



**TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD COMMITTEE MEETING
OFFICIAL MINUTES
JULY 22, 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. Mc Guinness, Mr. Hayes, Mayor Watters.

Also, present was Township Attorney Michael Lavery, Township Clerk Barras, Police Chief Mac Donough, Township Engineer Rich Quamme, Asst. CFO JoAnn Fascenelli, and Deputy Clerk Illena Raffaele.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

July 8, 2026 – EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Hayes, seconded by Mr. Bollard made a motion to approve the Executive Session meeting minutes from July 8, 2026.

RECORDED VOTE

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

July 8, 2026 – REGULAR SESSION

Mr. Mc Guinness, seconded by Mr. Hayes made a motion to approve the Regular Session meeting minutes from July 8, 2026.

RECORDED VOTE

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

July 15, 2026 – SPECIAL MEETING EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Bollard, seconded by Mr. Hayes made a motion to approve the Executive Session minutes from the Special meeting held on July 15, 2026.

RECORDED VOTE

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

July 15, 2026 – SPECIAL MEETING REGULAR SESSION

Mr. Mc Guinness, seconded by Mr. Hayes made a motion to approve the Regular Session minutes from the Special meeting held on July 15, 2026.

RECORDED VOTE

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

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

- The dump truck listed on Municibid did not receive a winning auction. It will be relisted this Friday, with a lowered starting bid of \$7,000.
- Follow up on 107 Glenn Ter. A letter has been sent both the property preservation group of Chase Bank and the property owner demanding the unsafe conditions be corrected within 10 days and also that it is required this property be registered on the Township's vacant/abandoned registry and property conditions maintained going forward. I've been in contact with the property preservation group of Chase Bank and their email as of this morning is that they are tracking with their vendor and will have a local contractor to the property to board up the hole in the rear of the property.
- As discussed with the Township Committee, the Clerk's office will be taking a more proactive approach with vacant and abandoned properties to the extent possible. The Clerk's office will be sending out letters by the end of the week to vacant properties on Hoffman, Gulick, and Anderson in hopes of positive results with compliance and cleaning up the properties.
- Received a call last week from the Fire Official regarding issues at both the Mansfield Motel and the Day's Inn. They are currently being used at multi dwellings and according to code, occupants max stay is 30 days. The fire official has been in contact with the Warren County Housing Dept in hopes they can also provide assistance as the occupants receive vouchers from the housing dept and it seems there is an oversight where the occupants stay for an extended time. Not only is this, a zoning and construction violation as it is a change of use and would require an expansion of non-conforming use resolution by the Land Use Board. More importantly there have been numerous fire violations and fire dept calls for fire alarms since occupants have been smoking and cooking in the rooms or removing the smoke detectors altogether. Matt was reaching out to both construction and zoning as there should be violations that should start to be issued. He will keep me updated going forward.

FINANCE/ EMPLOYEES'S REPORT –

Mrs. Fascenelli stated the Green Team is continuing to work on the time capsule and would like to invite residents to offer suggestions on what should be placed inside. Leigh is researching to determine the oldest house in the Township. The 2nd health insurance broker is requiring updated claim reports, which has been requested from the State.

ENGINEER'S REPORT –

- FY2026 LAIF Cory Read Drive/ Allen Road signal detection improvement- project documents have been submitted to NJDOT for review and approval.
- King's Highway/ Route 57 sight line issue – NJDOT has concluded that the bushes that impede the sight line are outside of the right-of-way and are the responsibility of the property owner to trim back. A letter will be sent to the property owner informing of such.
- Response from the NJDOT regarding the delayed green at Route 57/Airport Road is still pending.
- Elizabethtown Gas has submitted road opening permits applications for main and service upgrades for 8 additional roads in Diamond Hill in addition to Allen Road, performance bonds have been requested for both projects.

PUBLIC PORTION

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

William Angus, Riva Dr., questioned if there was a schedule to determine when roads get paved.

Carol Thompson, 510 Rt. 57, commented on the enforcement of the zoning officer regarding 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 # 020-2026.

Seeing no one wishing to speak, Mayor Watters closed the public hearing for Ordinance #020-2026.

Mr. Bollard, seconded by Mr. Hayes made a motion to adopt Ordinance #020-2026.

RECORDED VOTE

Aye: Bollard, Hayes, Watters

Nay: XXXXXX

Absent: Connelly

Abstain: Mc Guinness

ORDINANCE 020-2026

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, CREATING CHAPTER 50 ENTITLED "LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS PROGRAM ("LOSAP") OF THE MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP CODE TO ESTABLISH A LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS PROGRAM (LOSAP) FOR ELIGIBLE FIREFIGHTERS SERVING THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield deems it appropriate and necessary to act to ensure retention of existing members and to provide incentives for recruiting new volunteer firefighter members; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has determined that the creation of a Length of Service Awards Program ("LOSAP") will enhance the ability of Mansfield Fire Department and Tri-County Fire Department to recruit and retain volunteer firefighter members; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 388 of the Laws of 1997, codified under N.J.S.A. 40A:14-183, et seq., authorizes the creation of a Length of Service Awards Program to reward volunteer members for loyal, diligent, and devoted services to the residents of the sponsoring agency; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee desires to create a Length of Service Awards Program ("LOSAP") for eligible volunteer members serving the Township of Mansfield in accordance with the point system and award schedule set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, in the County of Warren, State of New Jersey that Chapter 50 entitled "Length of Service Awards Program" ("LOSAP") is hereby created as follows:

SECTION I.

A new chapter, Chapter 50 – entitled Length of Service Awards Program ("LOSAP") – is hereby created and shall read as follows:

Chapter 50. Length of Service Awards Program.

§ 50-1. Length of Service Awards Program; Creation.

A Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP) is herewith created in accordance with Chapter 388 of the Laws of 1997, codified under N.J.S.A. 40A:14-183, et seq., to reward eligible volunteer firefighters for their loyal, diligent, and devoted services to the residents of the Township of Mansfield.

§ 50-2. Qualification.

The LOSAP shall provide for fixed annual contributions to a deferred income account for each eligible volunteer member that meets the criteria set forth below; that such contributions shall be made in accordance with a plan that shall be established by the Township of Mansfield pursuant to P.L. 1997, c. 388, codified under N.J.S.A. 40A:14-183, et seq.; and that such plan shall be administered in accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey, the United States Internal Revenue Code, and this Ordinance.

§ 50-3. Annual Contributions. The LOSAP shall provide for annual contributions to each eligible member that meets the criteria as follows:

A. Active Members.

1. A full annual award of One Thousand, One Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$1,150.00) shall be provided to an Active Member who earns sixty-five (65) or more total points in one (1) calendar year and satisfies the required category minimums for a full award set forth herein.
2. A one-half (½) annual award of Six Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars (\$625.00) shall be provided to an Active Member who earns fifty (50) through sixty-four (64) total points in a calendar year and satisfies the required category minimums for a one-half (½) award set forth herein.
3. A One-Hundred Dollar (\$100.00) Award shall be provided to an Active Member who earns zero (0) through forty-nine (49) total points in a calendar year.
4. For a one-half (½) award, the required category minimums are: fifteen (15) points for Incidents, two (2) points for Meetings, two (2) points for Work Details/Standbys/Other Activities, and eight (8) points for Drills. No minimum is required for Training Hours, and no minimum is required for Elected Positions or Completed Term of Elected Positions.
5. For a full award, the required category minimums are: twenty-five (25) points for Incidents, four (4) points for Meetings, four (4) points for Work Details/Standbys/Other Activities, and sixteen (16) points for Drills. No minimum is required for Training Hours, and no minimum is required for Elected Positions or Completed Term of Elected Positions.

B. Junior/Exempt Members.

1. An annual award of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) shall be provided to a Junior/Exempt Member who earns thirty (30) or more total points in a calendar year and satisfies the required category minimums set forth herein.
2. For the Junior/Exempt award, the required category minimums are: eight (8) points for Meetings, six (6) points for Work Details/Standbys/Other Activities, and ten (10) points for Drills. No minimum is required for Incidents, Training Hours, or Elected Positions.
3. The maximum annual contribution for an Active Member shall be One Thousand One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,150.00). The maximum annual contribution for a Junior/Exempt Member shall be Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00). No member shall receive more than one LOSAP award for the same calendar year.

§ 50-4. Estimated Costs.

The estimated cost of the program for regular annual services shall be Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000.00) per year, based upon the number of eligible members certified annually and the annual contribution amounts set forth herein. This Ordinance does not authorize credit or contribution for prior years of service.

§ 50-5. Credit Schedule.

Each eligible volunteer member shall be credited with points for volunteer services provided in accordance with the following schedules:

A. ACTIVE MEMBERS - SCHEDULE A

Active Members may earn a maximum of one hundred thirty-five (135) points in a calendar year.

INCIDENTS

35-point maximum

- Twenty percent (20%) through twenty-four and nine-tenths percent (24.9%) - fifteen (15) points.
Twenty-five percent (25%) through thirty-four and nine-tenths percent (34.9%) - twenty-five (25) points.
Thirty-five percent (35%) or greater - thirty-five (35) points.

MEETINGS

One (1) point per meeting.

12-point maximum

WORK DETAILS/STANDBYS/OTHER ACTIVITIES**15-point maximum**

One (1) point per activity.

DRILLS**48-point maximum**

Two (2) points per drill, provided that the drill is a minimum of two (2) hours long.

TRAINING HOURS**25-point maximum**

Less than twenty (20) hours - two (2) points per hour.

Twenty (20) through forty-four (44) hours - ten (10) points.

Greater than forty-five (45) hours - fifteen (15) points.

ELECTED POSITIONS - 1 YEAR TERM**10-point maximum**

President, Vice President, Treasurer, Chief, and Assistant Chief - ten (10) points.

Secretary, Captains, and Lieutenants - five (5) points.

COMPLETED TERM OF ELECTED POSITIONS - 1 YEAR TERM**3-point maximum**

Ex-officers of any position, operational or exempt, of a one-year term - three (3) points.

ACTIVE MEMBER AWARD SUMMARY

65 or more points \$1,150.00

50 through 64 points \$625.00

0 through 49 points \$100.00

B. JUNIOR/EXEMPT MEMBERS - SCHEDULE B

Junior/Exempt Members may earn a maximum of one hundred thirty-five (135) points in a calendar year.

INCIDENTS**35-point maximum**

Twenty percent (20%) through twenty-four and nine-tenths percent (24.9%) - fifteen (15) points.

Twenty-five percent (25%) through thirty-four and nine-tenths percent (34.9%) - twenty-five (25) points.

Thirty-five percent (35%) or greater - thirty-five (35) points.

MEETINGS**12 point maximum**

One (1) point per meeting.

WORK DETAILS/STANDBYS/OTHER ACTIVITIES**15 point maximum**

One (1) point per activity.

DRILLS**48 point maximum**

Two (2) points per drill, provided that the drill is a minimum of two (2) hours long.

TRAINING HOURS**25 point maximum**

Less than twenty (20) hours - two (2) points per hour.

Twenty (20) through forty-four (44) hours - ten (10) points.

Greater than forty-five (45) hours - fifteen (15) points.

ELECTED POSITIONS - 1 YEAR TERM**10 point maximum**

President, Vice President, Treasurer, Chief, and Assistant Chief - ten (10) points.

Secretary, Captains, and Lieutenants - five (5) points.

JUNIOR/EXEMPT MEMBER AWARD SUMMARY

30 or more points \$500.00

§ 50-6. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall not take effect unless it is approved by the voters as a public question at the next general

election.

SECTION II. Severability. The provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable and if any section, sub-section, sentence, clause, phrase, or any other part of this Ordinance is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the validity of the remaining sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, and phrases of this Ordinance, but shall remain in effect; it being the legislative intent that this Ordinance shall stand notwithstanding the invalidity of any part.

SECTION III. Repeal of Inconsistent Provisions. All ordinances or parts thereof in conflict or inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency or conflict.

SECTION IV. Codification. This Ordinance shall be a part of the Code of the Township of Mansfield as though codified and fully set forth therein. The Township Clerk shall have this ordinance codified and incorporated in the official copies of the Code. The Township Clerk and the Township Attorney are authorized and directed to change any Chapter, Article and/or Section number of the Code of the Township of Mansfield in the event that the codification of this Ordinance reveals that there is a conflict between the numbers and the existing Code, and in order to avoid confusion and possible accidental repealers of existing provisions not intended to be repealed.

SECTION V. The Township Clerk is authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to place the LOSAP public question before the voters and to file all approved LOSAP ordinances, certified election results, and other required materials with the Division of Local Government Services as required by law.

SECTION VI. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect upon approval by the voters as a public question at the next general election and upon final publication as required by law.

ORDINANCES: SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Watters opened the public hearing for Ordinance # 021-2026.

Seeing no one wishing to speak, Mayor Watters closed the public hearing for Ordinance #021-2026.

Mr. Bollard, seconded by Mr. Hayes made a motion to adopt Ordinance #021-2026.

RECORDED VOTE

Aye: Bollard, Hayes, Watters

Nay: XXXXXX

Absent: Connelly

Abstain: Mc Guinness

ORDINANCE 021-2026

**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
AUTHORIZING A REFERENDUM QUESTION TO BE PLACED ON THE BALLOT AS TO WHETHER TO
IMPLEMENT A LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS
PROGRAM FOR THE TOWNSHIP'S VOLUNTEER FIREMEN**

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield ("Township") has adopted an ordinance to create a Length of Service Awards Program for volunteer firemen; and

WHEREAS, State law requires that the program be submitted to the voters in the form of a referendum; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, that the following referendum question shall be submitted to the voters of the Township of Mansfield at the November 3, 2026, general election:

Shall the Township of Mansfield be authorized to establish a Length of Service Awards Program for the volunteer fire fighters that serve the Township pursuant to the following terms and conditions:

1. The program shall provide for annual contributions to a deferred income account for each active volunteer member that meets the eligibility criteria and in accordance with the schedule adopted by the Township of Mansfield;

(a) For regular annual services: a minimum of \$100.00 and a maximum of \$1,150.00 per year.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The Township of Mansfield has decided to create a Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP) for members of the volunteer fire departments that serve the citizens of the Township of Mansfield. The general requirements for a LOSAP are as set forth in State law (N.J.S.A. 40A:14-183, et seq.)

Each volunteer fire fighter that performs the amount of service required by the Ordinance will have a minimum of \$100.00 to a maximum of \$1,150.00 per year deposited into a tax deferred income account that will earn interest for the volunteer.

The cost will be budgeted annually in the budget of the Township of Mansfield and is anticipated to be \$70,000.00 per year.

Additional details on the program may be found in the Ordinance adopted by the Township of Mansfield, which is available for public inspection, along with a copy of the State enabling law in the Township Clerk's Office, located in the Municipal Building, 100 Port Murray Road, Port Murray, New Jersey between 9:00am and 4:00pm, Mondays through Fridays, holidays and weekends excepted.

SECTION II: 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 III: 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 IV: 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. Mc Guinness made a motion to introduce Ordinance #022-2026.

RECORDED VOTE

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

ORDINANCE 022-2026

**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD §360-22(B)(2)(16)
TO REQUIRE APPLICANTS TO KEEP A MINIMUM OF A 50% BALANCE IN THEIR ESCROW ACCOUNT
AT ALL TIMES.**

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The purpose of this Ordinance is to require land use applicants to maintain at least 50% in the escrow accounts at all times such that the account has sufficient funds for technical and professional services at all times throughout the application process.

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield ("Township") requires an escrow deposit on all applications before the Land Use Board to cover all technical/legal review costs; and

WHEREAS, when the escrow accounts deplete to the point of insufficiency to cover costs, the Township bears the potential burden of covering the shortfall; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Land Use Board limits the amount of time a Board has to make a decision on an application; and

WHEREAS, once a decision of the Land Use Board is memorialized, it becomes increasingly difficult to collect outstanding balances; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee seeks to prevent negative balances in escrow accounts due to an applicant's failure to replenish the escrow account by setting a minimum amount that must be in the account at all times; and

WHEREAS, any balance remaining in the account shall be returned to the applicant.

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 new language to **§ 360-22(B)(2)(16)** as follows:

Additions to this Section shall be delineated as underlined text, thusly.

Deletions to this Section shall be delineated as strikethrough text, ~~thusly~~.

§ 360-22. Fees.

16. All applicants are required to maintain at least 50% of the escrow deposit amount in the escrow account at all times unless a deposit waiver was granted. In the event that the amount in the account falls below 50% or the initial deposit made by an applicant is not sufficient to cover all technical/legal review costs of the application, or, if during the consideration of an application it becomes evident that a review deposit which was previously waived will be necessary, upon request by the Township, the applicant shall make such initial or further deposit or deposits as may be necessary to cover further technical/legal review costs. Pending payment of the initial or additional deposit, all time periods in the application process for action contemplated by § 320-29 of this chapter shall be tolled and no further action shall be taken before the municipal agency. Notice of the deficiency shall be provided to the municipal officials by the clerk of the municipal agency involved, and such municipal professional shall cease work on projects for the application which is the subject of a deficient escrow. The municipal agency shall pass a resolution adjourning the application of the applicant pending payment of the initial or additional deposit contemplated herein and provide to the applicant notice that failure to pay the prescribed escrow fees will result in the application being denied without prejudice. The resolution shall state with particularity the status of the applicant's escrow balance, the estimated amount of additional deposit necessary as well as an explanation thereof and shall provide the applicant with notice that the application will be dismissed without prejudice at the next regular meeting of the municipal agency unless the escrow

payment as requested in full is made. In the event an application is dismissed without prejudice under the terms and conditions hereof, the applicant shall be required to file a new application with payment of full fees subject, however, to Item 15 of this section. In no event shall an application be "approved" subject to future payment of escrow fees. The finance office of the municipality shall monthly certify to the clerk of the municipal agency the status of the escrow account of each applicant. At the commencement of each meeting upon a particular application, the municipal agency shall determine if the initial deposit or if additional deposits had been or need to be made and shall take such action as may be required in this section.

SECTION 2.

Repealer

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

SECTION 3.

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 4.

Effective Date

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

ORDINANCES: FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION

Mr. Hayes, seconded by Mr. Mc Guinness made a motion to introduce Ordinance #023-2026.

RECORDED VOTE

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

ORDINANCE 023-2026

**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 296 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED STREETS AND
SIDEWALKS, MOST NOTABLY, SECTION 296-5, ENTITLED "RESTORING SURFACE"**

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The purpose of this Ordinance is amend and supplement Chapter 296 of the Township Code entitled Streets and Sidewalks, Section 296-5 Excavating Streets, Restoring Surface

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, County of Warren, State of New Jersey that Chapter 296 – Streets and Sidewalks most notably Section 296-5 is hereby amended and supplemented as follows:

SECTION 1.

§296-5. Restoring Surface

- A. Any person making any excavation, opening or tunnel in, on or under any street in the Township, shall restore the surface thereof to its original condition if there is no pavement there. Refills shall properly temped down, and any bracing in such tunnel or excavation shall be left in the ground. Any excavation or opening in a paved or improved portion of a street shall be repaired and the surface re-laid by the applicant in compliance with the ordinances of the Township and under the supervision of the Road

Supervisor Township Engineer or Department of Public Works Superintendent within thirty sixty days from the day that the roadway is opened:

- B. All utilities registered by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities under Title 48 which opens roads in the Township shall be required to adhere to following resurfacing requirements:
1. Curblineline to Curblineline (full width) Resurfacing is required when the permittee cumulatively disturbs a span of a distance of 500' or greater of road length measured along centerline for the project limits and work does not cross the centerline.
 2. Curblineline to Curblineline Resurfacing is required when the permittee cumulatively disturbs a span of 60% or distance of 200' of the road length measured along centerline between intersections and does cross the centerline along the same roadway segment.
 3. Centerline to Curblineline (1/2 width) Resurfacing is required when the permittee cumulatively disturbs a span of 60% of distance of 200' of the road length measured along centerline between intersections and work does not cross the centerline or at the discretion of the Township Engineer or Department of Public Works Superintendent.
 4. Final paving and restoration shall be completed between April 1st and November 1st.

SECTION 2. Unless otherwise set forth herein, all other terms and any applicable fees set forth in Chapter 296, Streets and Sidewalks shall be and remain unchanged.

SECTION 3. Any ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 4. Severability. If any portion of this Ordinance is found to be invalid for any reason by any court of competent jurisdiction, such judgement shall be limited in its effect only to that portion of the ordinance actually invalidated and shall not be deemed to affect the operation of any other portion thereof.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption and publication according to law.

RESOLUTIONS (TAKEN SEPARATELY)

Mr. Hayes , seconded by Mr. Mc Guinness made a motion to adopt Resolution #189-2026 excluding P.O. #26-00512

RECORDED VOTE

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

RESOLUTION 189-2026

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	\$ 470.00
CURRENT- 6-01	\$ 1,507,933.15
FEDERAL AND STATE GRANT FUND-G-02	\$ 21,607.72
DOG FUND-T-13	\$ 567.40
DEVELOPER'S ESCROW-T-14	\$ 12,216.00
UNEMPLOYMENT TRUST-T-15	\$ 358.99
MANDATORY DEVELOPMENT FEES-T-20	\$ 47.50
GREEN TEAM DONATIONS-T-32	\$ 2,355.00
TOTAL	\$ 1,545,555.76

Mr. Mc Guinness, seconded by Mr. Hayes made a motion to approve P.O. #26-00512.

RECORDED VOTE

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

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 #190-2026 through #193-2026.

RECORDED VOTE

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

RESOLUTION 190-2026

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE FOR MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP SHARED MUNICIPAL COURT

WHEREAS, due to the impending resignation of Judge Charles E. Carro, there will be a vacancy in the position of Municipal Court Judge for the Mansfield Township Shared Municipal Court; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Mansfield publicly solicited Requests for Qualifications in accordance with the professional services provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law, **N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq**; and

WHEREAS, qualifications were received and reviewed and applicants were interviewed by the Township Committee pursuant to the criteria established in the RFQ; and

WHEREAS, after review of the applicants' qualifications, the Township Committee has determined that Judge Vincenzo Stampone possesses the qualifications, experience, and professional competence necessary to serve as the Municipal Court Judge for the Mansfield Township Shared Municipal Court; and

WHEREAS, the appointment of a Municipal Court Judge is authorized pursuant to **N.J.S.A. 2B:12-4**; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield wishes to appoint Judge Vincenzo

Stampone to serve as Municipal Court Judge for the unexpired term commencing August 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, subject to all applicable statutory requirements.

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

1. The qualifications submitted by Judge Vincenzo Stampone are hereby accepted as the most advantageous to the Township following the RFQ process.
2. Judge Vincenzo Stampone is hereby appointed as Municipal Court Judge for the Mansfield Township Shared Municipal Court for an unexpired term commencing August 1, 2026 and expiring December 31, 2026.
3. A certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to Presiding Judge Gerard J. Shamey – Vicinage 13, Ellen Marinaccio – Municipal Division Manager – Vicinage 13, and the Administrative Office of the Courts.

RESOLUTION 191-2026

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 employees of the Township of Mansfield, County of Warren.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, County of Warren that the following named employee shall be compensated for the year 2026, commencing August 1, 2026.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
Vincenzo Stampone	Municipal Court Judge	\$75,000.00 / annually

RESOLUTION 192-2026

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF A RESERVE BALANCE

WHEREAS, a reserve balance exists for a public and private grant which is required to be cancelled by resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mansfield Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, County of Warren, State of New Jersey that the following grant reserve balance be cancelled:

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>RESERVE BALANCE</u>	<u>RECEIVABLE BALANCE</u>
American Rescue Plan Firefighter 2024 Grant	\$ 27.28	\$ 27.28

RESOLUTION 193-2026

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING A REFUND OF LAND USE BOARD ESCROW BALANCE

WHEREAS, Gold Star Trucking Corporation issued check number 1078, dated November 15, 2023 to the Township of Mansfield; and

WHEREAS, the applicant withdrew the application; and

WHEREAS, there remains a balance of \$ 1,528.50, 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 \$1,528.50, to Gold Star Trucking Corporation.

NEW BUSINESS -

Caffarata Park- Mr. Bollard initiated the idea of placing a usage counter and QR accessible survey at the tennis courts to analyze the extent of usage by both residents and non-residents.

Mr. Bollard, seconded by Mr. Mc Guinness made a motion to implement the pilot program of placing a usage counter at the tennis courts at Cafferata Park and a usage survey for feedback accessible by a QR code placed at the courts as well.

RECORDED VOTE

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

Township Resident Surveys

Mr. Bollard made a motion to implement a townwide resident survey to gauge the concerns and needs of the residents. However, there was no second and no further action was taken.

OLD BUSINESS

Highlands Act –

Mr. Bollard made a motion to authorize the Township Planner to prepare and submit a scope of work with a request to New Jersey Highlands Council for Highlands initial assessment pending certification of funds from the CFO. There was no second and no further action was taken.

COMMITTEE PERSON COMMENTS/REPORTS

Watters –

Hayes –

Mc Guinness –

Connelly –

Bollard – Questioned what Mt. Bethel's primary use is to be? Thanked Rob Jackson for fixing the audio in the meeting room. Made a statement regarding an information leak from a previous Committee meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Hayes, seconded by Mr. Mc Guinness made a motion to adopt Resolution #194-2026 for an Executive Session of the Township Committee.

RECORDED VOTE

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

RESOLUTION 194-2026

**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:

Attorney Client Privilege

Social Media/ Confidentiality Policy

Personnel

Deputy Court Administrator

At approximately 8:00 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 8:14 p.m.

RECORDED VOTE

Aye: Bollard, Mc Guinness, Hayes, Watters

Nay: XXXXXX

Absent: Connelly

Abstain: XXXXXX

Township Attorney Lavery announced the following discussed in Executive Session:

Attorney Client Privilege

Social Media/ Confidentiality Policy

Personnel

Deputy Court Administrator

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. Mc Guinness made a motion to authorize the Township Clerk to advertise for a special meeting on Thursday, August 6, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. to interview a health insurance broker.

RECORDED VOTE

Aye: Bollard, Mc Guinness, Hayes, Watters

Nay: XXXXXX

Absent: Connelly

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 8:16 p.m.

Attest,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Wendy Barras".

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