



**Mount Olive Township Council
Workshop Meeting
December 5, 2023**

ITINERARY

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF REFLECTION

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT ANNOUNCEMENT

ROLL CALL

PRESENTATION

1. Recognizing John Mania's 40 Years of Service to Mount Olive Township

DISCUSSION ITEM

1. Frank Covelli, Managing Director of World Insurance Associates, LLC - Health Benefit Change
2. Adult Use Cannabis

RESOLUTIONS: (11)

- 1. A resolution to terminate all participation under the SHBP and SEHBP (including prescription drug plan and/or dental plan coverage)**

The Township has conducted an extensive analysis of the health insurance and prescription drug plans offered to current and retired employees and has determined that it is in the best interest of the Township to terminate its participation in the State Health Benefits Program and move toward a more cost-effective and stable Health Insurance Fund through the North Jersey Municipal Employee Benefits Fund. The NJMEBF has proposed to mirror/duplicate the current plans in place and provide the same level of benefits that are currently in place. All limits such as medical copays, coinsurance amounts, deductibles and/or day/dollar limits will remain the same. The savings in premium cost is estimated to be over \$700,000.

- 2. Authorizing the Township to join the North Jersey Municipal Employee Fund**

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3. Authorizing the award of a professional service agreement without competitive bidding to John E. Keefe, Jr. Esq. to provide special legal counsel services to the Township of Mount Olive

As a result of the stringent government regulations regarding PFAS in drinking water, a third-party class action, multi-state litigation has been instituted to hold parties responsible for the contamination. The Township desires to participate in such litigation and needs to retain special legal counsel to protect the interests of the Township. John E. Keefe, Jr. Esq. of Wilenz, Goldman & Spitzer, PA has been involved in the litigation from the beginning, was interviewed by staff professionals and has provided a proposal to conduct work for the Township. There is no out-of-pocket expense to the Township. Only if there is monetary recovery will the firm be paid a contingent fee between 25% - 33-1/3% in the event of a settlement.

4. Requesting approval from the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for insertion of a specific item of revenue into the 2023 Municipal Budget (\$5,000 donation - Walmart - Police Supplies)

Walmart has donated \$5,000 to the Police Department for police supplies. In accordance with the law, the Director of the Division of Local Government Services needs to approve the insertion into the budget as revenue to be utilized in 2023.

5. Requesting approval from the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for insertion of a specific item of revenue into the 2023 Municipal Budget (\$2,140 - Spotted Lantern Fly Prevention)

A grant was received in the amount of \$2,140 which will be used to reimburse the Township for expenses related to treating the Spotted Lantern Fly. In accordance with the law, the Director of the Division of Local Government Services needs to approve the insertion into the budget as revenue to be utilized in 2023.

6. Requesting approval from the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for insertion of a specific item of revenue into the 2023 Municipal Budget (\$2,650.24 for National Opioid Settlement Grant)

A settlement fund was received in the amount of \$2,650.24 related to the National Opioid Settlement Grant. In accordance with the law, the Director of the Division of Local Government Services needs to approve the insertion into the budget as revenue to be utilized in 2023.

7. Authorizing the award of a professional services agreement for engineering and construction administration services - Pinecrest Water System (Van Cleeef Engineering Associates)

The Township has a need to acquire professional services for engineering and construction administration services for the Pinecrest Water System as a "non-fair and open" contract pursuant to the States Pay-to-Play laws. Van Cleef Engineering has submitted a proposal not to exceed \$67,500.

8. Authorizing the award of a contract for RFP #03-2023 Preventative Maintenance and Support of Radio Networks (Spectrum Communications)

The Township authorized the use of a competitive contract process in lieu of public bidding in accordance with the law for preventative maintenance and support services of the police department's public safety simulcast radio infrastructure. Proposals were solicited and one was received from Major Automotive Installations, Inc. (dba Spectrum Communications). The Evaluation Committee recommends a contract be awarded for a two-year period not to exceed \$200,860, in addition to an hours labor rate of \$165 for non-contract repairs and a 20% discount on parts.

9. Authorizing the use of Open Space funds for the management of Turkey Brook retention pond aquatic weed and algae growth (Aquatic Analysts, Inc.)

A previously awarded contract to Aquatic Analysts, Inc. for the management of Turkey Brook Park retention pond for aquatic weed and algae growth needs to be revised to increase the contract amount by \$65 to fulfill the remainder of the contract period bringing the total contract amount to \$3,065.

10. Authorizing participation in the American Rescue Plan Firefighter grant

11. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive Authorizing the Submission of a Grant Application and Execution of a Grant Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Rehabilitation of Continental Drive Improvements.

ORDINANCE FOR FIRST READING: (2)

Ord.#37-2023 An Ordinance Amending Ordinance #5-2023 of the Township of Mount Olive Entitled Salaries of Certain Non-Union Personnel.
The annual salary ordinance for 2024 needs to be amended to establish the salaries for the Mayor, Council, Department Heads and other exempt employees. Ranges have been established to accommodate any personal changes/ succession planning throughout the year.

Ord.#38-2023 An Ordinance of the Township of Mount Olive Amending Ordinance #32-22 Which Established Salaries for the Mayor, Council, Department Heads and Other Exempt Employees.
The annual salary ordinance for 2024 needs to be amended to establish the salaries for the non-union personnel. Ranges have been established to accommodate any personal changes/ succession planning throughout the year.

ORDINANCE FOR SECOND READING: (1)

Ord.#34-2023 Ordinance of the Township of Mount Olive, in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey, Amending Section 375-22, Parking Prohibited Certain Hours, and Section 375-27, No Stopping or Standing Certain Hours, of the Township Code to Improve Traffic Flow During School Hours.
A traffic study was conducted during school hours at Mountain View Elementary School and there currently exists a need to improve traffic flow. The Police Department, in conjunction with the School Safety Director, recommenced restricting parking on Lindwood Road and Cloverhill Drive during school hours.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC PORTION

ADJOURN TO PUBLIC MEETING

TOWNSHIP COUNCIL PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA - December 5, 2023

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE @ Work Session

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT ANNOUNCEMENT

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS - C. Aaron

1. November 21, 2023 WS & PM (Absent: Mrs. Labow)
November 21, 2023 Executive Session (Absent: Mrs. Labow)

ROLL CALL

CORRESPONDENCE (23)

LETTERS FROM RESIDENTS/ORGANIZATIONS/OTHER TOWNS

1. Letter received November 20, 2023, from James L. Fant, of Hardin, Kundla, McKeon & Poletto, regarding Chester Public Hearing Notice - 201 Pleasant Hill Road.
2. Email received November 30, 2023, from NOFA NJ regarding NOFA NJ Weekly Email: November 20, 2023.
3. Email received November 21, 2023, from NOFA NJ regarding Help NOFA NJ Support Local Farms and Local Food Systems!

4. Email received November 27, 2023, from NOFA NJ regarding NOFA NJ Weekly Email: November 27, 2023.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES OTHER TOWNS

5. Email received November 17, 2023, from Boonton Township, regarding Boonton Township Resolution regarding Senate Bill 3739.
6. Email received November 21, 2023, from Washington Township regarding Washington Township Resolution R-189-23 Supporting Senate Bill 3739 - Fourth Round Affordable Housing.
7. Email received November 21, 2023, from the Borough of Lincoln Park regarding Resolution in support of Senate Bill 3739.
8. Resolution received November 28, 2023, from the Township of Parsippany-Troy Hills regarding R2023-169: Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Parsippany-Troy Hills in Support of Senate Bill 3739 Delaying the Fourth Round of Affordable Housing Obligations from July 1, 2025, to July 1, 2028.
9. Email received November 29, 2023, from Netcong Borough regarding Netcong Ordinance 2023-23 Introduction.
10. Email received November 29, 2023, from Netcong Borough regarding Ord. 2023-24.
11. Email received November 29, 2023, from Chatham Township regarding Resolution 2023-223 In Support of Senate Bill 3739.
12. Email received December 1, 2023, from the Borough of Florham Park regarding Florham Park Resolution #23-178 - Delaying Fourth Round of Affordable Housing Obligations.

LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES

13. Email received November 30, 2023, from NJ Municipalities Magazine regarding December Issue -- Water Management.

STATE AGENCIES/LOI/HIGHLANDS

14. Email received November 30, 2023, from NJDCA regarding Smart Move Program Information Session on 12/6/2023.

MSA/MUA - None

MORRIS COUNTY

15. Email received November 21, 2023, from Morris County regarding Two Trail Projects Recommended for Morris County Funding.
16. Email received November 21, 2023, from Morris County regarding Drew Forest Approved for \$5 Million Preservation Grant.

17. Email received November 22, 2023, from Morris County regarding Support Morris County's Local Businesses This Holiday Season.
18. Email received November 27, 2023, from Morris County regarding Morris County Congratulates Denise Leffler On Her Retirement.
19. Email received November 27, 2023, from Morris County regarding This Week in Morris County: Happy Thanksgiving!
20. Letter received November 27, 2023, from Morris County regarding Application Submitted By: Morris County Division of Mosquito Control.
21. Email received November 28, 2023, from Morris County regarding Morris County's Rescue Task Force Program Enhances Local Emergency Response.

UTILITIES

22. Letter received November 14, 2023, from JCP&L regarding In the Matter of Jersey Central Power & Light Company's Verified Petition Seeking Review and Approval of the Net Deferred Costs Included in Its COVID-19 Regulatory Asset and Establishment of a COVID-19 Recovery Charge :JCP&L Initial CRC Filing" BPU Docket No.: ER23070453.
23. Email received November 28, 2023, from Elizabethtown Gas regarding Elizabethtown Gas Company Notice(s) of Public Hearings scheduled for December 21, 2023 (BPU Docket Nos. GR23070476, GR23070477 and GR23070478).

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PUBLIC PORTION ON CONSENT RESOLUTIONS

COUNCIL COMMENTS ON CONSENT RESOLUTIONS

ROLL CALL

RESOLUTIONS NON-CONSENT

PUBLIC PORTION ON INDIVIDUAL RESOLUTIONS

COUNCIL COMMENTS ON INDIVIDUAL RESOLUTIONS

ROLL CALL (NON-CONSENT)

MOTIONS - A. Roman

1. Bill List

ROLL CALL

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

LEGAL MATTERS

COUNCIL REPORTS

1. Board of Education Liaison - **C. Aaron**
2. Environmental Committee - **J. Ferrante**
3. Lake Issues - **J. Ferrante**
4. Library Board Liaison - **J. Ferrante**
5. Board of Health - **C. Labow**
6. Open Space Committee - **C. Labow**
7. Senior Citizen Liaison - **C. Labow**
8. Legislative Committee - **J. Mania**
9. Planning Board - **J. Mania**
10. Recreation Liaison - **A. Roman**
11. Economic Development Committee - **G. Stewart**

PUBLIC PORTION

COUNCIL COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT