

MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

January 8, 2014

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

Salute to Flag.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Mr. Watters made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on December 23, 2013 with corrections, which was seconded by Mayor Tomaszewski.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: Mr. Misertino

Mr. Clancy stated that he made a correction with Ms. Hrebenak on the vote for Resolution 2014-04 which he definitely voted no and he believes Mrs. Kocher voted no also.

Mrs. Kocher agreed that she had voted no.

Ms. Hrebenak stated that she had made that correction.

Mr. Misertino made a motion to approve the minutes from the Reorganization meeting held on January 1, 2014 with the corrections, which was seconded by Mr. Watters.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

CFO REPORT:

Mr. Pandos stated that the Freeze stat had to be reset and the reset was not working and a call had to be made to the Honeywell technician. The Technician had to come out after hours and the freeze stat had to be replaced.

Mr. Pandos stated that the regular technician came yesterday and the actuator was bad and the freeze stat should not go bad again and that the louvers for the vents needed to be greased and cleaned.

Mr. Pandos stated that the Tax Assessor spoke with Appraisal Systems and they are almost complete and they will be reviewing their findings with the assessor in a week.

Mr. Watters asked Mr. DiSessa about the meeting that was held with Honeywell.

Mr. DiSessa stated that he believes that Honeywell sees our issues and they are working with us.

Mr. Watters asked wouldn't the louvers be part of their quarterly visit.

Mr. DiSessa stated that this should have been inspected and they did do the repairs for no charge.

ENGINEERS REPORT:

Mr. DiSessa stated that we have 4 bid packages out for the Diamond Hill Road project.

Mr. DiSessa stated that the tower on our property installed a microwave dish without Zoning approval and he has sent them a violation. They will be working with us and will be coming before the board.

CLERKS REPORT:

Ms. Hrebenak stated that she had nothing to report.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Elizabeth Griggs, Mount Bethel Road, asked if the Township had a plan for Snow removal.

Mayor Tomaszewski asked Ms. Hrebenak if the Township had a plan.

Ms. Hrebenak stated that the Township does not have a plan.

Mrs. Griggs asked why the Township does not have a plan other places have plans and it seems to work better.

Mayor Tomaszewski explained that none of the storms are the same so there is no way to make a document to be followed.

Mrs. Griggs stated that she has lived here and Mount Bethel has never been properly cared for.

Mrs. Griggs asked why there 4 part time positions that were filled and then in January we only had two.

Mayor Tomaszewski stated that this weekend two of the regular workers did not come in and that he and one part timer assisted two of the regular workers.

Mrs. Griggs stated that there is no plan there are no resources and you are saying things are working well cause this is how things have been done.

Mr. Misertino asked what Mrs. Griggs is trying to focus on.

Mrs. Griggs stated that she is trying to say that we should have a plan.

Mr. Misertino asked how would you define what level plan is that needs to be addressed.

Mrs. Griggs stated that the issue is that the snow removal is not being done and she is asking for a plan.

Mrs. Griggs asked if a salt order was cancelled for Mansfield Township.

Mrs. Griggs asked if there was only one person appointed for part time work.

Mayor Tomaszewski stated that he is also available to assist the DPW.

Mr. Lavery asked what Mrs. Griggs problem is that needs to be addressed.

Mrs. Griggs stated that the problem is the snow removal.

Mrs. Griggs asked what the plan is and is it adequate she thinks it is not.

Mayor Tomaszewski stated that the pictures look as though they were taken at different times during the day.

Mrs. Griggs stated that her husband took the pictures and they are were taken at the same time.

Mrs. Griggs asked if the Township Committee received any benefits.

Mrs. Griggs asked why the employees receive 25% opt out for health benefits.

Mrs. Griggs asked why the Township Committee gave an employee 100% health benefits.

Mr. Clancy stated that this was done from past practice.

Mr. Lavery stated that there was also a Resolution passed in 2003 that stated that employees with 25 years of service would receive 100% health benefits.

Mrs. Griggs asked if the snow removal could be an action item.

Mrs. Griggs asked if this was the Mayors job to review the conditions of the equipment.

Mayor Tomaszewski stated that right now we have no DPW supervisor and once we have a Supervisor he will not be checking the conditions of the equipment.

Joe Farino stated that he has lived in the Township for 48 years and there were times that the roads were not cleared for months.

Mr. Farino stated that the information that was put out on Facebook was not correct and it should not get people riled up.

Mr. Farino stated that the previous storms the snow was left on the ground so that the rain that came down afterward would not be able to turn to ice.

Mayor Tomaszewski stated that every storm is different and there are alot of different instances.

Mrs. Griggs stated that storm after storm Independence is doing a better job than Mansfield so could we

do what they are doing.

Mrs. Kocher stated that there was an issue on Friday that a woman was trapped in her house and the squad could not get to her house so the officers shoveled a path and the women had to walk out to the squad.

Mrs. Griggs asked what the action is for snow removal.

Mr. Watters stated that some people will put down more salt which will melt the snow and make the road clear.

Mr. Misertino stated that there may be some roads that need to be addressed.

Brad Smith, Mount Bethel Road, stated that there are not enough people on DPW for snow removal. Mr. Smith asked about the power washing service at the DPW and this is not used.

Mr. Farino stated that this was required by the state when the building was built.

Mr. Smith asked if this could be decommissioned.

Mr. Lavery stated that this could not be decommissioned because it is required for storm water management.

Mr. Smith asked why there is no one in charge of personnel.

Mayor Tomaszewski stated that he and Mr. Misertino are in charge of personnel under Finance.

Mr. Smith asked why there are two people on the Committee that are not doing anything.

Mrs. Kocher stated that she was appointed to be liaison of Economic Development which has not a Committee member appointed since 2007.

Mr. Misertino stated that Mrs. Kocher could work to build out the Economic Development.

Mr. Cruts stated that Mr. Smith touched on all of the topics that he was going to address.

Mr. Cruts stated that he was told that he was not hired for part time snow removal because he does not have a CDL and a physical and he was curious as to who approved the Mayor to plow.

Mr. Lavery stated that he plows for free so no one needs to approve him.

Mr. Cruts stated that he is worried about this town and where we are going.

Mr. Misertino stated that the townships financial state is not a problem we were at 1.8% with a 2% CAP.

Mr. Misertino stated that the Recreation Committee has not met and people are already saying derogatory things.

Mr. Cruts stated that his concerns are for this town and the way that we are using our more knowledgeable people.

Allison Lorenton, Karrville Road, stated that she is shocked and it is embarrassing how the mayor treats people by telling them to shut up.

Desiree Mora, presented the Township Committee with a book from Community Day. Mrs. Mora stated that she feels that the issue stated of disrespect was not true. Mrs. Mora thanked the Township Committee for appointing Mr. Misertino to the Recreation Commission.

Mr. Farino read comments from Facebook that Mrs. Smith posted which was incorrect information.

RESOLUTION:

RESOLUTION # 2014-25

TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD

WARREN COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

**Resolution of Support from Local Governing Body Authorizing the
Sustainable Jersey Grant Application for
MINIMIZE WATER CONSUMPTION – RAIN BARREL WORKSHOP**

WHEREAS, a sustainable community seeks to optimize quality of life for its residents by ensuring that its environmental, economic and social objectives are balanced and mutually supportive; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Mansfield, Warren County, New Jersey strives to save tax dollars, assure clean land, air and water, improve working and living environments; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Mansfield, Warren County, New Jersey is participating in the Sustainable Jersey Program; and

WHEREAS, one of the purposes of the Sustainable Jersey Program is to provide resources to municipalities to make progress on sustainability issues, and they have created a grant program called the Sustainable Jersey Small Grants Program;

THEREFORE, the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, Warren County, New Jersey has determined that the Township of Mansfield should apply for the aforementioned Grant in the amount of \$ 2,000.00.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, Warren County, State of New Jersey, authorize the submission of the aforementioned Grant.

Mr. Watters made a motion to approve the passage of Resolution 2014-25, which was seconded by Mayor Tomaszewski.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None
Abstain: None

ORDINANCE:

**ORDINANCE 2014-01
ORDINANCE TO CANCEL CAPITAL ORDINANCES OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE
OF NEW JERSEY**

WHEREAS, there exists full-funded ordinances on the balance sheet of the General Capital Fund; and

WHEREAS, the fund creating these ordinances has been investigated and it has been determined that these ordinances are no longer needed and should be canceled;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, that the following ordinances in the total amount of \$ 13,754.36 are hereby canceled to Capital Surplus.

Ordinance CA-2009-02

Purchase of Road Equipment	\$	1.91
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Ordinance CA-2010-02

Purchase of Emergency Vehicles	\$	2,629.62
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Ordinance CA-2012-01

Purchase of Generator	\$	10,340.83
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Ordinance CA-2013-01

Purchase of Server (including installation)	\$	782.00
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Mr. Watters made a motion to approve the introduction of Ordinance 2014-01 and requested that the public hearing be advertised for the January 22, 2014 meeting at 8pm, which was seconded by Mr. Clancy.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-02

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR AND DETERMINE THE SALARIES AND COMPENSATION FOR THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD AND THE METHOD OF PAYMENT OF SUCH SALARIES AND COMPENSATION.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, County of Warren, State of New Jersey as follows:

The salaries ranges per annum of rates of compensation of the following officers and employees of the Township of Mansfield are determined to be as follows:

Patrolmen	\$40,000 - \$87,806
Sergeants	\$86,140 - \$93,240
Lieutenants	\$88,494 - \$96,563
Chief	\$102,000 - \$111,887
Call outs (Court)	\$55.00/hr

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon publication as provided by Law.

Mr. Watters made a motion to introduce Ordinance 2014-02 and requested that the public hearing be advertised to be held on January 22, 2014, which was seconded by Mrs. Kocher.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Mayor Tomaszewski made a motion to adjourn at 9:00 pm.