

## MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

April 13, 2016

This is a regular meeting of the Mansfield Township Committee. The notice requirements of the law have been satisfied for this meeting by notice to the Star-Gazette and the Express Times of the time, date and location thereof. Notice was also posted on the announcement board located in the Municipal Building.

Roll Call: Mr. Watters, Mr. Clancy, Mayor Kocher  
Absent: Mr. Misertino, Mrs. Korczukowski

Salute to the flag was done by all.

### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Mr. Clancy made a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular meeting held on March 30, 2016, which was seconded by Mr. Watters.

Ayes: Mr. Watters, Mr. Clancy, Mayor Kocher  
Nays: None  
Absent: Mr. Misertino, Mrs. Korczukowski  
Abstain: None

Mr. Clancy made a motion to approve the minutes from the Special Meeting held on March 30, 2016, which was seconded by Mr. Watters.

Ayes: Mr. Watters, Mr. Clancy, Mayor Kocher  
Nays: None  
Absent: Mr. Misertino, Mrs. Korczukowski  
Abstain: None

### GIRL SCOUT PRESENTATION:

Girl Scout Troop Leader Nancy Harasymchuk discussed the Bronze Award Project for Girl Scout Troop 94567.

Mr. Clancy made a motion to approve the project that the Girl Scouts presented and that the DPW should dig the holes for the additional posts, which was seconded by Mr. Watters.

Ayes: Mr. Watters, Mr. Clancy, Mayor Kocher  
Nays: None  
Absent: Mr. Misertino, Mrs. Korczukowski  
Abstain: None

Mayor Kocher made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 7:35pm to discuss a personnel issue, which was seconded by Mr. Clancy.

Ayes: Mr. Watters, Mr. Clancy, Mayor Kocher  
Nays: None  
Absent: Mr. Misertino, Mrs. Korczukowski

Abstain: None

Mr. Watters made a motion to return to regular session, which was seconded by Mr. Clancy.

Ayes: Mr. Watters, Mr. Clancy, Mayor Kocher

Nays: None

Absent: Mr. Misertino, Mrs. Korczukowski

Abstain: None

Mr. Clancy made a motion to approve the attorney to take the action which was discussed in Executive Session dealing with a Personnel Matter, which was seconded by Mr. Watters.

Ayes: Mr. Watters, Mr. Clancy, Mayor Kocher

Nays: None

Absent: Mr. Misertino, Mrs. Korczukowski

Abstain: None

#### BILL LIST:

Mayor Kocher asked if Edmunds had been paid for the tax and finance programs.

Mr. Watters asked about the bills for Road preservation for Finelli Consulting.

Mr. Finelli stated that this bill is from when we had to make revisions to the proposal for the Watters Road grant instead of a cement retaining wall and have a sheet pile.

Mr. Finelli stated that they received a call from the DEP last week and that they have deemed the application complete and will be reviewing the application.

Mr. Clancy made a motion to approve the bill list with the addendum, which was seconded by Mr. Watters.

Ayes: Mr. Watters, Mr. Clancy, Mayor Kocher

Nays: None

Absent: Mr. Misertino, Mrs. Korczukowski

Abstain: None

#### CLERKS REPORT:

Ms. Hrebenak stated that she received the RFP's today for the Meadows project and that there were two received. Ms. Hrebenak explained that the bids received were from Finelli Consulting in the amount of 3.75% of the total project and one from Pennoni in the amount of 3% of the total project.

Mr. Watters made a motion to put a contract in place for Pennoni to do the inspections for the Meadows at Mansfield project at 3% starting April 22, 2016, which was not seconded.

Seeing as there were no seconds the motion dies.

Mr. Watters stated that the one proposal would be a savings of .7 percent which is a large amount on a multi-million

dollar project.

Mr. Clancy stated that in his opinion we should not have two different engineers in the township other than the two that we have now.

Mayor Kocher asked if Mr. Clancy would like to make a motion to take the other proposal. Mayor Kocher agreed with Mr. Clancy that we should not have two different Engineers for the Township.

Mr. Clancy stated that he would like to have a full committee present for this so that we can get everyone's opinion of what they would like to do.

Mr. Clancy made a motion to table this discussion to next meeting.

Ms. Hrebenak stated that she had an application for Bingo from the Mansfield Township Fire Company for June, July, August, and September to be held on Tuesdays all items are in order a motion is needed to approve this.

Mr. Clancy made a motion to approve the Bingo application for Mansfield Twp Fire Company, which was seconded by Mr. Watters.

Ayes: Mr. Watters, Mr. Clancy, Mayor Kocher

Nays: None

Absent: Mr. Misertino, Mrs. Korczukowski

Abstain: None

#### FINANCE REPORT:

Mrs. Fascenelli stated that our Insurance broker was in and spoke to the employees about the present plan and also the optional plan with OMNIA and they will be sending us a comparison and that will be sent to the employees for them to decide which would be better for them.

#### EMPLOYEES REPORTS:

Mrs. Fascenelli stated that Warren County will not be doing a Electronics Clean Up on April 24 it will only be Household Hazardous Waste because they went out to bid and only received bids and the items were not in order for the bid to be awarded.

Mrs. Fascenelli stated that Warren County received a grant to hold Tire Amnesty Day for farm tires up to 10 tires will be taken from farmers for free sizes 24.5 to 50.

Mrs. Fascenelli stated that Warren County will also be having a collection for homeowner tires which we do not have a flyer yet.

Mrs. Fascenelli stated that Mr. Terry had delivered 6 more Sweet Gum trees.

Mrs. Fascenelli stated that the cleanup is advertised and will be held on April 29 and 30<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Fascenelli stated that the Drug Take back at the police department on April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Fascenelli stated that the Town Wide yard sale is scheduled for April 22 through the 24 and there

are presently 42 residents enrolled. Mrs. Smith is working on the maps for this and there will be Flags provided to the residents.

Mrs. Fascenelli thanked Mayor Kocher and Mrs. Smith for going to the presentation for the Sustainable Jersey grant to collect the \$2,000 check for the shower heads.

Mayor Kocher stated that it was very interesting to see what initiatives have been taken by some of the communities.

#### ENGINEERS REPORT:

Mr. Finelli stated that he and Mr. Lavery will be meeting with the Duarte's and their attorney to discuss the drainage repairs.

Mr. Finelli stated that the Watters road application is being reviewed and hopefully will be approved shortly.

Mr. Finelli spoke to the Township Committee in reference to the Blau Road railroad crossing. Mr. Finelli spoke to the DOT's Project manager whose name is Botamina and she said that Blau was worse than Thomas because of grading and that Thomas is presently on their list also.

Mr. Finelli stated that the reason that DOT will be reimbursing the railroad and not the Township because the railroad will be doing more and also that there is a law that requires them to reimburse the railroad.

Mr. Finelli stated that there was a meeting with Donna Becker, Mayor Kocher, and Kevin Ward at the Salt Shed and a punch list was created and sent to Mr. Samson for his items that are relative to him and his work. Mr. Finelli stated that they had heard from Mr. Samson and he will be getting the punch list completed.

Mayor Kocher stated that she was at the Salt Shed a number of times last week and when it was raining there was water coming in on all levels of the block.

Mr. Finelli stated that he met up with Mayor Kocher this morning and they had discussed her issues with the water coming into the Salt shed. Mr. Finelli stated that he spoke with Clear Span and they said if you do a block foundation instead of poured you have to paint the joints to seal the blocks.

#### PUBLIC PORTION:

Doug Stansione, Mansfield Emergency Services, spoke to the Township Committee in reference to the ambulance costs and the research that was done for the pricing and coops available.

Rich Bland, 22 Canterbury Lane, stated that as the Committee is all aware the Warren County Prosecutor's Office is investigating one of the Committee members.

Mr. Clancy stated that he is unaware of that.

Mr. Lavery, Esq cautioned the committee to not speak on this subject because as far as he is aware we have not been contacted by the Warren County Prosecutors Office.

Bill Lundy, 32 Country Meadow Road, asked if the Committee is aware that one of their members is under investigation by the Warren County Prosecutors Office.

Mr. Lavery stated that he is unaware of anyone being under investigation.

Mr. Clancy stated that he has not been contacted by the Prosecutor's Office.

Mayor Kocher stated that she is not aware of anyone being investigated.

Elizabeth Griggs asked about the Salt Shed project and if we were modeling after the salt shed that was in Washington Twp wouldn't we have known that the foundation did not work.

Mr. Clancy stated that the Salt Shed in Washington Township is a poured foundation.

Ms. Griggs stated that she felt that we were using the money for a building that was not built in best practices.

Joe Farino spoke in reference to the water issues at the Salt shed.

Mayor Kocher stated that there is an issue with the water and all of the blocks.

COMMITTEE PERSON COMMENTS:

Mr. Clancy had nothing to report.

Mr. Watters had nothing to report.

Mayor Kocher stated that at the Sustainable Jersey meeting discussions were about getting the Green Team, Environmental Commission, and or Economic Development Council could work together and meet with the Hackettstown or Washington BID.

Mayor Kocher stated that the Economic Development Council met and had a productive meeting.

Mayor Kocher made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 9:02 to discuss pending litigation at 9:03pm, which was seconded by Mr. Clancy.

Ayes: Mr. Watters, Mr. Clancy, Mayor Kocher

Nays: None

Absent: Mr. Misertino, Mrs. Korczukowski

Abstain: None

Mr. Clancy made a motion to return to regular session at 9:17.

Mr. Watters made a motion to pay the \$1500 for COAH litigation to be put into an Escrow account at Lavery, Selvaggi, Abromitis, & Cohen, which was seconded by Mr. Clancy.

Ayes: Mr. Watters, Mr. Clancy, Mayor Kocher

Nays: None

Absent: Mr. Misertino, Mrs. Korczukowski

Abstain: None

Mr. Watters made a motion to pay \$2500 for the Architect to prepare the second grant for Municipal Charitables for the Mount Bethel Church, which was seconded by Mr. Clancy.

Ayes: Mr. Watters, Mr. Clancy, Mayor Kocher

Nays: None

Absent: Mr. Misertino, Mrs. Korczukowski

Abstain: None

Mr. Clancy made a motion to adjourn at 9:15, which was carried by all.