

MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

January 24, 2007

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: Mrs. Oakley, Ms. Nerbak, Mr. Appleby, Deputy Mayor Watters. Mayor Baldwin absent.

Salute to the flag was done by all.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mrs. Oakley made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 27, 2006, seconded by Ms. Nerbak.

Ayes: Mrs. Oakley, Ms. Nerbak, Mr. Appleby, Deputy Mayor Watters
Nays: None
Absent: Mr. Baldwin

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Mrs. Oakley made a motion to approve the bill list with addendum, seconded by Ms. Nerbak.

Ayes: Mrs. Oakley, Ms. Nerbak, Mr. Appleby, Deputy Mayor Watters
Nays: None
Absent: Mr. Baldwin

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION- No. 2007-24

FOR TRANSFER OF FUNDS

WHEREAS, there are insufficient funds in some of the 2006 budget line items; and

WHEREAS, it is permissible to transfer appropriation reserve funds before April 1, 2007.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield that the following transfers be made:

FROM		TO	
Administration OE	\$200.00	Planning Board OE	\$200.00

Ms. Nerbak made a motion to approve Resolution 2007-24 as presented, seconded by Mrs. Oakley.

Ayes: Mrs. Oakley, Ms. Nerbak, Mr. Appleby, Deputy Mayor Watters
Nays: None
Absent: Mr. Baldwin

Mr. Lee requested a motion to approve the Mayor and the Acting Clerk to sign the Department of Public Works Teamsters Contract that had been sent out to all Township Committee members prior to the meeting.

Ms. Nerbak made a motion to approve the Mayor and Acting Clerk signing the contract for the Department of Public Works Teamsters Union, seconded by Mrs. Oakley.

Ayes: Mrs. Oakley, Ms. Nerbak, Mr. Appleby, Deputy Mayor Watters
Nays: None
Absent: Mr. Baldwin

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-25

MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

2007 SALARIES

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, Warren County, New Jersey, that the Salaries for the Department of Public Works for the period beginning Jan 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007 shall be as follows:

Keith Beam	\$47,018
Everett Cox	\$47,018
Stephen Hedges	\$47,018
John Prisco	\$47,018
John Tate	\$47,108
Ed Watters	\$47,108
Ron Richardson	\$44,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that salaries are to be paid in accordance with Salary Ordinance – Ordinance No. 2006-11, which was adopted by the Mansfield Township Committee on Feb. 26, 2006.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Chief Financial Officer shall be hereby authorized to pay the foregoing salaries commencing Jan. 24, 2007.

Mrs. Oakley made a motion to approve Resolution 2007-25, seconded by Ms. Nerbak.

Ayes: Mrs. Oakley, Ms. Nerbak, Mr. Appleby, Deputy Mayor Watters
Nays: None
Absent: Mr. Baldwin

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-26

MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

2006 SALARIES

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, Warren County, New Jersey, that the Salaries for the Department of Public Works for the period beginning Jan 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006 shall be as follows:

Keith Beam	\$45,268
Everett Cox	\$45,268
Stephen Hedges	\$45,268
John Prisco	\$45,268
John Tate	\$45,268
Ed Watters	\$45,268
Ron Richardson	\$37,500

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that salaries are to be paid in accordance with Salary Ordinance – Ordinance No. 2006-11, which was adopted by the Mansfield Township Committee on Feb. 26, 2006.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Chief Financial Officer shall be hereby authorized to pay the foregoing salaries commencing Jan. 24, 2007.

Mrs. Oakley made a motion to approve Resolution 2007-26, seconded by Ms. Nerbak.

Ayes: Mrs. Oakley, Ms. Nerbak, Mr. Appleby, Deputy Mayor Watters

Nays: None

Absent: Mr. Baldwin

PUBLIC PORTION:

Deputy Mayor Watters opened the public portion:

Mr. Jim Travis, resident of Watters Road, questioned the Township Committee on tickets that were received by people that were at his house for overnight parking on the street. Mr. Travis stated that he never heard that an ordinance was in place for street parking and wanted to know what to do if people needed to park on the street. Mr. Travis asked if they could possibly call in and let the officers on duty know that there would be cars in the street.

Chief Ort was present and said that the ordinance was there so that if from November through April there is snow the township does not have to go door to door and get people to move cars so that the roads can be cleared, and that if someone did have to park on the street when the weather is warmer and there is no forecast of snow that the

communications center could be called and that they keep a list of the people that have called in that there are cars parked on the street.

Robert Moentenich, resident of Winters Street, had questions for the Township Committee on the Construction Office and the proposed merging with another town. Mr. Moentenich stated that the building permit fees could be raised if the office is losing money to make the office self supporting. Mr. Moentenich also stated that he was also an inspector in another town that was a resident in this town and that there is also a way that the town can also recoup ten to twelve percent for building space and phones, etc.

Mr. Lee and Mr. Watters assured Mr. Moentenich that this situation is being reviewed and that the reason that the Construction Official was notified is that the statute requires that the Construction Official is notified that he will not be being reappointed for another term and also that this opportunity of sharing offices and costs with another municipality would not be possible if the Construction Official was reappointed, due to the tenure requirement.

Charles O'Connor, Construction Official, questioned what tenure has to do with going to a shared services.

Mr. Lee advised the Township Committee and Mr. O'Connor that this discussion should not be going on in a public meeting.

Fred Goerlitz, resident of Diamond Hill, questioned the Township Committee on the status of the Emergency Services hiring individuals and starting to charge for services in March, and they are also trying to seek individuals for daytime coverage out of this area.

Mr. Lee stated that the Mansfield Emergency Services has a contract to provide services to the township. They are a private entity and the township does not control what they do as far as charging or not charging for services.

Fred Goerlitz questioned if the township would entertain, at the end of the Mansfield Emergency Services contract, to have another agency provide services to the township.

Mr. Lee stated that there has never been any other offer of service from any other agency, also that the only other agency that is in the area that can offer this service in this area already charges for their services.

Mrs. Oakley asked if it was possible to ask for the Emergency Services to come in and let the Township Committee know of their intentions, so that some of the questions that are being asked by Mansfield Residents could be answered.

Mr. Lee stated that he would send a letter out to the Mansfield Emergency Services requesting that they come to a committee meeting to go over their intentions with the Township Committee and the residents.

Mr. Lee stated that the contract with the Emergency Services does not allow for the Township to tell them that they must always supply the township coverage.

Deputy Mayor Watters asked if there were any other comments from the public, seeing there were no more comments the public portion was closed.

COMMITTEE PERSON COMMENTS:

Mrs. Oakley stated that she knows that the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and Committeeman Appleby have town cell phones and she questioned if it would be adventagous for Ms. Nerbak and herself to be given town cells also.

Mr. Lee stated that the question was never asked, and that Committeeman Appleby retained the phone that he received when he was mayor, if the other members are interested in getting phones they should let Dena know so that the arrangements can be made.

Mr. Appleby stated that the Environmental Commission had chosen a chairperson for 2007, and that Donna Blaszcak was the member that was chosen for the position of chairperson.

Ms. Nerbak stated that she went to the Solid Waste Advisory Council meeting and that there were discussions about recycling being done throughout the County and the County Solid Waste plan.

Ms. Nerbak questioned whether there was recycling set up in the municipal building and stated that if this was not already the common practice of the municipal building that she would like for recycling to be set up for the municipal building.

Ms. Nerbak stated that if the County does not get more recycling done throughout the County and to get the solid waste numbers up that it will start costing the towns money.

Mrs. Oakley stated that she thinks that the township should explore having recycling at either at the DPW garage or have recycling pick up.

Ms. Nerbak stated that the recycling center has been moved to the PCFA building and that this service is free to the residents of the county.

Ms. Nerbak also stated that the Recycling Committee will be having a workshop on Solar Heat and Space Heat on April 14 through April 18.

Ms. Nerbak also sadly remarked that Mr. John Ackerman and Mr. Art Robinson have resigned from the Economic and Industrial Development Advisory Council due to the fact that they have become too busy, Ms. Nerbak would like a letter of thanks be sent to both for all of their years of service.

Mrs. Oakley made a motion to adjourn at 8:23pm, seconded by Ms. Nerbak and carried by all.