

MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

August 28, 2013

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. Smith, Mr. Watters, Mr. Clancy, Mrs. Kocher, Mayor Tomaszewski

Salute to the flag was done by all.

APPROVAL OF THE BILL LIST:

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

Ayes: Mr. Smith, Mr. Watters, Mr. Clancy, Mrs. Kocher, Mayor Tomaszewski
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

CLERKS REPORT:

Mr. Watters made a motion to approve the Trick Tray, Off Site 50/50, and Onsite 50/50 raffles for the Mansfield Township PTA to be held on March 29, 2013 between the hours of 5pm-11pm, which was seconded by Mayor Tomaszewski.

Ayes: Mr. Smith, Mr. Watters, Mr. Clancy, Mrs. Kocher, Mayor Tomaszewski
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

ENGINEERS REPORT:

Mr. DiSessa stated that the package that was submitted to the DOT for the Diamond Hill project. We are awaiting their approval of the plans and specs and then we would like to schedule it to go out to bid.

The bid price is anticipated at \$400,000 we are trying to incorporate the other issues on the road that need to be done to the drainage and some other issues present with the road.

Mr. Smith asked Mr. DiSessa what this would involve with the driveways.

Mr. DiSessa stated that we would be removing the driveway aprons to improve the road and the drainage.

Mr. DiSessa stated that we will need to wait for the DOT approval which will put us at September 11 and

the advertisement will be placed in the paper on September 13, 2013 and then there is a 20 day allowance for returning the bids which would make the bid opening day October 3, 2013 and we could award to the lowest bidder at the first meeting in October. And hopefully the work will begin on October 28 and the completion date is November 25 and after that date the contractor would begin to incur a fine for liquidated damages for any days over the time limit.

Mayor Tomaszewski made a motion to approve going out to bid for the Diamond Hill Road Reconstruction, which was seconded by Mr. Clancy.

Ayes: Mr. Smith, Mr. Watters, Mr. Clancy, Mrs. Kocher, Mayor Tomaszewski

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

PUBLIC PORTION:

Chris Fournier, Mansfield Youth Baseball Association, asked about the Youth Association using the softball field that is next to the tennis courts in the new park. Mr. Fournier stated that the use would be on Saturdays and Sundays and that they would need to enlarge the infield which would not affect the girl's softball requirements.

Mrs. Todd stated that the field is used presently for friendly games with the girls that participated this year in the softball recreation.

Mayor Tomaszewski explained that the Recreation Committee would need to approve the use of the fields.

Mr. Fournier asked what he would need to do to get the approval.

Members of the Recreation Commission were present and they explained that they would need to do a meeting.

Ms. Hrebenak stated that she would get in touch with all parties to arrange this.

Mr. Paul Tarlowe asked the Township Committee whom it is that maintains the website.

Ms. Hrebenak stated that the website is maintained in house and we also have an outside webmaster.

Mr. Tarlowe stated that the main page when it is opened still says welcome to the front page.

Mayor Tomaszewski made a motion to appoint Jim McMekin as an alternate to the Musconetcong River Management Council if he responds that he is interested in participating, which was seconded by Mr. Smith.

Ayes: Mr. Smith, Mr. Watters, Mr. Clancy, Mrs. Kocher, Mayor Tomaszewski

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Kathie Todd and Tracey Wyckoff spoke to the Township Committee about the mowing at the Comcast fields being too high for field hockey.

Mrs. Wyckoff stated that she is afraid if the fields are inspected that they will not be able to have games.

Both women stated that the appropriate length would be about 1 ½", and this should be short enough for the girls to play on.

Mr. Smith stated that he will speak with Mr. Sliker and request that the fields be mowed at 1 1/2".

Mrs. Todd and Mrs. Wyckoff both thanked the Committee for their help.

RESOLUTION:

RESOLUTION # 2013 -93
REFUND OF RECREATION REGISTRATION
TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD
WARREN COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, Christine Simonsen registered Olivia and paid by credit card in the amount of \$ 65.00 to participate in Cheerleading with the Township of Mansfield, County of Warren,

WHEREAS, Olivia Simonsen will not be participating in Cheerleading and the credit card used to register for Cheerleading has expired,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Acting Chief Financial Officer be authorized to refund the amount of \$ 65.00 to Christine Simonsen.

Mr. Watters made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-93, which was seconded by Mr. Smith.

Ayes: Mr. Smith, Mr. Watters, Mr. Clancy, Mrs. Kocher, Mayor Tomaszewski

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

RESOLUTION # 2013 -94
REFUND OF RECREATION REGISTRATION
TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD
WARREN COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, Elaine Drazek registered two (2) children to participate in Soccer and paid by credit card in the amount of \$ 130.00 with the Township of Mansfield, County of Warren,

WHEREAS, Michael Drazek will not be participating in Soccer,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Acting Chief Financial Officer be authorized to refund the amount of \$ 65.00 to Elaine Drazek.

Mrs. Kocher made a motion to approve the passage of Resolution 2013-94, which was seconded by Mr. Smith.

Ayes: Mr. Smith, Mr. Watters, Mr. Clancy, Mrs. Kocher, Mayor Tomaszewski

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

RESOLUTION 2013-95

BONFIRES

WHEREAS, the Mansfield Cowboys Parents Association has made application to the Township Committee for the permission to hold a Bonfire on Municipal Property on the Recreation Field, located on Port Murray Road, in the area known as the "Pit"; and

WHEREAS, Permit No. A68B9/13-7 issued by The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Bureau of Forest Management, Bonfire Date August 16, 2013 has been submitted to the Township Committee by the Mansfield Cowboys Parents Association to verify that they have State approval for the permit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, that Mansfield Cowboys Parents Association are authorized, in accordance with the Fire Permit A68B9/13-7 issued, dated August 16, 2013, to be held on September 6, 2013 between the hours of 1700 and 2200 upon the condition that Mansfield Cowboys Parents Association make arrangements for the Fire Department to be in attendance at all times during the period that the fire is burning, and that the applicant comply with all of the matters set forth in the application Permit No. A68B9/13-7 as set forth therein.

Mr. Watters made a motion to approve the passage of Resolution 2013-95, which was seconded by Mayor Tomaszewski.

Ayes: Mr. Smith, Mr. Watters, Mr. Clancy, Mrs. Kocher, Mayor Tomaszewski

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

RESOLUTION # 2013 -96
REFUND OF PLANNING BOARD ESCROW BALANCE
TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD
WARREN COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, OREH, LLC issued checks for Planning Board escrow with the Township of Mansfield, County of Warren,

WHEREAS, there remains a balance of \$ 1,858.75 in the escrow account,

WHEREAS, the Planning Board Attorney and Engineer have determined that the balance can be returned,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Finance Office be authorized to refund the amount of \$ 1,858.75 to OREH, LLC.

Mr. Clancy made a motion to approve the passage of Resolution 2013-96, which was seconded by Mrs. Kocher.

Ayes: Mr. Smith, Mr. Watters, Mr. Clancy, Mrs. Kocher, Mayor Tomaszewski

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

RESOLUTION # 2013 -97
LEASE/PURCHASE OF POLICE VEHICLE
TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD
WARREN COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, the Township of Mansfield wishes to lease/purchase a Police Vehicle from an authorized vendor under State Contract;

WHEREAS, the purchase of goods and services by local contracting units is authorized by Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a; and

WHEREAS, Ford Credit has been awarded the State Contract;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, County of Warren, State of New Jersey that a contract be awarded to Ford Credit for lease/purchase of one (1) 2014 Dodge Charger, schedule No. 6366510 for a 36 month lease at \$ 11,505.59 per year.

Mr. Watters made a motion to not approve ordering the Police Car, which was seconded by Mayor Tomaszewski.

Ayes: Mr. Watters, Mayor Tomaszewski
Nays: Mr. Smith, Mr. Clancy, Mrs. Kocher
Absent: None
Abstain: None

Mrs. Kocher made a motion to table Resolution 2013-97 until the next meeting so that more information can be obtained, which was seconded by Mr. Smith.

Ayes: Mr. Smith, Mr. Watters, Mr. Clancy, Mrs. Kocher, Mayor Tomaszewski
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

COMMITTEE PERSON COMMENTS:

Mrs. Kocher made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:22pm, which was seconded by Mr. Smith.

Ayes: Mr. Smith, Mr. Watters, Mr. Clancy, Mrs. Kocher, Mayor Tomaszewski
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

Return from Executive Session at 9:03pm

Roll Call: Mr. Smith, Mr. Watters, Mr. Clancy, Mrs. Kocher, Mayor Tomaszewski

Mrs. Kocher made a motion to create a resolution for Committee members to be able to call into a meeting if they are unavailable for the meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Clancy.

Ayes: Mr. Smith, Mr. Clancy, Mrs. Kocher

Nays: Mr. Watters, Mayor Tomaszewski

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Mr. Watters asked that the letter about Borealis 2013-05 be forwarded to Mr. DiSessa.

Mr. Watters stated that the Reassessment has been approved by the state and the bonding is in process.

Mr. Watters stated that the bonding has begun for the Diamond Hill Road project also.

Mrs. Kocher asked about the Bethel Church and if there has been any progress for the township to acquire the property.

Mr. Lavery stated that the letters have been sent to the owners of record at the churches address and was returned and the last one was sent to the previous address that was on the title search and there has still been no response.

Mr. Farino stated that he has an issue with the resolution that was passed in reference to Committee members calling in for Committee meetings.

Mrs. Rosenblum stated that the telephone attendance would not be the same.

Mayor Tomaszewski made a motion to adjourn at 9:11pm, which was carried by all.