

The Public Meeting of the Mount Olive Township Council was called to order at 7:14pm by President Nicaastro.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT ANNOUNCEMENT

Miss Masser: 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. Stewart, Mr. Roman and Mr. Nicaastro

Absent: Mr. Amianda & Mr. Mania

Also Present: Michelle Masser, 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 please move the Minutes from the January 2, 2020 Reorganization Meeting, please?

January 2, 2020 Reorganization (Absent: None)

Mr. Ferrante: Sure, I make a motion to move the January 2, 2020 Reorganization Meeting Minutes.

Mrs. Labow: Second.

President Nicaastro: Anyone from the public wish to be heard? Seeing none. Closed to the public. Anyone from Council? Roll Call please.

ROLL CALL: Passed unanimously

President Nicaastro: I'd like to read the Mayor's Appointments for the Environmental Committee.

Mayor's Appointments
Environmental Committee

Irene Sergonis. Alt. I, 2 year unexpired term expires 12/31/2020 (Kathy Murphy's prior spot)

Kathy Murphy, 3 year unexpired term expires 12/31/2020 (previously Kim Mott)

President Nicaastro: Congratulations, Irene.

Mrs. Sergonis: Thank you.

Mayor's Appointments with Advice & Consent of Council
Library Board

Vranda Kamath, 5 year term expires 12/31/2024 (previously Steven Bedell)

President Nicaastro: Do we . . . we need a motion?

Miss Masser: On that.

President Nicaastro: Yeah. So, we have someone to make a motion please?

Mr. Roman: So moved.

Mr. Stewart: Second.

President Nicastro: Any discussion? Roll Call please.

ROLL CALL: **Passed unanimously**

CORRESPONDENCE

LETTERS FROM RESIDENTS/ORGANIZATIONS/ OTHER TOWNS

1. Email received January 6, 2020 from Raritan Headwaters Newsletter regarding 2020 Coming Attractions.
2. Letter received January 7, 2020 from resident regarding Second Amendment rights.
3. Letter received January 8, 2020 from resident regarding Second Amendment rights.
4. Email received January 10, 2020 from Sustainable Jersey regarding Gain Recognition for Your Sustainability Efforts.
5. Email received January 14, 2020 from NOFA-NJ regarding 30th Annual Winter Conference and More.
6. Email received January 14, 2020 from NOFA-NJ regarding Events 01142020.

LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES

7. Email received January 9, 2020 from NJLM regarding Daily Update, January 9.

STATE AGENCIES

8. Email received January 3, 2020 from NJDEP regarding Happy New Year and NJDEP Weekly Update.
9. Letter received January 3, 2020 from PT Consultants, Inc. regarding Response Action Outcome Remedial Action Type: Unrestricted Use, Scope of Remediation: Entire Site. Case name: Mount Olive Center Associates, Address: 95 Route 46. Municipality: Mount Olive Township. County: Morris. Block: 4100 Lot: 80. Preferred ID: G000013872. Communication Center # 13-08-19-1157-15.
10. Email received January 10, 2020 from NJDEP regarding NJDEP Weekly Update.
11. Email received January 13, 2020 from Commitment to Communities, DOT regarding Volume 14 – NJDOT Commitment to Communities Newsletter.
12. Letter received January 15, 2020 from EnviroTrac Ltd. regarding Lukoil Public Notification LNA Facility No. 57203, 292 Route 206 South, Flanders, Morris County, NJ, Block 6800, Lot 5 NJDEP Case #89-10-05-0923 NJDEP PI #007190.

UTILITIES

13. Letter received January 17, 2020 from JCP&L regarding In the Matter of the Verified Petition of Jersey Central Power & Light Company (“JCP&L”) for Approval of Rate Adjustments Pursuant to the JCP&L Reliability Plus Infrastructure Investment Program (September 2019 JCP&L Reliability Plus Rate Filing), BPU Docket No. ER19091238.

President Nicastro: We have 13 pieces of Correspondence. Does anyone have anything on those? Seeing none. I open the hearing to the public on Ordinance #1-2020,

ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Ord. #1-2020 An Ordinance of the Township of Mount Olive, in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey, Amending Chapter 318, Sewer and Water, of the Township Code to Permit Installation of Irrigation Systems in Developments in the Morris Chase Water System Service Area.

President Nicastro: Mrs. Labow.

Mrs. Labow: Thank you, Mr. President. I move that Ordinance #1-2020 be approved for a vote and final passage.

Mr. Ferrante: Second.

Mr. Stewart: Second.

President Nicaastro: Anyone from the public wish to be heard? Seeing none. Closed to the public. Anyone from Council? Roll Call please.

ROLL CALL: Passed unanimously

President Nicaastro: Ordinance #1-2020 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.

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 Relative to National Night Out Which Will be Held on August 4, 2020. (Rain Date August 5th)
2. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Authorizing the Expenditure of Certain Funds from the Township’s Tree Bank Fund for the Beautification of Municipal Sites.
3. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Authorizing the Use of Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council Contract for 2020. (Spectrum Communication)
4. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Approving a “Non-Fair and Open” Vendor Service Contract Pursuant to “Pay-to-Play” Law. (Edmunds & Associates)
5. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Authorizing Purchases with Verizon as a Proprietary Vendor for 2020.
6. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Authorizing Purchases with Cablevision / Lighpath as a Proprietary Vendor for 2020.
7. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Awarding a Contract to Franky’s Café, LLC for Food Concession at Centercourt / Township Pool for Summer 2020.
8. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Authorizing the Award of a Professional Services Agreement for Township Engineer to Michael G. Vreeland of Van Cleef Engineering Associates.
9. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Authorizing the Award of a Professional Services Agreement for Planning Board Attorney to the Buzak Law Group.
10. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Authorizing the Award of a Professional Services Agreement for Environmental Consulting Services to Habitat by Design.
11. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Authorizing the Award of a Professional Services Agreement for Affordable Housing Compliance Services to Piazza & Associates.
12. Resolution of the Township of Mount Olive, In the County of Morris and State of New Jersey, Authorizing Release of Various Bonds to Scannell Properties 322, LLC in Connection with Development of the Property Designated as Block 500, Lots 2 and 3, Located at Waterloo Valley Road.

13. Resolution RE: Governing Body Certification of Compliance with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's. "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964"

President Nicastro: We have 13 Consent Resolutions. Does anyone wish to move any to Non-Consent? Seeing none. Mr. Stewart, would you move Resolutions one through thirteen, please?

Mr. Stewart: Thank you, Mr. President. I move that Council Resolutions one through thirteen be approved for final passage.

Mrs. Labow: Second.

Mr. Roman: Second.

President Nicastro: Anyone from the public wish to be heard? Seeing none. Closed to the public. Anyone from Council? 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.

Mrs. Labow: Second.

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

Miss Masser: Do you want to abstain?

President Nicastro: What's that?

Miss Masser: Do you want to abstain from check number . . . ?

President Nicastro: I will.

Miss Masser: Oh, okay. All right.

President Nicastro: Yeah.

Miss Masser: All right.

ROLL CALL: Passed with the exception of Mr. Nicastro, who abstained on check #86240

President Nicastro: Administrative Reports.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mayor Greenbaum: Well, if you're driving down Route 46 and on the left-hand side, you see a building that used to have a Bluebird sign; it's no longer there. The property's fenced off and being demoed next week.

Mrs. Labow: Where's the sign?

Mayor Greenbaum: Right now, we have possession of it but I think that the property owner wants it back, but I'm not sure.

President Nicastro: Yeah, I saw the thing going up today that had the orange going around it, I guess.

Mayor Greenbaum: It's coming down.

President Nicastro: Good. Anything else from Administration?

Mayor Greenbaum: Not from me.

Mr. Tatarenko: No.

President Nicastro: Nothing. Thank you. Any Old Business? Any New Business?

Mrs. Labow: Oh, I have . . .

President Nicastro: Go ahead, Mrs. Labow.

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Labow: . . . Old Business.

President Nicastro: Old Business.

Mrs. Labow: I wanted to ask Andrew about KDS and the latest update on that.

Mr. Tatarenko: The update is that KDS is back open. The agreement was signed in by the Judge. They still have to comply with what's in the Developer's Agreement but they're up and running.

Mrs. Labow: Thank you.

President Nicastro: Thank you. Mr. Roman.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Roman: I'm sure by now we've seen the numerous letters requesting us to address the Second Amendment Resolution, so, I would like for Council to review the Resolution and for us to put it on our Agenda at our next available meeting.

Mrs. Labow: Second.

President Nicastro: We don't need the second, do we? No.

Mrs. Labow: I know.

President Nicastro: It's just that you're agreeing, I guess. That's fine.

Mr. Tatarenko: Do you want to place it as a discussion item or as a . . .

President Nicastro: On the Agenda.

Mr. Roman: I want to place it on the Agenda as a Resolution.

President Nicastro: As a Resolution.

Mr. Roman: Assuming . . . you know, I would like some feedback from Council just to make sure that there's nothing in there that my eyes cannot . . .

Mrs. Labow: Has our Attorney reviewed it?

President Nicastro: I reviewed it, yes. You review it? You reviewed it, right?

Mrs. Labow: Our Attorney.

Mrs. Sharpe: I haven't seen it yet.

Mrs. Labow: Oh . . .

President Nicastro: No, we'll send it to you just so . . .

Mrs. Labow: Yeah.

President Nicastro: . . . you have it.

Mrs. Sharpe: Sure.

President Nicastro: No problem. We'll get a copy. Andrew will get you a copy. You have it, Andrew?

Mr. Tatarenko: Yeah, I have several.

President Nicastro: We have it. So, we'll get it.

Miss Masser: Or I can. Whichever.

President Nicastro: Or Michelle. Michelle will send it to you. All right. Any other New Business? Seeing none. Any Legal Matters?

LEGAL MATTERS - none

Mrs. Sharpe: I'm sorry.

President Nicastro: That's all right.

Mrs. Sharpe: I'm still writing. Nothing tonight, thank you.

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

COUNCIL REPORTS

Environmental Committee
Lake Issues – none
Library Board Liaison - none

Mr. Ferrante: Environmental met on January 8, 2020 and they had a review from the . . . from Chuck McGroarty just updating them on a couple of development areas. There's nothing for Library.

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

Economic Development Committee Report
Community Action Panel Report

Mr. Stewart: Yes. The EDC, which is in cooperation with the Morris County EDC and the Mount Olive Area Chamber, is putting together a new Executive Council meeting for the second quarter which is the leaders of our largest employers. We meet three times a year on that one and the second one is in the second quarter. We'll be starting an entrepreneurial round table where ten will apply and then host it on a monthly basis and the larger employers have all raised their hands to help support that as well. On Community Action Panel, we had a meeting a week ago and the next one is scheduled for March and that's for the finalization of the programs for this spring.

President Nicastro: Thank you. Mrs. Labow, anything on Open Space, Board of Health, or Stigma?

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

Mrs. Labow: Yes. First, before I go on to my reports, I wanted to ask Mr. Stewart, for EDC, was there anything about the Amazon application? Have you heard anything?

Mayor Greenbaum: It was approved.

Mr. Stewart: It was approved.

Mrs. Labow: Mhm. Okay.

President Nicastro: Yup.

Mrs. Labow: Thursday night? Good. Thank you. Okay. Senior Citizens. I was at the senior's meeting today. It was a really wonderful meeting and I passed out our Mount Olive informational booklet to the seniors there and they also had a visit from a gentleman from a rehabilitation center down at the bottom of Hackettstown Mountain and it was really well attended. There was . . . a lot of people came out on the freezing cold morning, which was really nice. Last Wednesday, we had our Board of Health meeting. Went very well. We have a new member. Anita Cooper was our nurse for 35 years and she has retired her position and we have Kathleen, who is the nurse over at the Chester Stephens School, is our newest member. So, we welcomed her and it was a very, very nice meeting. That's all I have to . . . oh, I'm sorry. Open Space was Monday night last week and that . . . it was . . . everybody was there. For the first time, I think we had a full boat. It was really nice and we even had two residents. Two people from our community. Irene Sergonis was there and Alan Fulton, who is a laker from day one. It was great to . . . you know, all the history of the Town. It's just a really good meeting. We talked about the Lake and all the work that we've done through the company Aquatic . . . how do . . . ?

Mr. Tatarenko: Aquatic Analysts.

Mr. Ferrante: Aquatic Analysts.

Mrs. Labow: Aquatic Analysts. I passed out the report that they had submitted to us last month. Everybody's really duly impressed with how much work is being done and that they do have a plan for treatment for the bloom . . . algae bloom and that's about . . . oh, and then we talked about the situation with the piece, the canal piece that Andrew's handling with . . . which one, the State?

Mr. Tatarenko: New Jersey Transit.

Mrs. Labow: Yeah. I know. Pretty neat stuff. So, moving right along and that's it.

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

Recreation Liaison Report – none

Mr. Roman: Nothing to Report.

Legislative Committee Report – none

Planning Board Report – none

Board of Education Liaison Report – none

President Nicastro: Okay. Does anyone from the public wish to be heard at this time? Seeing none. Closed to the public. Any Council Comments? Mr. Ferrante.

PUBLIC PORTION - none

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Ferrante: Nothing tonight.

President Nicastro: Mrs. Labow.

Mrs. Labow: Nothing.

President Nicastro: Mr. Stewart.

Mr. Stewart: Just a shout out to my neighbor Anita Cooper for the service that she did . . . for all the years on our Health Department.

Mrs. Labow: She was fantastic. I miss her.

President Nicastro: Mr. Roman.

Mr. Stewart: We see her all the time now. Now she's not busy.

Mrs. Labow: I'll come over to your place to visit.

Mr. Stewart: Yeah.

President Nicastro: Anything?

Mr. Roman: Yeah. I actually, I need to comment on yesterday's Second Amendment Rally in Virginia. I was mostly appalled by the news media's characterization leading up to and during the meeting. Particularly labeling them as white nationalists, extremists, all the nine yards and it turns out, like most law abiding Second Amendment gun owners, nothing happened because as it has been demonstrated, people that follow the laws are generally peaceful. That's all I have. Thank you.

President Nicastro: Thank you. Do we have a motion to adjourn?

ADJOURNMENT - Motion made and seconded. All in favor, none opposed, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm.

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 February 4, 2020.

Michelle Masser, Township Clerk

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