

**The Public Meeting of the Mount Olive Township Council was called to order at 7:51pm by President Nicastro.**

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT ANNOUNCEMENT**

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

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

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Mr. Aaron, Mr. Ferrante, Mrs. Labow, Mr. Roman, Mr. Stewart, and Mr. Nicastro

**Absent:** Mr. Mania

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

- 1. October 17, 2023 WS & PM

**Mr. Aaron** makes a motion to approve the October 17, 2023, WS & PM Minutes, and **Mrs. Labow** seconds.

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

**CORRESPONDENCE**

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

- 1. Email received October 16, 2023, from NOFA NJ regarding NOFA NJ Weekly Email: October 16, 2023.
- 2. Email received October 16, 2023, from Morris Habitat for Humanity regarding Morris Habitat wants to HELP those in NEED!
- 3. Email received October 17, 2023, from the Statewide Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of NJ regarding Recognizing: Trailblazer Award at the Chamber's Hospitality Fiesta in Atlantic City! Find out more!
- 4. Email received October 17, 2023, from the Statewide Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of NJ regarding Featured Events & Programs.
- 5. Email received October 18, 2023, from the Statewide Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of NJ regarding NJEDA Business Resource Roadshow: North New Jersey Event.
- 6. Email received October 19, 2023, from the Statewide Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of NJ regarding Your Weekly Source for Local Events: Community Calendar.
- 7. Email received October 23, 2023, from NOFA NJ regarding NOFA NJ Weekly Email: October 23, 2023.

**RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES OTHER TOWNS**

8. Resolution No. 2023-326 received October 13, 2023, from the Township of Montville regarding Resolution of the Township of Montville, County of Morris and State of New Jersey Resolution in Support of Senate Bill 3739 Delaying the Fourth Round of Affordable Housing Obligations from July 1, 2025 to July 1, 2028.
9. Email received October 20, 2023, from the Borough of Morris Plains regarding Resolution 2023-130 Delaying Fourth Round Affordable Housing-Borough of Morris Plains.
10. Email received October 20, 2023, from Mine Hill Township regarding Resolution 164-23.
11. Email received October 23, 2023, from Matthew Bansch, on behalf of Morris County League President Mayor Michael Stanzilis, regarding Resolution S3739.
12. Email received October 26, 2023, from Borough of Madison regarding Borough of Madison Resolution re Senate Bill 3739.

**LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES – NONE**

**STATE AGENCIES/LOI/HIGHLANDS**

13. Email received October 16, 2023, from NJDEP Local Government Assistance regarding NJDEP Weekly Update.
14. Email received October 16, 2023, from FEMA Region II Preparedness regarding Upcoming FEMA Region 2 Events.
15. Email received October 23, 2023, from NJDEP regarding NJDEP Weekly Update.
16. Letter received October 24, 2023, from Alaimo Group regarding Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority Mount Olive Transfer Station Water Service Connection Highlands Application. Our File No. A-1340-0021-000.
17. Email received October 24, 2023, from Robert M. Fry, PG, LSRP, regarding Copy of Ground Water CEA Lift; 95 Route 46 PI# 832096.
18. Email received October 25, 2023, from Robert M. Fry, PG, LSRP, LSRP Consulting, LLC regarding Copy of RAO; 95 Route 46 NJDEP PI#832096.
19. Email received October 25, 2023, from Robert M. Fry, PG, LSRP, LSRP Consulting, LLC regarding Copy of Updated Receptor Evaluation; 95 Route 46 PI#832096.

**MSA/MUA**

20. Letter received October 16, 2023, from Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority regarding Morris County M.U.A. Rate Schedule Hearing for Solid Waste Tipping Fees; Vegetative Waste and End Product Fees; and Household Hazardous Waste Fees for 2024.

**MORRIS COUNTY**

21. Email received October 13, 2023, from Morris County regarding Morris County Observes Domestic Violence Awareness Month.
22. Email received October 13, 2023, from Morris County regarding This Week in Morris County: Oct. 13, 2023.
23. Email received October 20, 2023, from Morris County regarding September 2023 Minutes of the Morris County Planning Board.
24. Email received October 23, 2023, from Morris County regarding This Week in Morris County: Oct. 20, 2023.

- 25. Email received October 24, 2023, from Morris County regarding County College of Morris Announces New "Center for Health Professions".
- 26. Email received October 26, 2023, from Morris County regarding Morris County Proclaims October Arts & Humanities Month.

**UTILITIES**

- 27. Letter received October 23, 2023, from Jersey Central Power & Light regarding In the Matter of the Verified Petition of Jersey Central Power & Light Company for Review and Approval of Increases in, and Other Adjustments to, its Rates and Charges for Electric Service, and for Approval of Other Proposed Tariff Revisions in Connection Therewith ("JCP&L 2023 Base Rate Filing") BPU Docket No. ER23030144 OAL Docket No. PUC 03346-23.

There was no discussion on Correspondence.

**President Nicastro:** I open the hearing to the public on Ordinance #31-2023,

**ORDINANCE FOR PUBLIC HEARING:**

**Ord.# 31-2023** An Ordinance Amending Ordinance #32-2022 of the Township of Mount Olive Entitled Salaries of Certain Exempt Personnel

**President Nicastro:** Mr. Ferrante.

**Mr. Ferrante:** Sure, I move for adoption and final passage, Ordinance #31-2023.

**Mr. Stewart:** Second.

**President Nicastro:** Does anyone from the public wish to be heard on this Ordinance? Raise your hand. Seeing none. Closed to the public. Roll Call, please.

**ROLL CALL: Passed unanimously**

**President Nicastro:** Ordinance #31-2023 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 #32-2023,

**ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING: (2nd reading November 21, 2023)**

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

**President Nicastro:** Mrs. Labow.

**Mrs. Labow:** Thank you, Mr. President. I move that Ordinance #32-2023 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 November 21, 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:** Any discussion? Roll Call, please.

**ROLL CALL: Passed unanimously**

**President Nicastro:** Next item on the Agenda for first reading is Ordinance #33-2023,

**Ord.#33-2023** An Ordinance of the Township of Mount Olive, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Amending Chapter 347, Streets and Sidewalks, of the Township Code to Codify a Limited Snow Removal Program for Certain Sidewalks on Smithtown Road.

**President Nicastro:** Mr. Roman, would you please read it?

**Mr. Roman:** Thank you, Mr. President. I move that Ordinance #33-2023 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 November 21, 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. Stewart:** Second.

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

**ROLL CALL:           Passed unanimously**

**CONSENT RESOLUTIONS AGENDA:**

2. A Resolution of the Township of Mount Olive, in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey, re-appointing Mary Sherman as Municipal Court Administrator
3. Resolution of the Township Council of Mount Olive Township authorizing the acceptance of the FY2023 Connect and Protect: Law Enforcement Behavior Health Response Program Grant
4. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive amending a shared service agreement with the Mount Olive Township Board of Education (BOE) to add an additional BOE communication circuits to the Township's contract with Verizon pursuant to the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act
5. 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 2023 (Quadient)
6. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing a one year contract extension (year 3/final) for RFP #01-2020 Preventative Maintenance and Support for Radio Networks and Purchase of Non-Contract Equipment and Repairs (Spectrum Communications) \*Revised - Reallocating funds and decreasing contract amount
7. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the award of a contract for Bid #03-2023 Winter Festival Concession (Norman Amusements) \*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 grant management services to Christie Jaime (July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024) \*Revised - Increasing contract amount
9. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the award of a professional services agreement for health education services to Christie Jaime (January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023) \*Revised - increasing contract amount
10. 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 (A&K Equipment)
11. 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 (Nicholas Falkman)
12. 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 (ClearGov, Inc.)
13. 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 (ADP) \*Revised - Increasing contract amount
14. 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 (Core Promotion) \*Revised - Increasing contract amount

**President Nicastro** moves Consent Resolution number one to Non-Consent. **Mr. Stewart** moves for the adoption of Consent Resolutions two through fourteen and **Mrs. Labow** seconds.

There was no discussion on Consent Resolutions.

**ROLL CALL: Passed unanimously**

**RESOLUTIONS NON-CONSENT**

- 1. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive recognizing the retirement of Rose Barsanti

**President Nicastro** moves for approval of Non-Consent Resolution number one and **Mr. Labow** seconds. **President Nicastro** comments on Rose Barsanti’s length of service. **Ms. Barsanti** recalls her tenure with the Township. **President Nicastro** thanks her and wishes her well. **Mayor Greenbaum** highlights how great of a tax collector Rose has been and expresses his gratitude. **Mr. Semrau** commends Rose for being an institute of information. He emphasizes how she’s been an exemplary tax collector.

**ROLL CALL: Passed unanimously**

**MOTIONS**

- 1. Bill List

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

**ROLL CALL: Passed unanimously**

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

**Mayor Greenbaum** announces Early Voting for the 2023 General Election started on October 28, 2023, and ends November 5, 2023, in the Council Chambers from 10:00am until 8:00pm Monday through Saturday and 10:00am until 6:00pm on Sundays. He then notes that Food Truck, Music, & Craft Festival will take place on Saturday, November 4, 2023, from 11:00am to 6:00pm, at Turkey Brook Park. He reminds everyone that school is in session and asks everybody to observe school bus safety rules, emphasizing that if a school bus is pulled over on the other side of the highway on either Route 46 or Route 206, they still have to stop.

**Mr. Tatarenko** discusses possible changes in health insurance for the Township. He announces they’ve received a proposal from the North Jersey Health Insurance Fund that will be equal to or better than what is currently offered, while saving ten percent, which is a savings of over \$600,000.00 for the Township. He then discusses the next steps in the process. He also goes over a \$150,000.00 grant from New Jersey Transit for the Health Department.

**OLD BUSINESS – none**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Mrs. Labow** asks about the BHNJ tree problem on Chamberlain. **Mr. Tatarenko** discusses the history of the situation and details of the Developers Agreement. He explains they’ve reached out to the developer, and he won’t get his bonds until the trees are replanted. **Mrs. Labow** asks about Ash trees. **Mr. Tatarenko** explains they’ve been removing Ash trees per complaint. He discusses what they’ve been doing and the large expense incurred.

**LEGAL MATTERS**

**Mr. Semrau** comments on the best practices worksheet with respect to the insurance fund that has to be done every two years, which Claudia and Andrew have already completed.

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

Board of Education Liaison Report

**Mr. Aaron** reports he attended the Board of Education meeting on October 30, 2023. He congratulates the Honor Society inductees. He then announces SATs and PSATs are underway and annual Broadway night was successful. He also notes long-term teacher, coach, and principal Jim Kramer is retiring in March of next year.

Environmental Committee

Lake Issues – none

Library Board Liaison

**Mr. Ferrante** reports the Environmental Committee is meeting November 1, 2023, and Library will meet in two weeks.

Open Space Committee Report

Board of Health Report

Senior Citizen Liaison

**Mrs. Labow** reports the Board of Health is still meeting on a quarterly basis. She discusses the Senior Citizens' visit to the Mansion at Mountain Lakes and a complaint they've filed. She also mentions Open Space meets next week.

**Mr. Stewart** reports the EDC meeting took place last week where they finalized the newsletter that will be issued this week. He then informs everyone the EDC and Mount Olive Area Chamber will be doing the annual food drive with the large business community with collections beginning the first week of December.

Legislative Committee Report – none

Planning Board Report – none

Recreation Liaison Report – none

Economic Development Committee Report

**PUBLIC PORTION - none**

**Mayor Greenbaum** reveals the Recreation Department has plans for a Christmas Village. He asks Mr. Tatarenko to follow up with the Recreation Department for more information to provide at the next meeting.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**Mr. Aaron** congratulates Rose Barsanti on her retirement. He also congratulates the high school football team on winning the first round of the playoffs and mentioned their upcoming game against Sayreville.

**Mrs. Labow** also congratulates Rose on her retirement and describes how missed she'll be.

**Mr. Stewart** echoes the congratulations to Rose and hopes everyone had a great Halloween.

**Mr. Roman** congratulates Rose on her retirement and hopes they'll be able to find someone to fill her shoes.

**Mr. Ferrante** echoes the congratulations for Rose and wishes her luck in her future. He also wishes luck to the football team.

**Mayor Greenbaum** expresses that Rose will be missed. He alludes to her replacement filling in admirably. He adds that he hopes Mount Olive beats Sayreville at the next game.

**President Nicastro** announces they will be entering an Executive Session and will not take any other action once they come back. **Mr. Aaron** moves to go into Executive Session and **Mrs. Labow** seconds.

**President Nicastro** reads the following Resolution:

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

1. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the Township Council to hold closed executive session

**Mr. Stewart** seconds.

**Mayor Greenbaum** announces he will not be participating in the Executive Session due to a conflict of interest.

**ROLL CALL: Passed unanimously**

**Mrs. Labow** makes a motion to come out of Executive Session and **Mr. Stewart** seconds. All in favor, none opposed.

**Executive Session began at 8:17pm and concluded at 8:44pm**

**ADJOURNMENT** - Motion made and seconded. All in favor, none opposed, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

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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 November 21, 2023.

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Michelle Masser, Township Clerk

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