



**TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD COMMITTEE MEETING  
OFFICIAL MINUTES  
MAY 27, 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 Attorney Michael Lavery, Township Clerk Barras, Police Chief Mac Donough, Asst. CFO JoAnn Fascenelli, and Deputy Clerk Illena Raffaele.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**May 13, 2026 – EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Bollard, seconded by Mr. Connelly made a motion to approve the Executive Session meeting minutes from May 13, 2026.

**RECORDED VOTE**

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

**May 13, 2026 – REGULAR SESSION**

Mr. Mc Guinness, seconded by Mr. Hayes made a motion to approve the Regular Session meeting minutes from May 13, 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:

- Next Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> is Primary Election. Voting is from 6 am- 8pm. Districts 1-3 vote here at the municipal building and Districts 4-6 vote at the Dept of Public Works Building.
- Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup> by 3:00 pm is the last day to apply for a mail in ballot at the County Clerk's office .
- Early voting began yesterday, Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> and continues through Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at the following locations:  
Blairstown Municipal Building  
Warren County Library Northeast Branch in Independence  
Warren County Library Southwest Branch in Stewartsville
- Campaign signs are not allowed on municipal property and will not be allowed on Election Day at both municipal and DPW building.

**FINANCE/ EMPLOYEES'S REPORT** –

Mrs. Fascenelli reported the flea market/craft fair sponsored by the Green Team was successful and thanked both the DPW employees and Deputy Clerk Leigh Raffaele for their hard work. The Karrsville school has been patriotically decorated by volunteers. Ongoing planning and preparation is still underway for the 250<sup>th</sup> event to be held on June 27<sup>th</sup> and sponsorships are being sought.

Chief MacDonough responded to a letter issued to the Township Committee from the School Superintendent specifically on the traffic issue during the Diamond Hill gas line project and the district's response to charging a fee for school events, specifically school board meetings.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT –**

- Snyder Road Section 2 – Turf repair matting that has slumped along portions of the slope has been satisfactory. NJDOT grant payment should be made to the Township soon.
- Project design for the Corey Read Drive/Allen Road signal direction improvement is underway.
- Project site kickoff meeting for Blau Road Improvement project was held and preliminary project design is underway.
- Grant application for additional funds for Blau Road is completed and will be submitted soon.

Mr. Connelly questioned as to the status of the sight distance issue at the entrance of the Meadows at Mansfield at Thomas Knoll Blvd. and Route 57. Mr. Quamme stated he has been in contact with the Township conflict attorney. The Township can either issue a stop work order until the developer has corrected the issue or to with hold the issuance of CO's.

Mr. Connelly, seconded by Mr. Hayes made a motion to have the conflict attorney move forward with issuing a stop work order until the sight distance issue at the entrance to the Meadows at Mansfield at Thomas Knoll Blvd. and Route 57 has been corrected.

**RECORDED VOTE**

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

**PUBLIC PORTION**

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

Mike Misertino, 8 Walter Ter., commented the walking path at Ryan Way and Walter Ter. has dead arbor ash trees and overgrown debris and brush along the side and would like to see the trees removed as they pose a safety hazard.

Carol Thompson, 510 Rt. 57, spoke of the non- enforcement of the zoning officer on the expanding non-conforming use at Route 57 auto.

Matt Pozarycki, Domin Ln., spoke in agreeance with Ms. Thompson regarding the current conditions at Route 57 Auto Salvage.

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 017-2026.

Seeing no one wishing to comment, Mayor Watters closed the Public Hearing for Ordinance 017-2026.

Mr. Hayes, seconded by Mr. Bollard made a motion to adopt Ordinance 017-2026.

**RECORDED VOTE**

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

**ORDINANCE 017-2026**

**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY APPROPRIATING SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING FOR FIRE APPARATUS REFURBISHMENT**

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Ordinance is to appropriate \$25,000.00 for fire apparatus refurbishment.

**WHEREAS**, there is a need for additional funding for the Fire Apparatus Refurbishment;

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

1. The amount of 25,000 is hereby appropriated from the General Capital Improvement Fund
2. There is no debt incurred by this Ordinance.
3. This ordinance shall take effect immediately after final passage, approval, publication as provided by law.

**ORDINANCES: FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION**

The Committee discussed certain points and topics contained in Ordinance #018-2026. Mr. Connelly, seconded by Mr. Mc Guinness made a motion to table Ordinance #018-2026.

**RECORDED VOTE**

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

**ORDINANCE 018-2026 - TABLED**

**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD TO CREATE A NEW CHAPTER, CHAPTER 150  
ENTITLED "BUSINESS AND RENTAL INSURANCE REGISTRATION"**

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Ordinance is to implement the requirements of P.L. 2022, c.92, codified at N.J.S.A. 40A:10A-1 et seq., which requires certain business owners and owners of rental units to maintain minimum levels of liability insurance and to annually register proof of such insurance with the municipality in which the business or rental units are located.

**WHEREAS**, on August 5, 2022, Senate Bill S1368 was signed into law as P.L 2022, c .92, now codified as N.J.S.A. 40A:10A-1 and -2 (the "Law"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Law requires all business owners and rental unit owners to maintain a minimum of \$500,000 of liability insurance, and owner-occupied multi-family dwellings with four units or fewer must maintain a minimum of \$300,000 of liability insurance; and

**WHEREAS**, municipalities shall receive and maintain certificates of insurance demonstrating compliance with the law and may maintain an administrative registry for that purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Law, business and rental unit owners are required to provide municipalities with a Certificate of Insurance annually to establish compliance with the Law; and

**WHEREAS**, municipalities are permitted to charge an administrative fee in connection with such registration; and

**WHEREAS**, municipalities are permitted to enforce the provisions of the Law by imposing penalties; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Mansfield is desirous of establishing a business and insurance registry as required by the Law.

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

**SECTION I:**

The Code of Township of Mansfield is hereby amended and supplemented by adding a new Chapter, Chapter 150, entitled "Business and Rental Insurance Registration," as follows:

## **CHAPTER 150 BUSINESS AND RENTAL INSURANCE REGISTRATION**

§ 150-1 Purpose

§ 150-2 Definitions

§ 150-3 Insurance required

§ 150-4 Business insurance registration

§ 150-5 Insurance Registration Registry

§ 150-6 Administrative Fee

§ 150-7 Penalties

### **§ 150-1 Purpose**

N.J.S.A. 40A:10A-1, et seq. requires all business owners, owners of rental units, and owners of a multi-family home of four or fewer units, one of which is owner occupied, to maintain certain levels of liability insurance. That law further requires owners of businesses and rental units to register proof of insurance with the municipality in which the business or rental units are located. The purpose of this Chapter is to implement the requirements of the law within the Township of Mansfield.

### **§ 150-2 Definitions**

For the purposes of this Chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings set forth below:

#### Business Premises:

Any building, structure, or physical location within the Township of Mansfield at which a business is conducted or operated.

#### Business Owner:

Any person or entity that owns or operates a business at a business premises located within the Township of Mansfield and is required to maintain liability insurance pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:10A-1.

#### Owner of Rental Units:

Any person or entity owning one or more residential rental units within the Township.

#### Multifamily Home:

A residential property consisting of four (4) or fewer dwelling units, one of which is owner-occupied.

#### Certificate of Insurance:

A document issued by an insurance company or authorized insurance agent demonstrating that the required liability insurance coverage is in effect.

#### Owner:

Any individual, partnership, corporation, limited liability company, trust, or other legal entity having legal title to property subject to the requirements of this Chapter.

### **§ 150-3 Insurance Required**

- A. Except as provided in subsection B below, every business owner and owner of rental units located within the Township shall maintain liability insurance coverage for negligent acts and omissions in an amount of not less than \$500,000 for combined property damage and bodily injury or death in any one accident or occurrence.
- B. The owner of a multifamily home consisting of four (4) or fewer dwelling units, one of which is owner-occupied, shall maintain liability insurance coverage in an amount of not less than \$300,000 for combined property damage and bodily injury or death in any one accident or occurrence.
- C. The insurance required by this Section shall be maintained at all times that the business or rental units are in operation or occupancy.
- D. The filing of a Certificate of Insurance with the Township pursuant to this Chapter shall not relieve any owner of the obligation to maintain the required insurance coverage at all times.

### **§ 150-4 Annual Registration of Insurance Certificate**

- A. Every owner subject to the insurance requirements of this Chapter shall annually register with the Township a certificate of insurance demonstrating compliance with the liability insurance requirements established by State law.
- B. Registration shall be completed by filing the certificate of insurance with the Township Municipal Clerk.
- C. Registration shall occur:
  - a. Annually by January 1<sup>st</sup> of each calendar year; and

- b. Within thirty (30) days of the issuance or renewal of the applicable insurance policy or within thirty (30) days of registering the business or obtaining ownership of the rental units, whichever event occurs sooner.
- D. The certificate of insurance shall identify:
  - a. The insured owner
  - b. The property or business location
  - c. The insurance carrier
  - d. The coverage limits
  - e. The effective dates of the policy
- E. The Municipal Clerk shall maintain records of certificates submitted pursuant to this Chapter.

#### **§ 150-5 Insurance Registration Registry**

- A. The Township shall maintain an Insurance Registration Registry for administrative purposes to record certificates of insurance submitted pursuant to this Chapter.
- B. The registry shall be maintained by the Municipal Clerk, or such other municipal official as designated by the Township Committee.
- C. The registry shall contain records sufficient to identify:
  - a. The insured owner
  - b. The property or business premises location
  - c. The insurance carrier
  - d. Policy coverage limits
  - e. Policy effective dates
- D) The registry shall be used solely for municipal administrative and enforcement purposes.

#### **§ 150-6 Administrative Fee**

- A. All new registration applications submitted under this Chapter shall be accompanied by a twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) administrative fee, as permitted by N.J.S.A. 40A:10A-2.
- B. Renewal registration applications shall be accompanied by a ten dollar (\$10.00) administrative fee.
- C. Registrations shall be for a one-year term, commencing on January 1<sup>st</sup> and shall expire on December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year.
  - a. Renewal registrations received after February 1<sup>st</sup> will be assessed a late fee of five dollars (\$5.00) per month.

#### **§ 150-7 Penalties**

- A. Any owner required to maintain liability insurance or register proof of insurance under this Chapter who fails to comply with such requirements shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$500.00 and not more than \$5,000.00.
- B. Penalties shall be enforced through a summary proceeding pursuant to the Penalty Enforcement Law of 1999 (N.J.S.A 2A:58-10 et seq.).
- C. Each violation and each year that an owner fails to maintain the required insurance coverage or fails to register proof of insurance shall constitute a separate offense.

#### **SECTION II: Severability**

If any provision or portion of a provision of this Ordinance is held to be unconstitutional, preempted by Federal or State Law, or otherwise invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions of the ordinance shall not be invalidated and shall remain in full force and effect.

#### **SECTION III: Repealer**

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

#### **SECTION IV: Effective Date**

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption and publication as required by law.

#### **RESOLUTIONS (TAKEN SEPARATELY)**

Mr. Mc Guinness, seconded by Mr. Hayes made a motion to adopt Resolution #140-2026.

#### **RECORDED VOTE**

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

Nay: XXXXXX  
Absent: XXXXXX  
Abstain: XXXXXX

Mr. Connelly, seconded by Mr. Hayes made a motion to approve Purchase Order #26-388.

**RECORDED VOTE**

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

**RESOLUTION 140-2026**

**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 Assistant CFO, from the following accounts and in the following amounts:

BILLS LIST	
CURRENT – 5-01	\$ 3,430.97
CURRENT- 6-01	\$ 45,999.83
FEDERAL AND STATE GRANT FUND-G-02	\$ 3,140.95
DEVELOPER'S ESCROW	\$ 3,362.50
MANDATORY DEVELOPMENT FEES-T-20	\$ 719.50
GREEN TEAM	\$ 189.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 56,842.75</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. Bollard made a motion to adopt by consent Resolutions #141-2026 through #146-2026

Recorded Vote

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

**RESOLUTION 141-2026**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE FOURTH ROUND CONSENT ORDER FINAL CERTIFICATION WITH  
FAIR SHARE HOUSING CENTER**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of MANSFIELD (the "Township " or "Mansfield") having filed a resolution of participation in the Affordable Housing Dispute Resolution Program (the "Program") and a declaratory judgment action pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301* et. seq. (the "Fair Housing Act") on January 24, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the Court entered an order on April 8, 2025, setting the Township 's Fourth Round fair share obligations as a Present Need of 7 units and a Prospective Need of 355 units, which no party appealed, and the Township was required to file a Housing Element and Fair Share Plan ("HEFSP") by June 30, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township having filed its HEFSP on June 27, 2025 ("Adopted HEFSP"); and

**WHEREAS**, FSHC having filed a challenge pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 52:27D-304.1(f)(2)(b)* regarding the Township's HEFSP by way of letter dated August 29, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township and FSHC entered into Consent Order Conditional Compliance Certification ("Consent Order") entered by the Court on February 26, 2026, approving the Township's HEFSP and granting the Township compliance certification as to is Affordable Housing obligations and setting forth certain conditions for the issuance of a final certification of compliance; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township and FSHC have agreed the Township has satisfied all of the conditions for a final certification of compliance and have agreed upon a Consent Order Final Compliance Certification ("Final Consent Order") and present this Final Consent Order for review by the Program and referral to the Mount Laurel Judge pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 52:27D-304.1(f)(2)(b)*, and Administrative Directive #14-24, which if approved will result in a final compliance certification for the Township for the Fourth Round; and

**WHEREAS**, a copy of the Final Consent Order is attached hereto.

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

1. The Final Consent Order in the form attached hereto is hereby approved;
2. The Township Attorney, Michael B. Lavery, Esq., is hereby authorized and directed to execute same on behalf of the Township of Mansfield.

## **RESOLUTION 142-2026**

### **RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE INSERTION INTO THE FY2026 MUNICIPAL BUDGET PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948) OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE FORM OF A STATE OF NEW JERSEY SOLID WASTE ADMINISTRATION FY2026 CLEAN COMMUNITIES GRANT**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

**WHEREAS**, the Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for an equal amount; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mansfield Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield further finds and declares that it is in the best interest of the citizens of the Township to request approval of the insertion into the Township's FY2026 Municipal Budget of an item of revenue based upon a grant secured by the Township from the State of New Jersey;

**NOW, THERE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township of Mansfield in the County of Warren, New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2026 in the sum of \$ 26,237.42.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the above is the result of funds from Solid Waste Administration FY2026 Clean Communities Grant in the amount of \$ 26,237.42.

Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations  
FY2026 Clean Communities Grant

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this will be filed with the Director of Local Government Services.

**RESOLUTION 143-2026**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR AND TEMPORARY CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO REFUND  
OVERPAYMENT OF PROPERTY TAX - BLOCK 1105 LOT 22**

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector of the Township of Mansfield, County of Warren, State of New Jersey has notified the Township Committee that there is an overpayment on property located within the Township of Mansfield; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, has determined that a credit balance on the following property to be refunded to Lereta. The credit was generated as a result of tax overpayment as follows:

Block / Lot	Amount	Tax Quarter	Tax Year
1105 / 22	\$2,655.32	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	2026
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,655.32</b>		

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mansfield Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, directs the Temporary Chief Financial Officer prepare a refund in the amount of \$ 2,655.32 payable to:

LERETA, LLC  
Attn: Central Refunds  
901 Corporate Center Dr.  
Pomona, CA. 91768

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Tax Collector be directed to adjust the tax record to reflect the above transaction.

**RESOLUTION 144-2026**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,  
AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF ESTIMATED PROPERTY TAX BILLS**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield has introduced and adopted a municipal budget for 2026 but said budget may not be approved by the State in advance of billing the third quarter taxes that are due on August 1, 2026, within statutory guidelines; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield further finds and declares that Township financial officials have determined that there could be insufficient cash flow to support operations in July and August 2026, unless third quarter revenue is received on time; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield further finds and declares that Tax Collector, Joseph L. Guerin, Jr. and Temporary Chief Financial Officer, Donna M. Mollineaux, have reviewed and computed an estimated tax levy in accordance with *N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.3* and are recommending authorization to issue property tax bills based upon this estimated tax levy;

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

1. That Mansfield Tax Collector, Joseph L. Guerin, Jr., be and is hereby authorized and directed to prepare and issue estimated tax bills for the Township of Mansfield for the third quarter of 2026, in accordance with **N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.2**, et seq.;
2. That the entire estimated tax levy for FY2026 be and is hereby set at \$26,036,020.81; and
3. That the Mansfield Tax Collector, Joseph L. Guerin, Jr., be and is hereby authorized to undertake any and all additional steps deemed necessary and appropriate to immediately implement the substance of this Resolution.

## **RESOLUTION 145-2026**

### **RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR AND TEMPORARY CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO REFUND OVERPAYMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES**

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector of the Township of Mansfield, County of Warren, State of New Jersey has notified the Township Committee that there is an overpayment on properties located within the Township of Mansfield; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, has determined that a credit balance on the following properties should be refunded to Corelogic. The credit was generated as a result of tax overpayments as follows:

<b>Block / Lot</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Tax Quarter</b>	<b>Tax Year</b>
804.02 / 18	\$1,376.21	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	2026
1102.02 / 5 / C009E	\$1,031.49	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	2026
2704 / 7	\$256.86	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	2026
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,664.56</b>		

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mansfield Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, directs the Temporary Chief Financial Officer prepare a refund in the amount of **\$ 2,664.56** payable to:

Corelogic Refunds Department  
3001 Hackberry Road  
Irving, TX 75063

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Tax Collector be directed to adjust the tax record to reflect the above transaction.

## **RESOLUTION 146-2026**

### **RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY URGING STATE LEADERS TO IMPLEMENT FAIR AND EQUITABLE REFORMS TO MITIGATE THE UNSUSTAINABLE INCREASES IN HEALTH BENEFIT PREMIUMS FOR PUBLIC SECTOR EMPLOYEES**

**WHEREAS**, the State Health Benefits Program (SHBP), governed by N.J.S.A. 52:14-17.25 et seq., offers medical, prescription drug, and dental coverage to qualified State and participating local government public employees, retirees, and eligible dependents; and

**WHEREAS**, all SHBP plans are self-funded, meaning that the money paid out for benefits comes directly from an SHBP fund supplied by the State, participating local employers, and member premiums; and

**WHEREAS**, the rate increase for the 2026 Local Government Employer Group is 36.25% and does not include fully funding the loan to the SHBP Local Government Group under c. 86 or funding to bring the Claims Stabilization Reserve to the required two-month balance; and

**WHEREAS**, since the end of 2020 nearly 200 local government employers have exited the SHBP, representing a nearly 30% decline, largely leaving only local governments with the highest risk in the plan; and

**WHEREAS**, subsequently, during budget testimony State Treasurer Binder noted regarding the SHBP costs, while Treasury does not have the final numbers, "based on the plan actuary's midyear reports and SHBP Local Government fund levels, it is possible that rate increases could be as high as the rate increases, we experienced last year;" and

**WHEREAS**, such proposed exorbitant rate increases will fall upon the local property taxpayer along with the local public employees at a time where there is record inflation; and

**WHEREAS**, despite innovative cost containment measures taken by municipalities to make available affordable and quality healthcare for valued employees and their families, public sector health benefit plans are far too costly; and,

**WHEREAS**, time is of the essence for State leaders to enact long-term structural reforms that should include eliminating costly plan designs; modifying co-pays for specialists and urgent care, restricting the use of out-of-network healthcare coverage and GLP-1 drugs; implementing a Reference Based Pricing system; streamlining the use of Health Savings Accounts and Flexible Spending Accounts; and, enhancing medical transparency and the collection of data; and

**WHEREAS**, failure to make these long-term structural reforms will leave local officials no choice but to impose hiring freezes, eliminate budgeted vacancies, and increase taxes on residents already burdened with the highest property tax bills in the nation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield in the county of Warren urge state leaders to implement fair and equitable reforms to mitigate the unsustainable increases in health benefit premiums for public sector employees.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Sherrill, State Treasurer Binder, Senate President Scutari, Assembly Speaker Coughlin, Senator Douglas J. Steinhardt, Assemblyman John DiMaio, Assemblyman Erik Peterson, and New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

**NEW BUSINESS** - None

**OLD BUSINESS**

Volunteer Fireman Incentives

Mr. Bollard presented examples of incentives from a few neighboring municipalities. The Committee will need to meet with Fire Dept. Chiefs and Presidents to establish the program specifics and requirements. Question would need to be placed on the general election ballot in November.

Hybrid Township Committee Meetings

Mr. Bollard presented ideas and recommendations for incorporating hybrid committee meetings. The Committee will need to consider the logistics involved as well as the benefits and negatives before a decision can be made.

**COMMITTEE PERSON COMMENTS/REPORTS**

Watters – No report at this time.

Hayes – No report at this time.

Mc Guinness – No report at this time.

Connelly – No report at this time.

Bollard – Economic Development Advisory Committee has reached a quorum membership and will have their 1<sup>st</sup> reorganization meeting on June 5<sup>th</sup>.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Connelly, seconded by Mr. Hayes, made a motion to adopt Resolution #147-2026 for an Executive Session of the Township Committee.

**RECORDED VOTE**

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

**RESOLUTION 147-2026**

**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

excluded in order that the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield may discuss the items listed below:

**Attorney Client Privilege**

Ethics Ordinance  
School Liaison

At approximately 8:22 p.m., the Committee went into Executive Session.

**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 8:53 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:

**Attorney Client Privilege**

Ethics Ordinance  
School Liaison  
Correspondence

**Pending Litigation**

Oxford EMS

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

Mr. Hayes, seconded by Mr. Connelly made a motion to authorize Township Attorney Lavery to advise the Conflict Attorney to take action as discussed in Executive Session.

**RECORDED VOTE**

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

There being no further business, Mr. Hayes made a motion to adjourn. All present were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:55 p.m.

Attest,



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