

The Public Meeting of the Mount Olive Township Council was called to order at 8:02pm by President Nicastro.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT ANNOUNCEMENT

President Nicastro: In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by sending timely notice to the Daily Record and the Mount Olive Chronicle and posting notice on the bulletin board of the Municipal Building, 204 Flanders Drakestown Road, Budd Lake, N.J. Additional notice has been posted on the Township website and Facebook page and on the outside front door of the Municipal Building and sent to those individuals requesting same.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mr. Aaron, Mr. Ferrante, Mr. Mania, Mr. Roman, Mr. Stewart, and Mr. Nicastro

Absent: Mrs. Labow

Also Present: Susan Gouveia, Deputy Township Clerk; Jon Testa, Township Attorney; Rob Greenbaum, Mayor; Andrew Tatarenko, Business Administrator; Claudia Quinn, Assistant Business Administrator; and Sherry Kolody, CFO

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- 1. August 22, 2023 WS & PM (Absent: A. Roman)

Mr. Aaron makes a motion to approve the August 22, 2023, WS & PM Minutes, and **Mr. Mania** seconds.

ROLL CALL: Passed with the exception of Mr. Roman, who abstained on the August 22, 2023, WS & PM Minutes

CORRESPONDENCE

LETTERS FROM RESIDENTS/ORGANIZATIONS/OTHER TOWNS

- 1. Email received August 21, 2023, from NOFA NJ regarding NOFA NJ Weekly Email: August 21, 2023.
- 2. Email received August 21, 2023, from the Statewide Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of NJ regarding Experience the Diversity Expo event! Don't miss it!
- 3. Email received August 28, 2023, from the Statewide Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of NJ regarding A certification program at NO COST! Register today!
- 4. Email received August 28, 2023, from NOFA NJ regarding NOFA NJ Weekly Email: August 28, 2023.
- 5. Email received August 28, 2023, from the Statewide Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of NJ regarding On September 22, 2023, we celebrate Unity in Diversity! Secure your spot today!
- 6. Email received August 31, 2023, from the Statewide Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of NJ regarding Your Weekly Source for Local Events: Community Calendar.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES OTHER TOWNS

- 7. Letter received August 25, 2023, from the Township of Roxbury regarding Resolution Adopting an Amendment to the Roxbury Township Master Plan Land Use Plan Element.

LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES – None

STATE AGENCIES/LOI/HIGHLANDS

- 8. Email received August 21, 2023, from NJDEP regarding NJDEP Weekly Update.

- 9. Email received August 28, 2023, from FEMA Region II Preparedness regarding Upcoming FEMA Region 2 Events.
- 10. Email received September 1, 2023, from NJDEP WaterBank Info regarding Governor's Environmental Excellence Awards.

MSA/MUA – None

MORRIS COUNTY

- 11. Email received August 21, 2023, from Morris County regarding Morris County remembers Raoul Wallenberg.
- 12. Email received August 24, 2023, from Morris County regarding Morris County Bids Farewell to Chris Walker.
- 13. Email received August 25, 2023, from Morris County regarding Morris County Launches "Accumulating Wrongs: The War of 1812".
- 14. Email received August 25, 2023, from Morris County regarding Morris County Invites the Public to its 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony.
- 15. Email received August 25, 2023, from Morris County regarding This Week in Morris County: Aug. 18, 2023 Update.
- 16. Email received August 30, 2023, from Morris County regarding Millbrook Ave. Bridge Will Reopen at 5pm Today.

UTILITIES

- 17. Letter received August 31, 2023, from Jersey Central Power & Light regarding In the Matter of the Provision of Basic Generation Service ("BGS") for the Period Beginning June 1, 2023 BPU Docket No. ER23030124.

There was no discussion on Correspondence.

President Nicastro: I have four Ordinances for second reading.

ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING:

Ord.#23-2023 An Ordinance of the Township of Mount Olive, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Amending Chapter 375, Vehicles and Traffic, of the Township Code to Modify Parking and Travel on Pinetree Lane to Ensure Safe and Efficient Flow of Traffic.

President Nicastro: Mr. Ferrante.

Mr. Ferrante: Sure, I move for adoption and final passage, Ordinance #23-2023.

Mr. Stewart: Second.

President Nicastro: Does anyone from the public wish to be heard at this time? Seeing none. Closed to the public. Council? Nothing? Roll Call, please.

ROLL CALL: Passed unanimously

President Nicastro: Ordinance #23-2023 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. I open the hearing to the public on Ordinance #24-2023,

Ord.#24-2023 An Ordinance Amending Ordinance #32-2022 of the Township of Mount Olive Entitled Salaries of Certain Exempt Personnel.

President Nicastro: Mr. Roman.

Mr. Roman: Thank you, Mr. President. I move for adoption and final passage of Ordinance #24-2023.

Mr. Mania: Second.

President Nicastro: 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 #24-2023 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. Ordinance #25-2023 is going to be carried.

Ord.#25-2023 An Ordinance of the Township of Mount Olive, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Amending Chapter 169, Dogs and Other Animals, of the Township Code to Prohibit the Feeding of Wildlife on Public and Private Property Except for Certain Limited Exceptions.

Mr. Roman: I make a motion that we carry Ordinance #25-2023.

Mr. Stewart: Second.

President Nicastro: Roll Call, please.

ROLL CALL: **Passed unanimously**

President Nicastro: I open the hearing to the public on Ordinance #26-2023,

Ord.#26-2023 Ordinance of the Township of Mount Olive, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Amending Section 375-18, Vehicles Over Certain Weights Excluded, of the Township Code to Establish a Vehicle Weight Limit on Woodland Avenue, Waterloo Road, Firetower Road and Lozier Road.

President Nicastro: Mr. Roman.

Mr. Roman: Thank you, Mr. President. I move for adoption and final passage of Ordinance #26-2023.

Mr. Stewart: Second.

President Nicastro: 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 #26-2023 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. Next item on the Agenda for first reading is Ordinance #27-2023,

ORDINANCE FOR FIRST READING: (2nd reading September 19, 2023)

Ord.#27-2023 An Ordinance Amending Ordinance #32-2022 of the Township of Mount Olive Entitled Salaries of Certain Exempt Personnel.

President Nicastro: Mr. Stewart.

Mr. Stewart: Thank you, Mr. President. I move that Ordinance #27-2023 be introduced by title and passed on first reading, be scheduled for public hearing, second reading, and consideration of final passage at a meeting to be held on September 19, 2023, at 7pm at the Municipal Building, 204 Flanders-Drakestown Road, Budd Lake, New Jersey, and be published, posted, and made available by the Clerk in accordance with law.

Mr. Roman: Second.

President Nicastro: Thank you. Discussion? Roll Call, please.

ROLL CALL: **Passed unanimously**

CONSENT RESOLUTIONS AGENDA:

- 1. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive waiving special event permit fees to the Sohl Family related to the Celebration of Life event on September 17, 2023
- 2. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive relative to the National POW/MIA Recognition Day
- 3. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the acceptance of the 2022 Audit
- 4. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive approving a non-fair and open vendor service contract pursuant to New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law (Jefferson Recycling)
- 5. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive approving a non-fair and open vendor service contract pursuant to New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law (Lincoln Technology)
- 6. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive approving a non-fair and open vendor service contract pursuant to New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law (Rapid Pump & Meter Service Co.)
- 7. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the award of a non-fair and open professional services agreement for Township Engineer to Michael G. Vreeland of Van Cleef Engineering Associates (January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023) REVISED - Increasing contract amount
- 8. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the award of a professional services agreement for Planning Board Special Counsel to Edward Buzak of Surenian, Edwards, Buzak & Nolan (Calendar Year 2023)
- 9. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the award of a contract for Bid #09-2023 International Drive South Improvements Phase I (Riverview Paving, Inc.)
- 10. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Closing Woodland Ave Between 3rd St and Birchwood Drive September 16, 2023, Between 2pm and 8pm for the Purpose of Holding a Block Party (Rain Date - none) (Added 9/5/23)

Mr. Aaron moves for the adoption of Consent Resolutions one through ten and **Mr. Mania** seconds.

There was no discussion on Consent Resolutions.

ROLL CALL: **Passed unanimously**

MOTIONS

- 1. Bill List

Mr. Ferrante moves for approval of the Bill List and **Mr. Roman** seconds. There was no public discussion.

ROLL CALL: **Passed unanimously**

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mayor Greenbaum announces upcoming events at Turkey Brook Park including the Mount Olive Junior Marauder Football Association (MOJMFA) Pep Rally on September 6, 2023, at 7:00pm, Concert in the Park on Friday, September 8, 2023, from 6:30pm to 8:30pm, and the 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony at 8:20am on September 11, 2023. He adds that Help Bag Out Hunger Day will be on Sunday, September 10, 2023, from

11:00am to 2:00pm at Shoprite in Flanders. He asks everyone to observe school bus safety rules, especially on multilane highways, as school is back in session.

OLD BUSINESS – none

NEW BUSINESS – none

LEGAL MATTERS – none

COUNCIL REPORTS

Board of Education Liaison Report

Mr. Aaron reports he attended the August 28, 2023, Board of Education meeting. He notes that Mrs. Ouimet is retiring from the Board of Education and the position is posted for applicants. He discusses the New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (NJQSAC) and their results, which satisfied 80 percent of the weighted indicators in the areas that were reviewed.

Environmental Committee

Lake Issues – none

Library Board Liaison

Mr. Ferrante reports Environmental will be meeting on September 6, 2023. The next Library meeting will be on September 19, 2023, which was rescheduled from the 12th. He announces the Friends of the Library will hold their book sale on Saturday, September 9, 2023, from 10:00am to 3:00pm and Wednesday, September 13, 2023, from 3:00pm to 7:00pm behind the Library.

Recreation Liaison Report

Mr. Roman reports Recreation meets in October.

Economic Development Committee Report

Mr. Stewart reports the EDC newsletter was published. He announces the fourth quarter meeting will be held on September 27, 2023.

Legislative Committee Report – none

Planning Board Report – none

Open Space Committee Report – none

Board of Health Report – none

Senior Citizen Liaison – none

PUBLIC PORTION – none

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Aaron congratulates Sergeant Galop and Sergeant Krouse. He cautions everyone about road safety since school is back in session.

Mr. Ferrante also congratulates Sergeant Galop and Sergeant Krouse.

Mr. Mania also congratulates Sergeant Galop and Sergeant Krouse.

Mr. Stewart thanks the public for giving their input on the roads. He then asks for the status on the Wawa project. **Mr. Tatarenko** explains the work is being done on site. He discusses delays, road closures, and timelines. **Mr. Stewart** discusses where the traffic will be rerouted. **Mr. Testa** explains what they’ve been told about how and when the work will be done, which will not be during peak hours. He discusses the setbacks they’ve experienced. **Mr. Aaron** asks if there’s a penalty for the contractor. **Mr. Testa** explains there’s a bond, but the deadline is all encompassing. **Mr. Tatarenko** adds they’re still operating within the scope of the Developer’s Agreement, which expires in March of 2024.

Mr. Roman congratulates Sergeant Galop and Sergeant Krouse. He discusses his opposition to re-opening Flanders Netcong Road.

President Nicastro congratulates Sergeant Galop and Sergeant Krouse.

ADJOURNMENT - Motion made and seconded. All in favor, none opposed, the meeting was adjourned at 8:17pm.

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 September 19, 2023.

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Michelle Masser, Township Clerk