

**TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD COMMITTEE MEETING  
OFFICIAL MINUTES  
APRIL 8, 2026**



This is a regular meeting of the Township of Mansfield Committee. This meeting is being held in compliance with the "OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT," because adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by notifying The Daily Record and NJ.com, and by posting notice of such meeting in the Municipal Building and by filing of said notice with the Township Clerk of the Township of Mansfield. Formal action may be taken at this meeting.

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.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Mr. Bollard, Mr. Connelly, Mr. Mc Guinness, Mr. Hayes, Mayor Watters.  
Also, present was Township Clerk Barras, Township Attorney Michael Lavery, Police Chief Mac Donough, Asst. CFO JoAnn Fascenelli, and Deputy Clerk Illena Rafaele.

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG:** Mayor Watters led the flag salute.

**PROCLAMATION:** Mr. Bollard read the proclamation for Mansfield Celebrates America's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary into the public record.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**March 25, 2026 – EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Mc Guinness, seconded by Mr. Connelly made a motion to approve the Executive Session meeting minutes from March 25, 2026.

**RECORDED VOTE**

Aye: Bollard, Connelly, Mc Guinness, Hayes, Watters  
Nay: XXXXXX  
Absent: XXXXXX  
Abstain: XXXXXX

**March 25, 2026 – REGULAR SESSION**

Mr. Hayes, seconded by Mr. Connelly made a motion to approve the Regular Session meeting minutes from March 25, 2026.

**RECORDED VOTE**

Aye: Bollard, Connelly, Mc Guinness, Hayes, Watters  
Nay: XXXXXX  
Absent: XXXXXX  
Abstain: XXXXXX

**CLERK'S REPORT –** Township Clerk Barras reported the following:

- The Applicant for the certified tax collector position unfortunately did not accept the job offer presented. The job opening has been circulated amongst the Warren County Clerks and have also posted it on the Township website.
- Have not received any communication regarding Conflict Zoning Officer from Washington Twp or any other municipalities.
- Ballot draw for Township Committee petitions was conducted by the County Clerk and the Township was notified of the results. Vote by mail ballots are to be mailed out on April 16<sup>th</sup>.

- Received the proposal today from Hunter Research for archeological services for the stone border wall at Mt. Bethel, and was forwarded to the Mayor and CFO for their review.
- The bid for the Fire Truck rehab was published on April 2<sup>nd</sup> and bids are due by 10 am on Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**ANIMAL LICENSING** – Deputy Clerk Rafaele requested approval from the Township Committee to remove three licensees from the roster as they have been issued summonses for previous two years with no communication.

Mr. Hayes, seconded by Mr. Connelly made a motion to authorize the Township not to take any further action against the three licensees.

**RECORDED VOTE**

Aye:               Bollard, Connelly, Mc Guinness, Hayes, Watters  
 Nay:               XXXXXX  
 Absent:           XXXXXX  
 Abstain:          XXXXXX

**FINANCE/ EMPLOYEES’S REPORT –**

Mrs. Fascenelli received a proposal from a vendor to decrease the Township’s phone bill. She and a Committee person will meet with the vendor at the end of April to further discuss the proposal.

**ENGINEER’S REPORT –**

- Snyder Road Section 2 - Working with the Contractor to repair the turf repair matting that has slumped along portions of the slope.
- Mitchell Road Improvement Project – Contractor tentatively scheduled to begin the week of April 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Elizabethtown Gas will be milling and paving Newburg Road and Allen Road where they installed their mains last year. Start date is pending. Plans are being drawn to continue up Allen Road next year.

**PUBLIC PORTION**

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

William Sosis, 15 Brantwood Ter., explained the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act in regards to length of public comment during a meeting.

Brian McKeivitt, 29 Blau Rd., spoke of Bear Creek Properties and the lack of enforcement as they currently operating a commercial use without a permitted use.

Sarah Hare, Hope Township, explained the need for the Township Committee to consider Commissioner Kern’s ordinance prohibiting data centers.

Margaret Noon, Port Murray, spoke of the consequences that data centers could have on the Township.

Bob Mannon, Washington Township, sought advice dealing with cleared plots of land on a property he is the caretaker for. Illegal removal of black walnut trees and large quantities of soil have been dumped.

Shirley Kocher, 5 Clover Ave., Commented on the cleared plots of land on Fromm St and the excessive removal of black walnut trees. She stated she has made a compliant to the NJDEP as it is illegal excavation and soil fill.

Carole Thompson, 510 Rt. 57, spoke of the lack of zoning enforcement at Route 57 Auto Salvage.

Mike Misertino, 8 Walter Ter., commented on the need for complete government transparency.

Seeing no one else wishing to comment, the Public Portion was closed.

**ORDINANCES: SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING**

Mayor Watters opened the Public Hearing for Ordinance 012-2026. Seeing no one wishing to comment, Mayor Watters closed the Public Hearing for Ordinance 012-2026. Mr. Hayes, seconded by Mr. Mc Guinness made a motion to adopt Ordinance 012-2026.

**RECORDED VOTE**

Aye: Bollard, Connelly, Mc Guinness, Hayes, Watters

Nay: XXXXXX

Absent: XXXXXX

Abstain: XXXXXX

**ORDINANCE 012-2026**

**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, COUNTY OF WARREN,  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE REFUND OF THE MUNICIPAL PORTION OF THE  
CONCEALED CARRY HANDGUN PERMIT APPLICATION FEE**

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Ordinance is to authorize the refund of the municipal portion of the concealed carry handgun permit application fee.

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2C:58-4, applicants for permits to carry a handgun are required to pay an application fee in the amount of \$200.00, of which \$150.00 is remitted to the municipality and \$50.00 is paid directly to the Superintendent of the State Police; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Mansfield (the "Township") recognizes that the statutory fee structure imposes a financial burden on applicants and wishes to ease that burden for its residents by offering refunds of the Township's portion of the application fee; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council has determined that it is in the public interest to establish an administrative process for refunding the \$150.00 municipal portion of the application fee upon appropriate documentation and verification.

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

**SECTION 1. Purpose.**

The purpose of this Ordinance is to establish a program by which residents of the Township of Mansfield who have paid the \$150.00 municipal application fee for a concealed carry handgun permit may apply for a refund of said municipal portion of the fee.

**SECTION 2. Eligibility for Refund.**

Any applicant who has paid the \$150.00 municipal application fee for a handgun carry permit on or after January 1, 2026, and who submits a valid receipt showing payment, may apply to the Township of Mansfield Police Department Administrative Assistant for a refund of \$150.00, representing the municipal portion of the statutory fee remitted to the Township of Mansfield.

**SECTION 3. Refund Application Procedure.**

Refunds shall be issued upon the applicant's submission to the Police Department Administrative Assistant of the following documentation:

1. Proof of payment of the \$150.00 municipal application fee;

2. Confirmation that the application was processed through the Township of Mansfield Police Department; and
3. Any additional documentation deemed reasonably necessary by the Police Department Administrative Assistant to confirm eligibility.

**SECTION 4. Scope of Refund.**

This refund program applies only to the municipal portion of the application fee (\$150.00) and does not apply to any amounts remitted by the applicant directly to the State of New Jersey, the Superintendent of the State Police, or any other governmental agency.

**SECTION 5. Administration.**

The Township of Mansfield Police Department Administrative Assistant is hereby authorized and directed to administer this refund program, to process applications for refunds, and to require any reasonable documentation necessary to confirm eligibility of applicants. The Chief of Police may promulgate administrative guidelines consistent with this Ordinance to facilitate the efficient administration of the program.

**SECTION 6. Severability.**

If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 7. Repealer.**

All ordinances and resolutions or parts thereof inconsistent or in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency or conflict.

**SECTION 8. Effective Date.**

This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication in accordance with applicable law.

**ORDINANCES: FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION**

Mr. Hayes, seconded by Mr. Connelly made a motion to introduce Ordinance #013-2026.

**RECORDED VOTE**

Aye:	Bollard, Connelly, Mc Guinness, Hayes, Watters
Nay:	XXXXXX
Absent:	XXXXXX
Abstain:	XXXXXX

**ORDINANCE 013-2026**

**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026**

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Ordinance is to exceed the Municipal Budget appropriation limits and to establish a CAP bank

**WHEREAS**, the Local Government Cap Law, *N.J.S.A 40A:4-45.1 et seq.*, provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to 2.0% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

**WHEREAS**, *N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.15a* provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance,

appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Committeepersons of the Township of Mansfield, in the County of Warren, finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2026 Budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Committeepersons hereby determine that a 3.5% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$95,596.68 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Committeepersons hereby determine that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Committeepersons of the Township of Mansfield, in the County of Warren, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2026 budget year, the final appropriations of the Township of Mansfield shall, in accordance with this ordinance and **N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14**, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$223,058.92, and that the CY 2026 municipal budget for the Township of Mansfield be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be uploaded to the FAST System for the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be uploaded on the FAST System for the Director within 5 days after such adoption.

**RESOLUTIONS (TAKEN SEPARATELY)**

Mr. Mc Guinness, seconded by Mr. Hayes made a motion to adopt Resolution #106-2026.

**RECORDED VOTE**

Aye: Bollard, Connelly, Mc Guinness, Hayes, Watters  
Nay: XXXXXX  
Absent: XXXXXX  
Abstain: XXXXXX

**RESOLUTION 106-2026**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
COMPUTING 2026 RESERVE FOR UNCOLLECTED TAXES  
PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-41c(2)**

**WHEREAS**, **N.J.S.A. 40A:4-41c(2)**, enacted into law (P.L. 2010, c. 56), provides alternate methods of calculating the Reserve for Uncollected Taxes, and

**WHEREAS**, one method under **N.J.S.A. 40A:4-41c(2)** permits the Governing Body of any municipality in which the amount of tax reductions resulting from tax appeal judgments of the County Tax Board pursuant to R.S. 54:3-21 et seq., or the State Tax Court pursuant to R.S. 54:48-1 et seq., result in tax reductions in the preceding fiscal year, may elect to calculate the current year reserve for uncollected taxes by reducing the certified tax levy of

the prior year by the amount of the tax levy adjustment resulting from those judgments. Election of this choice shall be made by resolution, approved by a majority vote of the full membership of the governing body prior to the adoption of the annual budget pursuant to **N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5**; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Mansfield's Adjusted Tax Levy in 2025 was \$25,926,411.26; and

**WHEREAS**, during 2025 the Township of Mansfield's Tax Levy was reduced by \$550,855.00 in 2025 tax appeals; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Mansfield has determined that it is advantageous for the Township of Mansfield to utilize the method under **N.J.S.A. 40A:4-41(c)(2)**,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** BY THE Governing Body of the Township of Mansfield, New Jersey, that by a majority vote of the full membership of the Governing Body of the Township of Mansfield, approves that the maximum percentage to be used for the reserve for uncollected taxes in the 2026 budget is 98.64% based on **N.J.S.A. 40A:4-41c(2)**; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs, be and is hereby requested to give his written consent to allow the Township of Mansfield to compute the Reserve for Uncollected Taxes pursuant to the provisions of **N.J.S.A. 40A:4-41c(2)**.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Municipal Clerk upload a certified copy of this resolution on the FAST System for the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

Mr. Hayes, seconded by Mr. Connelly made a motion to adopt Resolution #107-2026.

**RECORDED VOTE**

Aye:               Bollard, Connelly, Mc Guinness, Hayes, Watters  
Nay:               XXXXXX  
Absent:           XXXXXX  
Abstain:          XXXXXX

**RESOLUTION 107-2026**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
AUTHORIZING THE INTRODUCTION OF THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD  
FOR THE YEAR 2026**

**WHEREAS**, the Local Budget Law, **N.J.S.A. 40A:4-1 et seq.**, as amended, requires that the governing body of each municipality annually adopt a budget; and

**WHEREAS**, the Temporary Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Mansfield has prepared and submitted the proposed 2026 Municipal Budget to the Township Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee has reviewed the proposed budget and has determined that it is in proper form for introduction in accordance with the Local Budget Law and rules and regulations of the Division of Local Government Services; and

**WHEREAS**, the introduced budget is \$9,150,137.70.

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

- 1. Introduction of Budget** – The 2026 Municipal Budget of the Township of Mansfield is hereby introduced and approved upon first reading in accordance with **N.J.S.A. 40A:4-1**.

2. **Public Hearing Scheduled-** A public hearing on the 2026 Municipal Budget shall be held on May 13, 2026 at 7:30 pm at the Municipal Building, 100 Port Murray Road, Port Murray, NJ 07865 at which time and place objections to said budget may be presented by any interested persons.
3. **Authorization to Advertise-** The Township Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish a summary of the 2026 Municipal Budget in accordance with **N.J.S.A. 40A:4-6 and 40A:4-6.1**, on the Township website at least 10 days prior to the date of the Public hearing.
4. **Public Inspection-** Copies of the full budget shall be made available for public inspection at the Office of the Township Clerk during regular business hours and shall be posted on the Township’s official website.
5. **Submission to Division of Local Government Services-** The Temporary Chief Financial Officer is hereby directed to submit the introduced 2026 Municipal Budget using the “FAST” system to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within three (3) days of introduction, in accordance with **N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5** and DLGS requirements.
6. **Certification of Compliance-** The Township Committee hereby certified that the introduced budget complies with the provisions of the Local Budget Law, and all applicable rules and regulations of the Division of Local Government Services.

Mr. Mc Guinness, seconded by Mr. Hayes made a motion to adopt Resolution #108-2026.

**RECORDED VOTE**

Aye: Bollard, Connelly, Mc Guinness, Hayes, Watters  
 Nay: XXXXXX  
 Absent: XXXXXX  
 Abstain: XXXXXX

**RESOLUTION 108-2026**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
 AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF MUNICIPAL OBLIGATIONS**

**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 Temporary Chief Financial Officer and the Deputy Treasurer, from the following accounts and in the following amounts:

<b>BILLS LIST</b>	
CURRENT – 5-01	\$ 2,164.64
CURRENT- 6-01	\$ 1,336,387.23
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND-C-04	\$ 985.00
FEDERAL AND STATE GRANT FUND-G-02	\$ 2,044.92
OPEN SPACE TRUST-T-12	\$ 390.00
DOG FUND-T-13	\$ 3,218.00
TAX PREMIUM-T-18	<b>\$ 500.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,345,689.79</b>

**PUBLIC PORTION:**

Mayor Watters opened the Public Portion for the Consent Agenda to the Public.

Seeing no one wishing to comment, he closed the Public Portion.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Mr. Hayes, seconded by Mr. Connelly made a motion to adopt by consent Resolutions #109-2026 through #110-2026 and #112-2026 through #115-2026.

Recorded Vote

Aye:	Bollard, Connelly, Mc Guinness, Hayes, & Watters
Nay:	XXXXXX
Abstain:	XXXXXX
Absent:	XXXXXX

**RESOLUTION 109-2026**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF TOWNSHIP POLICE VEHICLE TO  
MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP FIRE COMPANY #1**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Mansfield Police Department currently has a 2021 Ford Explorer, (VIN # 1FM5K8AB7MGB1503) no longer needed for municipal purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mansfield Township Fire Company #1 provides fire protection and lifesaving services to the residents and businesses within the Mansfield Township community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mansfield Township Fire Company #1 has requested from the Township an operational vehicle to be utilized as a Fire Chief vehicle as their current one is beyond mechanical repair; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to New Jersey Local Public Contract Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36(2), a municipality is permitted to convey property no longer needed for public use to other political entities without public sale; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee have determined that is in the best interest of the Township to convey the title of the 2021 Ford Explorer (VIN # 1FM5K8AB7MGB1503) to the Mansfield Township Fire Company #1; and

**WHEREAS**, Mansfield Township Fire Company #1 will be responsible for the vehicle registration in addition to maintaining insurance coverage for the vehicle; and

**WHEREAS**, upon the determination by Mansfield Township Fire Company #1 the vehicle is no longer of use to the Fire Company, the 2021 Ford Explorer, (VIN # 1FM5K8AB7MGB1503) is to be returned back to the Township of Mansfield.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield does hereby authorize the conveyance of the title for a 2021 Ford Explorer (VIN # 1FM5K8AB7MGB1503) to the Mansfield Township Fire Company #1.

**RESOLUTION 110-2026**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CONDUCT AN ELECTRONIC TAX SALE**

**WHEREAS, N.J.S.A 54:5-19.1** authorizes electronic tax sales pursuant to rules and regulations to be promulgated by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services; and

**WHEREAS,** the rules and regulations require a municipality to send three (3) notices of tax sale to all properties included in said sale; and

**WHEREAS,** the rules and regulations allow said municipality to charge a fee of \$25.00 per notice for the creation, printing, and mailing of said notice; and

**WHEREAS,** in an effort to more fairly assign greater fiscal responsibility to delinquent taxpayers, the Township of Mansfield wishes to charge \$25.00 for each notice mailed (up to (2) two) which will be assessed specifically to the delinquent accounts that are causing the need for a tax sale and not to the general tax base.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield that a fee of \$25.00 for each notice be established and is hereby authorized and directed to be charged for each notice (up to (2) two) of tax sale that is sent in conjunction with the 2026 electronic tax sale.

## **RESOLUTION 112-2026**

### **RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF TWO (2) 2026 FORD POLICE INTERCEPTOR VEHICLES FOR THE MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO MORRIS COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING COUNCIL**

**WHEREAS,** a need exists for the purchase of two (2) 2026 Ford Police Interceptor vehicles; and

**WHEREAS,** one (1) vehicle will be used for the daily operations of the Township of Mansfield Police Department; and

**WHEREAS,** one (1) vehicle will be used for the Township of Mansfield Police Department K-9 unit; and

**WHEREAS,** the Township of Mansfield, may, without advertising for bids, purchase such items through a purchasing cooperative pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A: 1 1-12 and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7 .29 et. Seq.; and

**WHEREAS,** the following vendor is authorized and participates in the Morris County Pricing Council:  
Nielsen Ford                      MCCPC Contract #15-A, Item #2

**WHEREAS,** Nielsen Ford has proposed under MCCPC Contract #15-A, Item #2 for two (2) 2026 Ford Police Interceptor vehicles in the amount of \$ 44,735.50 each for a total of \$ 89,471.00; and

**WHEREAS,** the Temporary Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available in the amount of \$ 89,471.00, in line-item C-04-44-238-0097-1000.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, County of Warren, and State of New Jersey, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-12 & N.J.A.C. 5:34-7 .29 et. Seq. that it authorizes the Mansfield Township Police Chief to enter into a contract to purchase through the use of the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council Contract #15-A, Item #2, with Nielsen Ford for procurement of two (2) 2026 Ford Police Interceptor vehicles in the amount not to exceed \$ 89,471.00.

## **RESOLUTION 113-2026**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
AUTHORIZING THE OUTFITTING OF TWO (2) 2026 FORD POLICE INTERCEPTOR VEHICLES FOR THE  
MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT  
PURSUANT TO NJ STATE CONTRACT #17-FLEET-00749**

**WHEREAS**, a need exists to outfit two (2) 2026 Ford Police Interceptor vehicles; and

**WHEREAS**, one (1) vehicle will be used for the daily operations of the Township of Mansfield Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, one (1) vehicle will be used for the Township of Mansfield Police Department K-9 unit; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Mansfield, may, without advertising for bids, purchase such items through a purchasing cooperative pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A: 1 1-12 and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7 .29 et. Seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, the following vendor is authorized and participates in the NJ State Contract:

Elite Vehicle Solutions    NJ State Contract #17-Fleet-00749

**WHEREAS**, Elite Vehicle Solutions has proposed under NJ State Contract #17-Fleet-00749 to outfit two (2) 2026 Ford Police Interceptor vehicles in the amount of \$ 54,459.77; and

**WHEREAS**, the Temporary Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available in the following accounts:

Capital Account    # C-04-44-238-0097-1000	\$ 44,909.90
K-9 Trust Account # T-34-55-289-0000-0000	\$ 9,549.87

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-12 & N.J.A.C. 5:34-7 .29 et. Seq. that it authorizes the Mansfield Township Police Chief to enter into a contract to purchase through the use of the NJ State Contract #17-Fleet-00749, with Elite Vehicle Solutions for Outfitting two (2) 2026 Ford Police Interceptor vehicles in the amount not to exceed \$ 54,459.77.

## **RESOLUTION 114-2026**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF WARREN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20)**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19, the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield adopted a resolution to provide temporary funds for the period from January 1, 2026, until the adoption of the Operating Budget for the Township of Mansfield, New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, additional appropriations will be required from April 8, 2026, until the adoption of the budget; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20, provides that the governing body by two-thirds vote may make temporary emergency appropriations for any purpose for which appropriations may lawfully be made for the period between the beginning of the current fiscal year and the date of the adoption of the budget for said year.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, County of

Warren, and State of New Jersey that:

1. The Township Committee by a two-thirds vote of its full membership hereby amends its temporary budget by making the following emergency temporary appropriations:

CURRENT FUND      \$ 1,000,000.00

2. This action shall take effect April 8, 2026
3. A copy of this resolution shall be immediately filed with the Director of Local Government Services by the Township Clerk of the Township of Mansfield.

## **RESOLUTION 115-2026**

### **RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING LIEN REDEMPTION (BLOCK 1102.03 LOT 6 QUALIFIER C010F)**

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector of the Township of Mansfield has advised the Township Committee that the following property has been redeemed and the money due thereon has been paid to the Township of Mansfield Tax Collector.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, County of Warren, State of New Jersey that this 8<sup>TH</sup> day of April, 2026, payment in the amount of \$ 200.85, is to be made to the certificate holder as noted:

<b><u>CERTIFICATE HOLDER</u></b>	<b><u>BLOCK/LOT</u></b>	<b><u>CERTIFICATE #</u></b>
Pro Cap 8 FBO Firstrust Bank P.O. Box 774 Fort Washington, PA 19034	Block 1102.03 Lot 6 Qualifier C010F	25-00002

Lien Redemption	\$ 200.82
Premium	\$ 500.00

Mr. Connelly, seconded by Mr. Mc Guinness made a motion to adopt Resolution #111-2026.

**RECORDED VOTE**

Aye:	Bollard, Connelly, Mc Guinness, Watters
Nay:	XXXXXX
Absent:	XXXXXX
Abstain:	Hayes

## **RESOLUTION 111-2026**

### **RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING RESOLUTION #085-2026, AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR MOWING & TRIMMING SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, by the adoption of Resolution #085-2026 on March 12, 2026, the Township of Mansfield awarded the contract for mowing and trimming services to Woodland Landscape Group, LLC; and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution #085-2026 stated the not to exceed the amount for the contract with Woodland Landscape Group, LLC as \$43,860.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the correct not to exceed amount for the contract for mowing and trimming services with Woodland Landscape Group, LLC should be \$43,680.00.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, County of Warren, and State of New Jersey, hereby amends Resolution #085-2026 to correctly reflect the not to exceed amount of the contract for mowing and trimming services with Woodland Landscaping Group, LLC as \$43,680.00.

**NEW BUSINESS** -

Discussion of Ordinance 2018-02

Mr. Bollard stated due to ambiguous terms he would like to have Ordinance 2018-02 amended and updated. A motion was made by Mr. Bollard to have the Township Attorney draft an amendment; however, there was no second made to his motion and no further action was taken.

**COMMITTEE PERSON COMMENTS/REPORTS**

Watters – None

Hayes – None

Mc Guinness – None

Connelly – None

Bollard – None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Hayes, seconded by Mr. Mc Guinness, made a motion to adopt Resolution #116-2026 for an Executive Session of the Township Committee.

**RECORDED VOTE**

Aye: Bollard, Connelly, Mc Guinness, Hayes, Watters

Nay: XXXXXX

Absent: XXXXXX

Abstain: XXXXXX

**RESOLUTION 116-2026**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield is authorized, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 to exclude the public from that portion of this meeting for purposes of discussing specific matters as permitted by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12; and;

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield intends to discuss certain matters which are deemed confidential pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, in Executive Session; and

**WHEREAS**, at this time the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield cannot determine the time when the discussion to be held in Executive Session will be made public, but will disclose the minutes of the Executive Session when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, that this meeting shall be adjourned to an Executive Session and the public will be excluded in order that the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield may discuss the items listed below:

**Contractual**

Engineering Invoice #213071

Data Centers

At approximately 8:30.m., the Committee went into Executive Session.

**RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION**

On a motion by Mr. Hayes, seconded by Mr. Bollard, the Township Committee voted to return to public session at approximately 8:46 p.m.

**RECORDED VOTE**

Aye: Bollard, Connelly, Mc Guinness, Hayes, Watters  
Nay: XXXXXX  
Absent: XXXXXX  
Abstain: XXXXXX

Township Attorney Lavery announced the following discussed in Executive Session:

**Contractual**

Engineering Invoice #213071  
Data Centers

Mr. Hayes, seconded by Mr. Mc Guinness made a motion to authorize payment for Boswell Engineering Invoice # 213071 in the amount of \$1,316.25.

**RECORDED VOTE**

Aye: Bollard, Connelly, Mc Guinness, Hayes, Watters  
Nay: XXXXXX  
Absent: XXXXXX  
Abstain: XXXXXX

Mr. Hayes, seconded by Mr. Connelly made a motion to request the Land Use Board to consider whether an amendment to the Master Plan is necessary to prohibit data centers.


**RECORDED VOTE**

Aye: Bollard, Connelly, Mc Guinness, Hayes, Watters  
Nay: XXXXXX  
Absent: XXXXXX  
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 was no official action resulting from Executive Session.

There being no further business, Mr. Hayes made a motion to adjourn. All present were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:48 p.m.

Attest

  
Wendy Barras, R.M.C.  
Township Municipal Clerk