

MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

March 25, 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, Mr. Baldwin, Ms. Nerbak, Mayor Jewell

Salute to the flag was done by all.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Mr. Baldwin made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on March 11, 2009, which was seconded by Mr. Watters.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Mr. Baldwin stated that he feels that the legal bill for litigation should not have been approved by Mr. Jewell, Mr. Baldwin asked if there was anyone else on the Township Committee who had a problem with this.

Mr. Watters stated that he did not have a problem with this.

Mr. Jewell asked if the total on PO # 290272 page 6 for Adams Fire Protection was correct.

Mr. Coppola stated that it was.

Mr. Watters stated that he noticed that the electric at the municipal garage is still very high and questioned what the bill on page 11 for the Emergency Services was.

Mr. Cruts stated that this bill was for the rescue squad to be present at the football games.

This topic was discussed and it was decided that Mr. Watters would like Mrs. Terry Clancy to come and explain this to the committee.

Mr. Watters made a motion to hold the payment to the Mansfield EMS until the next meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Tomaszewski.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Mr. Baldwin stated that he did not feel that the township should have to pay the litigation portion of the legal bill PO # 290283.

Mr. Watters made a motion to pay the bill list holding payment for PO #290283, which was seconded by Mr. Tomaszewski.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

CFO REPORT:

Mr. Coppola explained that the Energy Audit will be performed on March 30, 2009.

Mr. Coppola asked if the Township Committee would be able to make it for a budget meeting next Wednesday at 6:30.

Ms. Nerbak stated that 6:45 would be better for her.

The Township Committee agreed that would be ok.

Mr. Coppola also explained that the Resolution for the Property auction would be on the next meeting agenda.

CLERKS REPORT:

Ms. Hrebenak stated that the Editorial Analysis is being sent from the Codification Company by the end of the month.

ENGINEERS REPORT:

Mr. Mace explained that he and Mr. Tomaszewski met with the Environmental Commission and that they went over the new requirements for the Stormwater permit for the township.

Mr. Mace stated that the township should be receiving notification from the state about the Washburn Road Project by the end of the week.

Mr. Mace stated that Washington Auto looks to be in conformance and it appeared tonight that all of the cars were parked in the fence.

Mr. Mace also stated that the Man who owns the appliance shop on Route 57 did not show up to court and that they will now be proceeding with the violation.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Jim Moriarity, 14 River Court, explained that he read an article in the Express Times that said that the Township would not be exploring the option of a police grant. Mr Moriarity asked why it was that if the Township is in need of officers would the Committee not explore this option.

Mayor Jewell explained that the Township has received many advisory notices and that the grant at this time is not something that would work for the township's situation.

Kathy Sayers, 14 River Court, agreed with Mr. Moriarity, and thought that the Township Committee should rethink applying for the COPS grant.

RESOLUTION:

2009-42
RESOLUTION
Cancellation of Added Assessment Taxes
Block 3001 Lot 1.03

WHEREAS, Randy R. & Carol W. Johnson are the owners of a one family home within the Township of Mansfield, Warren County, New Jersey, known as Block 3001 Lot 1.03 on the Tax Map of said township.

WHEREAS, an added assessment for 9 months for 2008, for construction of a garage was placed on said property, when in fact the garage had already been placed on the tax role.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield this 25th day of March 2009:

1. Authorize the Tax Collector of the Township of Mansfield to cancel the taxes for Block 3001 Lot 1.03 generated by the incorrect added assessment placed on said property, in the sum of \$323.44 for 2008 and \$215.63 for 2009.
2. Authorize the Tax Collector and CFO to refund the 2008 overpayment that this caused in the amount of \$323.44.

Mr. Baldwin made a motion to approve the passage of Resolution 2009-42, which was seconded by Mr. Watters.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-43

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 year 2009 to be as follows:

Court Administrator	\$57,089
Deputy Court Administrator	\$45,300
Judge	\$47,402
Prosecutor	\$21,735

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that salaries are to be paid in accordance with Salary Ordinance – Ordinance 2009-02, which was adopted by Mansfield Township Committee on Jan. 28, 2009.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Chief Financial Officer shall be hereby authorized to pay the foregoing salaries commencing March 25, 2009.
Mr. Baldwin made a motion to approve the passage of Resolution 2009-43, which was seconded by Ms. Nerbak.

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

RESOLUTION- No. 2009-44

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	
Insurance Deductible OE	\$1,000.00	General Administration OE	\$500.00
		Police OE	\$500.00

Ms. Nerbak made a motion to approve the passage of Resolution 2009-44, which was seconded by Mr. Baldwin.

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

ORDINANCE:

Mayor Jewell opened the floor for public comment on Ordinance 2009-04, seeing as there were no comments the public comment portion was closed.

Second Reading

ORDINANCE 2009-04

AN AMENDMENT TO AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE LICENSING AUTOCABS,
LIMOUSINES, AND LIVERY SERVICES OPERATED WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD,
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has determined that an amendment needs to be made on a previously adopted Ordinance which is numbered Ordinance 99-20 to clarify the fee schedule for the license,

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

Section I.

Section 4 Fee Schedule

The nonrefundable fees to be paid for said license, shall be as follows: Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) for each autocab or limousine per annum.

Section II.

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistencies.

Section III.

If any section, subsection, paragraph, phrase or sentence of these amendments to the Township Code is, for any reason, declared to be unconstitutional or invalid, such section, subsection, paragraph, phrase or sentence shall be deemed severable.

Section IV.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final publication as provided by law.

Mr. Baldwin made a motion to approve the passage of Ordinance 2009-04 and requested that the results be advertised, which was seconded by Mr. Watters.

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

Nays: Mr. Tomaszewski

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Mayor Jewell opened the floor for public comment on Ordinance 2009-05;

Scott Cruts, Recreation Commission, stated that he does not agree with the regulation to put the scholarship requests in writing.

Ms. Nerbak stated that she does not agree with this process either.

Mr. Kobert, Esq. stated that this may be removed from the Ordinance, but that there should be a procedure for award of scholarships and that the Recreation Commission should work this out with Mr. Coppola.

ORDINANCE 2009-05

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER III OF THE CODE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD BY ADDING NEW SECTION
3 CLINIC SPORTS REGISTRATION FEES AND SCHOLARSHIPS

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield has determined that there should be, within the Township of Mansfield, recreation registration fees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, that the Code of the Township of Mansfield is hereby amended to include the following provisions regarding recreation registration fees:

Section 1

Chapter IIIA of the Code of the Township of Mansfield is hereby amended to include a new section establishing Clinic Sports Registration Fees:

- (d) Softball Clinic
 - i. \$25.00 for each player enrolled in one of Mansfield's Softball league programs

Section 3

This ordinance shall take effect immediately after passage.

Section 4

Any ordinance that is inconsistent with the foregoing shall be deemed repealed by this ordinance.

Ms. Nerbak made a motion to approve the passage of Ordinance 2009-05 excluding Section 2, which was seconded by Mr. Watters.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

COMMITTEE PERSON COMMENTS:

Mr. Tomaszewski stated that to his knowledge there is presently only one company approved for towing through the Ordinance.

Ms. Hrebenak stated that at present there are 5 approved companies.

Mr. Watters stated that he and Mr. Tomaszewski are going to meet with Mansfield Township School to review their budget.

Ms. Nerbak stated that she was contacted by a company called Global Connect that would call all township residents for a fee to notify of emergencies.

The Township Committee agreed that they are not interested in spending money on a service like this.

Ms. Nerbak also stated that the Open Space Commission is pursuing the ANJEC funding.

Mr. Baldwin stated that the DPW is clearing and stumping the Recreation Trail prior to the path work being done.

Mr. Watters asked if the DPW had removed the furniture that was on the township lots in Anderson.

Mr. Coppola stated that he would speak with Mr. Sliker to make sure that this was completed.

Ms. Nerbak stated that she does not agree with the new Age restricted development bill that would allow for age restricted developments to be converted.

Mr Baldwin stated that this would not meet the codes of the Township.

Ms. Nerbak made a motion to support Correspondence 27 which is supporting the troops, which was seconded by Mr. Baldwin.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Mayor Jewell stated that he attended a shared service meeting at the county and that there were discussions of a shared Wash bay with the County. Mayor Jewell suggested that the Township put together a subcommittee for attendance at future meetings.

Ms. Nerbak stated that there already is a shared service group that has already incorporated a number of shared services.

Mr. Baldwin made a motion to go into executive session at 8:56pm for the purpose of discussion on Contract negotiations with Comcast, which was seconded by Mr. Watters.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Return from Executive Session at 9:31pm.

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

Mayor Jewell stated that Correspondence 01 states that the Township is going to have to have an appointed Qualified Purchasing Agent and also stated that Mr. Coppola would not be grandfathered by the regulations. He stated that this is something that the Committee should think about for the classes for Mr. Coppola.

Ms. Hrebenak stated that this is a certification just like the others and that there are a number of classes that need to be attended.

Mr. Baldwin made a motion to adjourn at 9:35pm.