

The Public Meeting of the Mount Olive Township Council was called to order at 7:22pm by President Roman.

President Roman: 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 on the outside front door of the Municipal Building and notice was sent to those individuals requesting same.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mr. Aaron, Mrs. Labow, Ms. Lalama, Mr. Mania, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Ferrante, and Mr. Roman

Absent: None

Also Present: Michelle Masser, Township Clerk; Jon Testa, Township Attorney; Joe Nicastro, Mayor; Andrew Tatarenko, Business Administrator; and Claudia Quinn, Assistant Business Administrator

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS - NONE

CORRESPONDENCE

LETTERS FROM RESIDENTS/ORGANIZATIONS/OTHER TOWNS

- 1. Email received April 2, 2024, from NOFA NJ regarding NOFA NJ Weekly email: April 2, 2024.
- 2. Email received April 5, 2024, from Raritan Headwaters regarding Healthy Forests = Healthy Water.
- 3. Email received April 8, 2024, from NOFA NJ regarding NOFA NJ Weekly Email: April 8, 2024.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES OTHER TOWNS

- 4. Email received April 3, 2024, from Borough of Madison regarding Borough of Madison Resolution 120-2024.
- 5. Email received April 3, 2024, from Borough of Chester regarding Borough of Chester Ordinance 03-2024.
- 6. Email received April 10, 2024, from Stanhope Borough regarding Stanhope Borough Chapter 100 Ordinance Notification.

STATE AGENCIES/LOI/HIGHLANDS

- 7. Email received March 30, 2024, from DEP Local Government Assistance regarding NJDEP Weekly Update.
- 8. Email received April 2, 2024, from David Loeffler, EcolSciences, Inc., regarding Your General Information Notice - Please forward to Municipality.
- 9. Email received April 5, 2024, From DEP Local Government Assistance regarding NJDEP Weekly Update.
- 10. Email received April 10, 2024, from DEP Local Government Assistance regarding Notice of Public Hearing - New Jersey Clean Air Council.

LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES

- 11. Email received March 28, 2024, from NJLM regarding Health Benefit 2025 Costs, DCA Budget Cuts, Gov. Murphy signs TTF.
- 12. Email received April 2, 2024, from NJLM regarding Mayors' Newslines April 2024.

MSA/MUA – NONE

MORRIS COUNTY

- 13. Email received March 28, 2024, from County of Morris regarding 2024 Municipal Transportation Forum Held at County College of Morris.
- 14. Email received March 28, 2024, from County of Morris regarding Morris County Sheriff's Office Attains Eighth Reaccreditation Award.
- 15. Email received March 28, 2024, from County of Morris County regarding Morris County Celebrates Women's History Month.
- 16. Email received March 28, 2024, from County of Morris regarding This Week in Morris County: March 28, 2024.
- 17. Email received April 2, 2024, from County of Morris regarding SAVE THE DATE – WEDNESDAY, MAY 22 at NOON - Morris County's 2024 Memorial Day Observance.
- 18. Email received April 5, 2024, from County of Morris regarding This Week in Morris County: April 5, 2024.
- 19. Email received April 5, 2024, from County of Morris regarding Morris County Government Offices Closed Today Due to Earthquake.
- 20. Email received April 10, 2024, from County of Morris regarding 2024 Morris County Budget Adopted.
- 21. Email received April 11, 2024, from County of Morris regarding Morris County Law Enforcement Announces Disposition in 1984 Cold Case Homicide of "Baby Mary".
- 22. Email received April 11, 2024, from County of Morris regarding Morris County Park Commission Receives Prestigious Award.

UTILITIES

- 23. Email received April 9, 2024, from Elizabethtown Gas regarding Company Notice of Public Hearings scheduled for May 2, 2024 - BPU Docket No. GR23120882.

There was no discussion on Correspondence.

ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING: - NONE

President Roman: The next item on the Agenda for first reading is Ordinance #12-2024 entitled,

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING:

Ord.#12-2024 An Ordinance of the Township of Mount Olive, County of Morris, Establishing an Electric Aggregation Program.

President Roman: Mr. Aaron.

Mr. Aaron: Thank you, Mr. President. I move that Ordinance #12-2024 be introduced by title and passed on first reading, be scheduled for public hearing, second reading, and consideration of final passage at a meeting to be held on April 30, 2024, at 7pm at the Municipal Building, 204 Flanders-Drakestown Road, Budd Lake, New Jersey and be published, posted, and made available by the Clerk in accordance with law.

Mr. Mania: Second.

President Roman: Okay. It’s been moved and seconded. Roll Call, please.

ROLL CALL: Passed with the exception of Ms. Lalama and Mr. Roman, who voted NO

President Roman: Okay. Next item on the Agenda for first reading is Ordinance #13-2024 entitled,

Ord.#13-2024 An Ordinance of the Township of Mount Olive, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Amending Section 5-17 of the Township Code to Comply with N.J.S.A. 40A:9-133 Regarding the Appointment of a Township Clerk.

President Roman: Mr. Ferrante.

Mr. Ferrante: I move that Ordinance #13-2024 be introduced by title and passed on first reading, be scheduled for public hearing, second reading, and consideration of final passage at a meeting to be held on April 30, 2024, at 7pm at the Municipal Building, 204 Flanders-Drakestown Road, Budd Lake, New Jersey and be published, posted, and made available by the Clerk in accordance with law.

Mrs. Labow: Second.

President Roman: It’s been moved and seconded. Any Council discussion? Seeing none. Roll Call.

ROLL CALL: **Passed unanimously**

President Roman: Next item on the Agenda is Ordinance #14-2024 entitled,

Ord.#14-2024 Ordinance Amending Section 3(f) of Bond Ordinance #7-2024 of the Township of Mount Olive, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, Finally Adopted March 5, 2024, in Order to Include an Additional Project.

President Roman: Mrs. Labow.

Mrs. Labow: Thank you. I move that Ordinance #14-2024 be introduced by title and passed on first reading, be scheduled for public hearing, second reading, and consideration of final passage at a meeting to be held on April 30, 2024, at 7pm at the Municipal Building, 204 Flanders-Drakestown Road, Budd Lake, New Jersey and be published, posted, and made available by the Clerk in accordance with law.

Mr. Stewart: Second.

President Roman: It’s been moved and seconded. Any Council discussion? Seeing none. Roll Call.

ROLL CALL: **Passed unanimously**

CONSENT RESOLUTIONS AGENDA:

1. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive designating certain persons as Notary Publics
2. Resolution approving the memorandum of understanding between the Township of Mount Olive and the Mount Olive Junior Lacrosse Club for the rental of portable light towers
3. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the Flanders Fire and Rescue Squad Company to hold a "Coin Drop" fundraiser on various dates in 2024
4. Resolution of the Township of Mount Olive, County of Morris, State of New Jersey,authorizing a trial program prohibiting vehicles from stopping and standing on Wolfe Road between Flanders-Drakestown Road and Kings Arrow Road during school zone hours, to reduce traffic congestion
5. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive requesting approval from the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for insertion of a specific item of revenue into the 2024 municipal budget (\$2,500 for donation - Gunner Bigley Foundation - Police Equipment)
6. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the award of a non-fair and open professional services agreement for pyrotechnic services to International Fireworks Mfg. Co.

7. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing purchases off New Jersey State Contracts pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12 for calendar year 2024 (Dell)
8. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the award of a purchase for a 2025 Ford Utility Interceptor off a New Jersey State Contract (Chas Winner Ford)
9. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the award of a contract for the purchase of vehicle equipment off of various contracts (Spectrum Communications)
10. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing a mobile vending concession of ice cream/soft ice cream at Turkey Brook Park and Flanders Park (Martin Osborn)
11. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the award of a contract for RFP #02-2024 Brewery Concession Services (Jersey Girl Brewing Co.)
12. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the award of a contract for the purchase of one (1) 2024 F-350 pick up truck off Morris County Co-op (Ciocca Ford of Flemington - Buildings and Grounds)
13. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the award of a contract for the purchase of one (1) 2024 F-350 pick up truck off Morris County Co-op (Ciocca Ford of Flemington - Roads)
14. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the award of a contract for the purchase of one (1) 2024 F-350 pick up truck off Morris County Co-op (Ciocca Ford of Flemington - Roads)
15. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the award of a contract for Lawn Care Services off the ESCNJ Co-op (Natural Green Lawn Care) *REVISED - Increase contract amount
16. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the award of a non-fair and open professional services agreement for Township Auditor to Gary Higgins of PKF O'Connor Davies, LLP (January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024) *REVISED - Increasing contract and certifying full contract amount
17. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the award of a non-fair and open professional services agreement to Michael G. Vreeland of Van Cleef Engineering Associates as the Board Engineer for the Planning Board (January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024) *REVISED - Increasing contract and certifying full contract amount
18. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the award of a non-fair and open professional services agreement for Planning Board Attorney to Murphy McKeon, P.C. (January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024) *REVISED - Increasing contract and certifying full contract amount
19. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the award of a contract for Bid #01-2024 Removal and Disposal of Sludge from Mt. Olive Sewerage Treatment Plants (March 6, 2024 - March 5, 2025) (Coppola Services) *REVISED - Certifying full contract amount
20. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the award of a contract for the turf field maintenance off the ESCNJ Co-op (Calendar year 2024) (Natural Green Lawn Care) *REVISED - Certifying full contract amount
21. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the award of a contract for RFP #01-2024 Six-Week Summer Recreation Program (Fun4All) *REVISED - Certifying full contract amount
22. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the award of a contract for extraordinary unspecifiable services to World Insurance Associates, LLC to serve as Health Benefits Insurance Consultant *REVISED - Certifying full contract amount

23. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the award of a non-fair and open professional services agreement for Bond Counsel Services to McManimon, Scotland & Bauman (January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024) *REVISED - Certifying full contract amount
24. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the award of a non-fair and open professional services agreement for Board Attorney to the Board of Health to Peter J. King, LLC (January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024) *REVISED - Certifying full contract amount
25. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the award of a non-fair and open professional services agreement for Appraisal Services to Newmark Valuation & Advisory (January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024) *REVISED - Certifying full contract amount
26. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the award of a non-fair and open professional services agreement for Impound and Veterinary Services to Animal Health Center (January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024) *REVISED - Certifying full contract amount
27. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the award of a non-fair and open professional services agreement for Municipal Court Public Defender to Anthony M. Arbore (January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024) *REVISED - Certifying full contract amount
28. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the award of a non-fair and open professional services agreement to RJH Law Enforcement Consultants to provide Hearing Officer Services (January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024) *REVISED - Certifying full contract amount
29. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the award of a non-fair and open professional services agreement for Township Attorney to Dorsey & Semrau (January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024) *REVISED - Certifying full contract amount
30. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the award of a non-fair and open professional services agreement for Township Engineer to Michael G. Vreeland of Van Cleef Engineering Associates (January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024) *REVISED - Certifying full contract amount
31. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the award of a non-fair and open professional services agreement for Labor Attorney to Cleary, Giacobbe, Alfieri, Jacobs (January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024) *REVISED - Certifying full contract amount
32. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the award of a non-fair and open professional services agreement for Administrative Oversight of the Potable Water Systems to Van Cleef Engineering Associates (January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024) *REVISED - Certifying full contract amount
33. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the award of a non-fair and open professional services agreement for Planning Board Special Counsel to Surenian, Edwards, Buzak & Nolan LLC (January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024) *REVISED - Certifying full contract amount
34. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the award of a non-fair and open professional services agreement for Special Litigation Counsel to Methfessel & Werbel (January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024) *REVISED - Certifying full contract amount
35. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the award of a non-fair and open professional services agreement for Medical Director/Physician for the Board of Health to Meghan K. Pillai, MD (January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024) *REVISED - Certifying full contract amount
36. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the award of a non-fair and open professional services agreement for Health Education Services to Christie Jaime (January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024) *REVISED - Certifying full contract amount

- 37. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the award of a non-fair and open professional services agreement for Municipal Prosecutor to Mason Thompson, LLC (January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024) *REVISED - Certifying full contract amount
- 38. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the award of a non-fair and open professional services agreement for Legal Services/Special Prosecution to Mason Thompson, LLC (January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024) *REVISED - Certifying full contract amount
- 39. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Authorizing the Use of Open Space Funds for Title Search Work Associated with the Stark Cemetery at 37 Flanders-Bartley Road, Flanders, New Jersey

Ms. Lalama moves Consent Resolutions one through thirty-nine and **Mrs. Labow** seconds. There was no discussion.

ROLL CALL: **Passed with the exception of Mr. Aaron, who abstained on Resolution #11**

MOTIONS

- 1. Bill List

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

ROLL CALL: **Passed unanimously**

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mayor Nicastro reports the Table of Hope truck was at Turkey Brook Park on April 5, 2024, where 82 people were served and the Spring Job Fair took place on April 11, 2024, where 125 people were in attendance. He discusses new businesses Roast at Dawn and veteran owned Abrusci’s Coffee, which is sold online and at local farms. He announces that on Saturday, April 20, 2024, Hidden Treasures will take place from 10:00am-2:00pm at Turkey Brook Park, and that Assemblyman Mike Inganamort, former Mayor Paul Licitra, Councilman Greg Stewart, and Mayor Joe Nicastro presented Ashley Farms with a proclamation honoring their contributions to Mount Olive for 75 years. Lastly, Cup of Joe will be held at the Budd Lake Diner on Wednesday, April 17, 2024, from 8:00am-9:00am. **President Roman** congratulates Mayor Nicastro on the job fair.

Mr. Tatarenko updates the public on the Route 206/Main Street intersection project. He explains the County plans to make the improvements sometime next year. **President Roman** asks how it will impact tax roll. **Mr. Tatarenko** replies, “It’ll be minimal.” He discusses new sidewalks that connect the Township to the Library, which was part of the Bike and Pedestrian Sidewalk Plan. He announces the Township has been awarded the top safety incentive award through the Morris County Joint Insurance Fund because they scored 100 and will be receiving a \$1,000.00 check. He explains this is based upon safety policies being in place and loss ratios being down, among other things. He adds they’ve received a half a million-dollar grant from the NJDOT Local Freight Impact Fund to rehabilitate Continental Drive, which will be included in next year’s Budget. He also gives an update about increases in premiums for State health insurance.

OLD BUSINESS – none

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Labow discusses concerns about weight limits and car carriers being allowed to drive on Sand Shore Road. **Mr. Tatarenko** points out there are commercial zones on parts of Sand Shore Road. He discusses updates that were made and will get back to Mrs. Labow about it. **Mr. Aaron** discusses the side roads and their markings. He then voices concerns regarding the grading and paving of roads. He feels they need to address the issue. **President Roman** agrees with Mr. Aaron. He discusses municipal taxes and the responsibilities of municipal government. **Mr. Mania** asks if they’re still using the Morris County Co-op for paving. **Mr. Tatarenko** confirms. **Mr. Mania** asks if this provides substantial savings. **Mr. Tatarenko** confirms. He points out they’ve had grants that help the Budget. **Mr. Aaron** expresses that it would be helpful if the Council understood from a DPW perspective. **Mr. Tatarenko** will share the roadmap and spreadsheet with them to help them understand. **Mr. Testa** discusses the rating system. **President Roman** asks Mr. Tatarenko to send the most recent map.

LEGAL MATTERS - none

COUNCIL REPORTS

Board of Education Liaison Report

Mr. Aaron reports the Board of Education met April 15, 2024, and there was a student recognition and a reunification drill, which was designed to help bring families back together in the event of separation. He explains it was between Mount Olive and Roxbury and went well. He also mentions the Board of Education Budget Presentation will be April 29, 2024, and the Machado Law Firm was appointed as counsel for special education issues.

Library Board Liaison
Recreation Liaison Report

Mr. Ferrante reports Recreation met the previous week, and they discussed upcoming events such as Hidden Treasures, which will be taking place on April 20, 2024. He adds there will be an Open Space fundraiser along with the Recreation Department, regarding personalized puncheons within the trail system. He also reports Library met April 16, 2024, where the Director discussed interest from Netcong in pursuing shared services, the Friends of the Library’s interest in installing a permanent sign in the front lawn, and March circulation.

Open Space Committee Report
Senior Citizen Liaison
Environmental Committee/Lake Issues

Mrs. Labow reports that the Environmental Committee meets on April 17, 2024, the Open Space Committee was held the previous week, and they’re still working on the puncheon program. She discusses the trails in the Township and an appreciation ceremony to be held on May 14, 2024. She also discusses the Senior Citizen meeting that took place on April 16, 2024.

Board of Health Report

Ms. Lalama reports the Board of Health will be meeting on June 26, 2024. She announces their upcoming events which include a blood screening on May 3, 2024, from 8:00am to 10:00am in the Health Department, a Child’s Health Clinic on May 3, 2024, from 2:00pm to 5:00pm in the Health Department, and a Covid Vaccine Clinic on April 23, 2024, from 10:00am to 11:30am at Christ Episcopal Church.

Legislative Committee Report – none
Planning Board Report

Mr. Mania reports the Planning Board met the previous week and a Resolution for Morris Habitat for Humanity was approved. He also discusses the approval of a variance application and the adjournment of another variance. He announces the upcoming meeting that was to be held on Thursday, April 18, 2024, has been cancelled.

Economic Development Committee Report

Mr. Stewart reports the second quarter newsletter for the EDC is posted on the Township website along with the others. He announces the upcoming meeting will be held on April 24, 2024.

PUBLIC PORTION - none

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Aaron congratulates the wrestlers from the High School. He also expresses how pleased he is with the new sidewalks between the buildings in the municipal complex.

Mrs. Labow agrees with Mr. Aaron’s sentiments and thanks everybody. She also points out that Mr. Mania’s birthday is on Sunday, April 21, 2024.

Ms. Lalama agrees with the previous comments and wishes Mr. Mania a happy birthday.

Mr. Mania congratulates the wrestlers.

Mr. Stewart echoes the previous comments and congratulates Mr. Aaron on the eighth anniversary of Jersey Girl Brewing.

Mr. Ferrante congratulates Coach Smyth and the wrestling program. He discusses the success of the wrestling program and wishes Mr. Mania a happy birthday.

President Roman wishes Mr. Mania a happy birthday and wishes Mr. Ferrante a happy anniversary. He also congratulates the wrestlers. He also discusses Morris County Votech and County College of Morris, in partnership with Randolph high school, creating a trade program.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 1. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Authorizing the Township Council to Hold Closed Executive Session.

Mr. Stewart moves Executive Session Resolution number one and **Mr. Aaron** seconds.

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

Executive Session began at 7:52pm and concluded at 8:26pm.

ADJOURNMENT - Motion made and seconded. All in favor, none opposed, the meeting was adjourned at 8:27pm.

Alex Roman, 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 April 30, 2024.

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Michelle Masser, Township Clerk