

The Public Meeting of the Mount Olive Township Council was called to order at 7:35pm 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. Stewart, Mr. Roman, and Mr. Nicastro

**Absent:** Mr. Mania

**Also Present:** Michelle Masser, Township Clerk; Sue Sharpe, Township Attorney; Andrew Tatarenko, Business Administrator; Claudia Tomasello, Assistant Business Administrator; and Sherry Kolody, CFO

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- 1. July 25, 2023 WS & PM (Absent: C. Aaron & J. Nicastro)

**Mr. Aaron** makes a motion to approve the July 25, 2023, WS & PM Minutes, and **Mrs. Labow** seconds.

**ROLL CALL:** Passed with the exception of Mr. Aaron & Mr. Nicastro, who abstained on the July 25, 2023, WS & PM Minutes

CORRESPONDENCE

LETTERS FROM RESIDENTS/ORGANIZATIONS/OTHER TOWNS

- 1. Email received July 24, 2023, from NOFA NJ regarding NOFA NJ Weekly Email: July 24, 2023.
- 2. Email received July 24, 2023, from the Statewide Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of NJ regarding Exhibit your business in a diverse community! Get your tickets now!
- 3. Email received July 25, 2023, from the Statewide Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of NJ regarding Applications are only accepted until August 1! NO COST to register!
- 4. Email received July 31, 2023, from the Statewide Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of NJ regarding Become one of the participants who already have their certificates and start the program today!
- 5. Email received July 31, 2023, from NOFA NJ regarding NOFA NJ Weekly Email: July 31, 2023.
- 6. Publication received August 4, 2023, from the Musconetcong Watershed Association regarding Musconetcong River News, Summer 2023.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES OTHER TOWNS – None

LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES

- 7. Email received July 24, 2023, from NJLM regarding Harm Reduction Centers; State of Emergency; General Elections.
- 8. Email received July 28, 2023, from NJLM regarding SHBP Meeting Highlights; Beekeeping Rules, Election Regulations.
- 9. Email received August 1, 2023, from NJLM Daily Update regarding League Mourns Passing of Lt. Gov. Oliver.

STATE AGENCIES/LOI/HIGHLANDS

- 10. Email received July 24, 2023, from NJDEP regarding NJDEP Weekly Update.
- 11. Email received July 27, 2023, from Commitment to Communities, DOT regarding Commitment to Communities Newsletter- Vol. 31.

MSA/MUA

- 12. Email received July 31, 2023, from the Musconetcong Sewerage Authority regarding MSA Resolution 23-24 - Adoption of Service Rules for Prohibited Discharges After Public Hearing.

MORRIS COUNTY

- 13. Email received July 21, 2023, from Morris County regarding This Week in Morris County: July 21, 2023 Update.
- 14. Email received July 24, 2023, from Morris County regarding June 2023 Minutes of the Morris County Planning Board.
- 15. Email received July 28, 2023, from Morris County regarding Morris County & Ort Farms Continue to Deliver Fresh Produce to Seniors.
- 16. Email received July 28, 2023, from Morris County regarding This Week in Morris County: July 28, 2023.
- 17. Email received August 1, 2023, from Morris County regarding Schooley's Mountain Road Bridge Reopens on August 1.
- 18. Email received August 1, 2023, from Morris County regarding Morris County Expresses Condolences on Death of New Jersey Lt. Gov. Sheila Oliver.
- 19. Email received August 4, 2023, from Morris County regarding This Week in Morris County: Aug. 4, 2023 Update.

UTILITIES

- 20. Email received July 25, 2023, from Notice of Optimum and Suddenlink Settlement regarding Notice of Optimum and Suddenlink Settlement.
- 21. Email received August 1, 2023, from New Jersey Natural Gas Company regarding New Jersey Natural Gas Company - Public Hearing Notices (4) to Municipalities.

There was no discussion on Correspondence.

**President Nicastro:** I open the hearing to the public on Ordinance #21-2023,

ORDINANCE FOR PUBLIC HEARING:

**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

**President Nicastro:** Mr. Ferrante.

**Mr. Ferrante:** Sure, I move for adoption and final passage, Ordinance #21-2023.

**Mrs. Labow:** Second.

**President Nicastro:** Does anyone from the public wish to be heard on this Ordinance? Seeing none. Closed to the public. Any Council discussion? None. Roll Call, please.

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

**President Nicastro:** Ordinance #21-2023 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. I open the hearing to the public on Ordinance #22-2023,

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

**President Nicastro:** Mrs. Labow.

**Mrs. Labow:** Thank you, Mr. President. I move for adoption and final passage of Ordinance #22-2023.

**Mr. Stewart:** Second.

**President Nicastro:** Anyone from the public wish to be heard on this Ordinance? Seeing none. Closed to the public. Any discussion? Roll call, please.

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

**President Nicastro:** Ordinance #22-2023 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.

**ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING: None (2nd reading August 22, 2023)**

**CONSENT RESOLUTIONS AGENDA:**

1. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the appointment of Frank Baguiao as the Township's Construction Officer
2. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing a shared service agreement with the Mount Olive Board of Education to add communication circuits to the Township's Verizon contract
3. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive waiving fire prevention permit fees to the Flanders Fire Department related to the fireworks display for the 100th Anniversary on August 12, 2023
4. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing a 2023 grant contract with Morris County Historic Preservation Trust for the Seward House - Barn Roof Restoration
5. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the grant agreement between the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services and Mount Olive Township
6. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing a gratitude acceptance with the Division of Local Government Services for a Local Efficiency Achievement Program (LEAP) implementation grant to support the Mount Olive Township/Borough of Netcong sanitation truck
7. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive approving and authorizing a developer's agreement with TIEF 2000 Mount Olive, LLC for the development of property located at 2000 International Drive (Block 202, Lot 1)
8. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the use of Open Space funds for the management of Maiers Pond aquatic weed and algae growth (Aquatics Analysts, Inc.)
9. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the award of a contract for the purchase of communications equipment off the MCCPC Cooperative (Northeast Communications)
10. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the use of Somerset County Cooperative Pricing System Contract for 2023 (National Highway Products)

- 11. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the award of a contract for Electronic Waste Recycling Services to eRevival, LLC Revised - fees collected for electronic waste
- 12. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the purchase of two (2) Chevy Trailblazers for the Health Department off the Sourcewell Co-Op (National Auto Fleet Group)
- 13. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the purchase of three (3) Chevy Silverados for the Department of Public Works off the Sourcewell Co-Op (National Auto Fleet Group)
- 14. 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 (Firefighter One)
- 15. 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 (Fastenal)
- 16. 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 (COVID 19 Vaccination Supplemental Funding Program for \$20,000)
- 17. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive to cancel taxes on Block 2700, Lot 51, 99 Sand Shore Road
- 18. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the omission from tax sale properties with delinquent balances of \$10.00 or less
- 19. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive canceling taxes on Block 7000, Lot 85 for disabled Veteran declared 100% totally & permanently disabled by the Tax Assessor
- 20. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive canceling taxes on Block 2800, Lot 12 for disabled Veteran declared 100% totally & permanently disabled by the Tax Assessor
- 21. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the withholding from tax sale special assessment installments not yet due
- 22. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the release of a cash bond posted by Kevin Lewthwaite Home Improvements for site improvements at Block 4117 (Previously Block 4110), Lots 26 & 27
- 23. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the renewal of Alcoholic Beverage Licenses for the 2023-2024 licensing period

**Mr. Roman** moves for the adoption of Consent Resolutions one through twenty-three and **Mrs. Labow** seconds.

Regarding Resolution number 8, **Mr. Ferrante** asks if the treatment for Maiers Pond will begin this year. **Mr. Tatarenko** confirms it'll be this year. He discusses a fishing derby they're planning to have.

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

**MOTIONS**

- 1. Bill List

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

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

**Mr. Tatarenko** announces the 2023 road resurfacing project has begun. All of the roads should be milled by August 16, 2023. The paver will follow. There was a delay due to a bid falling through which pushed them back about a month, but everything should be done before school starts. **Mr. Roman** mentions that some residents have commented on the late start. **Mr. Tatarenko** discusses the Seward House window installation. He also discusses a Safe Routes to School Grant for sidewalk installation. They applied for a grant a few years back to install a sidewalk from Corey Road to Tinc Road School on Flanders Drakestown Road that didn't make the cut. He now has the groundwork laid out for the application, so he'd like to reapply and see if they'd consider it for this year. **Mr. Roman** asks what the cost is. **Mr. Tatarenko** replies, "about a half a million dollars." **Mr. Stewart** asks for an update on the Route 206/Flanders Netcong Road construction. **Mr. Tatarenko** explains they're about a week behind schedule. He discusses progress and what's upcoming. The new tentative reopening date is the week of August 21, 2023. It will not impact the schools. **President Nicastro** asks for an update on the Baptist Church. **Mr. Tatarenko** explains the DEP has them held up because they're trying to install a holding tank for the small bathroom. The permit was initially denied, so they had to ask for a waiver. The architect is working through that.

OLD BUSINESS – none

NEW BUSINESS

**Mrs. Labow** discusses complaints from a resident in the Clover Hill area regarding a company knocking on doors, trying to solicit business. **Mr. Tatarenko** explains Miss Masser keeps a non-solicitation list that's updated regularly and given to the solicitor when they get a permit. He adds that residents should know that just because somebody has a permit, does not mean the Town is vouching for the work that they do. **Miss Masser** asks for the name of the company. **Mr. Quinn** states it's "Top Style." **Miss Masser** informs them that the company does not have a permit. She then explains the permit process and that there are approximately six permits that have been issued this year for door-to-door solicitation. **Mr. Aaron** asks if there's a limitation with what area they can go to once they have a permit. **Miss Masser** explains it's solely for Mount Olive. **Mr. Roman** asks what the penalty is for violation. **Mr. Tatarenko** will double check. **Miss Masser** discusses issues with solicitors in the recent past. **Mr. Roman** would like it brought up for discussion at the next Council meeting. **Mrs. Labow** asks Miss Masser about the no knock list. **Miss Masser** explains the process of getting on the list. She adds many people go out and solicit without a permit because they don't want to wait the four to six weeks it takes to get one. **Mrs. Labow** suggests posting "No Soliciting" signs. **Miss Masser** explains that can't be done because some residents want to be solicited. **President Nicastro** emphasizes the importance of educating the public.

LEGAL MATTERS

**Mrs. Sharpe** discusses fines associated with solicitors.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Environmental Committee  
Lake Issues  
Library Board Liaison

**Mr. Ferrante** reports the Library postponed their meeting and will start again in September. Lake and Environmental briefly met the previous week. Environmental will be participating with Open Space and the Historical Society for the nonprofit day the Recreation Department will be hosting.

Open Space Committee Report  
Board of Health Report  
Senior Citizen Liaison

**Mrs. Labow** reports Open Space meets next week, the Board of Health doesn't meet until September, and the seniors meet every other week. They discussed upcoming events at the last meeting.

Recreation Liaison Report

**Mr. Roman** reports that Recreation meets in September. He notes that National Night Out had a great turn out and gives kudos to the Administration and Recreation Department. **Mr. Stewart** mentions the Flanders Fire 100 Year Celebration of Service coming up Saturday, August 12, 2023.

Economic Development Committee Report

**Mr. Stewart** reports the EDC will meet again on September 27, 2023, and their third quarter newsletter will be issued by the end of this month. They’re starting the fourth quarter newsletter as well, already.

Board of Education Liaison Report – none

Legislative Committee Report - none  
Planning Board Report - none

**PUBLIC PORTION - none**

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**Mr. Aaron** comments on the Flanders Fire 100<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary Proclamation. He discusses the great turnout for National Night Out and the Block Party. He then thanks the public for attending the meeting and expressing their concerns.

**Mrs. Labow** thanks the public for attending and discussing issues.

**Mr. Stewart** echoes Mr. Aaron’s sentiments about National Night Out. He’s looking forward to the Flanders Fire 100 Year Celebration of Service event.

**Mr. Roman** is looking forward to celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Flanders Fire Department. He credits the public for bringing issues to the Council’s attention.

**President Nicastro** echoes all the comments.

**ADJOURNMENT** - Motion made and seconded. All in favor, none opposed, the meeting was adjourned at 7:57pm.

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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 August 22, 2023.

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Michelle Masser, Township Clerk