

**TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD COMMITTEE MEETING
OFFICIAL MINUTES
JUNE 24, 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, Asst. CFO JoAnn Fascenelli, and Deputy Clerk Illena Raffaele.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 10, 2026 – EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Hayes, seconded by Mr. Mc Guinness made a motion to approve the Executive Session meeting minutes from June 10, 2026.

RECORDED VOTE

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

June 10, 2026 – REGULAR SESSION

Mr. Mc Guinness, seconded by Mr. Hayes made a motion to approve the Regular Session meeting minutes from June 10, 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:

- There wasn't a winning bid for the ambulance auction on Municibid. It has been relisted and the minimum bid has been dropped to \$3,000.00 and runs through next Tuesday, June 30th.
- Right to Know survey for the Township was submitted on Monday, June 22nd and incorporated both DPW garages and the Municipal Building.
- 4 Liquor License renewals for the 2026-2027 term are on the agenda this evening. All have met the necessary requirements and can be approved for renewal. The liquor license transfer for the inactive pocket license is still in progress and is tentatively scheduled to come before the Governing Body at the next meeting on 7/8.
- The RFQ for the Municipal Court Judge position has been listed on the Township website in addition the League's website. Due date is Tuesday, July 7th.
- The ad for the code enforcement officer position has been listed on the Township website.

FINANCE/ EMPLOYEES’S REPORT –

Mrs. Fascenelli stated the Township received \$20,476.50 for the 2023 recycling tonnage grant. Estimated 3rd quarter tax bills have been mailed. She received four quotes for the digital sign outside the DPW building on Rt. 57 and will need to consult with the IT Consultant regarding network requirements. Three quotes for an upgrade to the phone system have been received.

ENGINEER’S REPORT –

- Mitchell Road Improvement Project – Contractor’s schedule to complete punch list work is pending and final payment will be held until work has been satisfactorily completed.
- MA 2027 grant application for additional funds for Blau Rd. project has been submitted.
- Preparation of the LAIF-FY2026 grant application for Allen Road ADA Improvements and Various Roads Guide Rail replacement has begun and will be submitted by the July 1st deadline.
- Sight Distance Issue at Rt. 57 and Thomas Knoll Blvd. – The plan is to cut back the slope until the sight line is good, which may require installing a short landscape block wall in front of the pole if the slope becomes excessive. This will need to be reviewed with the contractor. The engineer at the Meadows has reported this project is currently being scheduled and will let Mr. Quamme a start date when one is available.

PUBLIC PORTION

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

Ann Church, 38 Redwood Run, inquired of the process for an ordinance to be open to the public for discussion.

Bob Jewell, Rockport Rd., commented on the tree stumps left behind from the dead arbor ash trees at the Weiss shopping center.

William Angus, 157 Riva Dr., asked the Committee to consider prohibiting flock cameras within the Township.

Christine Neiley, 20 Tunnel Hill Rd., discussed a situation with her neighbor regarding a fence installation and lack of help from the zoning officer.

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

ORDINANCES: SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Watters opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance #019-2026. Seeing no one wishing to comment, Mayor Watters closed the Public Hearing on Ordinance #019-2026. Mr. Connelly, seconded by Mr. Hayes made a motion to adopt Ordinance #019-2026.

RECORDED VOTE

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

ORDINANCE 019-2026

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD §§ 360-4 AND CREATING A NEW SECTION, 363-81 TO PROHIBIT DATA CENTERS IN ALL ZONES WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The purpose of this Ordinance is to prohibit large scale data centers to preserve infrastructure capacity, water and energy usage, environmental resources, and community character.

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield (“Township”) Master Plan emphasizes

protection of the Township's rural character, agricultural lands, scenic landscapes, environmental resources, and historic and cultural heritage; and

WHEREAS, data centers, by nature, present an intense and unique form of land use and development, posing significant challenges related to electricity consumption, noise, air quality, water use, community character and long-term planning objectives; and

WHEREAS, preliminary data cited by Members of the New Jersey State Legislature has cautioned that large-scale data centers can use as much as 3 to 5 million gallons of water in a single day between liquid cooling and water consumed to generate the energy that powers them; and

WHEREAS, this extreme volume of water usage impacts homes and businesses both within the municipality and the surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, preliminary studies noted by the State Legislature also indicate that some data centers require 300 MW of electricity, which is roughly equivalent to the output of a small modular nuclear reactor; and

WHEREAS, aside from increases in taxes and governmental services across the board, in only the last year the majority of the State has already seen consumer energy costs increase more than twenty percent (20%), with additional increases expected within the next few months; and

WHEREAS, the high-tech data centers that are proliferating throughout the state consume a large amount of electrical power at a time when energy costs are increasing for ratepayers; and

WHEREAS, it is well established that overdevelopment, urbanization and overuse of environmental resources impacts subterranean aquifers and the quality of drinking and other water resources and poses a substantial strain on community water resources; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body is conscious of the hazards, such as depletion of critical groundwater resources, and the impact on the environmental and natural resources posed by the scope, depth and pervasiveness of large-scale commercial data center operations; and

WHEREAS, municipal regulations designed for the preservation of the environment and the protection of ecological values are a well-recognized, legitimate and proper exercise of municipality authority; and

WHEREAS, cutting and removal of trees has been found to cause and create increased soil erosion and dust, instability and deterioration in the value of surrounding property and other adverse environmental and geographical conditions; and

WHEREAS, dramatic increases and changes in population, development and the impact of certain data center operations on residents, businesses, the environment, and private and public property have imposed significant burdens on municipal resources and have created increased need to balance the rights and interests of the residents and general public with that of the legitimate rights of property owners to conduct business without unreasonable regulation; and

WHEREAS, in light of these significant changes in confluence with modern advancement in technology, scientific and environmental research that have allowed for a more accurate and comprehensive understanding of the hazards and dangers posed to surrounding property, environmental and natural resources, the general public, and the proliferation and expansion of governmental regulation of the environment, safety and business in general, that have occurred since the enactment of the municipalities zoning and development regulations, the Mayor and Council have determined it necessary and appropriate to amend and update its ordinances to adequately address data center uses in a manner that best reflects present needs and realities; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has determined that it is at this time necessary and appropriate, and in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of its residents and members of the public who visit, travel or

conduct business in the Township, to amend the Township zoning ordinance to include all manner of data centers land use and development as a non-permitted use within the geographic boundaries of the Township and to otherwise improve and strengthen the nature, scope, manner and effectiveness of such regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body intends to periodically review the environmental and community impacts of data center installations based on evolving technological advances and may in future reconsider whether there is a suitable role for their addition to the Township of Mansfield.

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

Amendment to Chapter 360 – Administration and Procedures

Chapter 360 of the Code of the Township of Mansfield, entitled “Administration and Procedures,” is hereby amended by adding a new definition to section **§ 360-4** as follows:

§ 360-4. Definitions

DAT A CENTER shall mean and include any facility used primarily for the storage, management, and processing of digital or electronic data, which houses computer and network systems, including associated components such as servers, network equipment and appliances, telecommunications, and data storage systems, systems for monitoring and managing infrastructure performance, Internet-related equipment and services, data communications connections, environmental controls, fire protection systems, and security systems and services. Typical accessory components of a data center may include transformers, electrical substations, environmental controls, fire suppression, generators, redundant power supplies and security facilities.

SECTION 2.

Amendment to Chapter 363 – Zoning

Chapter 363 of the Code of the Township of Mansfield, entitled “Zoning,” is hereby amended to create a new Article XIV “General Prohibitions” Section § 363-81 “Uses Prohibited in All Zones” is hereby created to add the following as a prohibited use:

§ 363-81 Uses Prohibited in All Zones

The following uses are prohibited in all zones:

- A. All Data Centers as defined in subsection §360-4 and any and all uses related to the same.

SECTION 3.

The Township Clerk is directed to give notice at least ten (10) days prior to a hearing on the adoption of this Ordinance to the Warren County Planning Board and to all other persons or entities entitled thereto pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-15, including to the Clerk of adjoining municipalities.

SECTION 4.

After introduction, the Township Clerk is hereby directed to submit a copy of the within Ordinance to the Land Use Board of the Township for its review in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:55D-26 and N.J.S.A. 40:55D-64. The Land Use Board is directed to make and transmit to the Township Committee, within thirty-five (35) days after referral, a report including identification of any provisions in the proposed Ordinance which are inconsistent with the Master Plan and recommendations concerning any inconsistencies and any other matter as the Board deems appropriate. Upon the adoption of this Ordinance, after public hearing, the Township Clerk is further directed to publish notice of the passage and to file a copy of this Ordinance, as finally adopted, with the Warren County Planning Board, as required by N.J.S.A. 40:55D-16.

SECTION 5.

Repealer

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

SECTION 6.

Severability

If any section, subsection, clause, or provision of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

SECTION 7.

Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication as required by law.

RESOLUTIONS (TAKEN SEPARATELY)

Mr. Connelly, seconded by Mr. Mc Guinness made a motion to adopt Resolution #159-2026.

RECORDED VOTE

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

Purchase Orders # 26-00135 and 26-00444 was adopted by a motion made by Mr. Hayes and seconded by Mr. Connelly.

RECORDED VOTE

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

RESOLUTION 159-2026

**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	\$ 393.85
CURRENT- 6-01	\$ 52,179.40
FEDERAL AND STATE GRANT FUND-G-02	\$ 5,057.84
OPEN SPACE TRUST-T-12	\$ 468.00
DEVELOPER'S ESCROW-T-14	\$ 23,787.12
MANDATORY DEVELOPMENT FEES-T-20	\$ 608.00
GREEN TEAM DONATIONS-T-32	\$ 2,954.25
TOTAL	\$ 85,448.46

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. Mc Guinness made a motion to adopt by consent Resolutions #160-2026 through #176-2026

Recorded Vote

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

RESOLUTION 160-2026

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, COUNTY OF WARREN ,STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF LIQUOR LICENSE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027- PASTA GRILL
MANSFIELD, LLC**

WHEREAS, an application was filed for renewal of a Plenary Retail Consumption Liquor License for the fiscal year 2026-2027 with the Alcoholic Beverage Control for:

**Pasta Grill Mansfield, LLC 1916 State Route 57 #2116-33-009-008
Mansfield Township, NJ 07840**

WHEREAS, the submitted, renewal application has been accepted via the POSSE website portal of the Alcoholic Beverage Control, the municipal fees have been paid and a Tax Clearance Certificate was issued to the above applicant on June 5, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is qualified to be licensed per standards established by Title 33 of the New Jersey Statute, regulations promulgated there under, and pertinent Township ordinances; and

WHEREAS, no objections were filed and no appearances were made by the public opposing the renewal of such license.

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 Township Clerk is hereby authorized to issue a liquor license renewal for Pasta Grill Mansfield, LLC, #2116-33-009-008, for the fiscal year 2026-2027 and place the seal of the Township of Mansfield upon said license and to affix her signature thereon.

RESOLUTION 161-2026

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, COUNTY OF WARREN ,STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LIQUOR LICENSE FOR FISCAL YEAR
2026-2027- NJ CINEMA INVESTMENTS LLC**

WHEREAS, an application was filed for renewal of a Plenary Retail Consumption Liquor License for the fiscal year 2026-2027 with the Alcoholic Beverage Control for:

**New Jersey Cinema Investments, LLC 1965 Route 57 #2116-33-002-005
Mansfield Township, NJ 07840**

WHEREAS, the submitted, renewal application has been accepted via the POSSE website portal of the

Alcoholic Beverage Control, the municipal fees have been paid and a Tax Clearance Certificate was issued to the above applicant on May 18, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is qualified to be licensed per standards established by Title 33 of the New Jersey Statute, regulations promulgated there under, and pertinent Township ordinances; and

WHEREAS, no objections were filed and no appearances were made by the public opposing the renewal of such license.

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 Township Clerk is hereby authorized to issue a liquor license renewal for New Jersey Cinema Investments, #2116-33-002-005, for the fiscal year 2026-2027 and place the seal of the Township of Mansfield upon said license and to affix her signature thereon.

RESOLUTION 162-2026

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LIQUOR LICENSE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027- BHAVIND KARTIK, LLC

WHEREAS, an application was filed for renewal of a Plenary Retail Consumption Liquor License for the fiscal year 2026-2027 with the Alcoholic Beverage Control for:

Bhavind Kartik, LLC #2116-33-006-008

WHEREAS, the submitted, renewal application has been accepted via the POSSE website portal of the Alcoholic Beverage Control, the municipal fees have been paid and a Tax Clearance Certificate was issued to the above applicant on June 9, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned license is currently inactive and held in "pocket" for nine (9) years; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is qualified to be licensed per standards established by Title 33 of the New Jersey Statute, regulations promulgated there under, and pertinent Township ordinances; and

WHEREAS, no objections were filed and no appearances were made by the public opposing the renewal of such license.

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 Township Clerk is hereby authorized to issue a liquor license renewal for Bhavind Kartik, LLC, #2116-33-006-008, for the fiscal year 2026-2027 and place the seal of the Township of Mansfield upon said license and to affix her signature thereon.

RESOLUTION 163-2026

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, COUNTY OF WARREN ,STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF LIQUOR LICENSE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027- ROSAMILIA HOSPITALITY CORP

WHEREAS, an application was filed for renewal of a Plenary Retail Consumption Liquor License for the fiscal year 2026-2027 with the Alcoholic Beverage Control for:

**Rosamilia Hospitality Corp 1930 State Route 57, Ste.1
Mansfield Township, NJ 07840**

#2116-33-001-005

WHEREAS, the submitted, renewal application has been accepted via the POSSE website portal of the Alcoholic Beverage Control, the municipal fees have been paid and a Tax Clearance Certificate was issued to the above applicant on June 12, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is qualified to be licensed per standards established by Title 33 of the New Jersey Statute, regulations promulgated there under, and pertinent Township ordinances; and

WHEREAS, no objections were filed and no appearances were made by the public opposing the renewal of such license.

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 Township Clerk is hereby authorized to issue a liquor license renewal for Rosamilia Hospitality Corp, #2116-33-001-005, for the fiscal year 2026-2027 and place the seal of the Township of Mansfield upon said license and to affix her signature thereon.

RESOLUTION 164-2026

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE ON AN ONLINE AUCTION WEBSITE

WHEREAS, the Township of Mansfield has determined that the personal property described on Schedule A attached hereto and incorporated herein is no longer needed for public use; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Mansfield intends to utilize the online auction services of Municibid located at <https://municibid.com/nj/niinfo/> ; and

WHEREAS, the sale of the surplus property shall be conducted through Municibid pursuant to New Jersey State Contract T2581 – Auctioneering Services: Internet Auctions to Sell Surplus Property – Bid #19DPP00272; and

WHEREAS, the sales are being conducted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36 and the guidance set forth in the Division of Local Government Services' Local Finance Notice 2019-15.

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 Township is hereby authorized to sell the surplus personal property as indicated on Schedule A on an online auction website entitled <https://municibid.com>

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the terms and conditions of the agreement entered into between Municibid and the Township of Mansfield are available at <https://municibid.com/nj/njinfo/> and in the Township of Mansfield's Clerk office.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution shall be available for public inspection in the office of the Township Clerk.

RESOLUTION 165-2026

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF CERTIFIED TAX COLLECTOR

WHEREAS, *N.J.S.A. 40A:9-145.7* requires each New Jersey municipality to have a Certified Tax Collector; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Mansfield continues to have a vacancy in this position; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee deems it in the best interest of the Township to reappoint Mr. Joseph Guerin of Hickory Road, LLC as the Certified Tax Collector at an hourly rate of \$75.00 per hour with a not to exceed 20 hours per week.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, County of Warren, State of New Jersey hereby authorizes the reappointment of Mr. Joseph Guerin of Hickory Road, LLC as the Certified Tax Collector for the Township of Mansfield at an hourly rate of \$75.00 per hour with a not to exceed 20 hours per week effective June 30, 2026.

RESOLUTION 166-2026

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING OFFICIALS TO SIGN CHECKS

BE IT RESOLVED, that each check of the Township of Mansfield be signed by two (2) of the following and that they hereby are authorized to sign same.

- Mayor, Joseph Watters
- Township Municipal Clerk, Wendy Barras
- Temporary Chief Financial Officer, Donna M. Mollineaux
- Assistant Chief Financial Officer, JoAnn Fascenelli

RESOLUTION 167-2026

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING AN ELECTRONIC TAX SALE FOR 2026

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 Government Services, and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Division of Local Government Services has promulgated rules and regulations for electronic tax sales; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Division of Local Government Services has approved NJ Tax Lien Investors/ Real Auction.com to conduct electronic tax sales; and

WHEREAS, an electronic tax sale is innovative and provides a greater pool of potential lien buyers, thus creating the environment for a more complete tax sale process; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Mansfield wishes to participate in a program for an electronic tax sale.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, County of Warren, State of New Jersey that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to complete an application to participate in the electronic tax sale program in an amount not to exceed \$3,500.00 for a tax sale to be held November 19, 2026.

RESOLUTION 168-2026

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL SERVICES OF BOSWELL ENGINEERING FOR GRANT PREPARATION/SUBMISSION NOT TO EXCEED \$ 3,500.00

WHEREAS, the Township Committee appointed Boswell Engineering as the Township's Engineers at the January 28, 2026 Township Meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer seeks authority to undertake engineering services to prepare and submit FY2026 NJDOT Local Aid Infrastructure Fund (LAIF) grant application; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned grant application would include Allen Road ADA Improvements and guide rail replacements within the township; and

WHEREAS, the Township's Temporary Chief Financial Officer, as required by N.J.A.C. 5:30-1, has certified that there are available funds in line-item 6-01-20-165-0000-4360; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield desires to approve the proposed services as outlined in the attached proposal.

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

1. That the Township Committee hereby authorizes engineering services to include grant preparation and submission per the proposal dated June 16, 2026, with a not to exceed \$ 3,500.00
2. That the Township Committee hereby authorizes the Mayor and Township Clerk to execute any and all documents necessary for the completion of this proposal.

RESOLUTION 169-2026

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND TO EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR ALLEN ROAD ADA IMPROVEMENTS & VARIOUS ROADS GUIDE RAIL REPLACEMENT

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Council of the Township of Mansfield formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor/Council and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as Application ID 00145 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Township of Mansfield.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayor/Council and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Township of Mansfield and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

RESOLUTION 170-2026

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING REFUND OF DRIVEWAY BONDS TO RYAN HOMES

WHEREAS, Ryan Homes has issued checks for Driveway Bonds to the Township of Mansfield, County of Warren; and

WHEREAS, there remains a balance on numerous escrow accounts: and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer has determined that the balance in the following escrow accounts can be refunded.

10 Thomas Knoll Blvd.

\$ 1,500.00

16 Thomas Knoll Blvd.	\$ 1,500.00
20 Thomas Knoll Blvd.	\$ 1,500.00
22 Thomas Knoll Blvd.	\$ 1,500.00
23 Thomas Knoll Blvd.	\$ 1,500.00
27 Thomas Knoll Blvd.	\$ 1,500.00
30 Thomas Knoll Blvd.	\$ 1,500.00
40 Thomas Knoll Blvd.	\$ 1,500.00
46 Thomas Knoll Blvd.	\$ 1,500.00
50 Thomas Knoll Blvd.	\$ 1,500.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, County of Warren, State of New Jersey hereby authorizes the Township Finance Office to refund the amount of \$ 15,000.00 to Ryan Homes.

RESOLUTION 171-2026

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING A REFUND OF A LAND USE BOARD APPLICATION ESCROW BALANCE (ASPEN DENTAL)

WHEREAS, Apex Sign Group issued checks to the Township of Mansfield; and

WHEREAS, there remains a balance of \$917.12, in the escrow account; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer has determined that the escrow balance can be refunded.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, County of Warren, State of New Jersey that the Township Finance office be authorized to refund the amount of \$ 917.12, to Apex Sign Group.

RESOLUTION 172-2026

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 ITEMS OF REVENUE IN THE FORM OF A STATE OF NEW JERSEY ALCOHOL EDUCATION, REHABILITATION AND ENFORCEMENT FUND

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

WHEREAS, the Township of Mansfield received \$ 198.34, for Alcohol Education, Rehabilitation and Enforcement Fund and wishes to amend its 2026 budget to include a portion of this amount as a revenue

NOW, THERE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Mansfield 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 \$ 198.34 that will be available as revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues

Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent

Of the Director of Local Government Services:
Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations:
Alcohol Education, Rehabilitation and Enforcement Fund

NOW, THERE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a like sum of \$ 198.34, be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations
Operations – Excluded from caps Public and Private Programs
Offset by Revenues:
Alcohol Education, Rehabilitation and Enforcement Fund

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

RESOLUTION 173-2026

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING PURCHASING FROM MORRIS COUNTY CO-OP CONTRACT #12 FOR #2 ULTRA LOW SULFUR DIESEL FUEL FROM NATIONAL FUEL OIL INC., 175 ORANGE STREET, NEWARK, NEW JERSEY 07103

WHEREAS, the Township of Mansfield wishes to purchase Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel under the Morris County Co-Op; and

WHEREAS, Morris County Co-Op awarded a contract to National Fuel Oil Inc., 175 Orange Street, Newark, New Jersey 07103; and

WHEREAS, the Temporary Chief Financial Officer has certified that additional funds are available in the 2026 budget for \$22,000.00, and the line- item appropriation to be charged is 6-01-31-430-0000-4870; and

WHEREAS, the Township is authorized to make purchases through cooperative and state contracts pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-10 and 12; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Temporary Chief Financial Officer to purchase Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel through the Morris County Co-Op.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield that the Temporary Chief Financial Officer be authorized to issue purchase orders to National Fuel Oil Inc., 175 Orange Street, Newark, New Jersey 07103, through December 31, 2026.

RESOLUTION 174-2026

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING DECLARATION OF PROPERTY OWNER AS TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN AND EXEMPT FROM PROPERTY TAXES - BLOCK 2001, LOT 3

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor of the Township of Mansfield has granted an exemption of property taxes for a totally disabled veteran who owns and resides at Block 2001 Lot 3; and

WHEREAS, the owner at this property has submitted the necessary paperwork verifying his/her exempt status; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor had declared this owner totally exempt as of December 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has calculated there is a credit due for Q4 / 2025 of \$676.92, a credit of \$1,977.47 for Q1, 2026, and a credit of \$1,977.46 for Q2, 2026 for a total credit of **\$4,631.85**; and

WHEREAS, property tax billing records will most likely need to be adjusted for Q4, 2025 and Q1, Q2, Q3, & Q4, 2026 as well as the preliminary billings for Q1 & Q2, 2027.

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 and authorizes the Tax Collector to adjust such tax records for each affected quarter in order to help ensure the accuracy of the Tax Collection and financial records of the Township of Mansfield, County of Warren, NJ

NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that The Temporary Chief Financial Officer be directed to prepare and issue a check for **\$4,631.85** to:

**CoreLogic Refunds Department
3001 Hackleberry Road
Irving, TX 75063**

RESOLUTION 175-2026

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING SALARIES AND WAGES FOR A TOWNSHIP EMPLOYEE

WHEREAS, Ordinance Number 031-2025, establishes the salaries and wages for the employes of the Township of Mansfield, County of Warren.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, County of Warren that the following named employee shall be compensated for the year 2026, commencing July 7, 2026.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
Jacqueline Valeri-Geisheimer	Temporary P/T Violations Clerk	\$ 20.00 / Hr. Not to Exceed 14 Hrs. per week

RESOLUTION 176-2026

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING TO ADVERTISE AND RECEIVE QUALIFICATIONS FOR MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE

WHEREAS, due to the impending resignation submitted by the Judge of the Mansfield Township Shared Court, there will be a vacancy for a Municipal Court Judge; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has determined that it is in the best interest of the municipality to solicit qualifications from interested and qualified individuals to provide a professional service as Municipal Court Judge; and

WHEREAS, the services to be provided constitute a professional service pursuant to the provisions of **N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5** and are exempt from public bidding requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality desires to utilize a fair and open process pursuant to **N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4** et seq. for the selection of the professional service provider; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body wishes to authorize the preparation, advertisement, and distribution of a Request for Qualifications ("RFQ") for the position of Municipal Court Judge.

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

1. The Township Clerk and such other appropriate municipal officials are hereby authorized and directed to prepare, publish, and distribute a Request for Qualifications for the position of Municipal Court Judge.
2. The RFQ shall establish the qualifications, submission requirements, evaluation criteria, and submission deadline deemed appropriate by the Municipality.
3. The Township Clerk is authorized to advertise the RFQ in accordance with applicable law and to post the RFQ on the Municipality's website and any other locations deemed appropriate.
4. Upon receipt of qualifications, the submissions shall be reviewed and evaluated in accordance with the criteria set forth in the RFQ and applicable law.
5. The Governing Body reserves the right to reject any or all submissions and to re advertise the RFQ if deemed in the best interest of the municipality.
6. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

NEW BUSINESS -

Appointment to Economic Development Advisory Committee – M. Bollard

Mr. Connelly, seconded by Mr. Hayes made a motion to appoint Michael Bollard to the Economic Development Advisory Committee as an appointment of Mayor Watters.

RECORDED VOTE

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

Ethics Ordinance

Mr. Bollard stated reasons he felt the ordinance was necessary and a discussion amongst the Committee ensued.

Mr. Bollard made a motion to move the ordinance to attorney review, however; there was no second and the motion failed.

2027 Employee Health Insurance Options

The Committee discussed needing a solution in order to be able to cap costs for 2027. Mr. Connelly stated the Committee needs to be more involved and find a definite solution to move forward with in 2027. Finance Dept. is actively pursuing different insurance options.

OLD BUSINESS

Volunteer Fireman Incentives

Mr. Mc Guinness and Mr. Bollard met with fire and ems leadership last week. They are awaiting information in order to draft the ordinance for the next meeting.

Hybrid Township Committee Meetings

Mr. Bollard made a motion to move forward with hybrid meetings as discussed previously. There was no second and the motion failed.

COMMITTEE PERSON COMMENTS/REPORTS

Watters – No report given at this time.

Hayes – No report given at this time.

Mc Guinness – No report given at this time.

Connelly – No report given at this time.

Bollard – Explained why he voted no to the prohibition of data centers ordinance. He stated he felt the definition of the term “ data center” was too weak

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Connelly, seconded by Mr. Mc Guinness, made a motion to adopt Resolution #177-2026 for an Executive Session of the Township Committee.

RECORDED VOTE

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

RESOLUTION 177-2026

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:

Personnel

Zoning

Attorney Client Privilege

HVAC
Outstanding Land Use Board Escrows
Brantwood Terrace – Airport Road Estates - Stormwater

At approximately 8:04 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 8:35 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:

Personnel

Court

Attorney Client Privilege

Brantwood Bike Path

Volunteer Fireman Incentives

HVAC

Outstanding Land Use Board Escrows

Brantwood Terrace – Airport Road Estates - Stormwater

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 the Township Attorney to take action as discussed in Executive Session regarding drafting an amendment to the Land Use Board Fees Ordinance as it relates to Land Use Board escrow accounts.

RECORDED VOTE

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

Mr. Hayes, seconded by Mr. Bollard made a motion to authorize an expenditure in the amount of \$2,800 to purchase and install stormwater cartridges for Basin B on Brentwood Ter., Airport Rd. Estates through Aqualis providing a certification of funds from the Temporary CFO.

RECORDED VOTE

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

There being no further business, Mr. Connelly made a motion to adjourn. All present were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:40 p.m.

Attest.



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