

The Public Meeting of the Mount Olive Township Council was called to order at 7:17pm by President Nicastro.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT ANNOUNCEMENT

President Nicastro: 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. Aaron, Mr. Ferrante, Mr. Mania, Mr. Roman, Mr. Stewart, and Mr. Nicastro

Absent: Mrs. Labow

Also Present: Michelle Masser, Township Clerk; Jon Testa, Township Attorney; Andrew Tatarenko, Business Administrator; Claudia Quinn, Assistant Business Administrator; and Sherry Kolody, CFO

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- 1. March 21, 2023 WS & PM & Closed Session (Absent: None)

Mr. Aaron makes a motion to approve the March 21, 2023, WS & PM & Closed Session Minutes and **Mr. Roman** seconds.

ROLL CALL: Passed unanimously

CORRESPONDENCE

LETTERS FROM RESIDENTS/ORGANIZATIONS/OTHER TOWNS

- 1. Email received March 20, 2023, from NOFA NJ regarding NOFA NJ Weekly Email: March 20, 2023.
- 2. Email received March 27, 2023, from NOFA NJ regarding NOFA NJ Weekly Email: March 27, 2023.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES OTHER TOWNS – NONE

LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES

- 3. Email received March 17, 2023, from NJLM regarding Prevailing Wage & PILOT, SHBC Mid-Year Analysis; 20 & Out.
- 4. Publication received March 23, 2023, from NJLM regarding Legislative Bulletin 2022 No. 3, 2022-2023 Legislative Session - Public Laws.
- 5. Email received March 27, 2023, from NJLM regarding 20& Out Update, Liquor License Testimony.

STATE AGENCIES/LOI/HIGHLANDS

- 6. Email received March 27, 2023, from NJDEP regarding NJDEP Weekly Update.
- 7. Publication received March 29, 2023, from NJDCA regarding Local Finance Notice LFN 2023-07.
- 8. Letter received March 30, 2023, from Careaga Engineering, Inc. regarding Biddiscombe Septic Repair, Block 6900, Lot 5, 513 Drakestown Road, FWW – GP–24.

MSA/MUA – NONE

MORRIS COUNTY

- 9. Email received March 17, 2023, from Morris County regarding Morris County to Receive \$3 Million for Road Safety Improvements.
- 10. Email received March 17, 2023, from Morris County regarding This Week in Morris County.
- 11. Email received March 23, 2023, from Morris County regarding 2023 Morris County Budget Adopted.
- 12. Email received March 23, 2023, from Morris County regarding Morris County Celebrates Women's History Month.
- 13. Email received March 24, 2023, from Morris County regarding This Week in Morris County.

UTILITIES – NONE

There was no discussion on Correspondence.

ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING:

Ord.#9-2023 An Ordinance of the Township of Mount Olive, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Acceptance of a 50' Right of Way Dedication and Various Conservation and Sight Easements in Connection with Rachel Manor Estates. (Block 7702 Lot 32)

President Nicastro: Mr. Ferrante.

Mr. Ferrante: I move for adoption and final passage, Ordinance #9-2023.

Mr. Mania: Second.

President Nicastro: Does anyone from the public wish to be heard on this Ordinance? Seeing none. Closed to the public. Anyone from Council have anything else on this? Seeing none. Roll Call, please.

ROLL CALL: **Passed unanimously**

President Nicastro: Ordinance #9-2023 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 law.

ORDINANCE FOR FIRST READING: None (2nd reading April 18, 2023)

CONSENT RESOLUTIONS AGENDA:

- 1. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive recognizing NJ Local Government Week, April 16th - 22nd, 2023 and encouraging all citizens to support local government.
- 2. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the submission of a grant application by the Township of Mount Olive to the Preserve New Jersey Historic Preservation Fund for a 2023 grant for the Seward House Barn.
- 3. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing a donation of surplus AED's to the Mount Olive Junior Baseball/Softball Association, the Mount Olive Jr. Marauders Football Association, the Mount Olive Soccer Club and the Mount Olive Junior Lacrosse Club.
- 4. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the sale of surplus property through public auction.
- 5. Resolution of the Township of Mount Olive, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, authorizing release of escrow posted by KDS Aggregates, LLC in connection with development of the property located at 46 Waterloo Valley Road (Block 701, Lot 5)
- 6. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the award of a contract for the purchase of a Caterpillar Skid Steer Loader off the ESCNJ Co-Op (Foley, Inc.)

7. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the award of a contract for the purchase and installation of new tennis equipment at Turkey Brook Park tennis courts off of Bergen County Co-Op (Ben Shaffer Recreation)
8. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the award of contract for the purchase of a woodchipper off the ESCNJ Co-Op (Modern Group)
9. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the award of a contract for the purchase of SCBA air-packs and facepieces off New Jersey State contract (New Jersey Fire Equipment Co.)
10. 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 (Wireless Electronics, Inc.)
11. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the award of a contract to Reiner Group for Bid #01-2023 HVAC System Upgrades at the Municipal Building
12. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Authorizing the Award of a Contract for RFP #01-2023 Emergency Response Cost Recovery Billing & Collection Services (EF Recovery LLC)
13. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the award of a contract for RFP #2-2023 Fall Food Truck Festival Concession Services (JMK Events)
14. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the award of a contract for the purchase of tablets and laptops for the Budd Lake Fire Department off New Jersey State Contract (Dell)
15. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the award of contract for upgrading the 2012 Ford F450 Utility Body (A&K Equipment)
16. 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 (The Liberty Store)
17. 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 (Todd Harris)
18. 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.
19. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the notice of intent to award a contract under a national cooperative purchasing agreement for a 36-month AED service agreement off Omnia Partners
20. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing a Place-to-Place Transfer to expand the license premises of plenary retail consumption license #1427-33-017-011 owned by Apple Food Service of Mount Olive LLC d/b/a Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar (Expansion of Premises)
21. 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 (Natural Green Lawn Care)
22. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the award of a non-fair and open professional services agreement for Township Auditor to Gary Higgins of PKF O'Connor Davies, LLP
23. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the award of a non-fair and open professional services agreement for Realty Appraisal services to Realty Data Systems, LLC
24. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the award of a non-fair and open professional services agreement for Appraisal Services to Newmark Valuation & Advisory

25. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the award of a professional service agreement for Health Education services to Christie Jaime
26. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the award of a non-fair and open professional services agreement for Architecture & Historic Preservation Services and Grant Writing Services to Connolly & Hickey Historical Architects
27. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the award of a non-fair and open professional services agreement for Township Attorney to Dorsey & Semrau
28. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the award of a non-fair and open professional services agreement for Legal Services/Special Prosecution to Mason Thompson
29. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the award of a non-fair and open professional services agreement for Municipal Prosecutor to Mason Thompson, LLC
30. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the award of a non-fair and open professional services agreement for Labor Attorney to Cleary, Giacobbe, Alfieri, Jacobs
31. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the award of a non-fair and open professional services agreement for Bond Counsel services to McManimon, Scotland & Baumann
32. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the award of a non-fair and open professional services agreement for Special Litigation Counsel to Methfessel & Werbel
33. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the award of a non-fair and open professional services agreement for Township Engineer to Michael G. Vreeland of Van Cleef Engineering Associates
34. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the award of a non-fair and open professional services agreement to Michael G. Vreeland of Van Cleef Engineering Associates as the Board Engineer for the Planning Board
35. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the award of a non-fair and open professional services agreement for Environmental Consulting Services to Habitat by Design
36. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the award of a non-fair and open professional services agreement for Planning Board Attorney to Murphy McKeon, P.C.
37. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the award of a non-fair and open professional services agreement for Planning Board Special Counsel to the Buzak Law Group
38. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the award of a fair and open professional service agreement for RFP #5-2022 Legal Counsel to the Township of Mount Olive Local Ethics Board to Jonathan F. Cohen, Esq. of Plosia Cohen
39. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the award of a fair and open professional service agreement for RFP #4-2022 Impound and Veterinary Services to Animal Health Center
40. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the award of a non-fair and open professional services agreement for Municipal Court Public Defender to Anthony M. Arbore, Esq. of Arbore Velez, LLC
41. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the award of a non-fair and open professional services agreement for Township Appraiser to Barry Krauser, LLC

Mr. Roman moves for approval of Consent Resolutions one through forty-one and **Mr. Stewart** seconds. There was no public discussion and no comments from Council.

ROLL CALL: Passed with the exception of Mr. Aaron, who abstained from Resolution #13

MOTIONS

- 1. Bill List

Mr. Mania makes a motion to accept the Bill List and **Mr. Stewart** seconds. There was no public discussion or Council comments.

ROLL CALL: Passed unanimously

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mr. Tatarenko discusses a State Farm insurance grant that was applied for back in 2020 for a fire prevention arson dog. They were awarded the grant. The Fire Marshal is training in New Hampshire with the dog, Stash. The dog will be nicknamed “Freddy” in honor of Fred Detoro, Jr. They’re ready to file the DOT application for the Budd Lake Beach project. He’s hoping for positive feedback. They were awarded \$750.00 from the Morris County Joint Insurance Fund for the 2022 Safety Incentive Award, for the second year in a row. Regarding the Tarn (Pondview), he met with Public Works and due to the mild winter, they were able to do a lot of the clean up earlier than planned. They’ll continue through the spring and summer.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Roman asks if self-funding insurance would be beneficial due to the cost increase. **Mr. Tatarenko** explains it’s on the table. He met with the health benefits consultant. He goes over the discussion and steps that have been taken to lead to a decision.

NEW BUSINESS – none

LEGAL MATTERS – none

COUNCIL REPORTS

Environmental Committee
Lake Issues – none
Library Board Liaison

Mr. Ferrante announces Environmental meets tomorrow (April 5, 2023), and Library meets in two weeks.

Legislative Committee Report - none
Planning Board Report

Mr. Mania explains the Planning Board approved the application for Johnson Dodge and the other application was a ‘d ’variance that he cannot vote on. **Mr. Roman** asks what Johnson Dodge is doing. **Mr. Mania** states they’re going to do a facelift.

Board of Education Liaison Report

Mr. Aaron discusses the Board of Education recognizing students for their sports achievements. The meeting was well attended. There was also a discussion on the referendum. They’re looking to move the date to January. A second meeting has been scheduled to discuss the same on April 17, 2023.

Recreation Liaison Report

Mr. Roman states Recreation meets tomorrow (April 5, 2023).

Economic Development Committee Report

Mr. Stewart reports they will not meet until April 19, 2023.

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

PUBLIC PORTION - none

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Aaron thanks the volunteer firefighters for all they do. He expresses his sympathy for the passing of Frank Wilpert, Sr. He discusses the new EV stations and feels they make a nice addition to the community.

Mr. Mania also thanks the volunteer firefighters and gives his condolences to the Wilpert family on the passing of Frank, Sr.

Mr. Stewart echoes Mr. Mania’s sentiments.

Mr. Roman reiterates appreciation for the volunteer firefighters. He discusses his satisfaction with the EV charging stations as well. He then expresses his sentiments regarding Frank Wilpert, Sr. He feels he’s an excellent example of employees who leave a lasting impact. He thanks Ms. Masklee for her public discussion during the Workshop Meeting regarding a flyer that was sent out. He expresses his sentiments regarding hate groups and responding to them.

President Nicastro sends his condolences to the Wilpert family as well. He then discusses the grand opening of ShopFresh Marketplace on Route 46.

ADJOURNMENT - Motion made and seconded. All in favor, none opposed, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.

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 April 18, 2023.

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Michelle Masser, Township Clerk