

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

Pledge of Allegiance

MOMENT OF SILENCE for those who have lost their lives defending the freedom we all enjoy and for the late Councilman Daniel Amianda

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

**Absent:** None

**Also Present:** Michelle Masser, Township Clerk; Jon Testa, Township Attorney; Matthew Jones, Pastor; Robert Greenbaum, Mayor; Andrew Tatarenko, Business Administrator; Claudia Quinn, Assistant Business Administrator; and Sherry Kolody, CFO

**President Nicastro:** Our first order of business is the formal swearing in of our new Councilman, Charles S. Aaron, Jr. Michelle will swear him in. Not at him.

**Mrs. Labow:** Not at him.

Swearing in of Charles S. Aaron, Jr.

**President Nicastro:** Thank you, Michelle and welcome officially, officially, Chuck. Even though you were sworn in but welcome. Okay, at this time we’re moving up to the election for Council President. Do we have a nomination for Council President?

Election of 2023 Council President

**Mr. Roman:** I nominate Joe Nicastro for Council President.

**Mrs. Labow:** Second.

**President Nicastro:** Do we have any other nominations?

**Mr. Roman:** I make a motion to close nominations.

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

**Mrs. Labow:** Second.

**President Nicastro:** Thank you. Need a Roll Call?

**Miss Masser:** Mhm.

**President Nicastro:** Roll Call, please.

**ROLL CALL:** Passed unanimously

**President Nicastro:** Thank you everyone, again. That’s . . . I have to say I think this is my ninth year . . . it’s a long time. So, thank you all, again, for the confidence and I appreciate the support that we have. So, at this time we’re going to take nomination for Vice President.

**Election of 2023 Council Vice President**

**Mr. Stewart:** I would like to nominate Mr. Roman.

**Mr. Mania:** Second.

**President Nicastro:** Any other nominations? If not, we need . . .

**Mr. Stewart:** I move for it to close.

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

**Mr. Roman:** Second.

**Mrs. Labow:** Second.

**President Nicastro:** Okay. Roll Call, please.

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

**President Nicastro:** Congratulations, Alex.

**Mr. Roman:** Thank you . . . new seats.

**President Nicastro:** We don’t have to switch. All right. So, with that, Pastor Matt Jones is here to do our Invocation as always, reliable, and dependable. Pastor is here.

**Mrs. Labow:** Yay.

**Invocation – Pastor Matthew Jones**

**Pastor Jones:** It’s good to see you all today and we just want to, from Mountaintop Church, send our greetings to you. These have been extraordinary past couple years. We are so grateful for the leadership and the servanthood of the people in this room who have led our community well through this difficult time. January is our time of prayer and fasting at Mountaintop and we want you to know we’re praying for each and every one of you daily. So, why don’t we pray together? Our Father, we thank you for this time together. Lord, we thank you for the community of Mount Olive and all the blessings that you’ve given us. Lord, as we move forward, Lord, we ask you to give strength to the Amianda family, Lord, the passing of Daniel Amianda. Lord, we also pray for this Council, Lord, as the adjustments that they make. Lord, you are full of grace and so, we come to you asking you, Lord God, for your blessings for this upcoming year. For our police, for our firefighters, for our first responders and first aid squad. Lord, we ask you now, Lord, for all of our Town employees, Lord God, that you would bless them, that you would give them good health, that you’d protect their families, and Lord, that Mount Olive would continue to be a great place to live and raise a family. Lord, I ask you for a spirit of unity and cooperation and Lord, we pray your blessings in Jesus’ name. Amen.

**President Nicastro:** Amen.

**Mrs. Labow:** Amen.

**President Nicastro:** And thank you, Matt.

**Mrs. Labow:** Thank you.

**President Nicastro:** And congratulations, Matt. I know I was at your event for your 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at Mountaintop and 30 years, I believe already in your Pastor. So, congratulations. Okay, so we’re going to move on to the Mayor’s State of the Township Address.

**Mayor’s State of the Township Address 2023**

Council President, members of the Town Council, municipal employees, friends, relatives, and fellow residents of Mount Olive, I once again thank you for the opportunity to report on the 2023 State of the Township of Mount Olive.

It is somewhat bittersweet that I report on the State of the Township as I enter my 12<sup>th</sup> and final year as Mayor. Combining my time as both Mayor and Councilman, it has been an incredible honor to have served Mount Olive for 22 years.

When I started my service, I was 38, had two elementary age children, was slim and had no gray hair. While I am once again slim, I now have three grown up children and my hair is fully gray.

My accomplishments, in connection with the efforts of all other elected officials, department heads, employees, volunteers and residents that have worked with me, are readily visible and substantial. Together, we created a sense of community, set an unprecedented standard of communication with the residents, and transformed Mount Olive into a modern vibrant community with first class services and recreational facilities.

There is no question that together, we also made major improvements to the infrastructure of Mount Olive which will benefit the residents and others for many years to come.

Most importantly, and one of the things I am most proud of, is that we have been able to hold the line on increases in municipal taxes the entire time I have been Mayor. The same is true for next year. Once again, we will be introducing a budget that will include no municipal tax increase for the residents for the 11th consecutive year, all while continuing to improve the level of services that we provide.

I am pleased that no matter the obstacles encountered, Mount Olive Government continues to provide first class services to our residents, while maintaining the momentum in terms of civic improvements that have been the hallmark of my time as Mayor.

I look forward to the next couple of years watching the next Mayor complete the revitalization of the Seward House, develop and complete Valley Brook Park, the Budd Lake Beach Redevelopment Project, and the Pond View property.

I would once again like to thank Joe Nicastro for his leadership as Council President in 2022 and look forward to working with him again in 2023 and wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors after my service has ended.

Prior to discussing each of the Department's successes in 2022, I wanted to thank three individuals, amongst the many people that made it possible for me to succeed: Andrew Tatarenko, for on a daily basis, keeping the Township headed in the right direction; Sherry Kolody, who's efforts made it possible for me to never have to worry about the finances of the Township; and finally, Lisa Brett, who I considered de facto Deputy Mayor and who, throughout my entire tenure, always did a tremendous job representing the Office of Mayor in the community.

It is with great pleasure that I now report on the successes of each of the municipal departments:

### **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 post pandemic recovery efforts subsided, the Administration's focus was to have all of our major projects on track, stabilize staffing levels to ensure all essential services are being delivered and mitigate issues caused with supply chain problems and increased costs of goods.

As with any large organization, a significant amount of time was spent on human resources, hiring and training 35 new employees in various departments. In addition, a new contract with the Mount Olive Township Public Employee Association was negotiated and a Safety Incentive Award was received based on our safety training exercises and proper policies being instituted. As we enter into 2023, despite the job-related COVID-19 impacts, we will continue to look for dedicated individuals to best serve our Township and provide a work environment that our employees can be proud of.

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, the Towing Ordinance was updated to better regulate the operation of towers protecting both our residents and commuters. A model DEP Noise Ordinance was also adopted regulating excessive sound which is a hazard to the public health, safety, and quality of life of our residents.

The past year was extremely busy on capital projects as the Township budgeted over \$10 million on capital improvement projects. A large pavilion at Turkey Brook Park was constructed at the activity field, a new soccer turf field was installed and resurfacing of the basketball and tennis courts was completed.

Of most financial and environmental significance, the Combe Fill North landfill solar project was completed, and the Township was able to re-coup a \$2.3 million tax lien and re-generate tax revenue moving forward of approximately \$50,000.00 a year, along with improving the quality of the environment for our community.

Long standing problems continue to be addressed at Budd Lake with the installation of three Eco Islands and increased HAB mitigation efforts through the utilization of a DEP grant. In addition, the Township embarked on a long-term project in the Clover Hill Development related to removing overgrown shade trees and replacing damaged sidewalks.

Our shared services continue to deliver as our contracting towns show confidence in our services by renewing their contracts and adding additional services. In 2023, our Public Works Department will start collecting sanitation waste for the Borough of Netcong, generating an additional \$100,000.00 in gross revenue bringing our total revenues to approximately \$600,000.00.

Over \$1.3 million 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, a purchase of a senior transportation bus, and the disbursement of Federal and State aid for COVID-19.

The Administration was also instrumental in raising donations for various events, coordinating programs such as the Table of Hope Food Drive and the DMV satellite site, organizing food pantry donations and continuously being the link between businesses and our local government.

### **Finance Department**

The Finance Department, which comprises the finance, collection and assessment divisions increased fund balances in 2022 by continuously providing financially prudent advice and always keeping a keen eye on expenses and revenues.

In the Finance Division, the 2021 audit was completed for the 14th year in a row with no audit recommendations, along with no recommendations for the 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. Our banking relationship was renegotiated to maximize interest rates which resulted in a back adjustment of \$25,000.00 to the Township. We also recently completed our \$12 million bond sale which resulted in a premium to the Township of over \$550,000.00 that was used to reduce bond principal and we reaffirmed our AA+ bond rating. Finally, we migrated to a new budget preparation program to improve efficiency and provide more transparency to the public.

In the Collection Division, we were responsible for collecting over \$117 million in property taxes, water, and sewer rents. Our tax collection exceeded 99 percent which we have been able to do since 2014. A successful tax sale also resulted in over \$385,000.00 in premiums which will return to the Township in five years pending no lien redemptions. A new credit card processing system was also implemented which will substantially reduce fees to the Township and our residents.

In the Tax Assessment Division, the Township received over \$1.2 million in revenue from added assessments. We also settled one County Tax Board judgment which resulted in no refund. For 2023, our property values are expected to grow by \$55 million or almost 1.5 percent. We have the lowest number of pending State tax appeals in comparison to similar Morris County towns and are near the top in added assessments.

### **Police Department**

The Mount Olive Police Department continues to put forth effort into building and maintaining relationships with the community and providing police services in a manner that provides for a positive impact on quality of life within the Township. This was accomplished by again receiving accreditation through the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police for the fourth reaccreditation since initial certification in 2013, reaffirming our policies and procedures are kept up with national and industry best practices.

The Police Department continues to maintain its own Communications Center. Callers to our dispatch center speak with highly trained, knowledgeable, and certified Communications Officers who are familiar with the

community. This insures prompt response by all emergency responders to critical incidents and routine calls for service. In addition, walk-in residents get to speak with a Dispatcher in-person 24/7 to address their concerns.

The Police Department is in the process of seeking accreditation for our Communications Center. Initiatives to connect with the community to build trust and legitimacy continue to be a priority for the Mount Olive Police Department. The Police Department continues to take college interns and maintains the Ride Along Program for high school students interested in a career in law enforcement. The Police Department created and distributed it's 5<sup>th</sup> Edition of Cop Cards thanks to the assistance of MOMAC. In addition, the Police Department sponsored and participated in several community events such as National Night Out, Coffee with a Cop, Bag for Hunger, Touch a Truck, and senior luncheons. The Police Department also partnered with the Morris County Prosecutor's Office to host a Firearms Buy Back Day program and hosted a DEA National Prescription Drug Takeback Day.

In the school system, the Police Department continues to collaborate with school administration to enhance safety, security and training for all school personnel and providing a dedicated Mount Olive Police Officer during school hours.

The New Jersey Attorney General mandated the implementation of Body Worn Cameras in Police Departments. All Mount Olive front line uniformed Police Officers are presently equipped with body worn cameras. This year also saw the United States Supreme Court rule in favor of permits to carry firearms which has increased the number of permits issued throughout the year.

The Mount Olive Police Department continues to maintain its capability to respond to and investigate all incidents, offenses, and crimes. From January through November 15, 2022, Mount Olive Police Officers made 186 arrests: 41 of these for DWI and 18 for drug offenses. Officers conducted 4,394 motor vehicle stops and issued 991 citations.

Though Mount Olive is not free of criminal activity, I am proud of the efforts of all members of the Police Department, civilian and sworn, to maintain the quality of living within Mount Olive.

### **Department of Public Works**

In the Roads Department, another successful year of paving was accomplished by resurfacing over 15 roadways, notwithstanding the increased cost in asphalt, and improving drainage in four areas prone to flooding. The Parks, Building and Grounds Department continued to address the original HVAC systems in the municipal building by replacing two units and is preparing for a new HVAC system in the Fleet Maintenance Garage.

In the Water and Sewer Department, engineering plans continue for the installation of water lines in the Pershing Estates Development and PFAS mitigation in the Pinecrest Water system. The Carlton Hills Water System and Clover Hill Sewer Treatment Plant were also rehabilitated.

The Sanitation Department continued with another successful town wide large item cleanup, new garbage trucks were delivered, and we are making plans to start sanitation pickup in the Borough of Netcong.

The Fleet Department continues to handle all maintenance issues for township owned vehicles and held a successful public auction bringing in over \$90,000.00 in revenue.

### **Recreation Department**

The Recreation Department was focused on the theme of Infinite Possibilities by offering 15 events, which included a new Concert in the Park series. Programs for children and adults also increased and included science, engineering, art, dance, fashion design and much more. Summer brought camps in sports, music, film, and a new special needs camp was launched last year. The Pirates Cove Splashpad continued to be popular with visits from over 38,000 guests. A ticket booth for recreation events was added at Turkey Brook Park, pickleball lines were added to our tennis courts and an outdoor fitness park has been added to Flanders Park.

2023's theme for events and programing is Inspire, as we inspire others in continuing to build community, wellness, fitness, enrichment, arts, music, volunteering, and fun!

### **Health Department**

The Health Department continues to be a leader throughout the County as workforce development and vaccination grants secured from the State Health Department have enabled the Health Department to fund two

full-time positions to function as Community Outreach Coordinators. These positions have enhanced the Department's ability to respond to the needs of the vulnerable populations within the five municipalities under its jurisdiction. A lot of this work has been in the communicable disease area, including COVID-19. With the additional resources, the Health Department was able to hold 19 vaccine clinics in Mount Olive and perform homebound vaccinations, offering COVID-19 and influenza vaccines to any resident with interest. The grant funding also assisted with returning most of the current staff back to their pre-pandemic activities; ensuring that all of our community's needs are addressed.

The Health Department continues to assure that our presence is known in Trenton. The Department's leadership serves on the NJDOH's Public Health Licensing Board, as well as the New Jersey Association of County and City Health Officials. Their work in this area has helped assure an equitable distribution of over \$40 million dollars going to local health departments throughout the State. From this funding, Mount Olive is anticipated to receive approximately \$350,000.00 in 2023. This funding is intended to further support workforce development efforts and strengthen public health infrastructure on the local level. The Health Department will continue to advocate for and utilize these resources to enhance the quality of life of Township residents.

The Senior Transportation Division, through a shared service agreement, is now providing transportation services to Washington Township as our program continues to grow and provides "quality of life" trips for Seniors as the result of a NJ Transit grant received last year.

### **IT Department**

The IT Department continues to provide security updates to the technology infrastructure throughout the Township. Through our partnership with Altice, a Public, Educational, and Governmental Access Channel for local cable television broadcasting of our meetings is now available increasing our transparency and communication efforts.

In addition, the IT Department proactively monitors firewall, VPN, web filter, and anti-viruses for incoming and outgoing vulnerabilities and threats. Security awareness is continuously expanded by providing interactive training, educational courses, and email security guidelines to all employees by simulating phishing cyberattacks throughout the year. All policies and procedures are adhered to under the guidance of the Morris County Joint Insurance Fund's Cyber Risk Management Program.

### **Planning Department**

The Planning Department is responsible for assisting the Planning Board with all development applications, enforcing the Township's zoning and property maintenance regulations, and ensuring that Mount Olive's Master Plan and affordable housing efforts stay current. To this end, 23 Planning and Zoning Board applications were processed and reviewed by the Township Planner. New development approvals included the repurposing of a vacant bank on Route 46, a new "Memory Care" residential building at Paragon Senior Living Complex, off-site parking for Amazon delivery vans on Gold Mine Road and the residential planned unit development on Continental Drive.

Significant progress was made in drafting the new development standards for the redevelopment of the former Cobblestone Nursing Home site to accommodate new single-family homes. Habitat for Humanity, with substantial financial support from the Township's Affordable Housing Fund, will be submitting plans for 10 dwellings early in 2023 for Planning Board review. The anticipated 10 dwellings will be available to low and moderate-income households and will be credited towards the Township's affordable housing obligation. In addition, preliminary work has begun to review and update the Township's Master Plan and development regulations.

In regard to Zoning, 60 property maintenance and zoning violation notices were issued, all but 12 were resolved before issuance of a summons. In addition, over 430 zoning permits have been issued.

### **Construction Department**

During the past year, the Construction Department has collected over \$1.2 million, issued over 1,600 construction permits and conducted over 7,000 inspections with the continued goal of bringing 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 2,700 commercial businesses and 650 residential homes were inspected. The Fire Marshal’s Office also provides 24/7 emergency response and investigated 38 structure fires.

Conclusion

As indicated at the outset, it is bittersweet reporting on this, the last of my State of the Township addresses. I can only hope that the legacy of our accomplishments during my time as Mayor will be positively remembered and improved upon. The pride that you have shown me, the dedication for our community and the support that we have for one another is overwhelming.

It has been a tremendous honor to have served Mount Olive for better than two decades. In closing, with one year left in office, I look forward to finishing in a strong fashion, and 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 2022. May the New Year bring you good health, happiness, and prosperity.

With Gratitude and Appreciation,

Robert Greenbaum  
Mayor, Mount Olive Township

**President Nicastro:** Mayor, I know you have a whole year but thank you, again and if you would have told me . . . how many years ago when you came to my house and alls we did was complain about taxes . . .

**Mayor Greenbaum:** But you did serve pizza.

**President Nicastro:** Before that . . . if I would have thought that after all this time, you’d become one of my closest friends and also a mentor, it’s just . . . that’ll last longer than any of our terms. Hopefully. So, thank you again, but we have a full year of work yet, so, you’re not done yet. Thank you. We have Mayor’s appointments that we’re going to go through now, which is:

Appointments:

a. Mayor’s Appointments

**Morris County Community Development Revenue Sharing Committee**  
Andrew Tatarenko, 1 year term expires 12/31/2023  
Claudia Quinn, Alternate, 1 year term 12/31/2023

**Planning Board**  
William (Bill) Galop, Member Class II, 1 year term expires 12/31/2023  
Jaime Shanaphy, Alt.II, Class IV, 2-year term expires 12/31/2024

**Environmental Committee**  
Irene Sergonis, Alt. I, 2-year term expires 12/31/2024  
Faron Moser, 3-year term expires 12/31/2025  
Hank Titone, 3-year term expires 12/31/2025  
Barama (Alicia) Sharma, 3-year unexpired term expires 12/31/2024

**Open Space Committee**  
Kim Mott, Planning Liaison, 3-year term expires 12/31/2025

**President Nicastro:** Before I go any further, I forgot, I just wanted to mention that Tayfun Selen is here. That’s our Commissioner and I appreciate you coming down, Commissioner, for the Reorg meeting and thank you. We have Mayor’s Appointments with Advice and Consent of Council.

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

**Township Attorney,** Fred Semrau, Esq., 1 year term expires 12/31/2023  
**Prosecutor,** Brian Mason, Esq., 1 year term expires 12/31/2023

**Public Defender,** Anthony Arbore Esq., 1 year term expires 12/31/2023

**Economic Development Committee**

- Lisa Brett, 3-year term expires 12/31/2025
- John Mania, 3-year term expires 12/31/2025
- Greg Stewart, 3-year term expires 12/31/2025
- Charles S. Aaron, Jr., unexpired 3-year term expires 12/31/2023

Robert Delpizzo, unexpired 3-year term expires 12/31/2024

**Recreation Advisory Committee**

- Alexis Voli, (MAC) 3-year term expires 12/31/2025
- Lauren Fitzgerald, (MAC) 3-year term expires 12/31/2025
- Beth Ann Figueria, (MAC) 3-year term expires 12/31/2025
- Jennifer Aquino, BOE Liaison, 1 year term expires 12/31/2023

**President Nicastro:** Do we have a Roll Call, please?

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

**President Nicastro:** So, our next ones up here are:

c.       **Council Appointments**

*All Subcommittees of the Township Council previously created are extended through 2023:*

- Library Board Liaison,** John Ferrante, 1 year term expires 12/31/2023
- Recreation Board Liaison,** Alex Roman, 1 year term expires 12/31/2023
- Board of Education Liaison,** Charles Aaron, Jr., 1 year term expires 12/31/2023
- Legislative Committee,** John Mania, 1 year term expires 12/31/2023
- Committee RE: Lake/Environment Issues,** John Ferrante, 1 year term expires 12/31/2023
- Economic Development Committee Liaison,** Greg Stewart, 1 year term expires 12/31/2023
- Planning Board,** John Mania, Councilmember, Class III, 1 year term expires 12/31/2023
- Senior Citizen Liaison,** Colleen Labow, 1 year term expires 12/31/2023
- Open Space Committee Liaison,** Colleen Labow, 1 year term expires 12/31/2023
- Community Action Panel,** Greg Stewart, 1 year term expires 12/31/2023

**Township Auditor,** Gary Higgins, 2-year term expires 12/31/2024

**Board of Health**

- Kathleen Olup, 3-year term expires 12/31/2025
- Vacancy, 3-year term expires 12/31/2025

**Open Space Committee**

- Kathy Murphy, 3-year term expires 12/31/2025

**Community Development Revenue Sharing Committee**

- Richard Escobar, 1 year term expires 12/31/2023

**President Nicastro:** Roll Call, please.

**Roll Call:**           **Passed unanimously**

**President Nicastro:** We have 18 Resolutions. Does anyone wish to move any to Non-Consent? Seeing none. Do we have a motion to move Resolutions one through eighteen?

**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 Establishing the Annual Schedule of Meetings and Designating the Official Newspapers for 2023.
2. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Establishing a Petty Cash Fund for 2023.
3. 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.
4. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Fixing the Rate of Interest to be Charged on Delinquent Taxes or Assessments.
5. Resolution of the Township of Mount Olive Authorizing a Cash Management Plan for the Township of Mount Olive for the Year 2023.
6. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Establishing a Temporary Budget for 2023 for the Current, Water, Sewer, and Recreation Utility as Well as the Sanitation District.
7. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Establishing Various Change Funds for the Year 2023.
8. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Authorizing the Assessor and/or Township Attorney to File and Prosecute Tax Appeals/Rollbacks.
9. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Appointing Richard Escobar as Council Representative to the Community Development Revenue Sharing Committee.
10. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Creating and Continuing the Mount Olive Municipal Alliance Committee.
11. A Resolution of the Township of Mount Olive, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Appointing a Municipal Housing Liaison.
12. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Appointing Claudia Quinn, Assistant Business Administrator to the Morris County Joint Insurance Fund as the Fund Commissioner and Andrew Tatarenko, Business Administrator, as the Alternate Commissioner for 2023.
13. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Designating Robyn Esposito as the Public Agency Compliance Officer "PACO" for 2023.
14. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Designating Robyn Esposito as the Qualified Purchasing Agent for 2023.
15. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Appointing Timothy Quinn, DPW Director, as the Certified Recycling Coordinator for 2023.
16. Resolution of the Township of Mount Olive, in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Appointment of Police Chaplains.
17. Resolution of the Council of Mount Olive Township Authorizing the Appointment of Special Law Enforcement Officers for the 2022/2023 School Year and Crossing Guards for the 2022/2023 School Year.
18. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Authorizing the Purchase of Goods or Services via New Jersey State Contracts and Cooperative Purchasing Agreements. (Calendar year 2023)

**Mr. Mania:** So moved.

**Mrs. Labow:** Second.

**President Nicastro:** Any discussion? Anyone from the public wish to be heard on any Resolutions? Seeing none. Closed to the public. Roll Call, please.

**Roll Call:**                   **Passed unanimously**

**Public Portion - none**

**President Nicastro:** I'm going to go down the line for our public portion. If anybody would like to speak now, raise your hand on the zoom . . . oh, wrong one.

**Chief Beecher:** It's a little new now, right? So, first, on behalf of the Police Department, we congratulate those receiving appointments tonight, to the very components of our Town Government. We appreciate you dedicating your talents and most importantly, your time to the Town. Mayor, I know you're not leaving tomorrow, but as this is your last Reorg meeting for the Township, I wanted to thank you personally and on behalf of our Police Department for your many years of leadership and service. We've always found you reasonable and willing to listen. Maybe not always, but usually. We know that the many decisions that you've had to make and often times they have not been easy ones, you've always made in the best interest of our community. We look forward to maintaining this collaborative relationship throughout the remaining course of your tenure. We just really appreciate having had you as our Mayor.

**Mayor Greenbaum:** Thank you.

**Chief Beecher:** Thank you.

**President Nicastro:** Thank you, Chief. Anyone else have anything they would like to . . . raise your hand. If not, I will close it to the public and I'll go down the line, beginning with Chuck for any Council Comments you would like to make.

## COUNCIL COMMENTS

**Mr. Aaron:** I'd just personally like to thank everybody for the opportunity to be a part of this great Council. Mayor, I've known you for quite a few years. Congratulations on all your successes. You do still have more time to go, so, I look forward to working with you for the next year. So, thank you all.

**President Nicastro:** Mr. Ferrante.

**Mr. Ferrante:** It's nice to be back in person again. So, welcome everybody. Good to see everybody in person. Mayor, good luck for this final year. It's been a pleasure working with you the past 11 years, I think, for me. You're a big reason why I'm here today, so, thank you for everything. Chuck, good luck to you. Welcome to the team. That's it for tonight.

**President Nicastro:** Thank you. Mrs. Labow.

**Mrs. Labow:** Thank you, Mr. President. I just want to say I met Rob back in 2001 and he made my dreams of how government should run actually come true. And like Chief said, he does listen, and he does the best job he can for the betterment of our community, and we've been very lucky to have him, and it's been an unbelievable honor to work with you, Rob. I appreciate everything you have done. Everything. Also, I want to thank everybody for coming tonight and I want to say it's been a . . . it's fantastic working with these Council members and wish everybody the best of luck, always.

**President Nicastro:** Thank you. Mr. Mania.

**Mr. Mania:** Thank you, Mr. President. Again, I want to thank the Mayor for his leadership. You've done a great job for Mount Olive and I'm proud to serve one more year as a Councilperson for Mount Olive. May God bless you all.

**Mrs. Labow:** Thank you.

**President Nicastro:** Mr. Stewart.

**Mr. Stewart:** Echo everybody's comments but also, welcome, Chuck to being a Councilmember. Very nice of him to step up and fill in the position with our loss of Daniel. Thank the Mayor for all his efforts over the years. I'm the rookie in the group, I guess, with only . . . this will be my eighth year of doing this but still, it's been a

great time. Great focus on this Council and thanks everybody for coming out tonight. Really do appreciate the opportunity.

**President Nicastro:** Thank you. Mr. Roman.

**Mr. Roman:** Well, first off, I'd like to welcome Chuck on board. I look forward to working with you and I too, Mayor, would like to thank you for your leadership and though we may have had some public disagreements the past year or so, I am grateful to still call you a friend and I look forward to maybe making your remaining year as Mayor not as difficult as I made the last couple.

**President Nicastro:** Not much excitement.

**Mr. Roman:** I'd like to also thank my fellow Councilmembers for reelecting me as Vice President. Thank you.

**President Nicastro:** Thank you and yes, Chuck, as always, welcome. Alex, congratulations to you as well and thank you for everyone electing me and Mayor, everybody said just about everything anyway, but bottom line is, the one thing that was true and the Chief said which was always important, you and I and anyone else can differ on different views we have but the main thing is we care about the residents of the Township, and you always taught me that. Doesn't matter what we disagree on or what we don't believe on anywhere else but when it comes to Mount Olive, the only important thing are the residents, no matter who they are or where they're from. Everyone's important, you taught me that through the last 12 years of everything. So, I appreciate all of that because that's what it's about. We serve up here for the people. Doesn't matter who they are or what, we serve for all of them and not just for anyone. So, thank you because that's a big part of your leadership that came through. So, appreciate that. Pastor Matt, you're back again.

**Mr. Roman:** The opener and the closer.

**Pastor Jones:** Mayor Greenbaum, what a legacy. To hear the words of all these people. You have been a friend; you have been a mentor and you have set the tone for this community for many years and there are going to be people who are eternally grateful for all that you've done. So, let's pray together. Father, we thank you for this time together. We thank you for this Reorganization meeting. Lord, it's our prayer that you would bless the efforts of this Council. Bless the efforts of this community and Father, we ask you again, Lord God, bless Mount Olive, New Jersey. We ask these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

**President Nicastro:** Amen and thank you again, Pastor. At this time, I would ask for a motion to adjourn.

**ADJOURNMENT** - Motion made and seconded. All in favor, none opposed, the meeting was adjourned at 7:39pm.

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 January 24, 2023.

Michelle Masser, Township Clerk

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