re-allocating funds
13. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the Township to abate a nuisance property located at Block 6100, Lot 7 (19 Deerfield Place)
14. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the Township to abate a nuisance property located at Block 4701, Lot 9.02 (217 Flanders Netcong Road)

Mr. Stewart moves for the adoption of Consent Resolutions one through fourteen and **Mr. Mania** seconds. There was no discussion.

ROLL CALL: **Passed unanimously**

MOTIONS

1. Bill List

Mr. Ferrante moves for approval of the Bill List and **Mrs. Labow** seconds. There was no public discussion.

ROLL CALL: **Passed unanimously**

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mr. Tatarenko discusses the Flanders-Netcong Road closure for Wawa construction. It was once again delayed but is now scheduled for July 26, 2023, at 7:00pm. He then updates the Council on the mailbox relocation issue that was brought up at the July 11, 2023, meeting. The meeting with the post office took place and they will be relocating the mailboxes. However, the Town has to make Pine Tree Lane a one way and do some parking restrictions. The neighborhood has been notified. **Mr. Roman** asks if the impact on the Budget is minimal. **Mr. Tatarenko** confirms. He then goes on to discuss a franchise renewal for Comcast Cable for a small area off of Route 46 near Powhatatan Way. **Mrs. Labow** asks if Comcast covers the Hackettstown area of Mount Olive Township and Altice covers the rest. **Mr. Tatarenko** confirms. Morris County 4H is moving their fair from Chester to Mount Olive this year. It'll be at High View Farms the weekend of July 29, 2023. **Mr. Roman** asks if the cable/wireless companies have been switching over to 5G antennas. **Mr. Tatarenko** replies "No." **Mrs. Labow** asks about salt storage, relating to Ordinance #21-2023. **Mr. Tatarenko** isn't aware of any. They're going to visit some of the landscaping businesses, but no permits have been issued for any privately owned storage. **Mrs. Labow** asks if they have to get a permit for it and if the Town is allowed to go check properties for that. **Mr. Tatarenko** doesn't believe a permit is required; they just need to be in compliance.

OLD BUSINESS – none

NEW BUSINESS – none

LEGAL MATTERS – none

COUNCIL REPORTS

Environmental Committee
Lake Issues - none
Library Board Liaison

Mr. Ferrante reports Environmental will be meeting next week and Library is taking August off, so the next meeting will be in September.

Legislative Committee Report - none
Planning Board Report

Mr. Mania reports the Planning Board meeting was cancelled.

Economic Development Committee Report

Mr. Stewart reports the EDC will meet July 26, 2023, and for their mid-year review and planning for the remainder of 2023.

Board of Education Liaison Report – none

Open Space Committee Report - none
Board of Health Report - none
Senior Citizen Liaison - none

Recreation Liaison Report - none

PUBLIC PORTION

Irene Sergonis, 37 Mount Olive Road, Budd Lake, discusses motor vehicle accidents that result in standstill traffic and road closures. She expresses concerns relating to lack of information regarding road closures. She suggests communication be improved. **Mr. Roman** explains the focus for the recent accident on Route 46 was on rescue efforts. **Mr. Tatarenko** confirms the immediate focus was on emergency response. There wasn't enough time to get notification out. **Mr. Wargo** explains there has been an influx of serious accidents throughout the Town. He discusses recent accidents that have occurred. He also goes over a program that pushes out notifications immediately and identifies road closures. They're looking into it for next year. **Mrs. Labow** discusses cellphone use while driving and **Mr. Wargo** adds the perspective of first responders and the dangers they face when responding to these accidents.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Stewart commends those who volunteered at the Senior Picnic.

ADJOURNMENT - Motion made and seconded. All in favor, none opposed, the meeting was adjourned at 7:29pm.

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, 2023.