

MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

January 14, 2009

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: Mr. Tomaszewski, Mr. Watters, Ms. Nerbak, Mayor Jewell
Mr. Baldwin absent

Salute to the flag was done by all.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Ms. Nerbak made a motion to approve the passage of the minutes from the Reorganization Meeting held on January 1, 2009, which was seconded by Mr. Tomaszewski.

Ayes: Mr. Watters, Mr. Tomaszewski, Ms. Nerbak, Mayor Jewell
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Mr. Baldwin

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Mr. Watters made a motion to approve the bill list, which was seconded by Mr. Jewell.

Ayes: Mr. Watters, Mr. Tomaszewski, Ms. Nerbak, Mayor Jewell
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Mr. Baldwin

Mayor Jewell asked Mr. Dave Burge to come before the Township Committee to ask the questions that the fire department has about the contract.

Mr. Burdge went over the list of questions that the fire department had sent to the Township Committee.

The Township Committee answered most of the questions and explained that they would let the fire department know when they have the rest of the information.

COMCAST APPLICATION RENEWAL

Mr. Smith, Area Director of Government and Community Affairs and Jim Humphreys, Manager Northwest system explained to the Township Committee all of the changes that have happened over the previous Franchise Agreement and offered to answer any questions that the Township Committee or the Public has.

The Township Committee asked a number of questions of Mr. Smith in reference to the previous agreement.

Mr. Glenn Todd, Washburn Road, went through his list of concerns and issues with Comcast and asked that the Township Committee take this into consideration when they consider the renewal.

Mr. Kobert stated that there are a number of questions that need to be answered, so he suggested that we schedule to meet again at the next meeting.

Mr. Smith agreed to meet at the next meeting.

CFO REPORT:

Mr. Coppola asked the Township Committee if they would like to apply for any of the Highlands grants that were in the packets.

The Township Committee agreed that they would like to apply for the Master Plan grant and also for the Planning Conformance grant.

Mr. Coppola also stated that a copy of all of the proposals for the Police Feasibility Grant were included in the packets and if anyone would like to meet with any of the applicants to let him know.

CLERKS REPORT:

Ms. Hrebenak stated that she had received a Relief application for the one of the Fireman that needed to be signed by her and that the Chief of the Fire Department and the Secretary for the Relief association had both approved the application already and that there were also two blue light permits that were received that need to be signed by Mayor Jewell.

Ms. Hrebenak also stated that all three junk yard applications were received and that she needed the Township Committees approval to approve the applications.

Ms. Nerbak made a motion to approve Columbia Too and Port Murray Auto Salvage, which was seconded by Mr. Watters.

Ayes: Mr. Watters, Mr. Tomaszewski, Ms. Nerbak, Mayor Jewell

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Mr. Baldwin

Mr. Kobert suggested that we discuss Route 57 Auto Salvage at the next meeting due to the storage issues at that location and the Township Committee agreed to discuss that license at the next meeting and asked that the Clerk send a letter to the applicant.

ENGINEERS REPORT:

Mr. Mace stated that he received a request from PNC bank for a temporary tent for February 28 and that he could not find anything in our ordinances to allow this.

Mr. Kobert stated that we then are not able to do this.

Ms. Nerbak stated that we should then look into a temporary ordinance for this type of event.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Mayor Jewell opened the public portion, seeing as there were no comments the public portion was closed.

Mayor Jewell made a motion to take a five minute break at 9:00, which was seconded by Mr. Watters.

Ayes: Mr. Watters, Mr. Tomaszewski, Ms. Nerbak, Mayor Jewell

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Mr. Baldwin

Return from break at 9:10 pm.

Roll Call: Mr. Tomaszewski, Mr. Watters, Ms. Nerbak, Mayor Jewell

Mr. Baldwin absent

RESOLUTION:

RESOLUTION- No. 2009-22

FOR TRANSFER OF FUNDS

WHEREAS, there are insufficient funds in some of the 2008 budget line items; and

WHEREAS, it is permissible to transfer appropriation reserve funds before April 1, 2009.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield that the following transfers be made:

FROM		TO	
Administration OE	\$3,432.88	Electricity OE	\$4,432.88
Streets & Roads OE	\$1,000.00		

Mr. Watters made a motion to approve the passage of Resolution 2009-22, which was seconded by Mr. Jewell.

Ayes: Mr. Watters, Mr. Tomaszewski, Ms. Nerbak, Mayor Jewell

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Mr. Baldwin

2009-23

RESOLUTION

Cancellation of Added Assessment Taxes
Block 2101 Lot 13.01

WHEREAS, John D. & Joyce C. Meyer are the owners of a one family home within the Township of Mansfield, Warren County, New Jersey, known as Block 2101 Lot 13.01 on the Tax Map of said township.

WHEREAS, an added assessment for 12 months for 2008, for construction of a pool was placed on said property, when in fact the pool had already been placed on the tax roll.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield this 14th day of January 2009:

1. **Authorize the Tax Collector of the Township of Mansfield to cancel the taxes for Block 2101 Lot 13.01 generated by the incorrect added assessment placed on said property, in the sum of \$431.25 for 2008 and \$215.63 for 2009.**
2. **Authorize the Tax Collector and CFO to refund the overpayment that this caused in the amount of \$11.55.**

Mr. Watters made a motion to approve the passage of Resolution 2009-23, which was seconded by Mr. Tomaszewski.

Ayes: Mr. Watters, Mr. Tomaszewski, Ms. Nerbak, Mayor Jewell
 Nays: None
 Abstain: None
 Absent: Mr. Baldwin

Resolution 2009-24

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE INCREASE IN DEFERRED SCHOOL TAXES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, the Division of Local Government Services requires that the Governing Body of any municipality which has Deferred School Taxes must authorize any increase in the deferral of any additional amounts; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield has decided that an increase in Deferred School Taxes is in the best interest of the Township at this time;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, that the following Deferred School Taxes be hereby increased for the year ended December 31, 2008 as follows:

	<u>Deferred Regional School Taxes</u>	<u>Deferred Local School Taxes</u>
Amount Deferred 12/31/07	\$2,385,620.44	\$2,232,553.02
Amount Deferred 12/31/08	\$203,470.71	\$159,856.02
Increase in Deferral	\$2,589,091.15	\$2,392,409.04

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield that a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

Ms. Nerbak made a motion to approve the passage of Resolution 2009-24, which was seconded by Mr. Watters.

Ayes: Mr. Watters, Mr. Tomaszewski, Ms. Nerbak, Mayor Jewell
 Nays: None
 Abstain: None

Absent: Mr. Baldwin

COMMITTEE PERSON COMMENTS:

Ms. Nerbak had nothing to report.

Mr. Tomaszewski had nothing to report.

Mr. Watters stated that he attended the Environmental Commission meeting and that they are working on getting signs made up for Port Murray Road and also that they were speaking about the tree presentation that was presented to the Township Committee by Shannon Buckley and also that they will be purchasing a new sign for clean and green since the other one that they had purchased was lost at the Municipal Building.

Mayor Jewell stated that himself, Mr. Baldwin, and Mr. Coppola had met with Bill Bray the Police Director for Oxford to discuss a backup for when the officers in Oxford go off shift and also a possible merge of the police departments.

Mayor Jewell also stated that there was a budget meeting on January 7 and that the Township Committee is working toward the best result that they can.

Mayor Jewell appointed Glen Wilkenson to the Recreation Commission to fill the unexpired term of Darrien Pinkman with a term to expire 12/31/2009.

Ms. Nerbak made a motion to concur with said appointment, which was seconded by Mr. Watters.

Ayes: Mr. Watters, Mr. Tomaszewski, Ms. Nerbak, Mayor Jewell

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Mr. Baldwin

Mayor Jewell stated that he would like to fulfill the Chiefs' request and would like to honor the officers at the first meeting in February.

Ms. Nerbak made a motion to amend the towing ordinance to include the rates from the Washington Twp ordinance, which was seconded by Mr. Tomaszewski.

Ayes: Mr. Watters, Mr. Tomaszewski, Ms. Nerbak, Mayor Jewell

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Mr. Baldwin

The Township Committee also asked that the Attorney and the Clerk work with the CFO to see about lowering the open space tax by one cent.

Ms. Nerbak made a motion to adjourn at 9:43pm, which was seconded by Mr. Watters.