

**The Public Meeting of the Mount Olive Township Council was called to order at 7:07pm by President Nicaastro.**

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT ANNOUNCEMENT**

**President Nicaastro:** According to the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting has been given to the Daily Record. Notice has been posted in the Municipal Building, 204 Flanders-Drakestown Road, Mount Olive Township, New Jersey and notices were sent to those requesting the same.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Mr. Ferrante, Mrs. Labow, Mr. Mania, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Roman and Mr. Nicaastro

**Absent:** Mr. Amianda

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

**President Nicaastro:** Mr. Ferrante, would you approve the Minutes from the previous meetings, March 17, 2020 and March 31, 2020, please?

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

**March 17, 2020 WS (Absent: D. Amianda, C. Labow & J. Mania)**

**March 31, 2020 PM (Absent: D. Amianda)**

**Mr. Ferrante:** Sure. I make a motion to approve the March 17, 2020 Workshop and the March 31, 2020 Public Meeting Minutes.

**President Nicaastro:** Any discussion?

**Mr. Stewart:** Second.

**President Nicaastro:** Roll Call. Oh, we have a second, thank you. Roll Call please.

**Miss Masser:** Colleen seconded?

**Mrs. Labow:** Yeah, second. I'll second.

**President Nicaastro:** I don't know if it was Greg or Colleen.

**Miss Masser:** Okay, just checking.

**ROLL CALL:** Passed with the exception of Mrs. Labow and Mr. Mania, who abstained on the March 17, 2020 WS Minutes

**CORRESPONDENCE**

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

1. Email received March 31, 2020 from Walmart regarding Walmart Taking Additional Steps to Keep Our Associates Safe.
2. Email received April 1, 2020 from NOFA-NJ regarding Upcoming Events as of 03/31/2020.
3. Email received April 1, 2020 from Raritan Headwaters Newsletter regarding A Message from the Executive Director.
4. Email received April 1, 2020 from NOFA-NJ regarding Announcements from NOFA NJ.

**LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES**

5. Email received April 6, 2020 from NJLM regarding Daily Update, April 6.

**STATE AGENCIES**

6. Email received March 27, 2020 from NJDEP regarding NJDEP Weekly Update.
7. Email received April 1, 2020 from New Jersey Legislature regarding Governor Signs A3841.
8. Email received April 3, 2020 from NJDEP regarding NJDEP Weekly Update.

**MSA / MUA**

9. Email received April 2, 2020 from MSA regarding Facility Integrity Alert.

**MORRIS COUNTY**

10. Email received April 1, 2020 from Morris County regarding This Week in Morris County: COVID-19 Updates & 2020 Census.

**UTILITIES**

11. Email received March 27, 2020 from New Jersey American Water regarding New Jersey American Water's NEWS DROP.

**President Nicastro:** We have 11 pieces of Correspondence. Does anyone have anything on those they'd like to discuss? If not, I . . . the next item on the Agenda for first reading is Ordinance #11-2020,

**ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING: (2<sup>nd</sup> reading April 28, 2020)**

**Ord.#11-2020** An Ordinance of the Township of Mount Olive, County of Morris, and State of New Jersey Authorizing the Acquisition of Block 7600, Lots 3-11 and 13-19, Consisting of Approximately 17.93 Acres in the Township of Mount Olive from Charles and Frances Zoccoli.

**President Nicastro:** Mrs. Labow.

**Mrs. Labow:** Thank you, Mr. President. I move that Ordinance #11-2020 be introduced by title and passed on first reading and that a meeting be held on April 28, 2020 at 7:00pm at the municipal building, sort of, what do we say for that? 204 Flanders-Drakestown Road, Budd Lake, New Jersey, 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.

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

**Mr. Mania:** Second.

**President Nicastro:** Any discussion?

**Mrs. Labow:** I just . . .

**President Nicastro:** Roll Call please. Colleen got it . . .

**Mrs. Labow:** No, I just want to . . . I guess I have to . . . where's Sue? I wanted to know . . . what do we put for the address? We still use the Township address? Even though we're not actually there?

**Mrs. Sharpe:** Yeah, because . . .

**Mrs. Labow:** I just want to make sure.

**Mrs. Sharpe:** . . . we're not sure where we're going to be, so, I would just, you know, proceed as we usually do.

**Mrs. Labow:** That’s where it would be processed anyway and kept and so on and so forth . . .

**Mrs. Sharpe:** Exactly.

**Mrs. Labow:** All right. Great. Thank you.

**President Nicastro:** Thank you.

**Mrs. Labow:** Just wanted to check.

**President Nicastro:** Roll Call please.

**ROLL CALL:           Passed unanimously**

**President Nicastro:** Next item on the Agenda is Ordinance #12-2020,

**Ord.#12-2020** An Ordinance of the Township of Mount Olive Amending Ordinance #3-20 Which Establishes Salaries for the Mayor, Council, Department Heads and Other Exempt Employees.

**President Nicastro:** Mr. Mania.

**Mr. Mania:** Thank you, Mr. President. I move that Ordinance #12-2020 be introduced by title and passed on first reading and that a meeting will be held on April 28, 2020 at 7:00pm at the municipal building, 204 Flanders-Drakestown Road, Budd Lake, New Jersey 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.

**Mrs. Labow:** Second.

**President Nicastro:** Any discussion? Roll Call please.

**ROLL CALL:           Passed unanimously**

**CONSENT RESOLUTIONS AGENDA:**

**Resolutions on the Consent Agenda List are considered to be routine and non-controversial by the Township Council and will be approved by one motion (one vote). There will be no separate discussion or debate on each of these resolutions except for the possibility of brief clarifying statements that may be offered. If one or more Council member requests, any individual resolution on the Consent Agenda may be removed from the Consent Agenda List and acted on separately.**

**PUBLIC PORTION ON CONSENT RESOLUTIONS**

1. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Authorizing the Award of Contract to Garden State Laboratories for Bid #05-2020 Water Testing Services.
2. 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 2020. (Gold Type Business Machine)
3. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Authorizing the Use of Bergen County Cooperative Pricing System Contract for 2020. (Power Place, Inc.)
4. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Notice of Intent to Award Contract Under a national Cooperative Purchasing Agreement for the Purchase of a Pierce Fire Apparatus. (Fire & Safety Services)
5. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Revising the Contract Amount Awarded to Mangiro Contracting Co., Inc. for Bid # 08-2019 Rebid General Concrete Construction. Revised Increasing Contract Amount

6. 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 2020. (MPH Industries)
7. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Authorizing Change Order No. 2 for Main Street & Park Place Sanitary Sewer Extension to P.M. Construction Corp.
8. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Awarding a Professional Service Agreement Under the Non-Fair and Open Contracts in Accordance with the Pay-To-Play Law for the Year 2020. (GEO-Technology Associates, Inc.)
9. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Revising the Authorization to use Open Space Funds for a Professional Services Agreement with WSP USA Solutions, Inc (Formerly Louis Berger) in Connection with the Engineering Services for Phase II Environmental Site Assessment at 204-1 Waterloo Valley Road, Block 403 Lot 3.
10. A Resolution of the Township of Mount Olive, Recognizing NJ Local Government Week, April 19<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020, and Encouraging All Citizens to Support Local Government.
11. A Resolution of the Township of Mount Olive, Morris County, NJ Authorizing the Renewal of the Premier and PPO Dental Plans for a 24 – Month Period Commenting April 1, 2020.

**President Nicastro:** We have 11 Consent Resolutions. Does anyone wish to move any to Non-Consent? Seeing none. Mr. Stewart, would you move Consent Resolutions one through eleven?

**Mr. Stewart:** Thank you, Mr. President. I move Consent Resolutions one through eleven to be approved for adoption and final passage.

**Mr. Mania:** Second.

**Mrs. Labow:** Second.

**President Nicastro:** Did we . . . anyone from public wish to be heard on those? Andrew, you'll advise me.

**Mr. Tatarenko:** No one from the public.

**President Nicastro:** Thank you. Any Council discussion? Roll Call please.

**ROLL CALL:           Passed unanimously**

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

**MOTIONS**

1. Bill List.

**Mr. Roman:** I move for approval of the Bill List.

**Mr. Mania:** Second.

**President Nicastro:** Any discussion? Anyone from the public have anything on the Bill List? Seeing none. Roll Call please.

**ROLL CALL:           Passed unanimously**

**President Nicastro:** Administrative Reports. Mayor? Claudia?

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

**Mayor Greenbaum:** I have nothing. I have nothing tonight.

**President Nicastro:** Thank you. Andrew, anything?

**Mr. Tatarenko:** Yeah, a few items. You might've saw that we posted on Facebook, our department along with Recreation, has been working on that email blast system. So, we should have something ready to go this Friday and we'll try to send out something weekly . . . out on Fridays. Also, NJDOT announced that the grant applications are available for their Transportation Trust Fund. We're doing Continental Drive this year and we'd like to continue and apply for the second half of Continental Drive which goes into Byram. So, we'll be applying for that grant and we're coordinating with Byram so we could actually do Continental Drive all the way up to Waterloo Road. Last week, we had a meeting with all the department heads to review our Operating Budgets. I've asked them to resubmit their Operating Budgets, line by line, for tomorrow to reprioritize all their expenses and I'm hoping to see some cuts in there so we can reprioritize for some COVID expenses. That's all.

**President Nicastro:** Thank you. Alex.

**Mr. Roman:** Yeah, Andrew, on that email, how are we signing up residents?

**Mr. Tatarenko:** So, right now, if you go on that link that was emailed, there are directions as far as how to sign up. I believe Claudia Tomasello might be able to chime in but you could either sign up for recreation notifications or just general town.

**Miss Tomasello:** Yeah, it was anyone who's already signed up in Community Pass from previous recreation events will automatically get it, and it's only for Mount Olive residents. However, the link we put on the Mayor's Facebook page today, the link for residents that can sign up just for the newsletter.

**Mr. Roman:** How are we addressing those residents that currently don't go on Facebook and haven't signed up for any recreation events? Is there any other sort of emails that we have, say through property tax records, that we can at least initially send them out and give them the option to sign up?

**Mr. Tatarenko:** Well, we'll post something on our website as well.

**Mr. Roman:** Okay.

**Mr. Tatarenko:** You know, some of things that we print out we'll start announcing that there's a weekly email blast coming out through the Administration Department. So, we'll start to get it out in print as well. I don't know if someone has a Town newspaper, if they could put it in there.

**President Nicastro:** Yes, and I have email addresses. I have multiple email addresses. Obviously, some might be duplicate, but I've been emailing out papers and I have signups for residents. Probably about . . . I want to say 7,000 or 8,000 emails for Mount Olive. So, I'll be happy to send it out to them as well and ask them to sign up.

**Mr. Roman:** Good. I think . . . I think this will end up addressing a good portion of our population that does not . . . is not active on social media but does want to be informed, so, thank you again for doing that.

**President Nicastro:** Yup.

**Mr. Tatarenko:** And just so . . . it'll be similar information; it's just going to be in a different format.

**President Nicastro:** Yeah, that'll be fine. Thank you. Any Old Business? Colleen.

## OLD BUSINESS

**Mrs. Labow:** Well, it's sort of Old Business. We've talked about it before. I spoke with Andrew Tatarenko earlier today. I got two complaints today from residents. Basically, about the "overcrowding" at Turkey Brook Park. Today somebody said, they called me up and they said, "I'm looking at these people. They're walking, basically, side by side on the paths because the paths are too narrow for them to be able to get six feet apart. You know, one's going one way, one's going the other way." They were concerned about that and the last thing any of us want is to close the parks. The gal had suggested maybe have the paths go one way, so people can be six feet apart in front of each other and not worry about the side by side. I don't know. Then, of course, the other thing, I'm sure a lot of us have heard about the dog feces, poop all over the place. Not only, just, I understand the path at Dan Jordan Field going from the one street to Clover Hill is just full of dog feces and Flanders Crossing and the streets . . . the neighborhood streets. I just don't know what we can do about it. It's like it's one of those things. Come on, people. Get with the program. Clean up after yourself. You know? It's very frustrating, but . . . the reason I'm bringing it up is maybe people will hear this and decide "Oh, yeah, I'll do my part to clean up." You know, kind of a deal.

**Mayor Greenbaum:** Yeah, Colleen, let me address first the complaint about the overcrowding because I'm in the park all the time.

**Mrs. Labow:** Yeah, that's what I said. Didn't you see Rob there? He's probably there right now.

**Mayor Greenbaum:** At least two or three times per day, I'm in the park and I can tell you that I haven't seen an overall crowding situation that I thought was problematic. If I did, then I would take appropriate action. I have had complaints from one resident, in particular, who often complains to me about a lot of different things in Town. I'm very sensitive to the overcrowding and to the social distancing aspect of the park usage at this point and I don't see a problem at this point. There are some small instances where you might have some younger residents who are running together. You know, maybe three abreast, but generally, the people are very respectful. Anybody that's on the paths will step to a side of the path and certainly create enough room that the social distancing guidelines are being complied with. So, I'm not . . . I'm not overly concerned right now and if I were, then I would shut the park down.

**Mrs. Labow:** That's what we don't want.

**Mayor Greenbaum:** I understand that. Nobody wants to have the parks shut down. So, the first avenue then would be to make sure that we get the message out that there is a problem and the potential exists for shutting down the park if it's not resolved. But I haven't seen any of that. The fields are not being used, and I think people are, for the most part, being respectful. With respect to dog poop, it's always been a problem. It will always be a problem but unfortunately, I'm not going to close the park to dogs. As you even indicated, if I were to close the park to dogs, it would just be a problem somewhere else throughout the Town.

**Mrs. Labow:** Exactly.

**Mayor Greenbaum:** And we have . . .

**Mrs. Labow:** Yup.

**Mayor Greenbaum:** . . . we have on many occasions, put out messages about cleaning up after your dog, keeping your dogs tethered on leashes, yeah, so, we're . . . it's just one of those issues that we will continue to have problems with as we move forward. Yeah, I mean there are times when we're actually walking in the park and I find bags.

**Mrs. Labow:** Yeah.

**Mayor Greenbaum:** Someone picked up the poop . . .

**Mr. Ferrante:** Yeah.

**Mayor Greenbaum:** . . . and left the bag.

**Mrs. Labow:** Yeah, and left the bag. I know.

**Mayor Greenbaum:** Didn't even get it into . . . so, here's my suggestion, Andrew, if you can hear me, and I don't know whether or not Tim Quinn is listening in through Claudia, but what we should do is set up additional posts on the walking trails with bags. Kelly is telling me that they're actually there and filled. So, that the opportunity to grab a bag to pick up the dog poop is there. I don't know how else it can be policed and I think whoever complained to Colleen, you should let them know that we addressed it.

**Mrs. Labow:** Yeah.

**Mayor Greenbaum:** We continue to address it and unfortunately it's a problem because, I think, it's not so much that the dog park is closed, as it is that people are home and their exercise program at this point is actually to walk the dogs.

**Mrs. Labow:** Right.

**Mayor Greenbaum:** So, you're getting more people out. The fact that they don't clean up after their dogs is just disgusting, it's inappropriate, and anybody who gets caught doing it should receive a citation, however, the likelihood of catching somebody in the act or being able to identify a particular pile to specific dogs is not realistic.

**Mrs. Labow:** No, that's . . . I figured I'd bring it up because then we could talk about it and hopefully anybody who's listening, they'll, you know, make . . . you know, understand and do a better job.

**Mayor Greenbaum:** Yeah, unfortunately . . .

**Mrs. Labow:** I know.

**Mayor Greenbaum:** You could put that . . . you could put that message out. Anybody who's going to pick up after their dog already is . . .

**Mrs. Labow:** Right.

**Mayor Greenbaum:** . . . and not . . . you can say short of fining somebody but getting back to, you know, the realistic social distancing aspect complaint; I don't see it, I haven't seen it, and I'm not prepared to take any action to change anything which is going on in the park currently until such time as I actually perceive that there's a problem. We do have, you know, a number of buildings and grounds employees who are in the park on a regular basis. I'm not hearing anything from any of those people that there's a problem. We had discussion today where it came up and the Police Department indicated that they're not aware of any problems in the park in terms of people violating the social distancing policy. So, I think that complaint is, you know, just like many other complaints that we get, it's just a misperception, perhaps, of what's actually going on, so, I'll keep an eye on it. I'll let you know if it becomes a problem.

**Mrs. Labow:** Is that Bailey and Guinness?

**Mayor Greenbaum:** And Kelly.

**Mrs. Labow:** And Kelly. Oh. Tattletale.

**President Nicastro:** Thank you. Any . . .

**Mr. Tatarenko:** If I could just add . . . and that's just the Mayor's opinion. Rob, I did talk to Tim earlier. I mean, we do have a couple one-way road signs if we want to try to direct people in the right . . . in one direction around the path to try to keep people . . . not cross paths. If that's something that you want to move forward with, we could do that.

**Mayor Greenbaum:** It's not really something that I see as a problem nor is it something that I want to introduce into everyday life in its current condition. I think the park is fine as it is right now and we'll continue to monitor it and take appropriate action if I perceive or the if Town isn't really . . . you know, comes to the realization that there's ultimately a problem there, but I don't see it and as I said, you know, my anecdotal experience is that people will step aside off the path to be on opposite sides of the path. So, I don't see that as a real problem right now that we need to deal with. We have enough issues on our plate.

**President Nicastro:** Thank you. Do we have any other . . . what are we on, Old Business? New Business? Any of those? Seeing none. Do we have any Legal Matters, Sue?

**NEW BUSINESS - none**

**LEGAL MATTERS - none**

**Mrs. Sharpe:** Nope. Nothing tonight. Thank you.

**President Nicastro:** Thank you. On to Council Reports. Mr. Ferrante, anything on Environmental, Lake, or Library?

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

Environmental Committee – none

Lake Issues – none

Library Board Liaison – none

**Mr. Ferrante:** Nope. Nothing.

**President Nicastro:** Thank you. Mrs. Labow, anything on Senior Citizens, Open Space, Board of Health, and Stigma?

Senior Citizen Liaison – none  
Open Space Committee Report  
Board of Health Report  
Stigma Committee – none

**Mrs. Labow:** Nothing on Seniors. With Open Space, everybody's really excited about the Ordinance that we have for first reading for tonight for Charles Court and that's been a parcel that they had been wanting to add to our Open Space for a very, very long time, so it's very good news. It's always nice . . . it's sort of like putting a puzzle together. You've got to put this piece in and that piece in. It's just nice when it all starts to come together and for Board of Health, we were supposed to meet tomorrow night but of course we're not meeting physically, and so we're trying to get a Zoom meeting together for next Wednesday, April 22, 2020. So, I'll let you know at the next meeting if that works out. Basically, we don't have anything . . . we're not going to do reports or anything like that because obviously our Health Department, our health officers are very, very busy with dealing with six towns and all that's going on but we just want to sort of get together and talk about what's going on and you know, touch base kind of thing. So, that's what we'll be doing next Wednesday. That's it.

**President Nicastro:** Thank you, very much. Mr. Mania, anything on Legislative or Planning?

Legislative Committee Report – none  
Planning Board Report

**Mr. Mania:** Planning Board, our Chairman is trying to get a meeting together. Fortunately, the applications are not due till June. So, we're okay in that respect.

**President Nicastro:** Thank you. Mr. Stewart, anything on Economic Development or Community Action Panel?

Economic Development Committee Report  
Community Action Panel Report

**Mr. Stewart:** Yes, Community Action met on video conference a week and a half . . . two weeks ago and it was all focused on different fundraising efforts for the first responders and the hospital staff and then the . . . on the EDC, we're meeting tomorrow, and it's a meeting to start the proactive planning of businesses reengaging again.

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

Recreation Liaison Report – none

**Mr. Roman:** Nothing to report.

Board of Education Liaison Report – none

**President Nicastro:** Thank you. Does anyone from the public wish to be heard at this time? Andrew will advise me. No, we're good.

**Mr. Tatarenko:** Nope. We're good. We're good, Joe.

**PUBLIC PORTION - none**

**President Nicastro:** All right, so, closed to the public. Do we have any Council Comments? We'll go around the horn. I'm looking up top, Mr. Mania. Any Council Comments? Mr. Ferrante.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**Mr. Ferrante:** Nope. Nothing.

**President Nicastro:** Mr. Roman.



**Mr. Roman:** As we're closing out, I think maybe when the water tower finally gets the paint, that we should letter it "Mount Olive Strong", so . . .

**Mrs. Labow:** Yeah.

**Mr. Roman:** Maybe we should consider putting that on there.

**Mrs. Labow:** That sounds good.

**President Nicastro:** Mr. Stewart.

**Mr. Stewart:** Nothing tonight.

**President Nicastro:** Mrs. Labow.

**Mrs. Labow:** I just want to send my condolences out to Claude Branda and his family for the death of his brother yesterday morning. Very sad news. Claude, as we all know, has been an incredibly wonderful friend to our community and it's just . . . it just breaks my heart. When I saw his post yesterday on Facebook announcing about his brother, it was absolutely devastating, so, it's . . . this stuff is hitting home folks. We've got to hopefully find a cure and stop the spread and stop the deaths. So, Claude, I'm very, very sorry and my prayers and condolences are with you and your family.

**President Nicastro:** Thank you, Mrs. Labow. If no more discussion, do we have a motion to adjourn?

**ADJOURNMENT** - Motion made and seconded. All in favor, none opposed, the meeting was adjourned at 7:28pm.

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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 28, 2020.

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Michelle Masser, Township Clerk

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