

## MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

September 24, 2008

This is a regular meeting of the Mansfield Township Committee. The notice requirements of the law have been satisfied for this meeting by notice to the Star-Gazette and the Express Times of the time, date and location thereof. Notice was also posted on the announcement board located in the Municipal Building.

Roll Call: Mrs. Oakley, Mr. Watters, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Jewell, Mayor Nerbak

Salute to the flag was done by all.

### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Mr. Baldwin made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on July 23, 2008, which was seconded by Mrs. Oakley.

Ayes: Mrs. Oakley, Mr. Watters, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Jewell, Mayor Nerbak

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstained: None

Mr. Baldwin made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections from the regular meeting held on September 10, 2008, which was seconded by Mr. Jewell.

Ayes: Mrs. Oakley, Mr. Watters, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Jewell, Mayor Nerbak

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstained: None

### PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Mr. Jewell asked a question from page 5 which truck was truck 2?

Mr. Baldwin explained that this was the old firetruck 1979.

Mr. Jewell asked what PO 280857 is for a sure fire millennium what is this.

Mr. Coppola answered that this is something for the rifles.

Mr. Baldwin stated that this must be for the flashlight.

Mr. Jewell asked how many rifle flashlight this covers for \$1140.

Mr. Coppola stated that this is five at \$228.11 a piece.

Mr. Watters asked if these are rechargeable.

Mr. Baldwin stated that he thought that they were not.

Mrs. Oakley stated that if they are lithium then they are.

Mr. Watters asked with the animal control why the prices are different.

Mr. Coppola explained that the prices are designated by time of day.

Mr. Baldwin made a motion to approve the bill list and addendum as presented, which was seconded by Mrs. Oakley.

Ayes: Mrs. Oakley, Mr. Watters, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Jewell, Mayor Nerbak

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstained: None

PRESENTATION: Shannon Buckley, NJ Tree Foundation Outreach Coordinator USDA Forest Service  
Second Cities Initiative and a Community Forestry Management

Ms. Buckley presented to the Township Committee the Second Cities Initiative and the Community Forestry Management she explained that the forestry management plan would encompass a five year span that would go over where trees need to be maintained, where new trees can be planted and all of the aspects of the trees throughout the community. She explained that there are grants available for this type of activity. There has been a lot of this type of work more in the northeast. Ms. Buckley handed out paperwork to the Township Committee members to look over that detailed the information for a Community Forestry Plan as she went through and explained the different aspects of the program. She explained that a management plan for this type of project would cost about \$2000 which could be covered by the grant, but the grant is a reimbursement grant and that it would take anywhere from three to seven months to complete.

Mayor Nerbak thanked Ms. Buckley for her time and the information that she had brought to the committee and explained that if the committee had any questions or if the township was interested in doing a project like this she would let her know.

Ms. Buckley thanked that Township Committee for giving her the time to present this information to the township.

CFO REPORT:

Mr. Coppola explained to the Township Committee that we had received the SHARE grant for the document study and that we also received a Recycling Grant that was higher than last year and next year we will probably be receiving even more money due to errors on the reports for some stores being listed as in Hackettstown.

Mr. Coppola also explained that there were two resolutions on the agenda tonight one for the special DUI sessions payments that will come out of a grant that was for DUI enforcement, and also there is a resolution that refers to the report that was released by the State Comptroller's Office in reference to the audits that they will be doing. Mr. Coppola explained that he has also given each committee member a copy of the cash management report for this month.

Mr. Coppola stated that in regards to the questions about the small cities grants Dena had done some research on them which were paid back and which ones are still outstanding and also Doug Mace has a report about the grants that we had received in relation to the small cities money.

Mr. Baldwin asked Mr. Coppola if the Township Committee needed to do anything with the resolution for the State audit.

Mr. Coppola stated that this is up to the Township Committee if they wish to oppose this or not.

Mr. Baldwin felt that the Township Committee should voice their opinion about the new requirements for the State Comptroller.

Mr. Baldwin and Mr. Watters both expressed that the Township currently has an audit done every year and they do not feel that this would be necessary.

Mr. Baldwin asked Mr. Coppola if there is enough money in the budget for him to spend two nights at the League of Municipalities?

Mr. Coppola explained that there are not many people going to the League, so there is money left over.

Mr. Baldwin asked the Township Committee if he could spend two nights at the League of Municipalities and explained that he gets a lot of information when he goes each year and it is usually very beneficial to the township.

Mrs. Oakley made a motion to approve Mr. Baldwin spending two nights at the League of Municipalities, which was seconded by Mr. Jewell.

Ayes: Mrs. Oakley, Mr. Watters, Mr. Jewell, Mayor Nerbak

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstained: Mr. Baldwin

Mr. Jewell stated that he and Mr. Baldwin met a couple of weeks ago and went over 37 resumes that were received for the Assistant DPW supervisor position and narrowed the list down to 4 candidates. The interviews were performed and the first pick wanted more money than the township could pay, so the second candidate was offered the position and accepted. Mr. Jewell stated that the gentleman's name is Terry Sams and that he is a very well qualified individual for the position he currently is driving tractor trailer, but prior to that he owned his own company for about 17 years he has an extensive background in excavation work and he had at one time five employees that worked for him.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 2008-90

#### A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR AND DETERMINE THE SALARIES AND COMPENSATION FOR THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD AND THE METHOD OF PAYMENT OF SUCH SALARIES AND COMPENSATION.

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

The salaries per annum of rates of compensation of the following officers and employees of the Township of Mansfield are determined for the period below to be as follows:

Department of Public Works Assistant Supervisor	\$53,000 per year
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that salaries are to be paid in accordance with Salary Ordinance – Ordinance 2008-14, which was adopted by Mansfield Township Committee on September 24, 2008.

Mr. Jewell made a motion to approve the passage of Resolution 2008-90, which was seconded by Mr. Baldwin.

Ayes: Mrs. Oakley, Mr. Watters, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Jewell, Mayor Nerbak

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstained: None

Mr. Jewell stated that Mr. Sams would be starting on October 20, 2008.

#### CLERKS REPORT:

Ms. Hrebenak explained that she received a copy of a Resolution from the Planning Board that was adopting the amendment to the Master Plan that recommends that the area of Hillcrest Manor 2 currently designated on the Land Use Plan as industrial be changed so as to be designated R-2 which will encompass the area to the South and West of Grant Street.

Mr. Mace explained that the correct wording will be forwarded to Mr. Kobert, Esq. for an Ordinance to be drawn up for the Township Committee's approval.

Ms. Hrebenak stated that correspondence was received from Warren County Planning Department asking if the Township would like the County to pursue funding to produce a Watershed Restoration and Protection Plan for the Pohatcong Creek watershed.

Ms. Hrebenak also stated that we have received correspondence from Tri County Firehouse requesting that we allow them to use the DPW front yard for the upcoming car show.

Mrs. Oakley made a motion to approve Tri County using the front yard of the DPW building for the car show on September 28, 2008 or on their rain date of October 5, 2008 and also the use of the township's loader if needed, which was seconded by Mr. Watters.

Ayes: Mrs. Oakley, Mr. Watters, Mr. Jewell, Mayor Nerbak

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstained: Mr. Baldwin

#### MAYORS REPORT:

Mayor Nerbak stated that she will be attending the car show at Tri County Firehouse to judge the cars for the Mayors Choice Trophy.

Mayor Nerbak also stated that she has received a letter from NJDOT that is a notice of intent to renew the license of the Hackettstown Airport.

#### ENGINEERS REPORT:

Mr. Mace stated that he has been researching the Small Cities grants and he has four that he thinks were given 2 for roads and 2 for water the water grant was in the amount of \$80,000 and there was about \$300,000 for the rehab component so there must have been about 5 grants.

Mr. Mace stated that someone needs to speak with Carol Hartwick-Lowy about the grants that were received.

Mr. Baldwin asked Mr. Mace to contact her.

Mr. Mace stated that he had sent a copy of the letter that he had sent to the lady from Hillcrest Manor II and the committee was copied on that and also that Regancy has begun to do the work that had previously been discussed and the main roadway has been cut in. They should be proceeding with the work in the spring so that the project is not open in the winter.

Mayor Nerbak asked about the house on Route 57 and Anderson Road is still not cleaned up.

Mr. Mace stated that the Police Department is handling it.

Mr. Jewell asked Mr. Mace if the walking trail planning on recreation property is under Pellow's contract.

Mr. Mace stated that it is.

Mr. Jewell asked if the Stream Encroachment Permit had been received from the NJDEP.

Mayor Nerbak stated that everything was submitted and they were waiting for the approved permit and the comments hopefully by the end of the month.

Mr. Jewell stated that he wondered if it would be premature to stake out the path because the person that we just hired for the DPW has extensive experience in the field of excavation and we could possibly do some of the work ourselves.

Mr. Baldwin explained to Mr. Jewell that at the next recreation meeting he should talk to the Recreation Commissioners and Pellow to see how the contract will be broken down, but that he was not sure if we have the people or the capabilities of doing this type of work. This is also the time of year that there is a lot of tree pruning and other items to do and he is not sure that there is enough manpower to complete what needs to be done.

Mr. Jewell stated that there will be no mowing in this time.

Mr. Baldwin stated that this will have to be coordinated with Pellow not Doug because Pellow is handling the engineering for the park.

Mayor Nerbak stated that when the permit is granted and the meeting is set up with the Recreation Commission and Pellow she will let Mr. Jewell and Mr. Baldwin know and they can come to the meeting and present this idea to the Recreation Commission.

#### PUBLIC PORTION:

Mr. George Woodward, 55 Bright Road, asked if the Township Committee had made any decision on Bright Road being included for snow plowing.

Mayor Nerbak stated that no decision had been made as of yet, but we would let him know.

Barbara Mallon, 47 Bright Road, asked if the ordinance that Mr. Woodward had presented to the Township Committee had been found and if this information was correct.

Mayor Nerbak stated that this has all been researched and there is an ordinance and we are waiting for the information from the attorney.

Glen Todd, Washburn Road, asked if there is anyone that knows that the contract on the old Anniemma farm includes them running a pipe into the old stream. He stated that if they have received all of the approvals from the State he does not trust that the stream and its inhabitants have been considered and he feels that this should be watched.

Mr. Mace stated that the pipe is being routed into the stream and that approvals have been given by the DEP, the State, and the Municipality.

Mr. Todd asked why we can't address what is going on and asked why is this being allowed.

Mayor Nerbak stated that the Planning Board requires certain things and that she has to trust that they are taking all things into consideration prior to approving this development.

Mr. Jewell stated that he was not a member of the Planning Board when this development was approved, but that he did see the plans for the development and he stated that on the plans all of the homes have an underground detention for the stormwater and that he was sure that there are detection ponds throughout the development.

Mr. Todd stated that he doesn't trust the State and their approvals and that he doesn't believe that these people are going out and doing their job.

Mr. Mace stated that there is a properly issued permit for the work that is being done and there is nothing that we can do if this work is approved by the State.

Mrs. Oakley made a motion to take a five minute break at 8:30 and then proceed into Executive Session, which was seconded by Mr. Jewell.

Ayes: Mrs. Oakley, Mr. Watters, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Jewell, Mayor Nerbak

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstained: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A MEETING NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE NEW JERSEY OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12.

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield is subject to certain requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act. N.J.S.A. 10:4-6, et seq. and

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, provides that an Executive Session, not open to the public, may be held for certain specified purposes when authorized by Resolution, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield to discuss in a session not open to the public certain matters relating to the item or items authorized by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b and designated below:

- (7) Matters Relating to Litigation, Negotiations, and the Attorney-Client Privilege: Any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation in which the public body is, or may become a party. Any matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his ethical duties as a lawyer.
- (8) Matters Relating to the Employment Relationship: Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance of, promotion, or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the public body, unless all the individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request in writing that such matter or matters be discussed at a public meeting.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, assembled in public session on September 24, 2008, that an Executive Session closed to the public shall be held on September 24, 2008 at 8:35 PM in the Mansfield Township Municipal Building, for the discussion of matters relating to the specific items designated above.

It is anticipated that the deliberations conducted in the closed session may be disclosed to the public upon the determination of the Township Committee that the public interest will no longer be served by such confidentiality.

Mrs. Oakley made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:35 pm, which was seconded by Mr. Jewell.

Ayes: Mrs. Oakley, Mr. Watters, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Jewell, Mayor Nerbak

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstained: None

Return from Executive Session at 9:07 pm, all Committee members present.

RESOLUTION:

RESOLUTION 2008-84  
TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD  
RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A4-87 provides that the Director of the Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and;

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

WHEREAS, the Township of Mansfield has received \$5,636.03 to administer a Recycling Tonnage Grant and wishes to amend its 2008 Budget to include a portion of this amount as a revenue

NOW, THEREFORE, 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 2008 in the sum of \$5,636.03

that is now 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:

Recycling Tonnage Grant

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$5,636.03 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations

(a) Operations – Excluded from 5% Caps Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues:

Recycling Tonnage Grant

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Municipal Clerk forward two copies of this resolution to the Director of Local Government Services.

Mrs. Oakley made a motion to approve the passage of Resolution 2008-84, which was seconded by Mr. Baldwin.

Ayes: Mrs. Oakley, Mr. Watters, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Jewell, Mayor Nerbak

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstained: None

*2008-85*  
RESOLUTION  
Overpayment of Taxes  
Block 805 Lot 5

WHEREAS, the following property has an overpayment of 2007 property taxes;

WHEREAS, this overpayment occurred due to the State of New Jersey refunding the homeowner's 2007 tax rebate to be applied to delinquent taxes;

WHEREAS, the homeowner has paid their taxes current;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield this 24th day of September 2008 that the Tax Collector and Finance Officer are hereby authorized to refund the following overpayment:

Block 805 Lot 5  
Ronald & Patricia Richardson  
205 Mitchell Road

Oxford, NJ 07863  
\$996.91

Mrs. Oakley made a motion to approve the passage of Resolution 2008-85, which was seconded by Mr. Jewell.

Ayes: Mrs. Oakley, Mr. Watters, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Jewell, Mayor Nerbak  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Abstained: None

RESOLUTION 2008-86  
TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD  
SHARE GRANT

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A4-87 provides that the Director of the Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and;

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

WHEREAS, the Township of Mansfield has received \$2,000.00 to administer a SHARE Grant and wishes to amend its 2008 Budget to include a portion of this amount as a revenue

NOW, THEREFORE, 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 2008 in the sum of \$2,000.00

that is now 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:  
SHARE Grant

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$2,000.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations

(a) Operations – Excluded from 5% Caps Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues:  
SHARE Grant

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Municipal Clerk forward two copies of this resolution to the Director of Local Government Services.

Mr. Baldwin made a motion to approve the passage of Resolution 2008-86, which was seconded by Mrs. Oakley.

Ayes: Mrs. Oakley, Mr. Watters, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Jewell, Mayor Nerbak  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Abstained: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-87

AN RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR AND DETERMINE THE SALARIES AND COMPENSATION FOR OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD AND THE METHOD OF PAYMENT OF SUCH SALARIES AND COMPENSATION.



WHEREAS, the Township of Mansfield has \$1,239.58 in Municipal Alcohol Rehabilitation Education Grant funds, and

WHEREAS, there was a need to hold two additional court session for DUI cases due to a backlog of 50 cases on hold awaiting Alcotest certification by the state Supreme Court, and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Alcohol Rehabilitation Education Grant funds can be used for this purpose, and

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

The additional rates of compensation of the following officers and employees of the Township of Mansfield are determined for both of the two additional DUI sessions to be paid from Municipal Alcohol Rehabilitation Education Grant funds, as follows:

Municipal Court Judge	\$600
Prosecutor	\$400
Court Security Officer	\$200

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that salaries are to be paid in accordance with Salary Ordinance – Ordinance 2008-01, which was adopted by Mansfield Township Committee on Jan. 23, 2008.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Chief Financial Officer shall be hereby authorized to pay the foregoing salaries.

Mrs. Oakley made a motion to approve the passage of Resolution 2008-87, which was seconded by Mr. Baldwin.

Ayes: Mrs. Oakley, Mr. Watters, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Jewell, Mayor Nerbak  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Abstained: None

#### RESOLUTION NO. 2008-88

#### RESOLUTION OPPOSING STATE COMPTROLLER RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LOCAL AUDITS

WHEREAS, the state of New Jersey has established the Office of the State Comptroller; and

WHEREAS, the duties of the Office of the State Comptroller, according to its official website, are to audit government finances, examine efficiency of government programs, scrutinize government contracts and provide audit training to government entities; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the State Comptroller has recommended the Legislature adopt legislation requiring all government entities hire external auditors through the competitive selection process at least every ten five years and replace the auditor with a different firm at least every 10 years but not for other professional services; and

WHEREAS, the State Comptroller is limited to 12 years in office; no exceptions to the ten year limit for local government auditors are recommended when that auditor is the low bidder; local finances are already audited annually; local budgets, financial statements, debt statements and audits are already reviewed by the Division of Local Government Services; local contracts are subject to review by PERC and the Division of Contract Compliance & EEO in Public Contracts; audit contracts are already subject to the same requirements as other professional service contracts; and

WHEREAS, reductions in state funding to offset property taxes have been made arbitrarily based upon municipal population rather than efficiency and the local audit recommendations of the Office of the State Comptroller do not take into account performance or cost;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Township of Mansfield that the Township Committee urges our State Legislators to oppose the recommendations of the Office of State Comptroller relating to local audits as presented and amend the legislation establishing said office by requiring the Comptroller to submit recommendations for state funding based upon its reviews of municipal efficiency and that the same standards of review be applied to state government programs;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Senator Leonard Lance, Assemblyman Michael J. Doherty, Assemblywoman Marcia A. Karrow, the New Jersey League of Municipalities, and the Office of the Governor.

Mr. Baldwin made a motion to approve the passage of Resolution 2008-88, which was seconded by Mrs. Oakley.

Ayes: Mrs. Oakley, Mr. Watters, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Jewell, Mayor Nerbak

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstained: None

2008-89

#### RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE SIGNING OF THE SHARE GRANT AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Township of Mansfield received notice from the SHARE Program of its eligibility to receive a SHARE Grant in the amount of \$3,691.00; and,

WHEREAS, the purpose of the award is to examine document/record management needs and shared service opportunities in order to produce a plan for ongoing document/record management. The study will be done on-site and by phone for about \$3690, with participants providing 10% match.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Governing Body of the Township of Mansfield that the Governing Body does hereby accept the award of \$3691.00, to examine document/record management needs and shared service opportunities in order to produce a plan for ongoing document/record management. The study will be done on-site and by phone for about \$3690, with participants providing a 10% match.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Executive Officer of the Township of Mansfield be and hereby is authorized to execute a Grant Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs on behalf of the Township of Mansfield and all other local units that are party to the SHARE Grant Agreement, and upon execution of said Agreement, the Township of Mansfield does accept the Terms and Conditions specified in the Agreement in connection to this grant award.

Mr. Baldwin made a motion to approve the passage of Resolution 2008-89, which was seconded by Mr. Watters.

Ayes: Mrs. Oakley, Mr. Watters, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Jewell, Mayor Nerbak

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstained: None

#### COMMITTEE PERSON COMMENTS:

Mr. Watters asked that the emergency training paperwork that was given to the Township Committee be given to the Fire Departments.

Mr. Watters also stated that he received a call from a resident on Heiser Road that stated that the Police were called out three times for a speeding truck and the resident asked if we could have an officer sit on the road for a little bit to force people to slow down.

Mrs. Oakley stated that she will speak with Chief Ort.

Mr. Jewell stated that he attended the Eagle Scout ceremony and that it was nice and he saw someone that he had on his baseball team that is an Eagle Scout and is a member of the Marine Reserves.

Mr. Baldwin stated that we have acquired quotes from three different companies for the computerized fuel meter.

Mr. Baldwin stated that he spoke with the County Engineer about the paving of the road outside the Municipal Building and how it was a waste of tax payer's dollars and he was told that the roads are done on a schedule for maintenance not on an as needed basis.

Mr. Baldwin made a motion to approve the Mayor's signature on the salt agreement with the NJDOT, which was seconded by Mr. Watters.

Ayes: Mrs. Oakley, Mr. Watters, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Jewell, Mayor Nerbak

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstained: None

Mr. Baldwin stated that the energy audit quotes were received and if there are eight participants the price for the Municipal Building will be \$3722.50.

Mayor Nerbak asked if the Township Committee members had thought about advertising on the Warren County Chamber of Commerce map the ad costs \$250.00.

Mr. Jewell stated that no other towns advertise on the map.

Mayor Nerbak asked what the other Committee members thought about getting involved with the forestry plan.

Mr. Watters stated that he believed it was a good idea, but that we should talk it over first with the towns that have participated and see what they think of the project and then see if it is something that we should do.

Mayor Nerbak asked who will be going to the Shared League Meeting on October 16.

Mr. Jewell stated that he will be going.

Mayor Nerbak stated that she would also be attending.

Mrs. Oakley made a motion to approve background checks being done for all township employees, committee members, potential employees and committee members and volunteers which will be effective immediately, which was seconded by Mr. Baldwin.

Ayes: Mrs. Oakley, Mr. Watters, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Jewell, Mayor Nerbak

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstained: None

Ms. Hrebenak asked what if someone does not sign the authorization for a background check.

Mr. Vex stated then they cannot do the job that they will be doing.

Mrs. Oakley made a motion to have the perspective police officer come in for an interview with the Police Chief next Wednesday October 1, 2008 at 7pm.

Mr. Jewell asked why bother interviewing the police officer. Mr. Jewell asked if anyone was going to tell the applicant what is going to happen in January.

No one responded.

Mr. Jewell then stated that he will tell the applicant.

Ayes: Mrs. Oakley, Mr. Baldwin, Mayor Nerbak

Nays: Mr. Jewell, Mr. Watters

Absent: None

Abstained: None

Mr. Baldwin made a motion to adjourn at 9:30, which was seconded by Mrs. Oakley and carried by all.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dena Hrebenak