

The Public Meeting of the Mount Olive Township Council was called to order at 7:03 pm by Council President Nicastro.

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. Stewart, Mr. Roman and Mr. Nicastro

Absent: Mr. Ferrante, Mrs. Labow and Mr. Mania

Also Present: Michelle Masser, Township Clerk; Dawn Sullivan, Township Attorney; Sherry Kolody, CFO; Laura Harris, Business Administrator and Robert Greenbaum, Mayor

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

December 22, 2015 WS & PM

President Nicastro: We have 19 pieces of Correspondence, does anyone have anything on the Correspondence? Seeing none. Okay.

Miss Masser: The Minutes of the previous meeting.

President Nicastro: Where were they? I'm sorry, I passed that up. Okay, it was there, I see that. Sorry about that. I've got to back track. Mr. Amianda, would you move the approval of the Minutes of the previous meeting for December 22...

Mr. Roman: It's your first mistake of 2016.

President Nicastro: ...2015.

Mr. Stewart: He gets it out of the way early. Your first mistake of 2016.

Mr. Amianda: Yes Mr. President. I make a motion for approval of the Minutes of the previous meetings on December 22, 2015.

President Nicastro: Do we have a second?

Mr. Roman: Second.

President Nicastro: Any discussion? None. Roll Call, please.

Roll Call: **Passed unanimously**

CORRESPONDENCE

LETTERS FROM RESIDENTS/ORGANIZATIONS/ OTHER TOWNS

1. Email received December 21, 2015, from Sustainable Jersey regarding 57 Municipalities Achieve Certification in 2015. PDF Correspondence
2. Email received December 22, 2015, from Jack Gerard, API regarding Lifting the Crude Export Ban is a Win for Economy, Security. PDF Correspondence
3. Email received December 23, 2015, from TransOptions regarding Go Smart! December 2015. PDF Correspondence
4. Newsletter received December 23, 2015, from Mid-Atlantic ShoreScan regarding ShoreScan News. PDF Correspondence

5. Newsletter received December 28, 2015, from Advancing Opportunities regarding Newsletter of Advancing Opportunities December 2015. PDF Correspondence
6. Email received January 6, 2016, from Great Swamp Watershed Association regarding Municipal Alliance, Tomorrow – Preparing for the Next Storm. PDF Correspondence
7. Email received January 6, 2016, from Jack Gerard, API regarding Voters Nationwide Support Pro-Energy Policies. PDF Correspondence
8. Email received January 7, 2016, from Raritan Headwaters Association regarding RHA Call to Action. PDF Correspondence
9. Email received January 8, 2016, from American Cancer Society regarding Happy New Year, ?! PDF Correspondence

STATE AGENCIES

10. Email received December 22, 2015, from State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection regarding NJDEP Press Release – Re-Enactment of Washington Crossing the Delaware. PDF Correspondence
11. Local Finance Notice received December 23, 2015, from New Jersey Department of Community Affairs regarding CY 2016 Budget Matters (including recently enacted legislation). PDF Correspondence
12. Local Finance Notice received December 23, 2015, from New Jersey Department of Community Affairs regarding LOSAP CY 2015 Annual CPI Adjustment (For use in CY 2016). PDF Correspondence
13. Email received December 29, 2015, from State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection regarding DEP Release: Christie Administration Invites Residents And Visitors To Take Part in First Day Hikes. PDF Correspondence
14. Email received December 30, 2015, from State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection regarding Recycling Tonnage Grants. PDF Correspondence

MSA/MUA

15. Email received December 28, 2015, from Musconetcong Sewerage Authority regarding MSA 2016 Meeting Schedule. PDF Correspondence
16. Letter received January 7, 2016, from Musconetcong Sewerage Authority regarding Allocations for the participating municipalities. PDF Correspondence

MORRIS COUNTY

17. Email received December 23, 2015, from County of Morris regarding Merry Christmas! See you in 2016!! PDF Correspondence
18. Email received January 7, 2016, from County of Morris regarding Freeholder Reorg, Bach, Radon, NASA and more. PDF Correspondence

UTILITIES

19. Publication received December 21, 2015, from Comcast regarding Comcast Connections Q3 2015. PDF Correspondence

ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING

President Nicastro: We open the hearing to the Public on Ordinance#1-2016,

Ord.#1-2016 An Ordinance of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive to Adjust Water Rates Within the Township for Services Rendered on or After the Second Quarter 2016. PDF Ord

President Nicastro: Mr. Roman.

Mr. Roman: I move for adoption and final passage of Ordinance#1-2016.

Mr. Amianda: Second.

President Nicastro: Any discussion?

Miss Masser: It's optional.

President Nicastro: It's optional, okay. Seeing none. Anyone from the public? Seeing none. Closed to the public. Ordinance #1-2016 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.

Miss Masser: Do you need a Roll Call?

President Nicastro: Roll Call, please.

Roll Call: **Passed unanimously**

CONSENT RESOLUTIONS AGENDA:

Resolutions on the Consent Agenda List are considered to be routine and non-controversial by the Township Council and will be approved by one motion (one vote). There will be no separate discussion or debate on each of these resolutions except for the possibility of brief clarifying statements that may be offered. If one or more Council member requests, any individual resolution on the Consent Agenda may be removed from the Consent Agenda List and acted on separately.

CONSENT RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Authorizing the Cancellation of 2015 Appropriations in the Sewer Utility Fund – REVISED. PDF Res
2. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Designating Christie Stachnick as the Public Agency Compliance Officer “PACO” for 2016. PDF Res
3. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Endorsing MOMAC Alliance Application for Funding to the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse. PDF Res
4. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Authorizing the Execution of Memorandum of Agreement Between the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and Division of Parks and Forestry and the Township of Mount Olive. PDF Res
5. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Authorizing Shared Service Agreement for Fire Inspections with Chester Borough for the Year 2016. PDF Res
6. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Awarding Various Professional Services Agreements Under the Non-Fair and Open Contracts in Accordance With the Pay-to-Play Law for the Year 2016. PDF Res
7. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Creating and Continuing the Mount Olive Municipal Alliance Committee. PDF Res

President Nicastro: We have seven Consent Resolutions. Mr. Stewart, would you move the Resolutions?

Mr. Stewart: I move...

Mr. Roman: Seven.

Mr. Stewart: Number seven?

Mr. Amianda: Consent Resolution.

Mr. Stewart: I move...where am I?

Mr. Roman: You're right there. One through seven. Seven Resolutions.

Mr. Stewart: Okay, I move for adoption and final passage Resolutions...

Mr. Roman: Just Consent Resolutions one through seven.

Mr. Stewart: ...Consent Resolutions one through seven.

Mr. Roman: Second.

President Nicastro: Anyone from the public? Seeing none. Closed to the public. Any comments, questions? Roll Call, please.

Roll Call: **Passed unanimously**

MOTIONS -

- 1. Bill List. PDF Bill List

President Nicastro: Mr. Stewart, would you move the Bill List please?

Mr. Stewart: I'll fumble around on this one. I move for acceptance and final resolution of the Bill List.

Mr. Amianda: Second.

President Nicastro: Any discussion? Seeing none. Roll Call, please.

Roll Call: **Passed unanimously**

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

President Nicastro: Administrative Reports.

Mayor Greenbaum: Couple of things real quick, following up on Alex's concern over the Budd Lake field. I did have discussions today with the Board of Education, with respect to the sale of the old administration building on Route 46. They currently have a number of different parties that are interested in the building and I think that the leading party actually right now, assuming that they can get approval from the Planning Board would be some type of group home for disabled individuals of some form or another and I'm not really clear as to what the disabilities might be, whether they are mental or physical, but I would assume if that were the case, that probably would mean that we would be able to somehow manage to keep that field viable.

President Nicastro: Mr. Roman.

Mayor Greenbaum: Yes.

Mr. Roman: Would a facility of that nature help us in our COAH obligations in any way whatsoever?

Mayor Greenbaum: I doubt it, but it certainly would bring that building back on as a taxable entity, as a for profit home, as compared to other uses of that building, both past and other groups that are considering purchasing that building where it would remain off the tax rolls.

Mr. Roman: Actually, it brings me to another point. If the Board of Ed is currently not using it...

Mayor Greenbaum: It's still their property.

Mr. Roman: ...it's still their property, so it's still not taxable?

Mayor Greenbaum: Not taxable. By now, you all should have received my budget for 2016. Sherry is going to go through it more in depth in a meeting on the 26th in advance of the Council Budget Hearings on the 30th. From my perspective, obviously there is a zero increase for the residents of Mount Olive for the third year running, which I think is a testament to the jobs that all of us do up here in terms of our fiscal responsibilities in terms of how we spend money. Our debt is low and going lower. There are some concerns however, going into 2017. We are very fortunate to have Sherry, who is able to look out you know, a year or two in advance of

where we are to look at concerns which may arise in 2017 and I can tell you that one of the major concerns that we're going to see involves the health benefits which we provide to our employees. We are going to see the sun set on Chapter 78 contributions, which ultimately could result in a \$700,000.00 to \$800,000.00 hit to the Township going forward, which obviously we can deal with. The question is, do we need to ultimately have a tax increase down the road or do we save for a rainy day knowing what ultimately may come. It's going to raise a number of different issues in 2016. One of them is going to be are we going to be looking to switch the way that we provide health insurance so that we can mitigate any kind of hit that we're going to see through the sunset of Chapter 78 in contributions. It also impacts our 2016 budget in that we have looked at that issue and we have made an attempt to maintain as much surplus as we can going into 2016. We were very fortunate this year in terms of ratables, which we were able to bring online but you know, that's a one-time hit. I'm very comfortable with where we are for 2016, I'm comfortable with where we're going to end up in 2017 and we need to start thinking about 2018 as we move forward. Sherry will go much more in depth on the 26th in terms of what the budget looks like. I think that I have accommodated the needs of the Township as I've indicated in my State of the Township address, there is no new recreational expenditure this year as we have done in past years. This year, any money that I put into the budget beyond the needs of the departments really relates to road re-paving, which obviously all of us who live in Town know that there is a need for that, it's something that we have neglected over the past couple of years, we've kind of tried to tread water, now it's time that we need to actually put some money into it, this year, maybe next year as well. I'm very happy with the budget, I think the departments can work with what they have, I think that you're likely to see a request from the Rescue and Fire Departments in terms of the fact that I've kept them flat this year for the most part. I think there was one small bump based upon a particular situation that I gave to one of the departments and you know, I don't know that we could really do any better than keeping flat and being in a good position for 2017. I think if everything falls right we could be good for 2018, 2019 and 2020 as well, just depending upon some of the things that we've had in the works actually coming to fruition.

President Nicastro: Mr. Roman.

Mr. Roman: Will we get Sherry's PowerPoint prior to the meeting?

Mrs. Kolody: I don't normally hand it out Alex, but if you want it, of course, yes I can give it to you.

Mr. Roman: Well, electronically.

Mrs. Kolody: Yes, sure.

Mr. Roman: At least a couple days so we can you know, cheat...

Mrs. Kolody: Not a problem, I'll have it on Friday, with the packets, does that work?

Mr. Roman: Appreciate it, thank you.

Mrs. Kolody: Okay, no problem.

President Nicastro: Anything else on Administrative?

Mayor Greenbaum: No, that's it.

President Nicastro: Thank you. Any Old Business? Any New Business? We have Dawn Sullivan with us, how are you doing Dawn? Any Legal Matters?

OLD BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS - none

LEGAL MATTERS

Miss Sullivan: I just wanted to update you on a report that Fred Semrau gave at the last meeting regarding the Cobblestone. The well testing has been arranged on the back up well and that's scheduled to take place on January 18th, so that's moving forward and hopefully everything will be found to be acceptable and there won't be any issues with that and we'll update you as soon as we get the results of that.

President Nicastro: Mayor.

Mayor Greenbaum: Yes, there's one other issue which I raised that is of legal importance. I think right now we have an Ordinance on the books in Mount Olive which requires us when we sell municipal property that the money goes back into Open Space. In light of what I hope will happen down the road in terms of the 57 acres, I've asked that the Ordinance be modified and I'm asking you guys to support it, that will allow the money to go back into the General Fund, which is where the money came from to purchase the property with the intent that the municipality would see some kind of economic gain out of our investment.

President Nicastro: Alex.

Mr. Roman: Are you looking for like a one-time Ordinance for that particular...

Mayor Greenbaum: No. No.

Mr. Roman: ...going forward.

Mayor Greenbaum: At this point with the municipality being 80 percent in Highlands and all of the Open Space purchases that we have done over the years, I would like to have the Ordinance reflect that it is at Council's discretion as to where the monies that we ultimately recuperate from the sale of property is to be allocated, to Open Space, to the General Fund, whatever the case may be and leave it at Council's option to do that. With regard to this particular piece of property, which is the impetus for my modification and I don't know that it's ultimately going to sell, I'm hoping that it does, it would be, in my mind, not what the intent was at the time that we purchased the property and the intent really was to come to some kind of economic gain through our investment in the purchase of the property.

Mr. Roman: The way that I am kind of right now thinking about it is, modifying the Ordinance that each time a sale does happen, that Council has to approve a Resolution directing which way the funds would go. That way it'll give a future Council the ability to, you know, decide where each particular...

Mayor Greenbaum: That's what I'm...

Mr. Roman: That's what I'm kind of more envisioning.

Mayor Greenbaum: That's what I'm asking for as well.

Mr. Roman: Okay.

President Nicastro: Good idea.

Miss Sullivan: Not a problem Mayor.

Mayor Greenbaum: Thank you.

President Nicastro: Anything else?

COUNCIL REPORTS

President Nicastro: Mr. Amianda anything on the Board of Ed?

Board of Education Liaison Report - none

Mr. Amianda: No report.

Environmental Committee - none

Lake Issues - none

Library Board Liaison – none

President Nicastro: Mr. Ferrante is not here. Anything on Senior Citizen?

Senior Citizen Liaison – none

Mr. Amianda: No report.

Economic Development Committee Report - none

TNR Program – none

President Nicastro: Mr. Stewart anything on MOTV?

MOTV Committee Liaison

Mr. Stewart: Yes, I have to give kudos to Lisa Brett for a recommendation to explore some options through the Mount Olive area Chamber of Commerce to help jump start the MOTV project.

President Nicastro: Very Good. Mr. Roman, anything on Open Space or Recreation?

Open Space Committee Report - none

Recreation Liaison Report

Mr. Roman: Nothing on Open Space and Recreation meets at the end of the month.

Board of Health Report

President Nicastro: Board of Health, there is no meeting in January, we meet again the third Wednesday of February. Mr. Mania is not here.

Legislative Committee Report - none

Planning Board Report - none

PUBLIC PORTION - none

COUNCIL COMMENTS

President Nicastro: Does anyone from the public wish to be heard? Seeing none. Closed to the public. Any Council Comments? Mr. Amianda.

Mr. Amianda: Yes. Good news for a job well done. On December 30, 2015 it was in the news that Mount Olive Township received a Recycling Tonnage Grant of \$36,000.00 from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. I think the Mayor has that information because it was in the press. That is a compliment for a job well done.

President Nicastro: Yes it is, thank you. Mr. Stewart, anything?

Mr. Stewart: No.

President Nicastro: Mr. Roman.

Mr. Roman: Nothing tonight.

President Nicastro: Nothing from me. Do we have a motion to adjourn?

ADJOURNMENT - Motion made and seconded. All in favor, none opposed, the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 pm.

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 26, 2016.

Michelle Masser, Township Clerk

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