

The Public Meeting of the Mount Olive Township Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Council Vice 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

Mrs. Lashway: 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. Perkins, Mr. Roman Mr. Ferrante and Mr. Nicastro

Absent: Mr. Mania and Mrs. Labow

Also Present: Lisa Lashway, Township Clerk; Sean Canning, Business Administrator and Robert Greenbaum, Mayor

Election of 2015 Council President

Vice President Nicastro: Please let the record reflect that Mrs. Labow is out not feeling well and John...Mr. Mania had an emergency to leave for. We have the election of Council President, that's first on the Agenda.

Mrs. Lashway: Ask for nominations.

Vice President Nicastro: Nominations, please.

Mr. Perkins: I nominate Joe Nicastro for President.

Mr. Roman: Second.

Mrs. Lashway: Roll Call. Who was the second? Alex?

Mr. Perkins: Alex.

Mrs. Lashway: Alex.

Vice President Nicastro: Yes. Roll Call.

ROLL CALL: Passed unanimously

Mr. Perkins: Stay in your seat.

President Nicastro: Thank you, I'm right here. Thank you. Thank you. Election of Vice President.

Election of 2015 Council Vice-President

Mr. Roman: I nominate Joe Ferrante.

Mr. Perkins: Second.

Mrs. Lashway: Ask if there are any other nominations.

President Nicastro: Any other nominations? Roll Call, please.

ROLL CALL: Passed unanimously

President Nicastro: Congratulations.

Mr. Perkins: Stay in your seat, John.

Invocation – Pastor Neil Lyons

President Nicastro: At this time I'd like to ask my Pastor Neil Lyons to please come up for the Invocation.

Pastor Lyons: Lord God, from whom all power comes by his divine will all must abide. Thank you for civil liberties and freedom, for our opportunities and our privileges. We ask you to Bless and assist, to even enlighten the Officials from our Township, that they prove worthy of the confidence placed in them by their fellow citizens, nearly 30,000. May they be just and upright in their thinking, honest in their actions, and ever be guided by a true conscience. Give our leaders the opportunity to govern with grace and compassion. Let us support sincere effort and celebrate wise compromise, may we never cease to pray to hope and work for the betterment of this community. Through Christ, our Lord, Amen.

President Nicastro: Thank you. Appointments, Mayor. You have the appointments, please.

Mayor Greenbaum: You can read them.

President Nicastro: Read them? Okay.

Appointments:

a. **Mayor's Appointments**

Morris County Community Development Revenue Sharing Committee

Kathy Murphy, Member, 1 year term expires 12/31/2015

Richard Escobar, Alternate, 1 year term expires 12/31/2015

Planning Board

Frank Wilpert, Jr., Member Class II, 1 year term expires 12/31/2015

Sandra Stotler, Class II Alt. II, 2 year term expires 12/31/2016

Henry Fastert, Mayor's alternate, 4 year unexpired term expires 12/31/15

Environmental Committee

Jim Smith, 3 year term expires 12/31/2017

Vacancy (Dave Tomb), 3 year term expires 12/31/2017

Mayor Greenbaum: Joe, if anybody has anybody who wants to serve on the Environmental Committee, certainly let me know and we'll nominate them and let them serve on that position. That goes with any vacant positions.

President Nicastro: Thank you.

Open Space Committee

Laura Szwak, 3 year term expires 12/31/2017

Emergency Management Coordinator

Fred Detoro, 3 year term expires 12/31/17

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

Township Attorney, Fred Semrau, Esq., 1 year term expires 12/31/2015

Prosecutor, Brian Mason, Esq., 1 year term expires 12/31/2015

Public Defender, Anthony Abore Esq., 1 year term expires 12/31/2015

Economic Development Committee

Jeff Stadelman, 3 year term expires 12/31/2017

Doug Fenichel, 3 year term expires 12/31/2016

Joe Nicastro, 3 year term expires 12/31/2016

Ethics Committee

Lourdes Porter, 5 year unexpired term expires 12/31/2019

Recreation Advisory Committee

Amanda Fink, 3 year unexpired term expires 12/31/15
David Kopytra, 3 year unexpired term expires 12/31/16
Louis Valdes, 3 year term expires 12/31/2017
Aaron Allen, 3 year term expires 12/31/2017

Library Board

Steve Bedell, 5 year term expires 12/31/2019

President Nicaastro: Just let the record show I was saying 2012 instead of 12, the month of December, I was saying 2012. We have a motion to accept those?

Mr. Perkins: So moved.

President Nicaastro: Do we have a second?

Mr. Amianda: Second.

President Nicaastro: Roll Call.

ROLL CALL: Passed unanimously

President Nicaastro: Council Appointments. Lisa, would you read those?

Mrs. Lashway read the Council Appointments

c. **Council Appointments**

All Subcommittees of the Township Council previously created are extended through 2015:

- Township Auditor, Gary Higgins, 2 year term expires 12/31/2016**
- Library Board Liaison, John Ferrante, 1 year term expires 12/31/2015**
- Recreation Board Liaison, Alex Roman, 1 year term expires 12/31/2015**
- Board of Education Liaison, Daniel Amianda, 1 year term expires 12/31/2015**
- Legislative Committee, John Mania, 1 year term expires 12/31/2015**
- Committee RE: Lake/Environment Issues, John Ferrante, 1 year term expires 12/31/2015**
- Community Development Revenue Sharing Committee, Steven Rattner, 1 year term expires 12/31/2015**
- Economic Development Committee Liaison, Colleen Labow, 1 year term expires 12/31/2015**
- Planning Board, John Mania, Councilmember, Class II, 1 year term expires 12/31/2015**
- Senior Citizen Liaison, Colleen Labow, 1 year term expires 12/31/2015**
- TNR Liaison, Colleen Labow, 1 year term expires 12/31/2015**
- Open Space Committee Liaison, Alex Roman, 1 year term expires 12/31/2015**
- Mt. Olive TV Liaison, Daniel Amianda, 1 year term expires 12/31/2015**

President Nicaastro: Do we have a motion?

Mr. Perkins: So moved.

President Nicaastro: Second?

Mr. Roman: Second.

President Nicaastro: Roll Call, please.

ROLL CALL: Passed unanimously

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. PDF Resolution
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. PDF Resolution
3. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Establishing a Temporary Budget for 2015 for the Current, Water, Sewer and Recreation Utility as well as the Sanitation District. PDF Resolution
4. Resolution of the Township of Mount Olive Authorizing a Cash Management Plan for the Township of Mount Olive for the Year 2015. PDF Resolution
5. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Retaining Professional Services Under the Non-Fair and Open Contract in Accordance with the Pay to Play Law. PDF Resolution
6. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Appointing Steven Rattner as Council Representative to the Community Development Revenue Sharing Committee. PDF Resolution
7. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Authorizing Participation in the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program for the Year 2015. PDF Resolution
8. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Fixing the Rate of Interest to be Charged on Delinquent Taxes or Assessments. PDF Resolution
9. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Authorizing the Purchase of Necessary Goods and Services Under Any Contract Competitively Bid by the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council. PDF Resolution
10. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Authorizing the Tax Assessor and/or the Township Attorney to File and Tax Appeals/Rollbacks. PDF Resolution
11. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Establishing Various Change Funds for the Year 2015. PDF Resolution
12. 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. PDF Resolution
13. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Establishing a Petty Cash Fund for 2015. PDF Resolution
14. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Appointing Frank Wilpert, Health Officer to the Morris County Joint Insurance Fund as the Fund Commissioner and Sean Canning, Business Administrator, as the Alternate Commissioner for 2015.

President Nicastro: Thank you. There's 14 Consent Resolutions. Do we have any that want to be moved to Non-Consent? Seeing none. Anyone from the public wish to be heard, anything on those? Seeing none. Do we have a motion?

Mr. Perkins: So moved.

Mr. Ferrante: Second.

President Nicastro: Roll Call, please.

ROLL CALL: Passed unanimously

Public Portion

President Nicastro: We're onto Closing Council Comments, I believe.

Mrs. Lashway: No, Public Portion.

President Nicastro: Public Portion. Does anyone from the public wish to be heard? Seeing none. We're onto the Council Comments. Mr. Perkins, did you want to speak first?

Closing Council Comments

Mr. Perkins: Mr. Council President, Council members, Mr. Mayor, members of the audience, dignitaries and residents of Mount Olive Township, odd for me to stand here at the podium to be addressing you at a Reorganization Meeting, but this will be my last Reorganization Meeting here in Mount Olive Township. I felt it appropriate that I provided the Clerk with official notification that effective June 30, 2015 I will be vacating the seat that I have held here over the past twelve and a half years. It's been a real honor and privilege to serve the residents of Mount Olive Township as an elected official since first being elected in November 2001, subsequently re-elected three times to fill that seat and proudly serving as your President once. In the 28 years I've been a resident here, I've been fortunate. I've been a member of pretty much every various civic organization, religious and military organization that's here in the town. I was happy to serve on the Zoning Board of Adjustment, Planning Board where we fought the Crown Tower Development, which would have been over 600 units up there. Been a founding member of the Mount Olive Pride Committee that past Mayor, Paul Licitra who's in the audience had formed back in 1998. Was the Chairman of the Board of Health, I believe for seven or eight years, Safety Liaison to the Council, worked with the Administration over the years on various issues, water, sewer including discussions on privatization, our sanitation including privatization, roads, parks, buildings, emergency response and communications. I've been excited to work alongside our President and past Mayors. I have to commend Rob, we started this many years ago and quite frankly even had I won the election, I will admit that I would have never been able to accomplish what you've done in the short amount of time and I commend you and your Administration for everything that you've done there. Our Freeholders I've worked with, it's been a pleasure talking and working with those and of course our 24th Legislative District. I had the pleasure of meeting in Washington DC with our Congress people, been down to the State level, had a couple of tours of the facility down there and had a chance to see how our State Government actually operates. I'll admit, I wasn't always in agreement with the way the Agenda was set, or goals that wished to be obtained by either the Administration or different Council Members, that's why there's seven of us up there, so that we do have a split, so it is a strong Mayor, strong Council form of government that we have here. I did carry out the duties of this office to the best of my abilities and always as you folks know, I'm probably the bureaucrat that knows the Legislative Statutes and Township Code probably better than most, that could be a deterrent at times, I believe. This decision, ladies and gentleman and folks doesn't come lightly, but the simple fact of the matter that as a Vietnam Veteran, the average lifespan for us typically much past the sixties or seventies and having a liver transplant in 2005, I feel I'm already walking on borrowed time. Moving south to warmer climates to finish the circle of life is probably the best choice and the right choice for my wife and I to make. I will leave my seat with the hope that I contributed in some small way to the betterment of our community. Even with compromises, I fully supported law enforcement and emergency volunteers and all municipal and school employees, while controlling our taxes. Truly these are the people who protect, oversee and educate the daily activities in us and our children. They all need to be recognized, not villainized. I am proud that I opened transparency in our local government actions and successfully pushed for green and sustainable practices that have saved the taxpayers money operating our buildings here within the community. Again, I want to thank the Mayor, President, past Councils, Administration, employees and most importantly the residents of this great community for the support or at least the understanding that they've given me over the past years. I look forward to participating with this election of the candidate to fill my unexpired seat and encourage the younger generation of this community to become involved in Mount Olive, help it grow, work with your elected officials, work with other charitable organizations within the town, shape the future of this place that I will always call home. Ladies and gentlemen, thank you.

President Nicastro: Thank you, Mr. Perkins for your service and I thank you for the three years I've been here. I was privileged to at least serve with you on Council and you've been an inspiration, you've been such a help in many ways. As you said you know so much about all the years you've been here and all the things and it's helped me a lot. It taught me a lot and I appreciate everything you've done for us as a resident as well, prior to being on Council.

Mayor Greenbaum: Is that when he wasn't being a pain in the butt?

President Nicastro: That too.

Mr. Perkins: Exactly.

President Nicastro: I wish you lots of luck and I'm very happy you're moving down south, I wish I was with you there, but... Mr. Amianda, any comments?

Mr. Amianda: Yes, several comments. The first one goes to Ray Perkins whom will be sorely, really missed. You've been a good Councilman. I would also like to thank John Mania, our outgoing President. I would say that John Mania has been a good Councilman and a good Council President. I also extend my congratulations to the new Township Leadership, Joseph Nicastro for being elected as President and I also extend my congratulations to John Ferrante for being elected Vice President. Thank you gentlemen for your service.

President Nicastro: Thank you. Mr. Perkins, anything else?

Mr. Perkins: Just to be clear I'm still going to be a pain...

President Nicastro: You're still here.

Mr. Perkins: Still going to be a pain here for six more months, I'm not walking out the door tonight. I wanted to give everybody ample opportunity to get together with the County Committees and let's start making that selection process so you have a seamless transition when we leave.

President Nicastro: Thank you. We'll see you Tuesday.

Mr. Perkins: Yes sir.

Mr. Roman: There goes all those kind words I was going to say about you.

Mr. Perkins: I know.

Mr. Roman: Obviously, I'm grateful to be here for another year. I'm looking forward to being under your leadership, Joe, John and you know, obviously, thank you Mr. Perkins for not only all the years of service, but for setting an example for me. I know the first year I came here, I was barely...it was just observation and you were definitely one of the gentlemen that I observed in order to emulate and learn how to be a much better Councilperson and I thank you very much. That is all I have.

President Nicastro: Mr. Ferrante.

Mr. Ferrante: Yes. First, I want to thank everybody for choosing me as the Vice President. I'd also like to thank Ray and your wife, I know you both have put in a lot of time here and you've been a mentor to me for the past three plus years and it means a lot to me and everything you've put in and I just want to thank you personally. Joe, I just wish you luck in the Presidency and that's it.

President Nicastro: Just thank you all again for electing me and I look forward to serving you. That's it on my end. Pastor Matt, would you come up for the Benediction, please.

Benediction – Pastor Matt Jones

Pastor Matt Jones: Why don't we pray together? Our Father, I thank you so much that we live in a nation where we can pursue life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Lord, I thank you that you've given us freedoms and Lord, we were born into a wonderful place called America. Lord, we thank you for this Township, Mount Olive Township, for the wonderful people, for the great leadership. Lord, I thank you for those who have committed themselves and their lives Lord God, to serving you by serving your people. Lord, we ask you Lord God, as we go through Lord, the winds of change Lord God, new people joining, old friends leaving. Lord, we ask you for stability Lord, we ask you for guidance by your divine providence. Lord, we ask you for protection by your grace Lord, we ask you for unity Lord, as according to your love Lord, unity amongst our diversity Lord God. Father, I pray Lord, many blessings for this Township Lord, many blessings for this leadership, guidance and direction, we ask all these things in Christ's name. Amen.

President Nicastro: Thank you. Do we have a motion to adjourn?

ADJOURNMENT - Motion made and seconded. All in favor, none opposed, the meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Joe Nicastro, Council President

I, Michelle Masser, Deputy 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 20, 2015.

Michelle Masser, Deputy Township Clerk

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