

The Public Meeting of the Mount Olive Township Council was called to order at 7:04pm 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, Mrs. Labow, Mr. Mania, Mr. Roman, Mr. Stewart, and Mr. Nicastro

**Absent:** None

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- 1. February 21, 2023 WS & PM (Absent: J. Ferrante)
- 2. March 7, 2023 WS & PM (Absent: C. Aaron & C. Labow)

**Mr. Aaron** makes a motion to approve the February 21, 2023, WS & PM Minutes and the March 7, 2023, WS & PM Minutes and **Mr. Roman** seconds.

**ROLL CALL:** Passed with the exception of Mr. Ferrante, who abstained on the February 21, 2023, WS & PM Minutes, and Mr. Aaron and Mrs. Labow, who both abstained on the March 7, 2023, WS & PM Minutes

**President Nicastro:** I open the hearing to the public on Ordinance #8-2023,

ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING:

**Ord.#8-2023** Township of Mount Olive Morris County, New Jersey Calendar Year 2023 Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Cost of Living Allowance and to Establish a Cap Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A-4-45.14)

**President Nicastro:** Mr. Ferrante.

**Mr. Ferrante:** I move for adoption and final passage of Ordinance #8-2023.

**Mr. Roman:** Second.

**President Nicastro:** Anyone from the public wish to be heard on the Ordinance? Closed to the public. Anyone from Council? Seeing none. Roll Call, please.

**ROLL CALL:** Passed unanimously

**President Nicastro:** Ordinance #8-2023 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.

ORDINANCE FOR FIRST READING: (2nd reading April 4, 2023)

**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:** Mrs. Labow.

**Mrs. Labow:** Thank you, Mr. President. I move that Ordinance #9-2023 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 April 4, 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.

**ROLL CALL:**           **Passed unanimously**

**RESOLUTIONS**

**1. Resolution: Waiver of Reading Budget in Full.**

**Mr. Mania** makes a motion to Waive the Reading of the Budget in Full and **Mrs. Labow** seconds.

**ROLL CALL:**           **Passed unanimously**

**2. Resolution RE: Self Examination of Budget.**

**Mr. Stewart** makes a motion to move Resolution number two, Self-Examination of the Budget and **Mr. Mania** seconds.

**ROLL CALL:**           **Passed unanimously**

**PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2023 MUNICIPAL BUDGET and SANITATION DISTRICT BUDGET RESOLUTIONS**

There was no discussion from the public.

**1. Resolution to Amend 2023 Budget.**

**Mr. Roman** moves for approval of Resolution number one to Amend the 2023 Budget and **Mr. Stewart** seconds. **Mrs. Labow** asks what is being amended. **Mr. Tatarenko** explains they got additional information on State Aid so some appropriations needed to be adjusted. **Mrs. Kolody** adds they got an additional \$14,000.00.

**ROLL CALL:**           **Passed unanimously**

**2. Resolution to Adopt the 2023 - Municipal Budget.**

**Mr. Aaron** makes a motion to pass Resolution number two to Adopt the 2023 Municipal Budget and **Mr. Mania** seconds.

**ROLL CALL:**           **Passed unanimously**

**3. Resolution to Adopt the 2023 - Sanitation District Budget.**

**Mr. Ferrante** makes a motion to approve Resolution number three to Adopt the 2023 Sanitation District Budget and **Mr. Mania** seconds.

**ROLL CALL:**           **Passed unanimously**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**LETTERS FROM RESIDENTS/ORGANIZATIONS/OTHER TOWNS**

- 1. Email received March 6, 2023, from NOFA NJ regarding NOFA NJ Weekly Email: March 6, 2023.
- 2. Email received March 9, 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!
- 3. Email received March 13, 2023, from NOFA NJ regarding NOFA NJ Weekly Email: March 13, 2023.

**RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES OTHER TOWNS – NONE**

**LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES**

- 4. Email received March 6, 2023, from NJLM regarding FY2024 Budget Address; MS4 Grant Meeting; Lunch & Learns.
- 5. Email received March 9, 2023, from NJLM regarding Division Issues Guidance on CY2023/SFY2024 State Aid Certification.

**STATE AGENCIES/ LOI/HIGHLANDS**

- 6. Email received March 7, 2023, from NJDEP regarding NJDEP Weekly Update.

**MSA/MUA – NONE**

**MORRIS COUNTY**

- 7. Email received March 3, 2023, from Morris County regarding This Week in Morris County.
- 8. Email received March 7, 2023, from Morris County regarding Public Meeting Set for Berkshire Valley Road Truck Circulation Project.
- 9. Email received March 9, 2023, from Morris County regarding Morris County Launches Interactive Story Map to Celebrate 40 Years of Farmland Preservation Program.
- 10. Email received March 10, 2023, from Morris County regarding Morris County is Accepting 2023 Open Space Grant Applications.
- 11. Email received March 10, 2022, from Morris County regarding This Week in Morris County.
- 12. Email received March 16, 2023, from Morris County regarding Navigating Hope Facilitates "Cover All Kids" Community Outreach.
- 13. Email received March 17, 2023, from Morris County regarding Morris County to Receive \$3 Million for Road Safety Improvements.
- 14. Email received March 17, 2023, from Morris County regarding February 2023 Morris County Planning Board Minutes.

**UTILITIES – NONE**

There was no discussion on Correspondence.

**CONSENT RESOLUTIONS AGENDA:**

- 1. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing participation in the LEAP Implementation Grant
- 2. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive accepting the bid for sale of certain municipal land and property from the Township auction on March 7, 2023 (Block 2603, Lot 2, 6 31st Street)
- 3. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing Mount Olive Township to enter into a National Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with Omnia Partners
- 4. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the use of ESCNJ Cooperative Pricing Council Contract for 2023 (Various Vendors)
- 5. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the award of a non-fair and open professional services agreement with Victor J. Herlinsky, Jr., Esq. of Sills Cummis & Gross in connection with the sale of Block 301, Lot 4 located at 3100 Continental Drive (57 Acres)

- 6. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the award of a one-year contract extension to Mangiro Contracting for Bid #06-2020 General Concrete Construction for Sidewalks, Slabs and Floors (June 24, 2022 - June 23, 2023 REVISED - Increasing contract amount
- 7. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the award of a professional services agreement for affordable housing compliance services to Piazza & Associates REVISED - Increasing contract amount

Mr. Labow moves for approval of Consent Resolutions one through seven and Mr. Roman seconds.

Mrs. Labow asks about the numbering of the Resolutions. Miss Masser explains the software used to create the Agenda automatically numbers it.

ROLL CALL: Passed unanimously

MOTIONS

- 1. Bill List

Mr. Mania makes a motion to move the Bill List and Mrs. Labow seconds.

ROLL CALL: Passed unanimously

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mr. Tatarenko discusses DEP grant opportunities and the Congressionally Directed Spending program. He also discusses the Tarn and getting it hooked up to natural gas. Mr. Aaron asks how much the total cost would be for the stormwater catch basin mapping once the grant is applied. Mr. Tatarenko explains how the process works and doesn't know exactly how much the project will cost yet. He has to get a proposal from the engineer. The Highlands Council also has a program that can offset some funds.

OLD BUSINESS – none

NEW BUSINESS – none

LEGAL MATTERS

Mr. Semrau explains there's a matter to discuss in Executive Session which would be his report.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Board of Education Liaison Report

Mr. Aaron explains he went to the Board of Education meeting on Monday and introduced himself as the liaison. He then discusses a referendum the Board is planning to put together. Mr. Tatarenko adds that he was able to attend and to his understanding, it's a 54 million dollar referendum of which 34 percent would be covered through the State. This would be for needs; not wants. They are planning to expand Sand Shore and Tinc Road Schools, expand the gym at the middle school, and do interior renovations at the high school, along with some paving. He further discusses the details of the referendum, along with the timeline which includes a special election in December of 2023. Mr. Roman asks if Mr. Aaron will be on the referendum committee. Mr. Tatarenko explains they were invited as stakeholders. Mr. Roman asks questions for clarification on the committee. Mr. Tatarenko clarifies the Council is invited to ask questions, but they already have a committee.

Environmental Committee – none

Lake Issues – none

Library Board Liaison

Mr. Ferrante states Library was cancelled due to the snowstorm.

Open Space Committee Report

Board of Health Report

Senior Citizen Liaison

**Mrs. Labow** explains the Board of Health doesn't meet until April. She discusses the Senior's Saint Patrick's Day celebration which was well attended. The Open Space Committee met last week, and they discussed the trails they're working on. She asks Mr. Quinn if the deer stands have been removed yet. **Mr. Quinn** replies they haven't been taken down yet.

Legislative Committee Report - none  
Planning Board Report

**Mr. Mania** states Planning Board met last week. He discusses Johnson and Dodge's approval and a d variance he could not vote on.

Recreation Liaison Report

**Mr. Roman** states Recreation meets the first Wednesday in April.

Economic Development Committee Report

**Mr. Stewart** reports they had their meeting last week with a full committee and the next meeting is on April 13, 2023.

**PUBLIC PORTION**

**Alan Fulton**, Waterloo Road, Budd Lake, discusses the population growth in Town and Open Space. He feels 57 Acres should be kept as a park. He talks about debris he's found when cleaning the road. He expresses concerns related to developing more property and the growing population. He urges the Council to reconsider their plan for 57 Acres. **Mr. Semrau** discusses the offer on the property and the type of development that would take place. He clarifies it was not purchased for residential use.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- 1. **Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Authorizing the Township Council to Hold Closed Executive Session** - Discussion of matters falling within the attorney-client privilege related to contract negotiations involving the purchase or acquisition and deemed confidential in nature pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b(1), b(5) and b(7) of the OPMA.

**Mr. Stewart** makes a motion to move into Executive Session and **Mrs. Labow** seconds. **Mr. Semrau** clarifies this is to discuss Open Space property acquisition negotiations and no action will be taken at this time.

**ROLL CALL:**       **Passed unanimously**

**Mr. Roman** makes a motion to move out of Executive Session and **Mr. Stewart** seconds.

**Executive Session began at 7:27pm and concluded at 7:51pm.**

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**Mr. Aaron** applauds Alan and Courtney Fulton for their citizenship in cleaning up the road. He also commends the DPW for doing a great job during the snowstorm.

**Mrs. Labow** agrees with Mr. Aaron's sentiments about Alan and Courtney Fulton cleaning the side of the road.

**Mr. Mania** adds he was at Turkey Brook Park and people were cleaning up garbage.

**Mr. Roman** discusses the drug abuse issue in society.

**ADJOURNMENT** - Motion made and seconded. All in favor, none opposed, the meeting was adjourned at 7:54pm.

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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 4, 2023.

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Michelle Masser, Township Clerk