

The Public Meeting of the Mount Olive Township Council was called to order at 7:49pm 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. Aaron, Mr. Ferrante, Mrs. Labow, Mr. Mania, Mr. Roman, and Mr. Stewart

Absent: Mr. Nicastro

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

Vice President Roman: Mr. Aaron, can you approve the previous meeting Minutes?

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

1. January 10, 2023 WS & PM (Absent: G. Stewart)

January 24, 2023 WS & PM
- Mr. Aaron:** Thank you, Mr. Vice President. I make a motion to accept the meeting Minutes from January 10, 2023, and January 24, 2023.

Mr. Mania: Second.

Vice President Roman: Do we need to . . .

Mr. Aaron: Do they go separate?

Vice President Roman: . . . note that they were both Workshop and Public Meetings?

Mr. Mania: Yes.

Miss Gouveia: Yes, let’s note.

Vice President Roman: Noted.

Miss Gouveia: We’ll note it.

Mr. Aaron: Workshop and Public Meeting.

Vice President Roman: And just a reminder, Mr. Stewart, you were absent. You will get a demerit for that. Roll Call, please.

ROLL CALL: Passed with the exception of Mr. Stewart, who abstained on the January 10, 2023 WS & PM Minutes

CORRESPONDENCE

LETTERS FROM RESIDENTS/ORGANIZATIONS/OTHER TOWNS

1. Email received January 23, 2023, from NOFA NJ regarding NOFA NJ Weekly Email: January 23, 2023.

2. Email received January 30, 2023, from NOFA NJ regarding NOFA NJ Weekly Email: January 30, 2023.

3. Email received January 31, 2023, from Statewide Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of NJ regarding You'll learn more here!
4. Email received February 2, 2023, from Statewide Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey regarding Get Updates: Weekly Community Calendar.
5. Email received February 3, 2023, from The Land Conservancy of New Jersey regarding REMINDER: Planning Grants Available Now!

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES OTHER TOWNS – NONE

LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES

6. Email received January 20, 2023, from NJLM regarding SHPB Increase Unresolved, Ida Recovery Funds, DLGS Guidance.
7. Email received January 27, 2023, from NJLM regarding SHBP Update; Legislation on Special Events & LIHWAP; Grants.
8. Email received February 1, 2023, from NJLM regarding Mayors Legislative Day is Back for 2023!

STATE AGENCIES/LOI/HIGHLANDS

9. Email received January 24, 2023, from NJDEP regarding NJDEP Weekly Update.
10. Letter received January 30, 2023, from Dykstra Walker Design Group regarding Request for Presence/Absence Letter of Interpretation for Block 5800, Lot 15.01, Township of Mt. Olive, Morris County.
11. Letter received January 31, 2023, from Langan regarding Application for Freshwater Wetlands General Permit No. 1 Application 3000 Continental Drive Warehouse Development Block 200, Lot 1, Township of Mount Olive, Morris County, New Jersey, Langan Project No.: 100980201.
12. Email received January 31, 2023, from Commitment to Communities, DOT, regarding Commitment to Communities Newsletter - Volume 26.
13. Letter received February 1, 2023, from 3000 Continental Drive Associates, LLC, regarding Application Submitted to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Land Resource Protection for the proposed redevelopment project on 3000 Continental Drive, Block 200, Lot 1, Township of Mount Olive, Morris County.
14. Letter received February 2, 2023, from NJDEP regarding Classification Exception Area/Well Restriction Area. 95 Route 46, Mt. Olive Twp., Morris County, Program Interest Number: PI # 832096, Subject Item ID: CEA100000003, Activity Number: LSR190001.
15. Email received February 2, 2023, from NJDEP regarding PI# 001166 - SINCLAIR - Remedial Action Permit.

MSA/MUA – NONE

MORRIS COUNTY

16. Email received January 20, 2023, from Morris County regarding Morris County Appoints New Director of Communications.
17. Email received January 20, 2023, from Morris County regarding This Week in Morris County: Morris County honors Martin Luther King, Jr.
18. Email received January 24, 2023, from Morris County regarding December 2022 Minutes of the Morris County Planning Board.
19. Email received January 26, 2023, from Morris County regarding January Proclaimed Human Trafficking Prevention Month by Morris County Commissioners.

- 20. Email received January 27, 2023, from Morris County regarding This Week in Morris County: Morris County Commissioners Condemn Human Trafficking.
- 21. Publication received February 1, 2023, from Morris County regarding the Preliminary Equalization Table for the County of Morris for the Year 2023.
- 22. Email received February 3, 2023, from Morris County regarding Morris County Chamber of Commerce Hosts 102nd Annual Meeting.

UTILITIES - NONE

Vice President Roman: Thank you. All right. We’re on to Correspondence. There are 22 pieces of Correspondence. Does anyone have any questions/comments? Seeing none. We are on to Ordinance for public hearing. I open the hearing to the public on Ordinance #4-2023 entitled,

ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING:

Ord.#4-2023 An Ordinance Amending Ordinance #31-2022 of the Township of Mount Olive Entitled Salaries of Certain Non-Union Personnel.

Vice President Roman: Mr. Ferrante.

Mr. Ferrante: Sure, I move for adoption and final passage, Ordinance #4-2023.

Mr. Mania: Second.

Mrs. Labow: Second.

Vice President Roman: Okay. Does anyone on Council have any questions? Does anyone from the public have any questions on this Ordinance? Seeing none. I close it to the public. Roll Call, please.

ROLL CALL: **Passed unanimously**

Vice President Roman: Ordinance #4 . . . did I say yes?

Miss Gouveia: Yes, you did.

Vice President Roman: I did. Okay. Ordinance #4-2023 is passed on second reading and I hereby direct the Clerk to forward a copy of the same 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 February 21, 2023. Next item on the Agenda for first reading is Ordinance #5-2023 entitled,

ORDINANCE FOR FIRST READING: (2nd reading February 21, 2023)

Ord.#5-2023 An Ordinance Amending Ordinance #31-2022 of the Township of Mount Olive Entitled Salaries of Certain Non-Union Personnel.

Vice President Roman: Mrs. Labow.

Mrs. Labow: Thank you. I move that Ordinance #5-2023 be introduced by title and passed on first reading, be scheduled for public hearing, second reading, and consideration of final passage at the meeting to be held on February 21, 2023, at 7:00pm 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 the law.

Vice President Roman: Can I get a second?

Mr. Mania: Second.

Vice President Roman: Okay, any Council discussion? Okay. Seeing none. Roll Call, please.

ROLL CALL: **Passed unanimously**

Vice President Roman: Thank you. Next item on the Agenda for first reading is Ordinance #6-2023 entitled,

Ord.#6-2023 An Ordinance of the Township of Mount Olive Amending Ordinance #32-22 Which Established Salaries for the Mayor, Council, Department Heads and Other Exempt Employees. **AS AMENDED**

Vice President Roman: Mr. Mania.

Mr. Mania: Thank you, Mr. Vice President. I move that Ordinance #6-2023 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 February 21, 2023 at 7:00pm 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 the law.

Mrs. Labow: Second.

Mr. Testa: And that motion is as amended to increase the salary for the Tax Assessor to \$136,000.00.

Vice President Roman: Correct.

Mr. Mania: Okay.

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

ROLL CALL: Passed unanimously

Vice President Roman: Okay. We're on to Consent Resolutions. Does anyone wish to move any to Non-Consent? Okay. Seeing none. Mr. Stewart, would you be so kind?

CONSENT RESOLUTIONS AGENDA:

1. Resolution of the Township of Mount Olive, in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey, authorizing the sale of municipal owned real property no longer needed for public use (Block 2603, Lot 2)
2. Resolution of the Township of Mount Olive, in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey, authorizing the Morris Habitat for Humanity to submit a grant application to The Morris County HOME Investment Partnerships Program
3. Resolution of the Township of Mount Olive, in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey, authorizing the Morris Habitat for Humanity to submit a grant application to The Morris County Community Development Block Grant Program
4. Resolution of the Township of Mount Olive, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, authorizing execution of a site access agreement with NJDEP to install monitoring wells related to the Combe Fill site on the Township property designated as Block 4100, Lot 113, located at 21 Ringenbach Lane
5. Resolution of the Township of Mount Olive, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, renewing a facility use agreement between the Township of Mount Olive and New Jersey JCC Metrowest
6. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the use of Somerset County Cooperative Pricing System Contract for 2023 (Garden State Highway Products)
7. 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 (GTBM)
8. 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 (A&K Equipment Co.)
9. 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 (Cliffside Body)
10. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the use of Open Space funds for management of Kevin Drive Pond aquatic weed and algae growth (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 Bennington Drive Pond aquatic weed and algae growth (Aquatic Analysts, Inc.)
12. 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 (Aquatic Analysts, Inc.)
13. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the use of Open Space funds for management of Turkey Brook Retention Pond aquatic weed and algae growth (Aquatic Analysts, Inc.)
14. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the use of Open Space funds for HAB prevention, mitigation and algae control at Budd Lake (Aquatic Analysts, Inc.)
15. 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 (Samantha Bunsu)
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 Law (New Jersey Door Works)
17. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the award of a non-fair and open professional service for Medical Director/Physician for the Board of Health to Meghan K. Pillai, MD (January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023)
18. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the award of a professional service agreement for Administrative Oversight of the Potable Water Systems to Van Cleef Engineering Associates (January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023)
19. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the award of a professional service agreement for Board Attorney to the Board of Health to Peter J. King, LLC (January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023)
20. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive approving a professional service agreement with RJH Law Enforcement Consultant for services of a Hearing Officer (January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023) Revised - Increasing contract amount
21. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the award of a contract for RFP #01-2022 Architectural Design Services for the Expansion of the Senior Center (The Musial Group) Revised - Increasing contract amount
22. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the award of a one-year contract extension (year 1) for Recycling Commodity Services (FCR Morris)
23. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the award of a one-year contract extension (year 3/final) for RFP #01-2020 Preventative Maintenance and Support for Radio Networks and purchase of non-contract equipment and repairs (Spectrum Communications) Revised - Increasing amount of non-contract equipment and repairs
24. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the award of a one-year contract extension (year 2/final) to Peterson & Sons Tree Service for Bid #15-2019 Tree Removal, Tree Trimming & Stump Grinding (October 30, 2022 - October 29, 2023) Revised - Increasing contract amount
25. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing Change Order No. 1 for the purchase of a Skeeter Brush Unit off the Houston-Galveston Area Council Cooperative (Fire & Safety Services)
26. Resolution of the Township of Mount Olive, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, authorizing release of bonds and inspection escrow to Village Green, LLC relating to the development of property located at 74 Village Way (Block 102, Lot 4)

Mr. Stewart: Thank you, Mr. Vice President. I move that Council . . . Consent Resolutions one through twenty-six be adopted for passage.

Mrs. Labow: Second.

Vice President Roman: Okay. Any Council Discussions? Questions? Okay. Does anyone from the public wish to be heard on the Consent Resolutions? Seeing none. Roll Call, please.

ROLL CALL: Passed unanimously

Vice President Roman: Okay. We’re on to motions. Mr. Aaron, could you move the Bill List, please?

MOTIONS

- 1. Bill List

Mr. Aaron: I make a motion to approve the Bill List.

Mrs. Labow: Second.

Vice President Roman: Any questions on the Bill List? Okay. Seeing none. Roll Call, please.

ROLL CALL: Passed unanimously

Vice President Roman: All right and Mr. Aaron, would you move motion number two?

- 2. Mayor's Appointment with Advice & Consent of Council
Council Consent to the Mayor's appointment of Glenn T. Gavan as Municipal Court Judge to fill an unexpired term to expire on 12/31/24 in accordance with N.J.S.A 2B:12-4.

Mr. Aaron: Thank you. I make a motion to approve the Mayor’s Appointment of Glenn Gavan as Municipal Court Judge in Mount Olive.

Mrs. Labow: Second.

Vice President Roman: Okay. Any discussion from Council? Seeing none. I think this is an excellent appointment by the Mayor. Roll Call, please.

Miss Gouveia: Do we . . . we need a second?

Vice President Roman: I believe Colleen . . .

Mr. Ferrante: John. Oh, yeah.

Miss Gouveia: Oh, sorry, Colleen.

Mrs. Labow: I seconded.

ROLL CALL: Passed unanimously

Vice President Roman: I’d like to introduce a Resolution into the record.

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT OLIVE, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPOINTING THE HONORABLE GLENN T. GAVAN AS JUDGE FOR THE MOUNT OLIVE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL COURT FOR AN UNEXPIRED TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024

Vice President Roman: Can I get a . . .

Mr. Stewart: Second.

Vice President Roman: . . . motion to approve and seconded. Okay.

Mrs. Labow: So moved.

Vice President Roman: All right.

Mrs. Labow: Second.

Vice President Roman: Any questions/comments? Seeing none. Roll Call, please.

Miss Gouveia: Okay, let me just clarify. Who made the motion? Greg. Mr. Stewart. And Mrs. Labow seconded. Okay.

ROLL CALL: **Passed unanimously**

Vice President Roman: Okay, we're on to Administrative Reports.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mr. Tatarenko: Just two small items. The first one is, we were notified recently that there'll be a second national opioid settlement, which the Township may be able to participate in. It's involving a handful of other pharmaceutical firms. So, I'm waiting on documentation from that but I'm assuming we'll qualify and will start receiving additional funds for that as well. Also, last week, we had an unofficial steering meeting to discuss the Pond View which I'm going to start calling the Tarn, moving forward. Just to kind of get some preliminary ideas of how to renovate the building, what we're going to use it for, so, that's moving along nicely as well. That's it.

Vice President Roman: On that steering committee, if you would . . . as updates happen of any kind of significance, I assume you'll be including them in your weekly memos, right?

Mr. Tatarenko: I will.

Vice President Roman: Thank you. Anything else? You said you had two.

Mr. Tatarenko: That's it.

Vice President Roman: All right. We're on to Old Business. Seeing none. New Business. Yes. Mrs. Labow.

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Labow: I just have a question of the Old Business. We had discussed at our Budget Hearing about eliminating the verbatim Minutes. I don't know . . . was that checked out to see if we need to do it by Resolution, Ordinance, or just say it?

Miss Gouveia: No, we don't. We reached out to Dorsey's office, and we can just do it. It does not have to be by Resolution.

Mr. Testa: Correct.

Mrs. Labow: Okay, so, we can just . . .

Miss Gouveia: We can start.

Mrs. Labow: We can just make a vote, make it official or we can just tell you . . .

Vice President Roman: I guess . . . I mean, correct me if I'm wrong, I guess that could be a decision that's unanimously made . . . made by the Council President . . .

Mr. Testa: It can be an internal rule but ultimately, at the end of the day, the law requires . . . it doesn't have to be verbatim Minutes. Minutes are minutes, they're not seconds. That's how I always typically explain to people. So, our requirement is not from the Open Public Meetings Act; it's to take minutes, not seconds. A verbatim record is not minutes, it's seconds. The point of minutes is to have a general explanation of what transpired as the official record in addition to the Resolutions and Ordinances that are the official action. It doesn't have to be verbatim, second per second.

Vice President Roman: I, for one, would like to see at the next Council Meeting just be brought up for discussion, so that way we're all on the record as to which direction this body wants to go.

Mrs. Labow: Jon, excuse me, Jon, would it . . . could we just solidify or finish it up by making a Resolution so it's on the record, or that's . . .

Mr. Testa: You don't need to do that.

Mrs. Labow: . . . unnecessary.

Mr. Testa: It is unnecessary.

Mrs. Labow: All right.

Mr. Testa: Under the law it's Minutes, it's not . . . you don't have to have verbatim transcript of every single statement that was made on the record.

Mrs. Labow: Right.

Mr. Testa: The Minutes are what's required.

Mrs. Labow: Just . . . I remember when it was continued verbatim years ago, when Steve Rattner was on the Council, but I don't remember if we did it by Resolution or anything at that point. But . . .

Mr. Testa: It would not be . . . it would . . . you don't . . . you do not need to do it by Resolution at all.

Vice President Roman: And I think a happy medium would be to discuss it at the next . . .

Mrs. Labow: Yeah.

Vice President Roman: . . . Workshop session so that we're on the record as to kind of delineate when . . . the change to make when it happened.

Mrs. Labow: Absolutely.

Vice President Roman: So, if we could put that on the next meeting.

Miss Gouveia: Yup.

Vice President Roman: Appreciate that. All right, so, New Business. Okay. None. Legal Matters.

NEW BUSINESS – none

LEGAL MATTERS – none

Mr. Testa: No, I don't have anything to report at this point in time.

Vice President Roman: All right. We're on to Council Reports. Mr. Aaron. Board of Education.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Board of Education Liaison Report

Mr. Aaron: There have been no meetings since our last meeting and the next meeting for the Board of Education's scheduled for next Monday, February 13, 2023.

Vice President Roman: Okay. Environmental. Mr. Ferrante, Environmental, Lake, or Library?

Environmental Committee
Lake Issues – none
Library Board Liaison

Mr. Ferrante: Library will be meeting next Tuesday. Environmental, we met last week. We discussed well testing plans for this coming spring, the tree seedling handout for this coming spring, Budd Lake management, and we just reviewed some upcoming Planning Board applications.

Vice President Roman: All right. I look forward to that tree seedling handout. Very popular. Mrs. Labow, anything on Open Space, Senior Citizens, or Board of Health?

Open Space Committee Report
Board of Health Report
Senior Citizen Liaison

Mrs. Labow: First of all, I just want to say Daniel Amianda's name is still on the . . .

Miss Gouveia: I know, it's . . .

Mrs. Labow: Okay.

Miss Gouveia: It must've just been carried over from the past.

Mrs. Labow: Yeah, it's a memory. Hi, Daniel.

Miss Gouveia: I know.

Mrs. Labow: I know. Okay. The Open Space Committee, we meet on Monday, and I will say there was a situation where Tim Quinn took care of it right away with the deer . . . what do you call it, deer stands on one of the properties that's through our, where we're supposed to have trails and stuff and Tim went out and noticed all of them and I think the 30 days is coming up soon. So, if they . . . if people don't remove them by then, we're going to pull them down which is a great idea because we'd hate to have our trailblazers going through there and getting shot with an arrow or a gun, so, got to protect everybody. So, and then we also meet . . . Open Space meets on Monday. Then, for Board of Health, we don't have another meeting now until March . . . April, April 21, 2023, but right now, we're working on trying to fill the position on the Board and I have sent Jon, I think you got . . . you were on the memo today.

Mr. Testa: Yes, I did. I did see this.

Mrs. Labow: So, yeah, we're working on . . . it turns out, our Ordinance was . . . dates back to the 1970s, so there's a lot of stuff that, you know, kind of just to update it and so, we're working on that and I guess we'll bring it to the Council when we have the next . . . the draft for it because Jon, do we have to do an . . . we'll have to do an Ordinance, so, we'll have a first reading.

Mr. Testa: There's a couple of options. There's a couple of options that we have, we don't have to do the Ordinance amendments. It's not necessarily required. It's somewhat broad as . . .

Mrs. Labow: Uh huh.

Mr. Testa: . . . to the positions and qualifications of the members of the Board of Health. But ultimately, if the decision would be to change the Ordinance to alter those qualifications and requirements of the membership, it would have to be done by Ordinance.

Mrs. Labow: By Ordinance, okay.

Mr. Testa: If that was the direction we wanted to go in.

Mrs. Labow: Well, one of the things . . .

Mr. Testa: At this point in time, it's not my understanding, again, the way that the Ordinance is written, it is very broad. The qualifications can be multiple different areas . . .

Mrs. Labow: Right.

Mr. Testa: . . . and you really don't want to . . . you don't want to paint yourself into a corner . . .

Mrs. Labow: Right.

Mr. Testa: Because again . . .

Mrs. Labow: You don't want to be restricted to . . .

Mr. Testa: Right.

Mrs. Labow: One of the things . . .

Mr. Testa: For membership.

Mrs. Labow: . . . that . . . one of the things I'm asking that we can do, and I think Sue Sharpe said we could, was like right now, if you need a professional doctor, doesn't live in Town, but the practice is in Town, we can have him on the Board. But then they're saying for the rest of the positions, like the dentist, if the dentist has a business in Town but didn't live in Town, you can't . . . you've got to find a dentist in Town. So, I wanted to change that, that if somebody has the qualifications and their business is in Town, you don't have to live in Town. I mean you're connected to the Town by having a business here. So, . . .

Mr. Testa: Understood. You know, residency requirements typically, you want to have someone who's involved in the local plan, right? So, and they have . . . they're invested in the Town.

Mrs. Labow: But if they have their business here, they're invested in the Town also, so, . . .

Mr. Testa: Understood.

Mrs. Labow: . . . with the doctor, yeah, with the doctor, it clearly says that he doesn't have to live in Town. He can just have his practice in Town. All the other positions it says you have to live in Town, but you have the same kind of a situation with some of them. You don't always have people with the requirements living in Town, but they have their practice in Town. They're probably more invested in the Town than if you just lived in the Town because you want to be successful and you're serving the Township, basically. If you're a vet, or if you're a dentist, you're a doctor, you want to have . . .

Vice President Roman: Mrs. Labow, has this been discussed at the Board of Health?

Mrs. Labow: No, it doesn't need to be. It's a Council decision.

Vice President Roman: Right, I understand, but I mean, I, for one . . . yes, obviously it's a Council decision but I was wondering if you would wish to discuss and make recommendations in the Board of Health, because I would assume that body's best equipped to understand, you know, who best they would want on the Committee and then go with that recommendation.

Mrs. Labow: I have to disagree with you. We don't meet again until April . . .

Vice President Roman: Okay.

Mrs. Labow: . . . 21, 2023 and it . . . because I've been checking this out. It's a Council decision.

Vice President Roman: Right. I agree but . . .

Mrs. Labow: And I will . . .

Vice President Roman: . . . the input of the Board of Health, I think would be important.

Mrs. Labow: I will speak, well, the ones I've spoken to, they, you know, everybody understands it's a Council decision. I will speak to all the Board members. I'm in the process of calling them all.

Vice President Roman: Okay.

Mrs. Labow: But to change it, the Ordinance, that's . . . we're the legislative branch.

Vice President Roman: Correct. Yes.

Mrs. Labow: It's a medical profession.

Vice President Roman: But I would love . . . I, for one, would love to hear the input from the entire Board of Health . . .

Mrs. Labow: And so we have . . .

Vice President Roman: . . . to see which way they would prefer . . . would like to go because I . . . if we were to change the Ordinance or structure it in a way that hampers the entire Board, I, you know, I think that's something that we would want to try to avoid. It would be the same way as far as, you know, Recreation. I would love, you know, I personally would want the input of the Recreation Committee when we're having to do anything that involves changing Ordinances.

Mrs. Labow: Well, the makeup of the Board, everybody that still has their . . . it's going to . . . everything would be the same except a couple of like, we don't have to be restricted to somebody living directly in Town. As a matter of fact, I think all of us thought that it didn't matter, either resident or business, because that's how Dr. Miccio is . . . he has his business. I thought that was across the board and so, I was calling everybody to let them know that that's not true, but we can make it that way in updating the Ordinance.

Vice President Roman: All right, well, just to let you know, if such an Ordinance were to come and we were to deliberate it, I would once again reach out to see what the opinion of the entire Board of Health would be. So, . . .

Mrs. Labow: So, we'll wait for April 21st?

Vice President Roman: Luckily, we can email back and forth, and you can . . .

Mrs. Labow: No, we can't. We can't.

Vice President Roman: You're not allowed to . . .

Mr. Testa: They're an advisory Board but yes, they have to take their official business through the public.

Mrs. Labow: They are an autonomous Board, the Board of Health, but I think they're governed under the same rules we are with the Open . . .

Mr. Testa: They have to conduct their meetings in public.

Mrs. Labow: In public.

Mr. Testa: Correct.

Mrs. Labow: So, we wouldn't be able to go back and forth. Individually, we can talk to each person.

Vice President Roman: Or, as this happened before, we can . . . the Administration can request an emergency Zoom meeting. You know, if that's allowed. I don't know.

Mr. Testa: Yup, you can request them to have an emergency meeting for that. For purposes of making a determination.

Mr. Aaron: Is there immediate concern?

Mrs. Labow: Oh, we have an opening. We have an opening . . .

Mr. Aaron: There's no candidates? There's no . . .

Mrs. Labow: We are getting some . . .

Mr. Aaron: Okay.

Mrs. Labow: . . . candidates, yes, and matter of fact, we had one that's a dentist, but we already have a dentist. We have one that's a social worker position, which we already have one of those, and then we have a vet that has put up their application as well. So, those are the three that we have right now, so . . .

Vice President Roman: Well, correct me if I'm wrong, but as the Chair of the Board of Health, you could probably call for an emergency Zoom meeting and at least get the entire Board on the record and not have to wait till April . . .

Mrs. Labow: I could ask them, Alex, but I think at the end of the day . . .

Vice President Roman: Right, at the end of the day, the decision is obviously ours and I think . . .

Mrs. Labow: Right, we're the legislative branch.

Vice President Roman: . . . and I think it's important, you know, unless somebody else disagrees, to get the input from those members. So, we'll move it along. Mr. Mania, anything on Legislative, Planning, or Recreation?

Mrs. Labow: I didn't give my other report yet.

Vice President Roman: Oh, I'm sorry.

Mrs. Labow: That's okay. My other report . . .

Vice President Roman: Senior Citizens.

Mrs. Labow: . . . is the Senior Citizens and today we had our meeting, and we had a lovely . . . two presentations. One was our gals from the Board of . . . or the Health Department who have their office over there in the Senior Center, passed out Covid-19 test kits for everybody and talked about all the services that they offer for the residents and then we had Lureina Barrio-Gonzalez from LabQ come to the meeting to tell they have a new program going on. I can't think of how you pronounce the other name. Do you know what that one is over there? The . . . anyway, they're a phlebotomist company and what they do, what they're offering, which is . . . the seniors were thrilled to hear about this, is if you want . . . say if you need to have bloodwork or a culture or whatever, you call the one gal, Brianna, and you would make your appointment and they send a phlebotomist or a technician to your residence or to another place that you're comfortable at and it's all covered under Medicare and LabCorp, or LabQ, rather, sorry about that, they will not bill patients. So, if you have a copayment, they're not going to charge it. They're taking what the insurance pays. So, it was really a very nice presentation. It's a great service that they're offering the public. They're actually offering it all over New Jersey at this point and like Rob, he's not here but I could tease him. When we were at the luncheon, he was saying it took him a couple hours to leave his office to go get bloodwork and then come back. It would've been nice to have somebody just come in and you stick out your arm and they leave and you don't have to leave your house, you don't have to leave work, nothing.

Vice President Roman: Is this a company that the Township is looking to partner with, Andrew?

Mr. Tatarenko: No.

Vice President Roman: So, I think at the risk of sounding like we're advertising for a private company, I think we . . . that's what it sounds like.

Mrs. Labow: They are working with the Health Department.

Vice President Roman: As partnering with . . .

Mrs. Labow: With . . . well, not so much partnering but the girls were telling us today that they're doing a lot of work with LabQ also.

Mr. Tatarenko: I don't have any official partnership with LabQ at this point.

Mrs. Labow: Yeah.

Vice President Roman: Okay.

Mrs. Labow: No, it's not a partnership. It's a service they're offering to the community.

Mr. Tatarenko: Not through the Health Department but . . .

Mrs. Labow: Not through the Health . . . oh, they've invited health departments from everywhere.

Mr. Tatarenko: Right, I received the last notice where they invited the Board of Health and . . .

Mrs. Labow: Right. Mhm.

Mr. Tatarenko: . . . us to attend their informational seminar to learn about what they're offering . . .

Mrs. Labow: Right.

Mr. Tatarenko: . . . but as far as it being an official . . .

Mrs. Labow: Well, I know . . .

Mr. Tatarenko: . . . partnership with the Township, it's not.

Vice President Roman: Yeah, because it feels like I would just caution on promoting a private business unless there is direct . . .

Mrs. Labow: Well, I don't know. Rob wanted them . . . he took the notice that we got at the luncheon and wanted it posted on the Township website or some of the public things to let the residents . . . it's a service we're providing for the residents. We don't gain anything from it. So, Jon, what do you think? And I just want to, for the record, I just want to say that the people involved in promoting this is Alex's wife, ex-wife . . .

Vice President Roman: Ex-wife.

Mrs. Labow: . . . and his daughter. So, I think you should recuse yourself from this conversation.

Mr. Testa: Just to make sure I understand first, the question you're asking me is what specifically again? I want to know.

Mrs. Labow: The specific question is, this is a company in Town . . .

Mr. Testa: Mhm.

Mrs. Labow: . . . that's offering a service for not only Mount Olive residents, all over New Jersey, which will benefit our residents to, you know, make things easier for them and Alex is asking if we can let people know publicly that this business . . . that they're out there because we're, I don't know, providing one business with assistance but I think when they . . .

Mr. Testa: I mean we're not, we can't, we're not in the business of advertising . . .

Mrs. Labow: No, not advertising.

Mr. Testa: . . . as a public entity for private entities, that's for sure. So, we want to make sure that we stay away from that grounds, promoting, you know, any local business for that matter.

Mrs. Labow: Right.

Mr. Testa: So, we have to be very careful on what we're doing here. To promote something versus . . .

Mrs. Labow: Well, let's put it this way, they do a lot of sponsorships in Town.

Mr. Testa: Understood.

Mrs. Labow: They sponsor a lot of events. Lots of events. So, I don't . . .

Mr. Stewart: They might want to be linked up with the Economic Development Committee.

Mrs. Labow: Yeah. Oh, yeah, that would be good and the other thing I'm saying that Alex should recuse himself is because it's his ex-wife who is doing this program and his daughter is the phlebotomist that's going to go around taking the bloodwork.

Vice President Roman: Which is why, which is why it's kind of, you know, a little . . . you're promoting something unless there is a direct partnership with the Administration . . .

Mrs. Labow: I think it's a great . . .

Vice President Roman: . . . and I think, you know, thank you for at least cheerleading that company but I think it's something that we should tread lightly as far as . . .

Mr. Testa: Right.

Vice President Roman: . . . promoting a private company.

Mrs. Labow: Well, I'd like a legal opinion on that, Jon. At the next meeting.

Mr. Testa: That would be fine. I'll be happy to do so.

Mrs. Labow: Yeah.

Mr. Testa: I just want to be very clear about, you know, promoting a . . .

Mrs. Labow: That's what I wanted to do.

Mr. Testa: . . . private entity and giving someone a benefit that's not, you know, across the board to any entity.

Mrs. Labow: I think that anybody in Town that comes up with something that's good for the public, we promote. We talk about it, so people know what to do.

Mr. Stewart: And that's what the EDC . . . that's why I think they should be linked up with the EDC, . . .

Mrs. Labow: Yeah.

Mr. Stewart: . . . not with that.

Mr. Mania: And if you do it for one, you've got to do it for all.

Mr. Testa: That's exactly right . . . policy . . .

Mrs. Labow: And if they come and present their program, we would be telling everybody about it. So, that's . . . but anyway, I know with the Covid tests, we talked about going over to LabQ to get your free Covid tests and all of that. There wasn't a problem back then with that and we did that a lot. I think we even publicized that.

Mr. Tatarenko: Well, the Township had an agreement with LabQ to test our employees. Other than that, I don't remember saying . . . giving direct . . . telling people where to go for their . . .

Mrs. Labow: Mhm. I think they'll even come here. They talked about coming here to do the bloodwork for the employees also, if they wanted but we'll get it straightened out. I still think it's a great program for a lot of people.

Mr. Testa: I'll provide a legal opinion at the next meeting.

Vice President Roman: All right. So, we'll wait on the Counsel to provide that opinion.

Mrs. Labow: Thank you, Jon.

Vice President Roman: Anything else, Mrs. Labow?

Mrs. Labow: Nope.

Vice President Roman: Okay.

Mrs. Labow: That's all my stuff for today.

Vice President Roman: All right. Thank you. Mr. Mania, anything on Legislative or Planning?

Legislative Committee Report
Planning Board Report

Mr. Mania: Legislative, just a point of information. Senator Oroho is not running for reelection. I believe Parker Space will be the candidate for his senate seat.

Vice President Roman: Yeah, I believe he's one of many. I'm pretty sure they're . . .

Mr. Ferrante: Seems like every day.

Mrs. Labow: I know.

Vice President Roman: . . . going to be coming out of the woodwork.

Mr. Mania: Absolutely.

Mrs. Labow: Every day somebody else comes out.

Mr. Mania: Planning Board, we have a meeting this coming Thursday, which I will attend.

Recreation Liaison Report

Vice President Roman: Okay. Thank you. On Recreation, if you recall, a few meetings ago, the Mayor directed the Recreation Committee to hold a . . . I guess emergency meeting to discuss a matter between a program that the Recreation Department ran. Recreation Advisory Committee met a couple times and I’m going to surmise the opinion from the Chair is that the Recreation Department can adjust programming however they wish without the requirement of the Advisory Committee. So, basically to leave the Recreation Department to choose not only which programs to run but also where to locate them. So, you know, I just want to update you on that. Mr. Stewart, anything on Economic Development or Community Action?

Economic Development Committee Report
Community Action Panel Report

Mr. Stewart: Community Action is not . . . we can take off the list. It’s lost its sponsorship.

Vice President Roman: Okay.

Mr. Stewart: EDC meets next Wednesday.

Vice President Roman: All right. Thank you. All right. We’re on to our last public portion. Does anyone from the public wish to be heard? Okay. Seeing none. We’re going to go to Council Comments. Mr. Aaron.

PUBLIC PORTION – none

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Aaron: Thank you, Mr. Vice President. I’m good, thank you.

Vice President Roman: All right. Mr. Ferrante.

Mr. Ferrante: Nothing tonight.

Vice President Roman: Mrs. Labow.

Mrs. Labow: I just want to thank our Police Department and our two promotions that we had today. They just do a fantastic, wonderful job and we’re lucky, very lucky to have such great men and women protecting our community and that’s all.

Vice President Roman: Okay. Mr. Mania.

Mr. Mania: Again, with the police promotions, they were outstanding backgrounds of both officers. I’m very impressed and very happy they’re a part of our community.

Mrs. Labow: Yup.

Vice President Roman: Okay.

Mrs. Labow: Absolutely.

Vice President Roman: Thank you. Mr. Stewart.

Mr. Stewart: Echo that. Congratulations to our two new promotions and nothing else.

Vice President Roman: Okay and Mrs. Labow, I definitely will agree with you that we have some of the best police officers, . . .

Mrs. Labow: We really do.

Vice President Roman: . . . I would have to say, in the Country. I get educated every once in a while, on the amount of training that they are required to go through, especially when we notice some of the national events that happen and I am grateful, as always, for the amount of training that we provide our officers along with the other employees that serve this Township. With that, can I get a motion to adjourn?

ADJOURNMENT - Motion made and seconded. All in favor, none opposed, the meeting was adjourned at 8:19pm.

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 March 7, 2023.

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Michelle Masser, Township Clerk