

**TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
OCTOBER 25, 2023
OFFICIAL MINUTES
Adopted NOVEMBER 8, 2023**

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Mayor Watters who read the "Sunshine Statement" indicating the meeting was being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. He then led the Flag Salute.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mrs. Mora Dillon, Mr. McGuinness, Mr. Hayes, Mayor Watters
Absent: Mr. Farino

Also present were Township Attorney Richard Wenner, Township Clerk Wendy Barras, Police Chief MacDonough, CFO Judith Curran, Deputy Treasurer JoAnn Fascenelli, Deputy Clerk Illena Raffaele, and DPW Supervisor Tom Skillman.

Four people from the public were in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October 11, 2023 – EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Hayes, seconded by Mr. Mc Guinness made a motion to approve the Executive Session meeting minutes from October 11, 2023.

RECORDED VOTE

Aye: Mr. McGuinness, Mr. Hayes
Nay: XXXXXX
Absent: Mr. Farino
Abstain: Mrs. Mora Dillon, Mayor Watters

October 11, 2023 – REGULAR SESSION

Mr. Hayes, seconded by Mr. Mc. Guinness made a motion to approve the Regular Session meeting minutes from October 11, 2023.

RECORDED VOTE

Aye: Mr. McGuinness, Mr. Hayes
Nay: XXXXXX
Absent: Mr. Farino
Abstain: Mrs. Mora Dillon, Mayor Watters

CLERK'S REPORT

Township Clerk Barras reported the following:

- Attended the Warren County Clerk's Association meeting on Oct 18th which was a great help to learn the procedures for the upcoming Election Day as each County has different procedures
- Drafted Games of Chance Issuing Authority Ordinance that is set for introduction tonight
- Drafted a new food truck ordinance to amend the current one and once reviewed by Mr. Lavery will be able to get on an upcoming agenda
- Contacted Your Doctor's In regarding Employee Drug Testing procedure and I am waiting to hear back from the lead CMA regarding such.

- Reviewed shared service agreements that are expiring at the end of the year- Construction Code Enforcement and Land Use Board Secretary with Washington Twp. and have emailed the Administrator there to express interest in continuing and receiving an updated agreement.
- Resolution for authorization to publish the RFP's for 2024 on tonight's agenda. Have been reviewing the qualification packet that was used last year with Judy for any necessary revisions or inclusions.

FINANCE REPORT

CFO Curan reported the following:

- Tax Sale will be held on November 28th at 11:00 am and has been published in the Star Ledger accordance with State statute.
- Bid notices for Snow plow removal and road maintenance services have been published and bids are due November 1ST. Previous RFP for both have been rescinded.

EMPLOYEES' REPORT

Mrs. Fascenelli sought the Committee's approval to sell found Mansfield Township Monopoly games as a donation to the Township. The committee approved.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Quamme reported the following

- Janes Chapel Rd.-Final payment is still pending. Once received, Mr. Quamme can upload all documents to PMRS and grant reimbursement in the amount of \$73,350 be issued to the Township.
- Mount Bethel Church – Contractor was testing heating system last week. Mr. Quamme will receive confirmation from contractor of all outstanding projects on October 26th. He recommended the Committee attend the walk through with the contractor when the punch list is reviewed. The septic system should be started on Monday. A CO is needed to release the contractor from the project and Mr. Quamme should get a firm date of completion from the contractor.
- Elizabethtown Gas Distribution- Final paving of Peaquest Rd. has been completed, all Township main roads have now been resurfaced and paved.
- Synder Road Improvement- Contractor has confirmed official start date of October 30th, will start at Mt. Bethel Rd.

PUBLIC PORTION

Mayor Watters opened the Public Portion of the meeting for public comments. Seeing no one else wished to comment, the Public Portion was closed.

ORDINANCE – First Reading and Introduction

Mr. Hayes seconded by Mrs. Mora Dillon made a motion to introduce Ordinance #2023-23 as filed in the Township Clerk's Office.

RECORDED VOTE

Aye: Mr. McGuinness, Mr. Hayes, Mrs. Mora Dillon, Mayor Watters
 Nay: XXXXXX
 Absent: Mr. Farino
 Abstain: XXXXXX

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-23

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD , CHAPTER 206 "GAMES OF CHANCE"

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The purpose of this Ordinance is to authorize the Township Clerk as the issuing authority to approve raffle and bingo license to be held in the Township.

SECTION 1

Chapter 206 , “Games of Chance” is hereby amended to ADD the following section:

Chapter 206, Section 2- Township Clerk Authorization

The Township Clerk is hereby authorized and delegated the authority to approve the granting of raffle and bingo licenses to be held in the Township of Mansfield.

SECTION 2

SEVERABILITY:

If any section, paragraph or provision of this Ordinance is declared to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such finding shall not affect the remaining provisions hereof which shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3

REPEALER:

All ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 4

EFFECTIVE DATE:

This Ordinance shall become effective twenty (20) days following final adoption and publication as required by law.

Mr. Hayes seconded by Mr. Mora Dillon made a motion to introduce Ordinance #2023-24 as filed in the Township Clerk’s Office.

RECORDED VOTE

Aye: Mr. McGuinness, Mr. Hayes, Mrs. Mora Dillon, Mayor Watters
Nay: XXXXXX
Absent: Mr. Farino
Abstain: XXXXXX

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-24

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD TO INCLUDE A NEW CHAPTER, ENTITLED CHAPTER 261, PRIVATELY OWNED SALT STORAGE.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend the Code of the Township of Mansfield to include a new Chapter, entitled Chapter 261, Privately Owned Salt Storage and to establish regulations and enforcement for such.

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has adopted new regulations

and interpretations of existing regulations regarding privately owned salt storage and, in connection herewith has prepared a model ordinance through which municipalities can comply with those requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Mansfield adopted new stormwater control regulations through Ordinance #2021- adopted on codified as Chapter of the Township code; and

WHEREAS, in order to be in compliance with regulations set forth from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, the Township of Mansfield herewith adopts regulations on privately owned salt storage; and

WHEREAS, through *N.J.S.A 40-48:2*, the Township Committee is authorized to enact and amend ordinances as deemed necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety, and welfare and it may be necessary to carry into effect the powers and duties conferred and imposed by the Township by law.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Governing Body of the Township of Mansfield, County of Warren, State of New Jersey that the Code of the Township of Mansfield is hereby amended, revised and/or supplemented as follows;

SECTION 1. The Code of the Township of Mansfield is hereby amended, revised, and/or supplemented by adding Chapter 261, entitled “Privately-owned Salt Storage” as follows:

§261-01 PURPOSE:

The purpose of this ordinance is to prevent stored salt and other de-icing materials from being exposed to stormwater.

This Ordinance establishes requirements for the storage of salt and other solid de-icing materials on properties not owned or operated by the municipality (privately owned), including residences in Mansfield Township to protect the environment, public health, safety, and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for failure to comply.

§261-02 DEFINITIONS:

For the purpose of this Ordinance, the following terms, phrases, words and their derivations shall have the meaning stated herein unless their use in the text of this Chapter clearly demonstrates a different meaning. When consistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words used in the plural number include the singular number, and words used in the singular number include the plural number. The word “shall” is always mandatory and not merely directory.

- A. “De-icing materials” means any granular or solid material such as melting salt or any other granular solid that assists in the melting of snow.
- B. “Impervious surface” means a surface that has been covered with a layer of material so that it is highly resistant to infiltration by water.
- C. “Storm drain inlet” means the point of entry into the storm sewer system.
- D. “Permanent structure” means a permanent building or permanent structure that is anchored to a permanent foundation with an impermeable floor, and this is completely roofed and walled (new structures require a door or other means of sealing the access way from wind driven rainfall).

A fabric frame structure is a permanent structure if it meets the following specifications:

1. Concrete blocks, jersey barriers or other similar material shall be placed around the interior of the structure to protect the side walls during loading and unloading of de-icing materials;
 2. The design shall prevent stormwater run-on and run through, and the fabric cannot leak;
 3. The structure shall be erected on an impermeable slab;
 4. The structure cannot be open sided; and
 5. The structure shall have a roll up door or other means of sealing the access way from wind driven rainfall.
- E. "Person" means any individual, corporation, company, partnership, firm, association, or political subdivision of this State subject to municipal jurisdiction.
- F. "Resident" means a person who resides on a residential property where de-icing material is stored.

§261-03 DE-ICING MATERIAL STORAGE REQUIREMENTS:

- A. Temporary outdoor storage of de-icing materials in accordance with the requirements in accordance with requirements below is allowed between October 15th and April 15th;
1. Loose materials shall be placed on a flat, impervious surface in a manner that prevents stormwater run-through;
 2. Loose materials shall be placed at least fifty (50) feet from surface water bodies, storm drain inlets, ditches, and/or other stormwater conveyance channels;
 3. Loose materials shall be maintained in a cone-shaped storage pile. If loading or unloading activities alter the cone-shape during daily activities, tracked materials shall be swept back into the storage pile, and the storage pile shall be reshaped into a cone after use;
 4. Loose materials shall be covered as follows:
 - a. The cover shall be waterproof, impermeable, and flexible;
 - b. The over shall extend to the base of the pile(s);
 - c. The cover shall be free from holes or tears;
 - d. The cover shall be secured and weighed down around the perimeter to prevent removal by wind; and
 - e. Weight shall be placed on the cover(s) in such a way that minimizes the potential of exposure as materials shift and runoff flows down to the base of the pile.
 - (1) Sandbags lashed together with rope or cable and placed uniformly over the flexible cover, or poly-cord nets provide a suitable method. Items that can potentially hold water (e.g., old tires) shall not be used;
 5. Containers must be sealed when not in use; and
 6. The site shall be free of all de-icing materials between April 16th and October 14th.
- B. De-icing materials should be stored in permanent structure if a suitable storage structure is available. For storage of loose de-icing materials in a permanent structure, such storage may be permanent, and thus not restricted to October 15th- April 15th.
- C. The property owner, or owner of the de-icing materials if different, shall designate a person(s) responsible for operations at the site where these materials are stored outdoors, and who shall document that weekly inspections are conducted to ensure that the conditions of this ordinance are met. Inspection records shall be kept on site and made available to the municipality upon request.
1. Residents who operate businesses from their homes that utilize de-icing materials are required to perform weekly inspections.

§261-04 EXEMPTIONS:

Residents may store de-icing materials outside in a solid-walled, closed container that prevents participation from entering and exiting the container, and which prevents the de-icing materials from leaking or spilling out. Under these circumstances, weekly inspections are not necessary, but repair or replacement of damaged or inadequate containers shall occur within two (2) weeks.

If containerized (in bags or buckets) de-icing materials are stored within a permanent structure, they are not subject to the storage and inspection requirements in **§261-03** above. Piles of de-icing materials are not exempt, even if stored in permanent structure.

This ordinance does not apply to facilities where the stormwater discharges from de-icing material storage activities are regulated under another NJDEP permit.

§261-05 ENFORCEMENT:

This Ordinance shall be enforced by the Police Department or its municipal designee of Mansfield Township during the course of ordinary enforcement duties.

§261-06 VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES:

Any person(s) who is found to be in violation of the provisions of this Ordinance shall have seventy-two (72) hours to complete corrective action. Repeat violations and/or failure to complete corrective action shall result in fines as follows:

First violation - \$200.00

Second violation - \$500.00

Third or subsequent violation- \$1,000.00

§261-07 SEVERABILITY:

Each section, subsection, sentence, clause, and phrase of this Ordinance is declared to be an independent section, subsection, sentence, clause, and phrase, and finding or holding of any such portion of this Ordinance to be unconstitutional, void, or ineffective for any cause or reason shall not affect any other portion of this Ordinance.

§261-08 EFFECTIVE DATE:

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and any publication as may be required by law.

RESOLUTIONS (TAKEN SEPARATELY)

Resolution #2023-283 as filed in the Township Clerk’s Office, was adopted on motion by Mrs. Mora Dillon and seconded by Mr. Hayes.

RECORDED VOTE

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

Nay: XXXXXX

Absent: Mr. Farino

Abstain: XXXXXX

**TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS LIST

NO. 283

ADOPTED: OCTOBER 25, 2023

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, County of Warren, State of New Jersey 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	\$
CAPITAL	
TRUST	\$
DOG	\$
RECREATION	
OPEN SPACE	\$
DEV ESCROW	
UNEMPLOYMENT	\$
TAX PREMIUM	
MANDATORY DEV	
OUTSIDE EMPLOY	
TOTAL	\$

BILLS LIST	
CURRENT	\$2,149,581.12
CAPITAL	\$ 20,999.38
TRUST	\$ 0.00
DOG	\$ 0.00
RECREATION	\$ 0.00
GRANT	\$ 1,444.60
DEV ESCROW	\$
OPEN SPACE	\$ 3,168.75
TAX PREMIUM	\$ 0.00
MANDATORY DEV	\$ 608.00
OUTSIDE EMPLOY	\$ 0.00
GRANT	\$ 0.00
GREEN TEAM	
TOTAL	\$2,175,801.85

Resolution #2023-284 as filed in the Township Clerk's Office, was adopted on motion by Mrs. Mora Dillon and seconded by Mr. Hayes.

RECORDED VOTE

Aye: Mr. McGuinness, Mr. Hayes, Mrs. Mora Dillon, Mayor Watters
Nay: XXXXXX
Absent: Mr. Farino
Abstain: XXXXXX

**TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF PURCHASE ORDER #23-00020

NO. 284

ADOPTED: OCTOBER 25, 2023

WHEREAS, Purchase Order #2023-00020 in the amount of \$200.00 payable to Donald J. Farino for services performed as Public Defender was removed from Resolution #2023-272 at the Township Committee meeting on October 11, 2023 due to a conflict of interest; and

WHEREAS, there was not a required majority vote to adopt to pay Purchase Order #2023-00020 at the Township Committee meeting on October 11, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Purchase Order #2023-00020 payable to Donald J. Farino in the amount of \$200.00 is still in need of being authorized to pay such voucher.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, County of Warren, State of New Jersey does hereby authorize payment of said Purchase Order #2023-00020 payable to Donald J. Farino in the amount of \$200.00, in accordance with the recommendations of the Chief Financial Officer and the Deputy Treasurer, from the following accounts and in the following amounts:

<u>Account</u>	<u>Purchase Order #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
3-01-43-495-000-2004	23-00020	Public Defender Misc OS Cap	\$200.00

CONSENT AGENDA – PUBLIC PORTION

Mayor Watters opened the Public Portion of the meeting for comments on the Consent Agenda. Seeing none, the Public Portion for Consent Agenda was closed.

CONSENT AGENDA/RESOLUTIONS

The following Resolutions #2023-285 through #2023-289 as filed in the Township Clerk's Office, were adopted on motion by Mr. Hayes and seconded by Mr. Mc.Guinness.

RECORDED VOTE

Aye: Mr. McGuinness, Mr. Hayes, Mrs. Mora Dillon, Mayor Watters
Nay: XXXXXX
Absent: Mr. Farino
Abstain: XXXXXX

**TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE AND RECEIVE REQUEST FOR PROFESSIONALS FOR 2024

NO. 285

ADOPTED: OCTOBER 25, 2023

WHEREAS, the Township of Mansfield desires to receive proposals for professional services through a fair and open process for calendar year 2024 for the positions of

1. Township Attorney
2. Township Engineer
3. Township Auditor
4. Township Bond Counsel
5. Township Conflict Attorney
6. Municipal Prosecutor
7. Municipal Defender
8. Substitute Municipal Prosecutor
9. Substitute Municipal Defender
10. Financial Advisor
11. Special Service In-Rem Foreclosure Attorney
12. Tax Appeal Attorney
13. Information Technology Services

WHEREAS, the Township Committee that determine that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20:5 et seq., appointments to the following offices and positions for calendar year 2024 shall be made through a fair and open process; and

WHEREAS, notice shall be published on November 2, 2023 for receipt of proposals on November 27, 2023.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, County of Warren, State of New Jersey authorize to advertise, and receive RFP's for the positions stated above.

**TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF ROAD MAINTENANCE WORK SERVICES THROUGH THE COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING PROCESS

NO. 286

ADOPTED: October 25, 2023

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, County of Warren, is in need of Road Maintenance Services; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield adopted Resolution 2023-252 on August 23, 2023 whereby such resolution approved that these services be authorized under the New Jersey Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A-11:4.1 (n)) to be procured through the competitive contracting process; and

WHEREAS, the CFO/Temporary QPA has been informed by the State that although Mansfield had utilized the competitive contracting process in the past to procure Road Maintenance Services, the correct way to procure Road Maintenance Work Services is through the bid process;

WHEREAS, this resolution is to clarify that the Township of Mansfield will go out to bid for Road Maintenance Work Services instead of through competitive contracting and that the publication for Request for Proposals under competitive contracting has been rescinded through newspaper publication and that a new notice for the bidding of the Road Maintenance Work Services will be duly published;

WHEREAS, as per statute the process will be administered by the Temporary Purchasing Agent (N.J.S.A. 40A:11);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, County of Warren, State of New Jersey does hereby adopt this resolution rescinding Resolution 2023-252 and approve the bidding process for the procurement of Road Maintenance Work Services and authorize the Temporary Purchasing Agent to commence the bid process per the above.

**TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF SNOW PLOWING/REMOVAL SERVICES THROUGH THE COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING PROCESS**

NO.287

ADOPTED: October 25, 2023

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, County of Warren, is in need of Snow Plowing/Removal Services; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield adopted Resolution 2023-251 on August 23, 2023 whereby such resolution approved that these services be authorized under the New Jersey Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A-11:4.1 (n)) to be procured through the competitive contracting process; and

WHEREAS, the CFO/Temporary QPA has been informed by the State that although Mansfield had utilized the competitive contracting process in the past to procure Snow Plowing/Removal Services, the correct way to procure Snow Plowing/Removal Services is through the bid process;

WHEREAS, this resolution is to clarify that the Township of Mansfield will go out to bid for Snow Plowing/Removal Services instead of through competitive contracting and that the publication for Request for Proposals under competitive contracting has been rescinded through newspaper publication and that a new notice for the bidding of the Snow Plowing/Removal Services will be duly published;

WHEREAS, as per statute the process will be administered by the Temporary Purchasing Agent (N.J.S.A. 40A:11);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, does hereby adopt this resolution rescinding Resolution 2023-251 and approve the bidding process for the procurement of Snow Plowing/Removal Services and authorize the Temporary Purchasing Agent to commence the bid process per the above.

**TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF WARREN AND
STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ACCEPTING A DRIVEWAY BOND FOR 13 REDWOOD RUN**

NO: 288

ADOPTED: OCTOBER 25, 2023

WHEREAS, in accordance with Mansfield Township code section 167-11 (Certificate of Occupancy) no certificate of occupancy shall be issued unless the driveway has been completed in accordance with the approved plan; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding anything to the contrary hereinbefore mentioned, a developer may, during the period from November 1 to April 15, apply for a certificate of occupancy and defer completion of a driveway in accordance with the approved plan; provided however, such developer posts a driveway bond with the Township of Mansfield; and

WHEREAS, Ryan Homes, the developer of the property located at 13 Redwood Run has submitted check number 625809 in the amount of \$ 1,500.00 representing the driveway bond for the project; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer has recommended the acceptance of said payment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, County of Warren, and the State of New Jersey, that the driveway bond stated above submitted by Ryan Homes is hereby accepted. The Township Municipal Clerk is authorized and directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the developer.

**TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

***SUPPORTING ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 975 AND SENATE BILL NO. 2643 SPONSORED BY ASSEMBLY
MINORITY LEADER JOHN DIMAIO AND SENATOR DOUG STEINHARDT, REQUIRING COMMERCIAL
MOTOR VEHICLES TO BE EQUIPPED WITH CERTAIN GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEMS***

NO. 289

ADOPTED: OCTOBER 25, 2023

WHEREAS, bipartisan Assembly Bill No. 975 sponsored by Assemblyman John DiMaio and Assemblyman Daniel Benson would require a commercial motor vehicle operating upon the public highways of this State, to be equipped with a global positioning system navigation program that provides information about upcoming highway infrastructure with low vertical clearance and weight restrictions and dynamic route directions that account for commercial motor vehicle restrictions; and

WHEREAS, the legislation defines a "commercial motor vehicle" as a select group of vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating of 16,001 or more pounds, or that display a gross vehicle weight rating of 26,001 or more pounds; and

WHEREAS, commercial motor vehicles have restricted routes of travel that are not readily displayed on civilian navigation systems that are sometimes used by operators of commercial motor vehicles; and

WHEREAS, because of limited information on civilian navigation systems, commercial motor vehicle operators often unintentionally end up on restricted weight roadways or are stopped along their route by a restricted weight bridge; and

WHEREAS, Warren County has sustained damages to roadways and bridges as a result of overweight trucks traveling on them; and

WHEREAS, unless identified by a camera, or law enforcement personnel, Warren County taxpayers are on the hook for the cost of repairs to infrastructure damaged by large trucks; and

WHEREAS, this legislation is also important given the number of historic bridges, culverts, and downtowns located throughout Warren County that cannot accommodate large commercial vehicles and cause considerable disruption to local traffic flow; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township of Mansfield Committee does hereby support Assembly Bill No. 975 and Senate Bill No. 2643; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to members of the 23rd Legislative District; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Township of Mansfield shall send a copy of this resolution of all 21 Warren County municipalities with a request that they adopt similar Resolutions in support of Assembly Bill No. 975 and Senate Bill No. 2643.

**TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

**AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO SIGN MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
WITH MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT**

NO. 291

ADOPTED: OCTOBER 25, 2023

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield recognizes the importance of a financially and operationally sound Fire Department being necessary for the health, safety, and wellbeing of all residents in the Township; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Township of Mansfield and Mansfield Township Fire Department to cooperate in full and to provide consistent and reliable fire and emergency response to the Township residents; and

WHEREAS, it is the Township's desire to permit the use of two vehicles, a 2022 Ford F-250 pick-up truck and a 2003 HME Fire Truck, to the Mansfield Township Fire Department for use in serving the residents of the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Parties wish to set forth and affirm their understanding of the terms of said cooperation regarding the aforementioned vehicles.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Mansfield Twp. Fire Department to permit use of a 2022 Ford F-250 pick-up truck and a 2003 HME Fire Truck.

NEW BUSINESS: No New Business was discussed at this time.

COMMITTEE PERSON COMMENTS:

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Mora Dillon, seconded by Mr. Hayes made a motion to adopt Resolution #2023-290 for an Executive Session of the Township Committee. At approximately 7:58 p.m., the Committee went into Executive Session.

Recorded Vote

Aye: Mrs. Mora Dillon, Mr. Hayes, Mr. McGuinness, Mayor Watters
Nay: XXXXXX
Absent: Mr. Farino
Abstain: XXXXXX

Mr. Wenner announced the following to be discussed in Executive Session:

**Township of Mansfield Committee Meeting
Executive Session
October 25, 2023
Resolution No. 2023-295**

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, P. L. 1975, Chapter 231 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain;

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body wishes to discuss:

Personnel Matters – (2)

Contractual Matter – Mansfield Township Fire Dept.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the public be excluded from this meeting.

Minutes will be kept and once the matter involving the confidentiality of the above no longer requires that confidentiality, then the minutes can be made public.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

On a motion by Mr. Hayes, seconded by Mr. Mc. Guinness ,the Township Committee voted to return to public session at approximately 8:51 p.m.

Recorded Vote

Aye: Mr. Hayes, Mr. McGuinness, Mrs. Mora Dillon, Mayor Watters
Nay: XXXXXX
Absent: Mr. Farino
Abstain: XXXXXX

Mr. Baldwin announced the following discussed in Executive Session:

Personnel Matters – (3)

Contractual Matters- (2)

1. Mansfield Township Fire Dept.
2. Engineering

Mr. Wenner stated there was no official action as result of the Executive Session, however at this time he will entertain a motion regarding the three action items discussed during Executive Session.

Mrs. Mora Dillon, seconded by Mr. Hayes made a motion on the three action items during Executive Session.

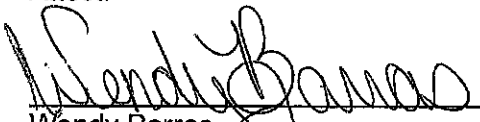
Recorded Vote

Aye: Mr. Hayes, Mr. McGuinness, Mrs. Mora Dillon, Mayor Watters
Nay: XXXXXX
Absent: Mr. Farino
Abstain: XXXXXX

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

There being no further business, Mr. Hayes made a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:52 p.m.

Attest:


Wendy Barras
Township Municipal Clerk

