

The Public Meeting of the Mount Olive Township Council was called to order at 7:28pm by President Roman.

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 on the outside front door of the Municipal Building and notice was sent to those individuals requesting same.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mr. Aaron, Ms. Lalama, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Ferrante, and Mr. Roman

Absent: Mrs. Labow and Mr. Mania

Also Present: Michelle Masser, Township Clerk; Fred Semrau, Township Attorney; Joe Nicastro, Mayor; Andrew Tatarenko, Business Administrator; and Claudia Quinn, Assistant Business Administrator

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- 1. March 19, 2024 WS & PM
February 3, 2024 Budget Hearing (Absent: C. Labow & J. Mania)

Mr. Aaron moves for approval of the March 19, 2024, WS & PM Minutes and the February 3, 2024, Budget Hearing Minutes, and **Mr. Stewart** seconds. There was no discussion.

ROLL CALL: Passed unanimously

CORRESPONDENCE

LETTERS FROM RESIDENTS/ORGANIZATIONS/OTHER TOWNS

- 1. Email received March 18, 2024, from NOFA NJ regarding NOFA NJ Weekly Email: March 18, 2024.
- 2. Email received March 19, 2024, from the Statewide Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of NJ regarding SHCCNJ Technical Educational Programs.
- 3. Email received March 21, 2024, from NOFA NJ regarding RSVP for NOFA NJ's Annual Meeting!
- 4. Email received March 25, 2024, from NOFA NJ regarding NOFA NJ Weekly Email: March 25, 2024.
- 5. Email received March 28, 2024, from the Statewide Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of NJ regarding Your go-to source for NJ events: Weekly Community Calendar.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES OTHER TOWNS

- 6. Email received March 27, 2024, from the Borough of Stanhope regarding Land Use Ordinance 2024-04 Introduction.

LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES

- 7. Email received March 18, 2024, from NJLM regarding Affordable Housing Update, OPRA Reform Bill Delayed, TTF Moves in Assembly.
- 8. Email received March 18, 2024, from NJLM regarding Affordable Housing Now Scheduled for a Vote on Monday.
- 9. Email received March 19, 2024, from NJLM regarding Affordable Housing and TTF Bills Head to Governor's Desk.

- 10. Email received March 19, 2024, from NJLM regarding CDS Webinar, Cinelease Studio Tour Opportunity, Open Enrollment 4/1.
- 11. Email received March 21, 2024, from NJLM regarding Governor Signs Affordable Housing Bill Package.
- 12. Email received March 26, 2024, from NJLM regarding Governor Murphy Signs TTF Bill.

STATE AGENCIES/LOI/HIGHLANDS

- 13. Email received March 18, 2024, from DEP Local Government Assistance regarding NJDEP Weekly Update.
- 14. Email received March 22, 2024, from DEP Local Government Assistance regarding NJDEP Weekly Update.
- 15. Letter received March 25, 2024, from Careaga Engineering, Inc. regarding Shaffer Septic Repair, Block 4500, Lot 18, 187 Flanders Netcong Road, FWW - GP-24.

MSA/MUA – None

MORRIS COUNTY

- 16. Email received March 18, 2024, from Morris County regarding This Week in Morris County: March 15, 2024.
- 17. Email received March 19, 2024, from Morris County regarding Introducing Connect to Morris 2.0: An Enhanced Employment Platform.
- 18. Email received March 21, 2024, from Morris County regarding And the 2024 Alex Decroce Public Leadership Award Goes To...
- 19. Email received March 22, 2024, from Morris County regarding February 2024 Minutes of the Morris County Planning Board.
- 20. Email received March 22, 2024, from Morris County regarding Morris County Aids Flooded Tri-Boro VFW in Butler.
- 21. Email received March 22, 2024, from Morris County regarding This Week in Morris County: March 22, 2024.
- 22. Email received March 28, 2024, from Morris County regarding Morris County Honors Scott Moffitt.

UTILITIES

- 23. Letter received March 22, 2024, from New Jersey American Water regarding In the Matter of the Petition of New Jersey-American Water Company, Inc. for Approval of Increased Tariff Rates and Charges for Water and Wastewater Service, Change in Depreciation Rates, and Other Tariff Modifications OAL Docket No. PUC 02409-2024 S; BPU Docket No. WR24010056.

There was no discussion on Correspondence.

President Roman: I open the hearing to the public on Ordinance #10-2024 entitled,

ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING:

Ord.#10-2024 Ordinance Amending Section 3(f)(iv) of Bond Ordinance #6-2019 of the Township of Mount Olive, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, Finally Adopted March 6, 2019, as Amended by Ordinance #12-2022 and Ordinance #23-2022 Finally Adopted April 19, 2022 and August 9, 2022. Respectively, in Order to Include an Additional Project.

President Roman: Mr. Ferrante.

Mr. Ferrante: Sure, I move for adoption and final passage, Ordinance #10-2024.

Mr. Stewart: Second.

President Roman: Okay, it’s been moved and seconded. Anyone from the public? Seeing none. Any Council discussion? Seeing none. Roll Call.

ROLL CALL: **Passed unanimously**

President Roman: Ordinance #10-2024 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 #11-2024 entitled,

Ord.#11-2024 An Ordinance of the Township of Mount Olive, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Acceptance of Certain Road Easements and Dedications in Connection with Development of Block 7801. (Fox Chase/VL North Coffee Ice Cream LLC)

President Roman: Mr. Stewart.

Mr. Stewart: Thank you, Mr. President. I move for adoption and final passage, Ordinance #11-2024.

President Roman: Can I get a second?

Ms. Lalama: Second.

Mr. Ferrante: Second.

President Roman: It’s been moved and seconded. Anyone from the public wish to be heard? Seeing none. Any Council discussion? Seeing none. Roll Call.

ROLL CALL: **Passed unanimously**

ORDINANCE FOR FIRST READING: None

CONSENT RESOLUTIONS AGENDA:

1. A Resolution of the Township of Mount Olive, recognizing NJ Local Government Week, April 7th - 13th, 2024, and encouraging all citizens to support local government
2. A Resolution of the Township of Mount Olive, in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey, renewing a facility use agreement between the Township of Mount Olive and New Jersey JCC Metrowest
3. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive memorializing an agreement with Mount Olive quasi-entity sports associations to provide supplemental funding for park, field & facility maintenance with staff and/or supplies for the Township's Parks, Buildings & Grounds Division
*REVISED - Increasing registrant fee
4. Resolution approving the memorandum of understanding between the Township of Mount Olive and the Mount Olive Soccer Club, Inc. for the rental of portable light towers
5. Resolution of the Township of Mount Olive, in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey, authorizing a memorandum of understanding between the Township and the Morris County Sailing Club and School - Society for the Education of American Sailors for usage of township property
6. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the agreement between the New Jersey Transit Corporation and Mount Olive Township for the Senior Transportation Program
7. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the use of Open Space funds for title search work associated with the Stark Cemetery at 37 Flanders-Bartley Road, Flanders, New Jersey *REVISED - Increasing amount

8. 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 2024 Municipal Budget (\$500 - Interlocal Agreement - Township of Chester - Plumbing/Mechanical Subcode Services)
9. 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 2024 Municipal Budget (\$500 for donation - Fratelli Beretta - Police Equipment)
10. 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 2024 Municipal Budget (\$75,000 - American Rescue Plan Firefighter Grant)
11. 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 2024 Municipal Budget (\$37,503.61 for a Recycling Tonnage Grant)
12. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing a concession for mobile vending of ice cream/soft ice cream at Turkey Brook Park and Flanders Park
13. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the award of contract for Bid #02-2024 Water Testing Services (Pace Analytical Services)
14. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing a contract for the purchase of a 2024 Ford F350 regular cab 4x4 pick-up truck off the Morris County Co-op (Ciocca Ford of Flemington)
15. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing Change Order No. 1 for Engineering Services for SCADA Upgrades Wastewater Treatment Plant & Morris Chase Water System (Van Cleef Engineering Associates)
16. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the award of professional services agreement for Engineering and Construction Administration Services for Waterloo Valley Road Resurfacing (Van Cleef Engineering Associates)
17. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the purchase of an automated side loader off the Sourcewell Co-op (Sanitation Equipment)
18. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the purchase of a roadside mower off the HCESC Co-op (Power Place)
19. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the award of a contract for lawn care services off the ESCNJ Co-op (Natural Green Lawn Care)
20. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the award of a contract to Mangiro Contracting Co. for Bid #07-2023 General Concrete Construction for Sidewalk, Slabs, and Floors (June 24, 2023 - June 23, 2025) *REVISED - Increasing contract amount
21. 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 freightliner MC 106 plus cab and chassis off the Houston-Galveston Area Council Cooperative (Houston Freightliner)
22. 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 (ClearGov, Inc)
23. 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 (ADP)
24. 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 (Lincoln Technology)
*REVISED - Increasing contract amount

- 25. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the use of Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission Cooperative Purchasing Program for 2024 (Power Place)
- 26. Resolution of the Council of Mount Olive Township authorizing the use of the 2024 Distracted Driving Statewide Crackdown grant U-Drive, U-Text, U-Pay

Ms. Lalama moves Consent Resolutions one through twenty-six and **Mr. Stewart** seconds. There was no discussion.

ROLL CALL: **Passed unanimously**

MOTIONS

- 1. Bill List

Mr. Aaron moves for approval of the Bill List and **Ms. Lalama** seconds. There was no discussion.

ROLL CALL: **Passed unanimously**

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mayor Nicastro reports he attended a Ramadan celebration at Efsane Mediterranean Cuisine on Route 206 in Flanders. He discusses the committee for supporting diversity meeting in the upcoming weeks, which Ron Ghoshal is the Chair of. He also reports the first pitch for Mount Olive Baseball was held at the Market Tavern the previous week, a ribbon cutting for Shay’s Liquor (formally Buyrite Liquors) took place, and the Table of Hope Food Pantry will be at Turkey Brook Park on Friday, April 5, 2024, from 1:30pm to 2:30pm. He also informs everyone Coffee with a Cop at Mount Olive Bagel is from 9:00am to 11:00am on April 6, 2024, resident Justin Wentzel will be hosting a toy giveaway event at Applebee’s from 12:00pm to 3:00pm on April 6, 2024, the second job fair will be taking place on April 11, 2024, at the Senior Center, and he thanks Fratelli Beretta for making another donation to the Health and Wellness initiative.

Mr. Tatarenko discusses data regarding the use of Turkey Brook Park which includes over 185,000 visitors from March 1, 2023, to February 29, 2024, who visited 782,000 times. He adds that October 18, 2023, was the highest weekend with over 15,000 visitors, which was the Halloween Soccer Tournament. He includes data about the businesses that are visited after visits to Turkey Brook and demographics of the visitors such as income and education levels. **President Roman** asks how the data was obtained. **Mr. Tatarenko** explains the company works with other app companies to come up with the statistics. **President Roman** asks what the pitch is for why we’d want to buy it. **Mr. Tatarenko** lists marketing, help with public safety, and identifying how the parks are used. **President Roman** asks how much it costs. **Mr. Tatarenko** replies, “Over \$25,000.00 a year.” He further discusses a new firetruck that was delivered and a meeting with the Department of Transportation (DOT) that he and the Mayor had.

OLD BUSINESS – none

NEW BUSINESS – none

LEGAL MATTERS

Mr. Semrau discusses public officials’ use of social media. **President Roman** asks if it’ll be added to training. **Mr. Semrau** confirms.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Board of Education Liaison Report

Mr. Aaron reports the Board of Education met March 25, 2024. He discusses a review of the winter program and student recognition. He announces the next meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2024.

Library Board Liaison
Recreation Liaison Report

Mr. Ferrante reports Recreation will meet on April 3, 2024, and the Library will meet on April 16, 2024.

Board of Health Report

Ms. Lalama reports the Board of Health will be meeting on June 26, 2024. She reports they have events coming up including the Rabies Clinic on April 12, 2024, at Turkey Brook Park at the DPW building between 5:00pm to 8:00pm and a potential child healthcare clinic on May 2, 2024. She also discusses national accreditation that’s being worked on with a May submission date.

Economic Development Committee Report

Mr. Stewart reports the EDC second quarter newsletter is published on the Township website and the next meeting is April 24, 2024.

Open Space Committee Report – none
Senior Citizen Liaison – none
Environmental Committee/Lake Issues – none

Legislative Committee Report – none
Planning Board Report – none

PUBLIC PORTION - none

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Aaron comments on the statistics of Turkey Brook Park visits. He expresses his excitement about the investments being made into the soccer field.

Ms. Lalama comments that the next Board of Health meeting is June 26, 2024. She thanks the Soccer Club for donating flowers to Paragon Village for Easter.

Mr. Stewart thanks the Bigley Foundation for the donation to the Police Department.

Mr. Ferrante thanks the Bigley Foundation for their donation to the Police Department.

President Roman echoes the sentiments regarding the donation to the Police Department.

ADJOURNMENT - Motion made and seconded. All in favor, none opposed, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42pm.

Alex Roman, Council President

I, Michelle Masser, Township Clerk of Mount Olive do hereby certify that the foregoing Minutes are a true and correct copy of the Minutes approved at a legally convened meeting of the Mount Olive Township Council duly held on April 30, 2024.

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Michelle Masser, Township Clerk