# MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

## March 23, 2022

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 Express Times NJ Zone of the time, date and location thereof. Notice was also posted on the announcement board located in the Municipal Building.

Roll Call: Mr. Hayes, Mr. McGuinness, Mrs. Mora Dillon, Mayor Watters

Salute to the flag was done by all.

### MAYORAL BASKETBALL PROCLAMATION

Mrs. Mora Dillon read the following:

**WHEREAS,** the 3/4 grade boys' team from Mansfield Recreation coached by Dante Monaco and assistant Dave Gesek were league champions after defeating Franklin 24 to 15 in front of a home crowd on March 4, 2022; and

**WHEREAS,** after going 7-3 during the regular season, they came into the end of year tournament as the 2nd seed; and

WHEREAS, the team was led in scoring through the season by stand-out Freddie Quinn, supported by strong play from Mason Gesek, James Quinn, and Ethan Melvin, and the improved play of Cylis Meininger and Caleb Delong made a big impact in the tournament. Timely scoring and tough defense by Jayden Arroyo, Alexander Meininger, Santiago Correa, and Liam Conklin made the difference in the end; and

**WHEREAS,** Coaches Dante Monaco and Assistant Dave Gesek would like to thank all of the families for their support during the year; and

**NOW THEREFORE,** the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, would like to recognize the hard work and perseverance of all the players of the Mansfield Recreation 3/4 Grade Boys' Basketball Team

**PROCLAIMED** this 23<sup>rd</sup> of March, 2022.

Mayor Watters presented Certificates of Achievement to all players in attendance.

## **OFFICER PROMOTION**

Mrs. Orlando performed the swearing-in ceremony of Officer Michael Madonna to Sergeant.

## MAYORAL PROCLAMATION HONORING CHIEF REILLY

Mayor Watters read the following:

**WHEREAS,** we are here today to express our appreciation to Police Chief Michael Reilly and honor him for his distinguished 26-year career with the Township of Mansfield and dedicated service to the residents of Mansfield; and

**WHEREAS,** Chief Reilly began his career with the Township of Mansfield Police Department on December 12, 1995, and has served as Police Chief since November 13, 2013; and

**WHEREAS,** over his 26 years of employment, Chief Reilly has displayed the highest example of character, ethics, morals and unselfish service; and

**WHEREAS,** on behalf of the entire Township Committee, we want to express our sincere appreciation to Michael for his loyalty to the Township of Mansfield and wish him much happiness as he begins this exciting new chapter in his life.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim Thursday, March 31, 2022, as:

#### "CHIEF MICHAEL REILLY DAY"

in the Township of Mansfield, and urge all citizens and employees to join the Township Committee in congratulating Chief Reilly on an outstanding career with the Township of Mansfield and wishing him many continued years of happiness and good health. **PROCLAIMED** this 23<sup>rd</sup> of March, 2022.

## **RECESS**

A short recess was taken to celebrate the above accomplishments. Meeting resumed at 8:02 pm.

## **PUBLIC PORTION – CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

Mayor Watters opened the Public Portion of the meeting for comments on the Consent Agenda Items.

Seeing none, the Public Portion for Consent Agenda Items was closed.

# **CLERK'S REPORT**

Mrs. Orlando reported:

- <u>Pre-Construction Meeting</u> Mrs. Orlando attended with Mr. Quamme and Mr. Snyder with Elizabethtown Gas about the distribution line on Townsbury Road. Their construction will start April 4<sup>th</sup>. Ours will be the beginning of May.
- Zoning Officer awaiting fingerprint results before he starts part time.
- <u>DOT Drug Tests</u> are complete. Will give random tests in future.
- Seniors Email the Mansfield Seniors now have a Township email address.
- <u>Marriage Licenses</u> are now by appointment only on Tuesday Thursday during office hours, and one late night a month on a Wednesday.

#### **CFO REPORT**

Mrs. Mollineaux reported:

<u>Special Budget Meeting</u> – was held this evening at 6:00. Budget Intro will be April 13, 2022, with public hearing and final adoption in May.

# **EMPLOYEES' REPORTS**

Mrs. Fascenelli reported:

- Flea Market Saturday and Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup> & May 1<sup>st</sup> at DPW Garage. Participants have choice of one or two days. The Boy and Girl Scouts have been contacted to earn community service hours to help with set up and clean up. There has been community interest in the event. Mrs. Mora Dillon suggested contacting St. Theodore Church for kids who need service hours.
- 2019 Recycling Tonnage Grant \$15,187.49 was received. We are 4<sup>th</sup> in Warren County.
- <u>Borealis Tonnage Report</u> Mayor Watters asked about their report. Mrs. Fascenelli will contact them.

## **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Mr. Quamme from Ferriero Engineering reported from the March 18<sup>th</sup> report:

- Item #4 Mt. Bethel Community Center septic and well plans are done. Application signed by Clerk and fee has been cut. Mistakenly went to Warren County Health Department directly. Mr. Quamme will confirm and get the design engineer, E&LP to send the plans. They are also finalizing a stormwater design and will submit to Mr. Quamme. A Cost Estimate should be submitted before the bidding process. If the engineer doesn't produce one, Mr. Quamme will.
- Item #6 completed NJDOT Municipal Aid Projects for Heiser Road. Final payment is pending. Missing pieces are needed before they can send the payment voucher to the State. The next grant is Airport Road that also needs paperwork to be sent to them. It's in process.
- Item #7 Elizabeth Gas Distribution attended pre-con meeting. April 4<sup>th</sup> is start date. They need to produce escrow payment for inspection for our costs. We asked for a bond. Mr. Lavery will check on the local ordinances. Mr. Quamme sent them a copy of a typical bond that's a performance with a maintenance bond associated with it.
- Item #8 Recreation Pole Barn bid is out and scheduled for April 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Item #7 Rt. 57 Auto Salvage court date was carried into April. Discovery was requested by the attorney and sent from Mr. Quamme's office to the prosecutor.
- Item #10 Mr. Quamme asked if the Highview Terrace paper street vacation was tabled.
   He requested a survey in January. Mrs. Mora Dillon advised them to the Land Use Board.
- Item #13 269 Hazen Road application for a use variance was heard by the Land Use Board on the 21<sup>st</sup> and was carried to the April meeting.

Mr. Hayes asked about the guard rails on Rt. 57 by Licon Lighting near the 17.8-mile marker. Mr. Quamme will speak to the inspector in this area.

# **ORDINANCES**

# **Second Reading**

Mr. Hayes made a motion to approve An Ordinance of the Township of Mansfield, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, vacating paper streets known as Cleveland Street, North Broad Street, and portions of Ridgewood Avenue, and Orange Street, which was seconded by Mrs. Mora Dillon.

Mayor Watters opened the meeting for public comment; seeing none, public portion was closed.

Ayes: Mr. Hayes, Mr. McGuinness, Mrs. Mora Dillon, Mayor Watters

Nays: None

Absent: Mr. Farino Abstain: None

# AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, VACATING PAPER STREETS KNOWN AS CLEVELAND STREET, NORTH BROAD STREET, AND PORTIONS OF RIDGEWOOD AVENUE AND ORANGE STREET

**WHEREAS,** there exists in the Township of Mansfield ("Township") paper streets dedicated to the Township known as Cleveland Street, North Broad Street, and portions of Ridgewood Avenue and Orange Street; and

**WHEREAS,** there has been a request to have the Township vacate said streets in accordance with the description set forth in Schedule A, annexed hereto; and

**WHEREAS,** the matter has been referred to the Township Engineer who has recommended that the Township proceed with the vacation since the roadways proposed to be vacated are not needed by the Township for public purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee does hereby determine that the aforementioned streets as

set forth in the description attached hereto as Schedule "A" are no longer needed for public purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40:67-1(b) and -19 authorizes the municipality to release and extinguish the public's rights arising from a dedication of a roadway; and

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

#### **SECTION A**

- 1. The rights of the public and the Township in and to Cleveland Street, North Broad Street and a portion of Ridgewood Avenue and Orange Street as described in the attached Schedule "A" are hereby extinguished and vacated; however, expressly reserved and excepted from vacation are all rights and privileges now possessed by public utilities, as defined in R.S.48:2-13, and by any cable television company, as defined in the "Cable Television Act," P.L.1972, c. 186 (C.48:5A-1 et seq.), to maintain, repair and replace their existing facilities in, adjacent to, over or under the street to be vacated.
- At least one week prior to the time fixed for the consideration of this Ordinance for final passage, a copy thereof, together with a notice of the introduction thereof and the time and place when and where the Ordinance will be further considered for final passage, shall be mailed to every person whose land may be affected by this Ordinance so far as may be ascertained. Said notices shall be mailed by the Township Clerk in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40:49-6.
- 3. The Township Clerk shall, within sixty (60) days of the effective date of this Ordinance, file a copy of this Ordinance certified by her under the seal of the municipality, to be a true copy thereof, together with proof of publication thereof, in the office of the Clerk of the County of Warren in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40:67-21.

#### **SECTION B**

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistencies.

#### **SECTION C**

If any article, section, subsection, paragraph, phrase or sentence is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional or invalid, said article, section, subsection, paragraph, phrase or sentence shall be deemed severable.

#### **SECTION D**

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

# **CONSENT AGENDA**

Each of the following resolutions were presented before the Township Committee at the March 23, 2022 meeting and have the unanimous approval of all the members of the Township Committee, with the same legal effect as though each was read in its entirety at the March 23, 2022 meeting and adopted by separate vote.

Motion by Mr. Hayes, second by Mrs. Mora Dillon.

Ayes: Mr. Hayes, Mr. McGuinness, Mrs. Mora Dillon, Mayor Watters

Nays: None

Absent: Mr. Farino

Abstain: None

Appointing Green Team as part of the Mansfield Township Environmental Commission

# Be It Resolved.

By the Township Committee of Township of Mansfield, County of Warren, New Jersey, that:

**WHEREAS**, The Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield strives to save tax dollars, assure clean air and water, improve working and living environments, to build a community that is sustainable economically, environmentally and socially; a community which would thrive well into the new century; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield wishes to build a model of government which benefits our residents now and far into the future with green community initiatives which are easy to replicate and affordable to implement; and

**WHEREAS**, in an attempt to focus attention on "Green" issues, the Township Committee has, through prior resolution passed on July 14, 2010, established a Sustainability Subcommittee as part of the Mansfield Township Environmental Commission, also to be known as the "Green Team;" and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield wants to continue the process of focusing on "Green" issues by starting with audits of municipality facilities and operations.

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield desires to continue the process of making its operations greener, more environmentally friendly, and more energy efficient;

**WHEREAS**, alternative power sources, changes to fleet purchasing and maintenance, water quality improvements, and operational changes will all be considered as the Township moves to do their share to lessen the environmental impact of its operations.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield that we do hereby establish an Environmental Commission Sustainability Subcommittee "Green Team" consisting of four (4) members who shall be residents or employees of Mansfield Township, appointed annually, for a term of one (1) calendar year.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield that the Mission, Goals and Objectives for the Green Team are established as follows:

#### Mission

The Mansfield Township Green Team will advise the township committee on ways to improve municipal operations with "Green" initiatives which are economically and environmentally sound through research and evaluation.

#### Goals

Maintain certification as a "Green" municipality by the Sustainable Jersey program through

completion of projects and initiatives that are part of that program.

Apply for applicable grants and financial aid available through the Sustainable Jersey program for projects and initiatives that would assist the township in meeting its goal as a green community and for the benefit of all its citizens.

# **Objectives**

- 1. Collaborate with township employees, service providers and other governmental agencies to
  - share resource information and ideas consistent with the Mission of the Green Team.
- Encourage participation of all township employees to solicit ideas on green initiatives that are
  - consistent with the Sustainable Jersey program.
- 3. Research and analyze green initiatives which make practical environmental and financial sense.
- 4. Develop strategies for sustainable green initiatives in municipal operations.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield that the following persons are hereby appointed to the Green Team for the year 2022:

NAME	POSITION	REPRESENTATIVE
JoAnn Fascenelli	Regular Member MT	Certified Recycling/Clean Communities
Glenn McGuinness	Regular Member MT	Township Committee
Robert Jewell	Regular Member MT	Environmental Commission
Illena Raffaele	Regular Member	Citizen Representative

Authorizing Salary and Wages for Sgt. Madonna

# Be It Resolved.

By the Township Committee of Township of Mansfield, County of Warren, New Jersey, that:

**WHEREAS**, Ordinance Number 2020-14 established the salaries and wages for the employees of the Township of Mansfield, County of Warren, State of New Jersey,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, County of Warren that the following named employee shall be compensated for the year 2022, unless otherwise noted, in the amount as designated below:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	SALARY
Michael Madonna	Sergeant (2)	\$ 106,329.00 commencing 3/24/22

Authorizing Salary and Wages for Ptlm. Cregar

# Be It Resolved,

By the Township Committee of Township of Mansfield, County of Warren, New Jersey, that:

**WHEREAS**, Ordinance Number 2020-14 established the salaries and wages for the employees of the Township of Mansfield, County of Warren,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, County of Warren that the following named employee shall be compensated for the year 2022, unless otherwise noted, in the amount as designated below:

NAME POSITION SALARY

Zachary Cregar Police Officer (Step 1) \$ 50,171.00 commencing 5/1/22

Authorizing Workmen's Comp to a Police Department Employee

# Be It Resolved,

By the Township Committee of Township of Mansfield, County of Warren, New Jersey, that:

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield finds and declares that Eleanor A. Russell is an employee of the Township of Mansfield; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee further finds and declares that the employee is out of work on paid leave through Workman's Compensation as of April 1, 2022;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield does hereby grant Workman's Compensation to Eleanor A. Russell, during the period of April 1, 2022 through June 1, 2022; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Acting Township Clerk be and is hereby directed to give a copy of this ratified resolution to the Township's CFO for reporting to the proper agencies.

Authorizing granting unpaid sick leave to a Department of Public Works Employee

# Be It Resolved,

By the Township Committee of Township of Mansfield, County of Warren, New Jersey, that:

WHEREAS, the Township Committee ("Committee") of the Township of Mansfield ("Township") finds and

declares that John Tate, Jr. ("Employee") is an employee of the Mansfield Township Department of Public Works; and

**WHEREAS**, the Committee further finds and declares that the Employee will be out of work on unpaid leave as of March 24, 2022; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield does hereby grant unpaid leave to the Township Employee, John Tate, Jr., during the period of March 24, 2022 through April 20, 2022; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Acting Township Clerk be and is hereby directed to formally notify the Public Employees' Retirement System of said status and to cause the same to be included in the records maintained for said employee.

Authorizing Emergency Repair Wiring and Server Hardware

# Be It Resolved,

By the Township Committee of Township of Mansfield, County of Warren, New Jersey, that:

**WHEREAS,** the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, County of Warren, finds and declares an emergency situation has developed with the municipal IT wiring and server hardware; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee further finds and declares this of an emergent nature affecting the public health, safety and/or welfare and warrants immediate remedial action; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee further finds and declares that N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6 authorizes emergency contracts whereas the municipality may negotiate and/or award a contract without public advertisement when an emergency affecting the public health, safety or welfare requires the immediate delivery of goods or the performance of services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Acting Township Clerk, acting in the reasonable belief, identifies that an emergency described herein exits which requires immediate remedial action & the need for invoking N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6 Emergency Contracts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee further finds and declares that the Acting Township Clerk, has correctly recommended that the aforementioned repairs be remedied through the emergency award of contract to the following: **Nisivoccia Consulting**; and

**WHEREAS**, the emergency costs are not to exceed \$12,745.00 and the CFO has certified the availability of funds;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, County of Warren does hereby declare the existence of a public emergency

warranting the immediate remediation through emergency contract awards to Nisivoccia Consulting. The contract(s) are hereby awarded as necessary to respond to the emergent needs described herein.

Authorizing and Approving Salary for Zoning Officer

# Be It Resolved,

By the Township Committee of Township of Mansfield, County of Warren, New Jersey, that:

WHEREAS, the Township of Mansfield has a need for a Zoning Officer; and

**WHEREAS**, Ordinance Number 2021-20 established the salaries and wages for the position of Zoning Officer of the Township of Mansfield, County of Warren,

**WHEREAS**, pending completion of the background check, Thomas J. Silvia will provide zoning services not to exceed 20 (twenty) hours per week; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, County of Warren, State of New Jersey that the following named employee shall be compensated for the year 2022, unless otherwise noted, in the amount designated below:

NAME POSITION SALARY
Thomas A. Silvia Zoning Officer \$40/hour

Authorizing Contract for Professional Engineering Services – Mount Bethel Community Center

# Be It Resolved,

By the Township Committee of Township of Mansfield, County of Warren, New Jersey, that:

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for the service of a Professional Services Engineer in the Township of Mansfield for Professional Engineering Services relating to the Mount Bethel Community Center project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:1 1-1 et seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "Professional Services" without competitive bids and the contract itself must be available for public inspection.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, in the County of Warren as follows: The agreement with the Engineering Office of Ferriero Engineering, Inc. is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:1 1-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the contract is for a service performed by a person(s) authorized by law to practice a recognized profession that is regulated by law. A copy of the Agreement is on file for inspection with the Clerk of the

Township of Mansfield.

- 1. This contract shall not exceed \$ 15,000.00.
- 2. A notice of this action shall be printed once in the Express Times-NJ Zone.

Approving Professional Development Policy for Employee Manual

# Be It Resolved,

By the Township Committee of Township of Mansfield, County of Warren, New Jersey, that:

WHEREAS, it is the policy of Township of Mansfield to treat employees and prospective employees in a manner consistent with all applicable employment laws and regulations including, but not limited to Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended by the Equal Opportunity Act of 1972, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, the Equal Pay for Equal Work Act, the Fair Labor Standards Act, the New Jersey Law Against Discrimination, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Family and Medical Leave Act, the Conscientious Employee Protection Act, the Public Employee Occupational Safety and Health Act, the New Jersey Workers Compensation Act, the Federal Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA), Paid Sick Leave Law (2018) and the Open Public Meeting Act; and

**WHEREAS,** the Township Committee has determined that there is a need for an amendment to the Personnel Policy Manual regarding Professional Development Reimbursement; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee that the Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual attached hereto is hereby adopted.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that these personnel policies and procedures shall apply to all municipal officials, appointees, employees, volunteers and independent contractors. In the event there is a conflict between these rules and any collective bargaining agreement, personnel services contract or Federal or State law, the terms and conditions of that contract or law shall prevail. In all other cases, these policies and procedures shall prevail.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township Committee and all managerial/supervisory personnel are responsible for these employment practices. A copy of this new policy will be provided to all employees.

Awarding Professional Services – Municipal Conflict Attorney

# Be It Resolved,

By the Township Committee of Township of Mansfield, County of Warren, New Jersey, that:

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the service of a Municipal Conflict Attorney in the Township of Mansfield for legal services and advice to the Mayor and Township Committee; and WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:1 1-1 et seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contract for "Professional Services" without competitive bids and the contact itself must be available for public inspection.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, County of Warren, State of New Jersey as follows:

- 1. The agreement with the law office of Schenck, Price, Smith & King, LLP is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:1 1-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the contract is for a service performed by a firm authorized by law to practice a recognized profession that is regulated by law. A copy of the Agreement is on file for inspection with the Clerk of the Township of Mansfield
- 2. This Contract shall not exceed \$ 5,000.00 unless otherwise agreed to by the parties.
- 3. A notice of this action shall be printed once in the Express Times-NJ Zone Edition.

# **Authorizing Payment of Municipal Obligations**

# Be It Resolved,

By the Township Committee of Township of Mansfield, County of Warren, New Jersey, that:

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, County of Warren, finds and declares that certain municipal obligations have come due and are now payable; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee further finds and declares that said obligations have been itemized on the annexed schedules, which are hereby deemed part of this Resolution;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield does hereby authorize payment of said municipal obligations, in accordance with the recommendations of the Chief Financial Officer and the Deputy Treasurer, from the following accounts and in the following amounts:

PREPAID LIST			
CURRENT	\$96,583.06		
CAPITAL			
TRUST	\$		
DOG	\$		
RECREATION			
OPEN SPACE	\$		
DEV ESCROW			
UNEMPLOYMENT	\$96.68		

TOTAL	\$96,679.74
OUTSIDE EMPLOY	
MANDATORY DEV	
TAX PREMIUM	

BILLS LIST		
CURRENT	\$702,851.00	
CAPITAL	\$	
TRUST	\$1,498.00	
DOG	\$	
RECREATION	\$	
OPEN SPACE	\$	
DEV ESCROW	\$980.00	
UNEMPLOYMENT	\$	
TAX PREMIUM	\$	
MANDATORY DEV	\$	
OUTSIDE EMPLOY	\$	
FORF ASSETS	\$	
TOTAL	\$705,329.00	

# **COMMITTEE COMMENTS**

<u>Borealis Donation</u> – Mrs. Mora Dillon asked the Deputy Clerk to contact Borealis in reference to a donation for the Recreation Building. She also asked Chief Reilly if he knew of someone to contact at the company. Both will look into it.

# **PUBLIC PORTION**

Mayor Watters opened the Public Portion of the meeting for comments.

Connie Quinn, Port Murray Road, asked what a conflict attorney is and why it is needed. Mr. Lavery stated it's needed if he is unable to advise due to a conflict, another attorney would step in to handle the case at no extra cost to the Township.

Mayor Watters asked for further comment from the public; seeing none, the public portion was closed.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Watters announced moving into Executive Session at 8:23 pm

Mrs. Mora Dillon made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:23 pm, which was seconded by Mr. Hayes.

Ayes: Mr. Hayes, Mr. McGuinness, Mrs. Mora Dillon, Mayor Watters

Nays: None

Absent: Mr. Farino Abstain: None Mr. Lavery stated the Executive Session discussion will include:

- Personnel matter dealing with a Rice Notice
- Three contractual matters
- Two Tax matters
- Attorney/Client privilege
- Attorney/Client privilege with a zoning matter

## **RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Return from Executive Session at 9:13 pm.

Mr. Hayes made a motion to return to Regular Session, which was seconded by Mr. McGuinness.

Roll Call: Mr. Hayes, Mr. McGuinness, Mrs. Mora Dillon, Mayor Watters

Mr. Lavery announced the return from Executive Session at 9:13 pm where they discussed:

- A personnel matter dealing with a Rice Notice
- A contractual with the cleaning service
- Personnel matter dealing with the DPW unrelated to the Rice Notice
- Personnel matter dealing with contract
- Tax matter dealing with property
- Attorney/Client privilege matter dealing with coin toss

No official action was taken. Copies of these minutes will be available at such time the Committee determines there is no longer a harm to the public interest.

Mr. Lavery requested a motion to appoint Mrs. Orlando as Municipal Housing Liaison.

Mr. Hayes made a motion to appoint Mrs. Orlando as Municipal Housing Liaison, which was seconded by Mrs. Mora Dillon.

Ayes: Mr. Hayes, Mr. McGuinness, Mrs. Mora Dillon, Mayor Watters

Nays: None

Absent: Mr. Farino Abstain: None

# Be It Resolved,

By the Township Committee of Township of Mansfield, County of Warren, New Jersey, that:

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Mansfield has petitioned the Superior Court of New Jersey for a Declaratory Judgment that its adopted Fair Share Housing Element and Fair Share Plan is com-

pliant with its constitutional obligation to provide its fair share of the regional need for very low-, low-, and moderate-income housing; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township's adopted Fair Share Housing Element and Fair Share Plan will result in the creation of housing units affordable to and intended for occupancy solely by qualified very low-, low-, and moderate-income households; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield has determined to appoint and designate Monica Orlando as its Municipal Housing Liaison, to fulfill the duties set forth in Section 47-32 of the Code of the Township of Mansfield creating the position of Municipal Housing Liaison;

**WHEREAS**; in accordance with the Salary and Wage Ordinance 2020-14; the salary per annum is \$6,000.00, effective on the date of this resolution;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, County of Warren, that the Township of Mansfield hereby appoints Monica Orlando as its designated Municipal Housing Liaison.

Mr. Lavery requested a motion to take the action discussed in Executive Session regarding a personnel matter.

Mr. Hayes made a motion to take the action discussed in Executive Session regarding a personnel matter, which was seconded by Mrs. Mora Dillon.

Ayes: Mr. Hayes, Mr. McGuinness, Mrs. Mora Dillon, Mayor Watters

Nays: None

Absent: Mr. Farino Abstain: None

Mr. Lavery requested a motion to authorize the Clerk to write a letter to the fire company authorizing the coin toss.

Mr. Hayes made a motion to authorize the Clerk to write a letter to the fire company authorizing the coin toss, which was seconded by Mrs. Mora Dillon.

Ayes: Mr. Hayes, Mr. McGuinness, Mrs. Mora Dillon, Mayor Watters

Nays: None

Absent: Mr. Farino Abstain: None

Mr. Lavery requested a motion to authorize the Clerk to draft a paragraph regarding the DPW Employee.

Mr. Hayes made a motion to authorize the Clerk to draft a paragraph regarding the DPW Employee, which was seconded by Mr. McGuinness.

Ayes: Mr. Hayes, Mr. McGuinness, Mrs. Mora Dillon, Mayor Watters

Nays: None

Absent: Mr. Farino Abstain: None

Mr. Hayes made a motion to adjourn at 9:22 pm, carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Illena Raffaele Deputy Clerk/Registrar