

The Public Meeting of the Mount Olive Township Council was called to order at 7:00pm by President Nicastro.

Pledge of Allegiance

MOMENT OF REFLECTION in recognition of the men and women fighting terrorism and those who have lost their lives defending the freedom we all enjoy

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. Amianda, Mr. Ferrante, Mrs. Labow, Mr. Mania, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Roman and Mr. Nicastro

Absent: None

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

President Nicastro: Before we begin the swearing in, I just want to recognize a few people. I saw that our new Surrogate Heather Darling walked in. Back there.

Mrs. Labow: Yay, Heather!

President Nicastro: Congratulations Heather. We have our former Mayor Paul Licitra here as well, and former Assemblyman Dick Kamin and we have the President of the County College, Tony Iacono. Thank you all for coming. I guess we're going to begin with the swearing in of the Mayor and the Council. Fred's up first.

Swearing in of:

- Mayor Robert Greenbaum
- Colleen Labow
- Joe Nicastro
- Alex Roman

Election of 2020 Council President

President Nicastro: Okay, next item up is the nomination for Council President. Do we have a nomination for President?

Mr. Mania: I nominate Joe Nicastro . . .

Mrs. Labow: Second.

Mr. Mania: . . . for Council President.

Mrs. Labow: Second.

President Nicastro: Thank you. All in favor? Or do we have Roll Call? I'm sorry. Any other nominations? Seeing none. Nominations are closed.

Miss Masser: Okay, so it was for Joe and Alex.

President Nicastro: . . . and Colleen.

Miss Masser: Colleen . . . I'm sorry.

President Nicastro: John and Colleen.

Mayor Greenbaum: John . . .

Miss Masser: John and Colleen.

Mayor Greenbaum: John moved it; Colleen . . .

President Nicastro: Correct.

Mayor Greenbaum: . . . second.

President Nicastro: Yup, and we need a Roll Call.

ROLL CALL: **Passed unanimously**

President Nicastro: Thank you all again.

Mr. Roman: Congratulations.

President Nicastro: I appreciate that. Thank you. Next item is, we need a motion for the nomination for Vice President.

Mr. Stewart: I would like to nominate Alex Roman for Vice President . . .

Mr. Mania: Second.

Mr. Stewart: . . . of Council.

Mr. Mania: Second.

President Nicastro: John seconded. Do we have any other nominations? Seeing none. Nominations . . .

Miss Masser: It was John.

President Nicastro: It was John and . . . Greg and John. Any other nominations? Seeing none. Roll Call please.

ROLL CALL: **Passed unanimously**

President Nicastro: Congratulations, Alex.

Mr. Roman: Thank you.

President Nicastro: At this time, I would ask Pastor Matt Jones to come up and do an Invocation for us please.

Invocation – Pastor Matt Jones

Pastor Jones: God bless you all. Merry . . . I should say Happy New Year, huh?

Mrs. Labow: Yeah.

Pastor Jones: Why don't we pray? Our Father, we thank you for this opportunity to come here tonight, Lord God. I thank you for the good health that you've given to many here. We thank you for our families and we thank you for this marvelous community called Mount Olive. Father, I pray blessings upon our Mayor right now, him, his family. Lord, I pray for our Town Council, Lord, especially for those who have been sworn into office. Father, we pray that you would give them, Lord God, the ability, Lord God, to move in harmony with one another, to be able to disagree, Lord God, in agreement with one another. Lord, we pray that you'd help them navigate through the difficult times that we live in. Help them to identify, Lord, the needs of this community and give them the ability, Lord God, to meet them. Lord, for the Agenda that is set before us tonight, Lord God, that it would be pleasing before you and Lord, it would be an Agenda, Lord, that would accomplish much through the year of 2020. We pray your blessings and we ask these things in Christ's name. Amen.

President Nicastro: Thank you, Pastor.

Mrs. Labow: That was nice.

President Nicastro: Next, we have a presentation. The Mayor has a presentation.

Presentation of Street Sign to Catherine Detoro

Mayor Greenbaum: First of all, I want to welcome everybody and thank you for the support that you've shown both to the Mayor's Office and to the Town Council over the years. I know that the room is filled with first responders and really, from my perspective, having sat up here for close to 20 years, it is the first responders who really are the backbone of this community. I'd also like to thank Matt Jones who time and time again, has come to the aid of Mount Olive Township. Whether it's just requesting him to pray with us or when the Town is in need of some service, Matt is always there. So, I would be remiss if I didn't thank you. This is really a special honor for me today. The Detoro family has given the better part of their adult lives protecting and serving the Township of Mount Olive. It was extremely sad when Fred Sr. passed but the family moved on. To lose Freddie Jr. was devastating personally, to the Town, to the family, and we thought of no better way to honor the family than to honorarily name Railroad Avenue at the intersection of Main Street, Detoro Way. So, I'd like to call Catherine Detoro up right now. This is the same sign that's going to be placed tomorrow.

Mrs. Detoro: That's very nice.

Mayor Greenbaum: Don't cry. I have a whole speech, like 30 pages to read after this. You know what? We . . . there's not a day that goes by where Fred isn't mentioned or thought of. He was really a super individual. So, great honor . . .

Mrs. Detoro: Thank you, so much.

Mayor Greenbaum: . . . and every day that you pass it, you'll see it there. Thank you . . .

President Nicastro: You're still up there, Mayor.

Mayor Greenbaum: Oh, good.

President Nicastro: It's your State of the Township.

Mayor Greenbaum: I think when I was first elected Mayor, Joe, and I got sworn in, I think it was at your house.

President Nicastro: Yes, it was.

Mayor Greenbaum: On New Year's Eve, at 12:01am on New Year's Day. That was eight years ago. Since then, I've had the honor of reading the State of the Township address and since then, through all of our hard work and the incredible work of the Finance Department, we have presented budgets with no municipal tax increase. 2020 is going to be another year where the budget will be presented with no municipal tax increase which really is a testament to everything that we have been able to do. So, with that, I'm going to start reading the State of the Township Address.

Mayor's State of the Township Address

Council President, members of the Town Council, municipal employees, friends, relatives and fellow residents of Mount Olive, as I proudly finish my second term as Mayor of this wonderful Township and begin my third term, I once again thank you for the opportunity to report on the 2020 State of the Township of Mount Olive.

Many have asked me what more I hope to accomplish in the upcoming four years. The most important goal is tax stability. For the eighth year in a row, we will be introducing a budget that will include no municipal tax increase for the residents. To accomplish that, we continue to encourage growth while at the same time limit spending.

Notwithstanding the realization of no municipal tax increases for almost a decade, nothing gives me greater pleasure than the renewed pride our residents have for this community. As in past years, I often hear from residents and non-residents alike, how wonderful our facilities are like Turkey Brook and our high school, and how much our residents love and enjoy Mount Olive.

It is not enough to simply have great facilities, though. We also strive to have great programs for our residents. Our award-winning Recreation Department is second to none. Once again, through the use of social media, radio, signs and newspapers, Mount Olive residents are always connected to the happenings in Mount Olive. Our communication efforts and successes are still the envy of all of our surrounding towns.

Beyond the programs that we run; I have instilled in our Town employees the “can do” attitude when it comes to the needs of our residents. Our municipal departments understand that we work for the taxpayers and in many instances have gone above and beyond to resolve individual homeowner issues.

Of course, all of the accomplishments could not have been achieved without the hard work and support of the Governing Body. We work collaboratively as a team in Mount Olive. I would once again like to thank Joe Nicastro for his leadership in 2019 and look forward to working with him again in 2020. I congratulate Joe on his appointment to another term, I believe an unprecedented fifth consecutive term, I may be wrong, it may be four or six, as Council President and thank him and the rest of the Town Council for their support and guidance. While I generally get the credit, the successes are equally shared with and earned by the Town Council. So too, I would be remiss by not highlighting the outstanding work and accomplishments of our Department Heads and employees.

Administration

The Administration Department continues to coordinate all aspects of local government and is responsible for the day-to-day operations associated with all municipal activities.

As with any large organization, a significant amount of time was spent on human resources, hiring 24 new employees and processing two retirements. We will continue to look for dedicated individuals to best serve the Township. Additionally, a new contract was negotiated with the Mount Olive Township Police Department which will have a savings impact on future budgets.

Legislatively, we supported policies and made changes to our ordinances to reflect the current environment and we will continue to make recommendations as we encounter issues throughout the year. Most notably, our franchise agreement with Altice was recently renewed which we were able to negotiate a senior discount, a \$25,000.00 technology grant and free Wi-Fi at Turkey Brook Park.

Phase I of the Old Flanders Sewer project is near completion, the Gold Mine Hotel was demolished with our eye on the Blue Bird and we renegotiated our lease agreement with Centercourt for the continued use of their pool facility.

We are bringing awareness to our 24th District Legislators about the algae blooms at Budd Lake, a new Sister City was entered into with Mount Olive, North Carolina, our Council meetings are now live streamed and our website has been updated. Furthermore, our shared services continue to deliver as our contracting towns show confidence in our services by renewing their contracts and adding additional services.

Over 1.1 million dollars was awarded in grants from Federal, State and County agencies and we will continue to look for additional grant opportunities to help offset our expenditures. Major projects include the rehabilitation of International Drive, the restoration of the Seward House and Old Baptist Church, and the Turkey Brook Park Extension.

Our office continues to support community events by fostering the relationship with the businesses who have partnered with us through their generous donations and various sponsorships throughout the year.

Finance Department

The Finance Department, which comprises the finance, collection and assessment divisions exceeded operating expectations in 2019. Our projected fund balances in all funds are slated to be higher than last year’s balances, most notably in our main Operating Budget.

With respect to the tax assessment division, the Township received over \$1 million in revenue from \$40 million in added assessments and the reverse tax appeal from Toys “R” Us. We also settled 25 County tax board judgments which resulted in no refunds. For 2020, our property values are expected to grow by \$52 million or almost 2%. Our State audit of the farm qualified Woodland Management Properties was found to be 100% compliant with no deficiencies. We have the lowest number of pending State tax appeals in comparison to similar Morris County towns and are near the top in added assessment revenue increases.

In the collection division, we updated our tax website to include links for all individual tax relief programs and also created multiple PDF forms. We worked closely with the Township Attorney to prepare and hold an assignment tax sale for the Combe Fill property and were responsible for collecting over \$110 million in property taxes, water and sewer rents. Our tax collection rate is expected to well exceed 99%, which we have been able to do since 2014. Sherry, how high was it actually? Ninety-nine point . . .

Mrs. Kolody: Ninety-nine point thirty-seven.

Mayor Greenbaum: The highest it's ever been.

Mrs. Kolody: Yes, the highest it's ever been.

Mayor Greenbaum: A successful tax sale also resulted in over \$310,000.00 in premiums which will return to the Township in five years pending no lien redemptions. In the finance division, the 2018 audit was completed for the 11th year in a row with no audit recommendations, along with no recommendations for LOSAP, JIF and arbitrage audits. The Best Practice Checklist was completed satisfactorily to obtain our final allotment of State aid and we met our continuing disclosure requirements. All non-vested LOSAP accounts were closed resulting in an additional \$23,000.00 in revenue. Banking services have been renegotiated resulting in an additional \$110,000.00 in interest, our time and attendance solution was upgraded and we were able to obtain reduced rates from our payroll provider by 18%. Finally, our archival storage project was completed, reports were prepared using the new FAST online module, we continued to assist with the Old Flanders sewer assessment and the annual water/sewer study was prepared. Excuse me. About a quarter of the way done.

Police Department

The prevention of crime, crashes, and negative quality of life issues continue to be the focus of the Mount Olive Police Department. To be successful in those endeavors, we need the support of the community. The Police Department remains committed to maintaining and building those positive relationships by offering and participating in National Night Out, Coffee with a Cop, Keeping Seniors Safe, Touch a Truck, and Law Enforcement Against Drugs.

The Mount Olive Police Department is a community-oriented police department that utilizes data driven technology and intelligence to direct resources. The Mount Olive Police Department is committed to following nationally recognized best practices and maintaining accreditation through the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police.

Department of Public Works

In the Roads Department, a successful year of paving was accomplished by resurfacing over 20 roadways, including Phase II of International Drive North. Drainage improvements were also made to six areas prone to flooding.

The Parks, Building and Grounds Department addressed the outdated HVAC systems in the municipal building by replacing four units. Improvements were made by installing three turf baseball infields and a new concrete pad for the event tent at Turkey Brook Park. Additionally, Lou Nelson and Flanders Park received new playgrounds with ADA accessibility.

In the Water and Sewer Department, engineering plans continue for the installation of water lines in the Pershing Estates Development, the old sewer filtration system at the Cloverhill Sewer Treatment Plant was replaced along with a newly expanded treatment plant office and support was provided for the Old Flanders Sewer Project.

The Sanitation Department continued with another successful town wide large item cleanup and will be expanding its services to the Morris Chase Development, adding an additional 180 properties. The shared service contract with Chester for sanitation pick up was also renewed, generating over \$40,000.00 in gross revenue.

The Fleet Department continues to handle all maintenance issues for Township owned vehicles and assists with Fire and EMS vehicle maintenance and upfits as needed. This new service to our volunteer departments was provided as an option to save money and to streamline the maintenance of their vehicles. The Fleet Department has continued to organize and carry out the Township auctions of vehicles, equipment, police surplus, and obsolete IT equipment to maximize return on investment for the Township. Oh, we got music.

Recreation Department

The Recreation Department held 16 special events in 2019 with more than 70,000 attendees, 431 business sponsors and over 130 volunteers. Five new events debuted, including Mardi Gras, Seas the Day, Pirate Day, Oktoberfest and Bonfire Boutique. Bubble Palooza 5K Fun Run & Walk won the Morris County Park Alliance Award for Outstanding Program. Other favorite events included Movie Nights, Touch a Truck, Chili Brewfest, Cabin Fever Reliever, Fairy & Pirate Festival, Raiders of the Lost Park Mud Run, Mount Olive Week Carnival, and the annual Food Trucks & Fireworks.

During the school year, 49 programs for our youth and adults were held with over 2,000 participants. Four summer camp programs were also held, which over 600 children participated in.

Between our three aquatic venues, Budd Lake Beach, Pirates' Cove and the Mount Olive Pool; we had over 41,000 visitors this summer.

The Recreation Department revamped their online registration program, Community Pass, to be easier to navigate and Visa credit cards can now be accepted, in addition to MasterCard and Discover.

Instagram and social media videos were added to the marketing plans for events along with e-newsletters being sent out weekly to over 8,000 people.

Health Department

The Health Department submitted their application for National Public Health Accreditation. National Accreditation validates a local health department's commitment to quality improvement, performance management, accountability, transparency, and capacity to deliver the Ten Essential Public Health Services. In this effort, the Department convened a group of approximately 30 local public health, healthcare, non-profit, religious, business, hospital, and government officials to form the Mount Olive Health Improvement Coalition in order to complete a community health assessment and begin creating a community health improvement plan. They will complete the improvement plan and start implementing improvement strategies in early 2020.

The Senior Transportation Program continues to grow. Over the past year, staff made over 2,000 trips taking our seniors to their medical appointments. This is more than in any previous year and is a 48% increase over last year. They also delivered over 2500 meals to homebound, low-income seniors. Overall, the program saw close to 6,000 passengers this past year.

The Health Department continues to coordinate the Township's annual holiday gift program. Again, this year they distributed gifts to 50 children for 22 Mount Olive families. This program is only possible because of the generous donations of our residents and local businesses and churches.

The Health Department began providing public health services to Mine Hill this year. They also continue providing services to Wharton, Dover, Mount Arlington and Netcong. Through shared services agreements and fees collected, approximately \$500,000.00 was generated.

The Health Director received the NJ Local Boards of Health Association's annual Meritorious Service Award for outstanding contribution to public health and the Deputy Director was appointed to the Public Health Licensing Board by the Commissioner of the NJ Department of Health.

IT Department

Mount Olive Township scored higher than average during an overall external network assessment and penetration test. In other words, they tried to hack into our system and we passed; conducted by an independent cyber-security company. The testing assessed the security posture of our routers, firewalls, and other security appliances that filter malicious traffic from the internet. The network was evaluated in the same manner that a malicious outside attacker would. The company could not penetrate our firewalls, which demonstrated our network security effectiveness.

The IT Department has broadened security awareness to all employees with interactive training, educational courses, and email security guidelines and best practices. Simulated phishing cyberattacks under the guidance of Morris County JIF's Cyber Risk Management Program were conducted to strengthen email security awareness for all employees. Once the simulations were complete, training courses on how to avoid phishing attempts were developed.

The IT Department proactively monitors over 280 users and groups and over 120 devices, which includes workstations, servers and tablets. All Township data is securely backed up daily and stored in two different cloud locations in the event of a true disaster.

Planning Department

The Planning Department's key accomplishments for the year included the preparation of an "Area in Need of Redevelopment" study and "Redevelopment Plan" adopted by the Planning Board and the drafting of a new overlay zone district ordinance adopted by the Township Council to establish a potential development on the one hundred acre former Combe Fill North landfill. The Department also prepared an ordinance to rezone six vacant acres along Rt. 46 in Budd Lake from R-6 residential zoning to a C-1 commercial designation, thus implementing a recommendation in the Master Plan Reexamination Report. The Township Planner assisted the Planning Board in reviewing a number of new development applications approved during the past year including a new Wawa on Rt. 206; Three T's, a restoration and expansion of a long-term empty office building for a new roofing company; a new Boat House restaurant and apartment to replace an existing dilapidated building on Sand Shore Road; Fratelli Beretta's 33,000 sq. ft. addition to their existing facility in the International Trade Zone; 700 International Drive, a new 63,440 sq. ft. building; Revolution Fitness, a new personal training studio on Rt. 206, a new clubhouse building and inground pool in Village Green; and a new digital billboard on Rt. 206. The Department has begun the initial review process for a proposed 700-unit residential development to be located in the FTZ-4 district zone which will include one hundred affordable units counted towards the Township's affordable housing obligation.

In addition, the Department continued to work with various property owners towards creating a new Highlands Redevelopment District to include vacant land in the Light Industrial Zone located at the westerly end of Sand Shore Road and properties on the southerly side of Rt. 46, including the Mount Olive Parkade shopping center, to facilitate new development within the Highlands Preservation Area. The Department has implemented the Township's new regulations to register vacant and abandoned buildings and collect fees to ensure compliance with municipal property maintenance code. The Township Planner has and continues to work with the Open Space Committee and Land Conservancy in creating an updated Open Space Plan. Finally, the Department issued 325 Zoning Permits and processed 375 OPRA requests.

Construction Department

During the past year, the Building Department has collected over \$500,000.00, issuing over 1,400 construction permits and over 1,000 certificates of occupancy. The Department conducted over 5,000 inspections and will continue to bring the best possible service to the residents, business owners and contractors of Mount Olive.

Fire Prevention

The Fire Marshal's Office enforces fire safety regulations to every commercial building and business in the Township, along with providing shared services to Chester Borough, Hackettstown and Allamuchy. Over 800 businesses are inspected annually, generating over 150,000.00 dollars in annual revenue. New software was also implemented, making inspections easier and more efficient for our fire inspectors working in the field.

Conclusion

This is only a snapshot of the many achievements and accomplishments our Township departments and employees have achieved this past year. I will continue to strive to make Mount Olive Township the best place to live, work, and raise a family. I consider every member of the community a family member. The pride you have shown me, the dedication for our community and the support that we have for one another is overwhelming.

I know there are still many things upon which we need to improve and promise to do my best to accomplish and make as my priority in the New Year. I look forward to and ask for the residents' support for many years to come. In closing, I would like to thank the Township Council, our Business Administrator and all of our Department Heads and municipal employees for a job well done in 2019. May the New Year bring you good health, happiness and prosperity.

With Gratitude and Appreciation,

Rob Greenbaum
Mayor, Mount Olive Township

President Nicastro: Thank you, Mayor and congratulations on your third term and thank you for your leadership that you provide to us all. Appreciate that. I would just like to recognize John Krickus came in; one of our Freeholders in the back. Thank you for coming, John. Happy New Year.

Mrs. Labow: Happy New Year.

President Nicastro: I'm just going to read off the list now of Mayor's Appointments.

Appointments:

a. **Mayor's Appointments**

Morris County Community Development Revenue Sharing Committee

Andrew Tatarenko, 1 year term expires 12/31/2020
Claudia Tomasello, Alternate, 1 year term expires 12/31/2020

Planning Board

Howie Weiss, Member Class IV, 4 year term expires 12/31/2023
John Batsch, Alt I, Class IV, 2 year term expires 12/31/2021
Paul Ottavina, Member Class II, 1 year term expires 12/31/2020
Ken Forlenza, Mayor's Designee, 4 year term expires 12/31/2023

Environmental Committee

Robert Delpizzo, Alt II, 2 year term expires 12/31/2021
Hank Titone, 3 year term expires 12/31/2022
Faron Moser, 3 year term expires 12/31/2022

Open Space Committee

Kim Mott, Planning Liaison (Mayor's Appointment), 3 year term expires 12/31/2022

b. **Mayor's Appointments with Advice & Consent of Council**

Township Attorney, Fred Semrau, Esq., 1 year term expires 12/31/2020
Prosecutor, Brian Mason, Esq., 1 year term expires 12/31/2020
Public Defender, Anthony Arbore Esq., 1 year term expires 12/31/2020
Business Administrator, Andrew Tatarenko, 4 year term expires 12/31/2023
Director of DPW, Tim Quinn, 4 year term expires 12/31/2023
Director of Health, Trevor Weigle, 4 year term expires 12/31/2023
Township Planner, Chuck McGroarty, 4 year term expires 12/31/2023
Township Consulting Engineer, Michael G. Vreeland, 2 year term expires 12/31/2021

Economic Development Committee

Lisa Brett, 3 year term expires 12/31/2022
John Mania, 3 year term expires 12/31/2022
Joe Nicastro, 3 year term expires 12/31/2022

Library Board

Matthew Robinson, Superintendents Alt., 5 year unexpired term expires 12/31/2020 (Sandra Duffy resigned 11/2019)
VACANCY, 5 year term expires 12/31/2024 (previously Steven Bedell)

Recreation Advisory Committee

Noelle Kehrley, (MAC) 3 year term expires 12/31/2022
Rachel Marlowe, (MAC) 3 year unexpired term expires 12/31/2022
Antoine Gayles, BOE Liaison, 1 year term expires 12/31/2020
VACANCY, (MAC) 3 year term expires 12/31/2022 (position previously held by Brigitte Geiger)

President Nicastro: Can we have a Roll Call, please?

Roll Call: **Passed unanimously**

c. Council Appointments

All Subcommittees of the Township Council previously created are extended through 2020:

- Library Board Liaison**, John Ferrante, 1 year term expires 12/31/2020
- Recreation Board Liaison**, Alex Roman, 1 year term expires 12/31/2020
- Board of Education Liaison**, Daniel Amianda, 1 year term expires 12/31/2020
- Legislative Committee**, John Mania, 1 year term expires 12/31/2020
- Committee RE: Lake/Environment Issues**, John Ferrante, 1 year term expires 12/31/2020
- Economic Development Committee Liaison**, Greg Stewart, 1 year term expires 12/31/2020

- Planning Board**, John Mania, Councilmember, Class III, 1 year term expires 12/31/2020
- Senior Citizen Liaison**, Colleen Labow, 1 year term expires 12/31/2020
- Open Space Committee Liaison**, Colleen Labow, 1 year term expires 12/31/2020
- Community Action Panel**, Greg Stewart, 1 year term expires 12/31/2020
- Stigma Committee**, Colleen Labow, 1 year term expires 12/31/2020

- Deputy Township Clerk**, Susan Gouveia, 2 year term expires 12/31/2021
- Township Auditor**, Gary Higgins, 2 year term expires 12/31/2020
- Community Development Revenue Sharing Committee**, Richard Escobar, 1 year term expires 12/31/2020

- Board of Health**
- Colleen Labow, 2 year term expires 12/31/2021
- Mark Kana, 3 year term expires 12/31/2022
- Kathleen Olup, 3 year term expires 12/31/2022

- Ethics Committee**
- Lourdes Roman, 5 year term expires 12/31/2024

- Open Space Committee**
- Kathleen Murphy (Council Appointment), 3 year term expires 12/31/2022

President Nicastro: Roll Call please.

Roll Call: Passed with the exception of Mr. Roman, who recused himself from the Ethics Board Vote

RESOLUTIONS

Consent Resolutions Agenda:
Resolutions on 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 which may be offered. If one or more council members requests, any individual resolution on the consent agenda may be removed from the Consent Agenda List and acted on separately.

1. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Designating the Official Newspapers of the Municipality for the Purpose of Publication of Legal Notices.
2. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Establishing the Annual Schedule of Meetings and Other Requirements Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act.
3. Resolution of the Township of Mount Olive Authorizing a Cash Management Plan for the Township of Mount Olive for the Year 2020.
4. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Establishing Various Change Funds for the Year 2020.
5. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Fixing the Rate of Interest to be Charged on Delinquent Taxes or Assessments.
6. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Establishing a Petty Cash Fund for 2020.

7. Resolution of the Township of Mount Olive Authorizing the Cancellation of Water, Sewer, Sewer Assessment and Tax Receivable Overpayments and Balances \$1.00 or Less.
8. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Establishing a Temporary Budget for 2020 for the Current, Water, Sewer and Recreation Utility as well as the Sanitation District.
9. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Appointing Claudia Tomasello, Assistant Business Administrator to the Morris County Joint Insurance Fund as the Fund Commissioner and Andrew Tatarenko, Business Administrator, as the Alternate Commissioner for 2020.
10. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive, Creating and Continuing the Mount Olive Municipal Alliance Committee.
11. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of mount Olive Appointing Timothy Quinn, DPW Director, as the Certified Recycling Coordinator for 2020.
12. A Resolution of the Township of Mount Olive, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Appointing Township Animal Control Officer Frank Nelson and Township Detective David Hering as Municipal Humane Law Enforcement Officers.
13. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Designating Robyn Esposito as the Public Agency Compliance Officer “PACO” for 2020.
14. A Resolution of the Township of Mount Olive, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Appointing a Municipal Housing Liaison. (Chuck McGroarty)
15. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Designating Robyn Esposito as the Qualified Purchasing Agent for 2020.
16. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Appointing Richard Escobar as Council Representative to the Community Development Revenue Sharing Committee.
17. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Authorizing the Tax Assessor and/or the Township Attorney to File and Prosecute Tax Appeals/Rollbacks.
18. Resolution of the Township of Mount Olive, County of Morris, and State of New Jersey, Approving the Re-Appointment of Andrew Tatarenko as Business Administrator / Qualified Purchasing Agent Authorizing the Execution of an Employment Agreement.
19. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Authorizing Purchases Off Cooperative Purchasing Contracts and New Jersey State Contracts Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A11-11, N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1 et seq. and N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12. (Calendar Year 2020)

President Nicastro: We have 19 Resolutions. Does anyone wish to move any to Non-Consent? Seeing none. Do we have a motion to accept . . . let me see, Mr. Roman, would you make a motion to accept Resolutions one through nineteen?

Mr. Roman: I make a motion that we approve Consent Resolutions one through nineteen.

Mr. Mania: Second.

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

Roll Call: **Passed unanimously**

President Nicastro: We’re up to . . . if anyone from the public would like to be heard at this time, they’re more than welcome to come up. If not . . . does anyone?

Mr. Roman: Point of Order, Mr. President.

President Nicastro: Yes, I’m sorry.

Mr. Roman: I need to recuse myself on the vote for the Ethics Board.

President Nicastro: Oh, okay. So . . .

Mr. Semrau: So, that'll be noted in the record . . . Michelle.

President Nicastro: Just note it in the record . . .

Miss Masser: Yep.

President Nicastro: . . . that Alex recused himself from that one.

Mr. Roman: Thank you.

President Nicastro: Thank you. Anyone from the public? Seeing none. Closed to the public. Any Council Comments? Mr. Amianda.

Public Portion - none

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Amianda: Mr. President, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Mayor for a great speech about the State of the Township and also pass my congratulations to all the fellow Councilpersons and the three Councilpersons who were confirmed again for another term tonight. Not only that; I should not forget to thank all the invited guests who have taken the time to come to share this evening with us. It has been a pleasure to serve with Council and I hope we will continue to do a good job for the Town.

President Nicastro: Thank you, Mr. Amianda. Mr. Ferrante.

Mr. Ferrante: Sure. I, too, would like to congratulate the Mayor, Colleen, Alex, and Joe. Looking forward to another successful year.

President Nicastro: Thank you. Mrs. Labow.

Mrs. Labow: Thank you. I, too, want to congratulate everyone and thank Mayor Rob Greenbaum and his staff for doing an unbelievably fantastic job and although I know Rob always says it's a team effort, thank God he knows how to really encourage his team and get the people in there who all work very well together. I want to thank all our first responders. Without . . . you guys are phenomenal. As you know, we all get the text messages when you get called out and it's a lot. You know? Every time we turn around and I do want to say I'm sorry to learn that we did have a casualty today on Route 206. The car accident, and that's always a sad, sad thing. I also want to thank my Council party members for a wonderful, wonderful job and it's an honor to work with all of you and I personally feel that we have the best Township Attorney and team that anybody could hope for in Fred Semrau and Sue Sharpe and I thank you both very, very much. I would be remiss if I didn't mention our phenomenal clerks, Michelle, Susan, Jessica. Without them . . . they're our backbone to the Council and without them, we would not be prepared and ready to move on with our work every Tuesday. Also, I just want to remind everyone that several years ago I received an award for the ability to make a short story long, so, I didn't want to miss my opportunity. Thank you everybody and Happy 2020.

President Nicastro: Mr. Mania.

Mr. Mania: Thank you, Mr. President. First of all, I want to thank the Mayor, my fellow Councilmembers, Township employees, for a job well done in 2019 and I would like to wish everyone a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year. God bless.

President Nicastro: Thank you. Mr. Stewart.

Mr. Stewart: Thank you, sir. I echo everybody's comments and yes, that was short.

Mrs. Labow: Yes.

Mr. Stewart: I want to wish everybody a Happy 2020 and thank everybody that did come out tonight. We do appreciate it and it's a . . . it is a pleasure working with everybody up here. It's a great job. Thank you, everybody.

President Nicasastro: Mr. Roman.

Mr. Roman: Thank you, as always, to the Mayor for his leadership. Having sat on this side of the dais, I can see how hard his job is but it is made ever so easier by my fellow colleagues. Thank you to the residents of Mount Olive for, once again, voting us back in. I look forward to taking on the challenges that the New Year and the next four years have to come. Hopefully we can do it in a way that will make you guys proud. Have a Happy New Year. Thank you.

President Nicasastro: Thank you and I won't repeat everything they said, but I just want to thank my fellow Councilmen for keeping me in the leader position again. I appreciate the confidence that you have in me and I thank everyone for coming out this evening and wish everybody a Happy New Year. At this point, I would ask Pastor Matt to come up and do a Benediction again, please.

Pastor Jones: If I may, I would just like to say thank you to our Mount Olive Police Department. We had a disturbed person come into our church about two weeks ago and scared a number of our people. The police came in. They handled it compassionately; they handled it effectively and professionally. They followed up with us to make sure that our people were safe and we want to thank our Mount Olive Police Department for being so, so effective and blessing us as they did. So, thank you all. Why don't we pray. Father, we thank you for the plans that have been made here today. We know that they that work, Lord God, labor in vain if you are not involved in that work and so we invoke your blessings on all the plans that have been made here today. Again, we pray your blessings, Lord God, over our Mayor, over our Town Council, over our Town employees, Lord, over our first responders, Lord, we ask you for safety and protection. Lord, we pray, Lord God, for our police, for our firefighters, and for our first aid squad. Lord, we ask that you keep good health for our residents, Lord God, harmony, Lord God, among our families, Lord, in our community and Lord we pray again, another year that you would bless the Town of Mount Olive. And now may the Lord bless you and the Lord keep you. May the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and may he give you peace in Jesus' name, Amen.

President Nicasastro: Thank you again, Pastor, for everything you do, as the Mayor said as well.

Mayor Greenbaum: Joe, before you conclude, . . .

President Nicasastro: Yes.

Mayor Greenbaum: . . . we are having appetizers after the meeting at Lakeside Tavern for anyone who wishes to attend.

President Nicasastro: Thank you.

Mayor Greenbaum: Yup.

President Nicasastro: Do we have a motion to adjourn?

ADJOURNMENT - Motion made and seconded. All in favor, none opposed, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

Joe Nicasastro, 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 January 21, 2020.

Michelle Masser, Township Clerk

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