

The Public Meeting of the Mount Olive Township Council was called to order at 7:09pm by President Nicastro.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT ANNOUNCEMENT

**President Nicastro:** In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act and the Emergency Remote Meeting Protocol for Local Public Bodies, adequate and electronic notice of this remote meeting has been provided by sending notice to the Daily Record and Mount Olive Chronicle, posting notice on the Township website and Facebook page, posting notice on the outside front door & bulletin board of the Municipal Building, 204 Flanders-Drakestown Road, Budd Lake, NJ, and sending notice to those individuals requesting same.

Members of the public will be kept on mute during the meeting. If you would like to speak during the designated public comment portion, press 9 on your telephone or the “raise hand” icon on the Zoom app and wait to be recognized by the host, who will unmute you to speak. When you are done commenting, you will be muted again. There is a 5-minute limit on all public comments.

**Present:** Mr. Ferrante, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Roman, and Mr. Nicastro

**Absent:** Mrs. Labow & Mr. Mania

**Also Present:** Michelle Masser, Township Clerk; Jon Testa, Township Attorney; Robert Greenbaum, Mayor; Andrew Tatarenko, Business Administrator; and Sherry Kolody, CFO

**President Nicastro:** We have letters and Correspondence; you can see here. Does anyone have any questions on . . .

**Miss Masser:** We have approval of . . . approval of Minutes?

**President Nicastro:** Oh, sorry, approval. Yeah, I scrolled too fast here. Mr. Ferrante, would you please approve the Minutes of the previous meeting, November 22, 2022?

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

November 22, 2022 WS & PM (Absent: D. Amianda)

**Mr. Ferrante:** Sure, I make a motion to approve the November 22, 2022, Public Meeting Minutes.

**Miss Masser:** Work . . .

**Mr. Roman:** Second.

**Miss Masser:** Workshop and Public Meeting.

**Mr. Ferrante:** Workshop and Public Meeting Minutes, yup.

**President Nicastro:** Yup.

**Miss Masser:** Do we have a second?

**Mr. Roman:** Second.

**President Nicastro:** Okay. Roll Call, please.

**ROLL CALL:** Passed unanimously

CORRESPONDENCE

LETTERS FROM RESIDENTS/ORGANIZATIONS/OTHER TOWNS

1. Email received November 21, 2022, from NOFA NJ regarding NOFA NJ Weekly Email: November 21, 2022.

1. Email received November 22, 2022, from Statewide Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of NJ regarding The deadline for the HETP application is on December 23, 2022! Make sure you register today!
3. Email received November 28, 2022, from NOFA NJ regarding 33rd Annual Winter Conference Sponsorships.
4. Email received November 28, 2022, from NOFA NJ regarding NOFA NJ Weekly Email: November 28, 2022.
5. Email received December 1, 2022, from Raritan Headwaters regarding Registration is open for our Springs of NJ Webinar on December 5th!
6. Email received December 1, 2022, from Statewide Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of NJ regarding Partner Announcement: Ready to get Back2Business? Learn more about what Fiserv has to offer!

**RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES OTHER TOWNS**

7. Email received December 1, 2022, from Roxbury Township regarding Roxbury Township Resolution No. 2022-308.

**LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES**

8. Email received November 21, 2022, from NJLM regarding Application Deadline Extended for Anchor Property Tax Relief Program.
9. Email received December 1, 2022, from NJLM regarding December Issue – Repurposing Community Hubs.

**STATE AGENCIES/LOI/HIGHLANDS – None**

**MSA/MUA – None**

**MORRIS COUNTY**

10. Email received November 21, 2022, from Morris County regarding Morris County Library Celebrates 100 Years.
11. Email received November 22, 2022, from Morris County regarding Morris County Courthouse Project Moves to Schematic Design Phase.
12. Email received November 22, 2022, from Morris County regarding Morris County Seeks Nominees for 2023 "Seeds of Change" Award.
13. Email received November 28, 2022, from Morris County regarding This Week in Morris County: Small Business Saturday is Touted in Morris County.
14. Email received November 28, 2022, from Morris County regarding Morris County Touts Small Business Saturday with \$15,000 Grant Delivery.

**UTILITIES – None**

**President Nicastro:** Even the Correspondence are light this time of year. We only have fourteen. Does anyone have any questions on the Correspondence? Seeing none. I open the hearing to the public on Ordinance #29-2022,

**ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING:**

**Ord.#29-2022** An Ordinance of the Township of Mount Olive, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Amending the Township Code to Establish Chapter 262, "Nepotism, Policy Against", to Codify the Township's Existing Nepotism Policy.

**President Nicastro:** Mr. Roman, would you please move that?

**Mr. Roman:** Thank you, Mr. President. I move that Ordinance #29-2022 be moved and passed . . . hold on. Something's wrong with my mic. Hold on. Sorry. Be moved for adoption and final passage.

**Mr. Stewart:** Second.

**President Nicastro:** Anyone from the public wish to be heard now, you can raise your hand on this Ordinance. I don't see any, so I will close it to the public. Any Council discussion? Seeing none. Roll Call, please.

**ROLL CALL:           Passed unanimously**

**President Nicastro:** Ordinance #29-2022 is passed on second reading and I hereby direct the Clerk to forward a copy of the same to the Mayor and publish notice of adoption as required by law. Next item on the Agenda is Ordinance #30-2022,

**Ord.#30-2022** An Ordinance of the Township of Mount Olive, in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey, Amending Chapter 550, Land Use, of the Township Code to Update Building Construction Fees.

**President Nicastro:** Mr. Stewart, would you please move that?

**Mr. Stewart:** Thank you, Mr. President. I move that Ordinance #30-2022 be adopted for final passage.

**Mr. Roman:** Second.

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

**ROLL CALL:           Passed unanimously**

**President Nicastro:** Ordinance #30-2022 is passed on second reading and I hereby direct the Clerk to forward a copy of the same to the mayor and publish notice of adoption as required by law. Next item on the Agenda, we'll need a motion, I believe, to withdraw Ordinance #27-2022. Would someone please make a motion to withdraw?

**ORDINANCE FOR FIRST READING:**

**Ord.#27-2022** An Ordinance of the Township of Mount Olive, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Acceptance of a Right-Of-Way Road Dedication and Various Conservation and Sight Easements in Connection With Rachel Manor Estates. (Block 7702 Lot 32)

**Mr. Roman:** I move . . . what's the date that we're moving it to? Or are we withdrawing it completely?

**President Nicastro:** For the just the beginning of the year? Do we have a date yet?

**Mr. Testa:** Yeah, it'll be withdrawn completely from this year since it'll be a new one.

**Miss Masser:** There's no date. We're just withdrawing it.

**President Nicastro:** Just withdrawing it.

**Mr. Testa:** Yes.

**Mr. Roman:** I make a motion that we withdraw Ordinance #27-2022.

**Mr. Stewart:** Second.

**President Nicastro:** Any discussion? None. Roll Call, please.

**ROLL CALL:           Passed unanimously**

**President Nicastro:** Next item on the Agenda is Ordinance #31-2022,

**Ord.#31-2022** An Ordinance Amending Ordinance #25-2021 of the Township of Mount Olive Entitled Salaries of Certain Non-Union Personnel.

**President Nicastro:** Mr. Roman.

**Mr. Roman:** My link does not have the date of our public hearing.

**President Nicastro:** Twentieth . . . is the twentieth the next one?

**Miss Masser:** Twentieth. Sorry.

**President Nicastro:** December 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Mr. Roman:** Thank you, Mr. President. I move that Ordinance #31-2022 be introduced by title and passed on first reading and that a meeting be held on December 20, 2022, at 7:00pm via Zoom, for a public hearing, consideration of second reading, and passage of said Ordinance, and that the Clerk be directed to publish, post and make available said Ordinance in accordance with the requirements of the law.

**Mr. Stewart:** Second.

**President Nicastro:** Discussion anyone? None. Roll Call, please.

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

**President Nicastro:** Next item on the Agenda is Ordinance #32-2022,

**Ord.#32-2022** An Ordinance of the Township of Mount Olive Amending Ordinance #24-21 Which Established Salaries for the Mayor, Council, Department Heads and Other Exempt Employees.

**President Nicastro:** Mr. Ferrante.

**Mr. Ferrante:** Sure, I move that Ordinance #32-2022 be introduced by title and passed on first reading and that a meeting be held on December 20, 2022, at 7:00pm via Zoom, for a public hearing, consideration of second reading, and passage of said Ordinance, and that the Clerk be directed to publish, post, and make available said Ordinance in accordance with the requirements of the law.

**Mr. Roman:** Second.

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

**President Nicastro:** Any discussion? Roll Call, please. I lost my Agenda. Roll Call, please.

**President Nicastro:** We have four Consent Resolutions.

**Miss Masser:** Five.

**President Nicastro:** Five.

**Mr. Roman:** Five.

**President Nicastro:** I’m sorry. Five. I got the wrong sheet, I guess, here. Five. It was added. Mr. Roman, would you move . . . anybody wish to move any to Non-Consent? Seeing none. Mr. Roman, would you move Consent Resolutions one through five, please?

**CONSENT RESOLUTIONS AGENDA**

**PUBLIC PORTION ON CONSENT RESOLUTIONS**

1. Resolution of the Mayor and Township Council of Mount Olive Township supporting Mount Olive Township Police Officers who respond to active shooters off duty affording the full protections of the collective bargaining agreement during these situations for participating officers

2. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the award of a professional service agreement for bond counsel to McManimon, Scotland & Bauman, LLC (REVISED - Increasing contract amount)
3. Resolution of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the transfer of unexpended storm control appropriations to the accumulated snow trust fund
4. Resolution of the Township of Mount Olive providing for the transfer of 2022 budget appropriations in the water and sewer utility
5. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Authorizing a Person to Person and Place to Place Transfer of Alcoholic Beverage License No. 1427-33-016-003 Owned by Clover May Corporation t/a Village Bar & Liquors to King & Bail LLC t/a Kingston Liquors.

**Mr. Roman:** I move for approval, Consent Resolutions one through five.

**President Nicastro:** Do we have a second?

**Mr. Stewart:** Second.

**President Nicastro:** Thank you. Anyone from the public wish to be heard on those . . . any of those Resolutions? You can raise your hand. Seeing none. Roll Call, please.

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

**President Nicastro:** Mr. Stewart, would you please move the Bill List?

#### MOTIONS

1. Bill List

**Mr. Stewart:** Thank you, Mr. President. I move the Bill List for adoption and passage.

**Mr. Roman:** Second.

**President Nicastro:** Anyone from the public have any questions on the Bill List? Raise your hand, please. Seeing none. Closed to the public. Roll Call, please.

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

**President Nicastro:** Administrative Reports. Mayor. Andrew.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

**Mayor Greenbaum:** I have nothing this evening other than to repeat what was said earlier today about Daniel. He will be missed. He was a gentle and kind individual and cared very much for his family and for the causes that he undertook, and it was a very sad day when we heard of his passing. I know I express the sentiments of all of us on the call.

**President Nicastro:** Thank you. Andrew.

**Mr. Tatarenko:** Thank you. I, too, share my condolences with the Amianda family. Just some other Township news to report. We did receive some official notification on some grants that we applied for. The first one is through the DOT for their Transportation Trust Fund Grant. We were awarded \$265,000.00 to rehabilitate the Route 46 and International Drive intersection. We also got the official notice from the County that we were awarded \$82,000.00 to move forward with the purchase of the open space on Sand Shore Road. So, both of those projects will be included in next year's Budget. We heard back from the Department of Agriculture in regard to the fall gypsy moth egg mass survey. Good news is that the infestations in Mount Olive, they didn't find any, so, whatever they're doing is working and they'll continue to survey the Town. I was also notified by Morris County that they applied for their DEP permits to the State in reference to the 206/Main Street intersection for their land use permit. They still have yet to apply for the DOT permit. So, at least they got the DEP permit in and, again, hoping that that improvement gets done shortly as well. The outdoor fitness gym at Flanders Park. This was another grant that we received last year in the amount of \$75,000.00 to construct an

outdoor gym at Flanders Park. That construction started a few weeks ago and I’m hoping that gets done before the end of the year as well and that is all that I have.

**President Nicastro:** Thank you. Okay. Any Old Business? Seeing none. Any New Business? Seeing none. Any Legal Matters?

**OLD BUSINESS - none**

**NEW BUSINESS - none**

**LEGAL MATTERS - none**

**Mr. Testa:** I do not have any at this time, Council President.

**President Nicastro:** Thank you, Jon. Council Reports. We . . . let’s see who’s here. John Ferrante, anything with Environmental, Lake, and Library?

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

Environmental Committee  
Lake Issues – none  
Library Board Liaison

**Mr. Ferrante:** No. Environmental will be meeting tomorrow and the Library meeting has been moved to next Monday.

**President Nicastro:** Thank you. Mr. Stewart, anything on Economic Development?

Economic Development Committee Report  
Community Action Panel Report – none

**Mr. Stewart:** No meeting scheduled this month, but we just completed our Annual Business Community Food Drive, which I’ll give an update on in a few minutes.

**President Nicastro:** Thank you. Mr. Roman, anything on Recreation?

Recreation Liaison Report

**Mr. Roman:** Recreation meets tomorrow.

**President Nicastro:** Okay. On that Recreation part, didn’t they lower the cost for the lights? I just wanted to make note of that because the company that came in was charging \$25.00, I think, per person to start and now it’s half, I believe, \$12.50. Is that what the rate is?

**Mr. Tatarenko:** Yes, now . . . I’m sorry, Alex. Go ahead.

**Mr. Roman:** No, no, no. Please. I think you have more precise information than I do.

**Mr. Tatarenko:** Yeah, so, five and under, children are free. Everybody else is \$12.50.

Board of Education Liaison Report – none  
Senior Citizen Liaison – none

Open Space Committee Report – none  
Board of Health Report – none  
Stigma Committee – none

Legislative Committee Report – none  
Planning Board Report – none

**President Nicastro:** Okay and that’s a good, reasonable amount. Thank you. I just wanted to make sure. Okay. Anyone from the public wish to be heard at this time? You can raise your hand. Seeing no one from the public. I will close it to the public and I will go around and ask for Mr. Stewart, Council Comments?

PUBLIC PORTION – none

COUNCIL COMMENTS

**Mr. Stewart:** Yeah, I just want to really thank a bunch of volunteers from the Mount Olive Area Chamber, the Mount Olive EDC, our Kiwanis of Mount Olive and the Nisivoccia Company who supported our Annual Business Community Food Drive. Of course, Mount Olive Pantry, we got over 1,000 pounds of food plus multiple cash donations and also, in the ITC, CBRE provides us a location for free to do the sorting. So, great effort by the general community in the area and a lot of great volunteer work. Came out phenomenal.

**President Nicastro:** Thank you, Mr. Stewart. Let me see where I am. Mr. Roman.

**Mr. Roman:** I just, myself, want to express my condolences to the family of Daniel Amianda. It was definitely something that I’m sure like it affected me, affected everyone here, too . . . as we get older, start noticing that those friends and colleagues that we see day to day can quickly just leave from our lives. So, it’s just another reminder that we have to take our loved ones . . . embrace them, not take them for granted, that life is too precious, and you know, just got to seize the day. Thank you.

**President Nicastro:** Agree with that. Thank you. Mr. Ferrante.

**Mr. Ferrante:** Yeah, I mean, I’d just like to echo what everybody else has said. Extend my condolences to the Amianda family. I’ve known Daniel for about 10 years, maybe a little less than 10 years and he’ll be missed greatly. Thank you.

**President Nicastro:** Thank you. I repeat the same. With that, I also want to mention that if anyone’s around Turkey Brook this weekend on Saturday from 10:00am to 1:00pm, I heard Santa’s going to have a very special Santa there from 10:00am to 1:00pm. So, if anybody has their dogs or kids and want to come by, come by and visit the Santa House on Saturday from 10:00am to 1:00pm and then in the afternoon as well.

**Mayor Greenbaum:** Tree Lighting. Joe. Tree Lighting.

**President Nicastro:** Tree Lighting is Friday night at 7:00pm at Townhall. So, please, if you can come, tell your friends, tell your neighbors, and post it up and let’s get a big crowd coming this year. It should be nice. Thank you, everyone. Do we have a motion to adjourn?

**ADJOURNMENT** - Motion made and seconded. All in favor, none opposed, the meeting was adjourned at 7:24pm.

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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 December 20, 2022.

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Michelle Masser, Township Clerk