

The Public Meeting of the Mount Olive Township Council was called to order at 7:57 p.m. by Council President Nicastro.

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: Mrs. Labow, Mr. Mania, Mr. Roman, Mr. Stewart (appointed at 7:58 pm), Mr. Ferrante and Mr. Nicastro

Absent: Mr. Amianda

Also Present: Lisa Lashway, Township Clerk; Jeff Pasek, Township Attorney; Sherry Kolody, CFO and Sean Canning, Business Administrator

Nomination of new Councilman until November 3, 2015, General Election

President Nicastro: We have a motion for...do we have any motions for nomination? Mr. Mania.

Mr. Mania: Mr. President, I nominate Greg Stewart as the replacement for Ray Perkins on the Council.

Mrs. Labow: Second.

President Nicastro: Second. Do we have any other nominations? Mr. Roman.

Mr. Roman: I nominate Ralph Ruggiero.

Mrs. Labow: Second.

President Nicastro: Close the nominations, I guess. We need a Roll Call, please.

Mrs. Lashway: Roll Call on Mr. Stewart.

President Nicastro: Roll Call on Mr. Stewart.

Mr. Roman: Just a point of order, isn't it that the first candidate to reach a majority wins, so in other words in the first round if Mr. Stewart gets a majority, we no longer...correct, right?

President Nicastro: Is that how it works?

Mrs. Lashway: Yes.

Mr. Roman: Just...at least everybody is aware.

Roll Call: **Passed unanimously**

Mrs. Lashway: Mr. Stewart is the winner.

President Nicastro: Thank you. Mr. Ruggiero, thank you very much. You certainly are a qualified candidate and I'm sure we'll be seeing more of you soon.

Mrs. Labow: Mr. Nicastro.

President Nicastro: Yes, Mrs. Labow.

Mrs. Labow: Since we have Mr. Ruggiero here and very willing to volunteer, do we have Committees we can put him on? Please.

President Nicastro: We can look into that for him for sure. Definitely look into that and let him know.

Mr. Ruggiero: You'll be happy to know that I did build an Olympic size swimming pool for Perth Amboy.

Mrs. Labow: He's going to be the Chair of our swimming party.

Mr. Stewart: We've already enlisted him to a Chamber Committee.

Mrs. Labow: I think...does Greg...Greg, you get sworn in now and you get to sit up here.

Mr. Mania: Come on, Greg.

Mr. Canning: Come on down.

Mr. Roman: Sworn in. It's time to be sworn at.

President Nicastro: You have to be sworn in and sworn at.

Mr. Stewart: Sworn at?

Mr. Mania: Not sworn at, sworn in.

Mr. Stewart: I've been married for 30 years, I've been sworn at.

Mrs. Lashway: Raise your right hand and repeat after me. I, Greg Stewart, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of New Jersey, that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same and to the Governments established in the United States and in this State, under the Authority of the people, and that I will faithfully, impartially and justly perform all the duties of the office of the Mount Olive Township Councilperson according to the best of my ability, so help me God.

Mr. Stewart: I, Greg Stewart, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of New Jersey, that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same and to the Governments established in the United States and in this State, under the Authority of the people, and that I will faithfully, impartially and justly perform all the duties of the office of the Mount Olive Township Councilperson according to the best of my ability, so help me God.

Mrs. Lashway: Congratulations.

Mr. Stewart: Thank you. Appreciate it.

Mr. Canning: I figured you'd know that by heart now.

Mr. Stewart: I stumped her.

Mr. Roman: As it is tradition, you have to give everybody twenty bucks.

Mr. Stewart: I'm in. No problem.

Mrs. Labow: Alex, you can't say that stuff.

Mr. Ferrante: I thought we upped it.

Mr. Stewart: He told me it was fifty, so this is a break.

Mr. Mania: Strike that from the record.

President Nicastro: Strike that from the record.

Mrs. Labow: For the record, they are just kidding.

President Nicastro: Just kidding. Welcome, Mr. Stewart. Mr. Ferrante...Mr. Ferrante can't...Mrs. Labow, would you approve the minutes from the previous meeting for the Workshop and Public Meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

July 7, 2015 WS & PM (Mr. Amianda and Mr. Ferrante absent)

Mrs. Labow: Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. I move for approval of Minutes of the July 17, 2015 Workshop and Public Meeting. Mr. Amianda and Mr. Ferrante were absent.

Mr. Mania: I'll second it.

President Nicastro: Roll Call, please.

Roll Call: **Passed with the exceptions Mr. Stewart and Mr. Ferrante abstained**

CORRESPONDENCE

LETTERS FROM RESIDENTS/ORGANIZATIONS/ OTHER TOWNS

1. Email received July 2, 2015, from Raritan Headwaters regarding July News – Yay, Summer's Here! PDF Correspondence
2. Email received July 10, 2015, from TransOptions regarding Go Smart! With TransOptions – July 2015. PDF Correspondence
3. Letter received July 10, 2015, from Williams Transco Pipeline regarding Transco Pipeline overview. PDF Correspondence
4. Email received July 13, 2015; from National League of Cities regarding Never stop improving. Nashville 2015 is calling. PDF Correspondence
5. Email received July 15, 2015 from Sustainable Raritan River regarding NEWS from the Raritan River Initiative – July 2015. PDF Correspondence
6. Email received July 15, 2015, from Jack Gerard, API regarding Energy Legislation: Pro-Energy are Pro-Jobs. PDF Correspondence

LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES

7. Letter received July 1, 2015, from New Jersey State League of Municipalities regarding Legislative Bulletin June 2015. PDF Correspondence

STATE AGENCIES

8. Email received July 1, 2015 from State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection regarding DEP Release: Christie Administration Adds Land to Princeton Battlefield State Park. PDF Correspondence
9. Email received July 1, 2015, from Department of Community Affairs regarding Storm Response – Financing and Procurement Matters. PDF Correspondence
10. Email received July 8, 2015, from Careaga Engineering, Inc. regarding McPeak Septic Repair (286 Drakestown Rd, Block 8100, Lot 16). PDF Correspondence
11. Email received July 9, 2015, from Groundwater and Environmental Services, Inc. regarding Notification and Public Outreach: Exxon Service Station #3-0608, 114 Route 206 Flanders. PDF Correspondence
12. Email received July 10, 2015 from State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection regarding Technical Assistance Opportunity. PDF Correspondence
13. Letter received July 10, 2015, from State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection regarding Approval for Alternative Lake Weed Composting Method. PDF Correspondence
14. Letter received July 13, 2015, from State of New Jersey Board of Public Utilities regarding Resolution opposing the Petition filed by New Jersey American Water Company, Inc. Seeking Approval of Increased Tariff Rates for Water and Sewer Service. PDF Correspondence

15. Letter received July 13, 2015, from Brinkerhoff Environmental Services, Inc. regarding Response Action Outcome (424 Sand Shore Road, Block 8300, Lot 5.02). PDF Correspondence
16. Email received July 13, 2015, from FEMA regarding NFIP Transformation Task Force Fact Sheet (Municipalities). PDF Correspondence
17. Letter received July 15, 2015, from State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection regarding Final Surface Water Major Mod Permit Action. PDF Correspondence
18. Letter received July 17, 2015, from New Jersey Transit regarding Fiscal Year 2015 Request for Federal Financial Assistance. PDF Correspondence

MORRIS COUNTY

19. Email received July 2, 2015, from County of Morris regarding Enjoy the latest Morris County Connections! PDF Correspondence
20. Email received July 9, 2015, from County of Morris regarding Enjoy the latest Morris County Connections. PDF Correspondence
21. Email received July 16, 2015, from County of Morris regarding Enjoy the latest Morris County Connections! PDF Correspondence

UTILITIES

22. Letter received July 8, 2015, from New Jersey Natural Gas regarding the Petition of New Jersey Natural Gas Company for a Determination Concerning the Southern Reliability Link. PDF Correspondence

President Nicastro: We have a total of 22 pieces of Correspondence. Anyone have any questions on it? Seeing none. We have no Ordinances for first or second reading. We do have 14 Resolutions. Mr. Mania...does anyone wish any to be Non- Consent? Seeing none. Mr. Mania, would you move the Resolutions?

ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING - None

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING - None

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 to Cancel Taxes on Block 5401, Lot 21, 227 Route 206. PDF Res
2. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Authorizing the Use of a Purchasing Contract (Route 23 Patio and Mason Center). PDF Res
3. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Authorizing the Omission from Tax Sale Properties with Delinquent Balances of \$10.00 or Less. PDF Res
4. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Authorizing the Cancellation of a Grant Balance (Click It or Ticket). PDF Res
5. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Authorizing the Cancellation of Balance in the NJDOT Receivable. PDF Res

6. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Approving a Vendor Service Contract on a “Fair and Open” Basis Pursuant to the “Pay-to-Pay” Law (Foley Incorporated). PDF Res
7. A Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Approving the Increase in Bid Threshold. PDF Res
8. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Authorizing the Closing of Fairmount Road on August 1, 2015 (Rain Date August 22, 2015) Between 2 pm and 9 pm for the Purpose of Holding a Block Party. PDF Res
9. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Authorizing the Procurement of Concessions for Farming Services of Public Properties at Block 600 Lots 5 & 6, (Formerly Known as Marveland Farms), Block 5300 Lots 8 & 25 (90 Bartley Flanders Road) and Block 900 Lot 59 (78 Stephens Park Road). PDF Res
10. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Appointing Piazza & Associates to Serve as Administrative Agent for the Township’s Affordable Unit Program. PDF Res
11. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Approving the Termination Agreement and Mutual Release Between the Township of Mount Olive and Syncarpha EFG 1, LLC and Syncarpha Mount Olive, LLC
12. “Revised” Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Creating and Continuing the Mount Olive Municipal Alliance Committee. PDF Res
13. A Resolution of the Township of Mount Olive, in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Release of Cash Bonds to Siemens Healthcare diagnostics Inc. for Site Improvements at 62 Flanders-Bartley Road, Block 5400, Lots 25 & 26 and for Road Improvements to Flanders-Bartley Road. PDF Res
14. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Authorizing the Renewal of Alcoholic Beverage Licenses for the 2015-2016 Licensing Period. PDF Res

Mr. Mania: Mr. President, I move for the approval of the Consent Resolutions one through fourteen.

Mr. Ferrante: Second.

President Nicastro: Roll Call, please.

Roll Call: **Passed with the exception Mr. Stewart abstained**

Mrs. Labow: You can vote now.

Mr. Stewart: Now I can?

Mrs. Labow: You couldn’t on the Minutes because you weren’t here.

MOTIONS

1. Bill List. PDF Bill List

President Nicastro: We have one item, Bill List, one motion for the Bill List. Mr. Roman.

Mr. Roman: I move for approval of the Bill List.

Mr. Mania: Second.

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

Roll Call: **Passed unanimously**

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

President Nicastro: Administrative Reports.

Mr. Canning: Thank you, Mr. President. The Mayor apologizes for being unable to attend tonight. I do have some comments from him. He wanted to congratulate the Mount Olive 15U travel baseball team. They won the Babe Ruth New Jersey State Championship on Friday night. It's now back to back state titles for the group of young men and they now head to the Middle Atlantic Regional Tournament in South Colonie, New York starting this Friday. Good luck at the regionals and try to bring home another championship. Movie night at Turkey Brook Park is this Friday, July 24th at 8:30 pm. If it rains, the backup location will be in the Senior Center.

Mrs. Labow: What movie?

Mr. Canning: I don't know. I was told to make the popcorn. Two grants I previously had emailed to Council, one is a Morris County Historic Preservation Trust Grant for the former Baptist Church. This work will be subsequent to the exterior that we see going on now. We received a grant in the amount of \$162,260.00. I'd like to cite, as I did in email, our historical architects, Connelly and Hickey, as well as Kathy Murphy, they do a great job on both the Seward Mansion, as well as the Baptist Church, so it's another nice grant to finish that along. The second one is a grant agreement, \$217,000.00. This is for the Highlands Conformance Plan, so again this is the wheel house of Catherine and Chuck, they're doing a great job. Highlands is not an easy task subject or a set of regulations and we're certainly one of the more successful towns in dealing with it.

President Nicastro: That's it? Thank you. Any Old Business? Seeing none. Any New Business? Seeing none. Any Legal Matters.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS - None

LEGAL MATTERS

Mr. Pasek: Thank you, Council President. Just one item real quick. As Sean mentioned before, our office was very happy to bring the Syncarpha issue to Resolution with a lease termination agreement that we thought was very favorable to the Township. Other than that, I have nothing specific tonight.

President Nicastro: Thank you. Council Reports. Mr. Ferrante, anything on Environmental, Lake or Library?

COUNCIL REPORTS

Board of Education Liaison Report - none

Environmental Committee - none

Lake Issues - none

Library Board Liaison

Mr. Ferrante: Library had their trustee's meeting yesterday. Just some quick notes. The summer reading success program, they had 424 children register and 72 teens for a total of 66 different summer programs, the largest one that they had was the Rizzo's Reptile Program where they had 156 people in attendance. They have made the decision that they will not be going through with the Fall Festival for this year. On July 1st, they hosted an evening with Bill Sturm, he unveiled new pieces of art for the Antler Ridge Wildlife Sanctuary and as requested...that'll be actually on August 14th that they'll be unveiling that. They had an Art and Conversation on July 1st with him. That's all.

President Nicastro: Mrs. Labow, Seniors, Economic, TNR and MOTV. Any news?

Senior Citizen Liaison - none

Economic Development Committee - none

TNR Program - none

MOTV - none

Mrs. Labow: Nothing.

President Nicastro: Thank you. Mr. Roman, Open Space and Recreation.

Open Space Committee Report
Recreation Liaison Report - none

Mr. Roman: Recreation is recreating, there's nothing to report on that, but on Open Space, Open Space has a...would like to pass along a request to stop planting Japanese Barberry. According to experts in attendance, the Japanese Barberry although cheap to plant is the breeding ground for ticks.

Mrs. Labow: That's absolutely true.

Mr. Canning: Is this something we've been doing or...

President Nicastro: Who's been doing it?

Mr. Roman: I understand it...I can't tell the difference between Japanese Barberry and Burberry,

Mr. Canning: I know where to get ticks.

Mr. Roman: They seem to say that we are planting them.

Mr. Canning: We are.

Mr. Roman: That would be a request from the Open Space Committee.

Board of Health Report - none

President Nicastro: Thank you. Board of Health, we don't have a meeting until August, but along those lines, I forgot, I know on the 30th is the Senior Picnic coming up on next Thursday.

Mrs. Labow: I was going to say that's coming up.

President Nicastro: Just keep in mind. Mr. Mania, anything on Legislative or Planning?

Legislative Committee Report - none

Planning Board Report - none

Mr. Mania: Planning, I attended the meeting on July 16th and we had an application before us, a new car dealership on Route 46, next to the Subaru.

President Nicastro: Right.

Mr. Mania: They were supposed to donate \$18,000.00 to the Tree Bank and they asked for relief, they didn't want to donate anything and I asked why. They said because they planted some extra shrubs. I said, well that doesn't satisfy me, I need the \$18,000.00 to the Tree Bank. There was some concession made by the rest of the Board and as a result they donated \$10,000.00 of the \$18,000.00, better than nothing. I said I wasn't happy with it ...we have an Ordinance, so let's abide by it.

President Nicastro: Thank you. Anyone from the public? Seeing none. Close it to the public. Council Comments. Mr. Stewart, I'll be the first one to welcome you from here, go out of order, and welcome to the Council and it's your turn now.

PUBLIC PORTION - None

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Stewart: I just want to thank everybody for the honor and also the fact that I think both of us were really eager and also both of us were really excited by the fact that you guys considered us. I look forward to working with everybody here and supporting the town.

President Nicastro: Thank you. Mrs. Labow, anything?

Mrs. Labow: I just want to thank Ralph for throwing his hat in the ring and hopefully the hat is going to stay there because we certainly need great volunteers and I know you'll do a great job in whatever Committee you're on...numerous Committees, we have lots of spaces and I want to congratulate Greg for coming onboard with the Council and I think you're going to be a wonderful asset to our Council and congratulations.

Mr. Stewart: Thank you.

Mr. Mania: I too want to congratulate Greg. I've known Greg many years and I'm sure he'll do an excellent job. I also want to congratulate Mr. Ruggiero and I hope we can appoint you to some Committee and hopefully we can work together. I'm sure you'll be very successful. Thank you.

Mr. Roman: Obviously, it goes without saying, welcome aboard. When I was first elected on here, to quote somebody else...sucker.

Mrs. Lashway: You're on a roll tonight.

Mr. Roman: Mr. Ruggiero, I definitely hope to see you volunteer in other avenues and hopefully, maybe a pool.

Mrs. Labow: Yes.

Mr. Roman: That's all I have.

President Nicastro: Mr. Ferrante.

Mr. Ferrante: I echo what everybody else has said, welcome Mr. Stewart.

Mr. Roman: Except the sucker comment.

Mr. Ferrante: Yes, that's right. Welcome Mr. Stewart and Ralph, hopefully we'll see you around soon.

President Nicastro: I'm sure we will see Ralph, once you get your hooks in, we're not going to let you go, so we will find something, believe me, you'll want to help us out and should be a great asset, too. Thank you. Motion to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT - Motion made and seconded. All in favor, none opposed, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 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 August 4, 2015.

Michelle Masser, Deputy Township Clerk

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