

MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

September 23, 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:

Ms. Nerbak went over the minor corrections from the minutes that she had changed prior to the meeting.

Mr. Baldwin made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on September 9, 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:

Mayor Jewell stated that there are two committeemen that questioned that the electric bill seems to be out of sorts for the municipal building for the last month it is over \$4000 dollars.

Mr. Baldwin asked what the prior electric bills were.

Mr. Coppola stated that the prior months bill was around \$3000 and change.

Mr. Watters asked if there were more or less days in the prior month.

Mr. Coppola stated that he believed it was the same number of days in both months.

Ms. Nerbak stated that there were a number of very hot days in the beginning of August so this could have caused the electric bill to go up.

Mr. Baldwin agreed.

Mr. Coppola stated that the last bill was \$3630.

Mayor Jewell stated that a difference of \$400 is really not a lot.

Mr. Baldwin made a motion to approve the bill list and the addendum, which was seconded by Mayor Jewell.

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

Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

CFO REPORT:

Mr. Coppola had nothing to report.

CLERKS REPORT:

Ms. Hrebenak had nothing to report.

Mr. Watters asked about the awards for the fireman.

Ms. Hrebenak stated that the letters were sent out for the next meeting.

ENGINEERS REPORT:

Mr. Mace stated that they are scheduled for court on November 23, 2009 with the appliance guy on Route 57.

Mr. Mace stated that Tilcon will be coming back in a week or a week and a half to repair Mr. Todd's driveway.

Mr. Watters asked if they will be putting stone down at the end of the pipe that was put in Washburn Road.

Mr. Tomaszewski stated that the DPW would have to do this.

Mr. Baldwin stated that this is private property and that he believed that when the pipe was installed it was a one time deal, but he does not know if there is anything in writing.

Mr. Mace stated that he was not out on this one so he has no idea of what was done.

Mr. Tomaszewski stated that the pipe was a replacement pipe and the original was installed in the sixties or somewhere in that area.

Mr. Watters stated that this drainage work was done with some type of grant years ago with the headwalls and the pipes.

Mr. Mace stated that he had never been out on this construction so he has no knowledge of what was done.

Mr. Tomaszewski stated that this work had been repaired sometime more recently because the pipe broke and the water took out the driveway between the two houses and the pipe had been replaced with a plastic pipe.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Mr. Todd stated that it was a corrugated pipe and a heavy rain came down and blew the pipe right through the headwall and took out which caused it to come down through the yard and to tear right through the ditch

and to repair this they came and put a bigger pipe in there. Mr. Todd stated that there was supposed to be some rip rap installed and some stone to slow the water down coming out of the pipe.

Mr. Mace asked how long Mr. Todd had been here.

Mr. Todd stated that he has been here 28 years.

Mr. Todd stated that the pipe got pushed all the way down to the spring and it got totally destroyed.

Mr. Todd asked about getting a citizens group together to talk to Comcast 3 or 4 times a year to discuss the good and the bad things that need to be taken care of.

Mr. Todd stated that the people on Washburn Road have been having problems with the cable having weak signals since last weekend which is ridiculous people pay good money for this service and this needs to be addressed.

Mr. Todd stated that Comcast needs to treat people better.

Ben Watters, Watters Road, why is Mr. Tomaszewski's sign the wrong color.

Ms. Hrebenak stated that the wrong color was sent from the company.

Mr. Vex stated that the contracts for the properties sold to people at the auction and the adjacent property owners and that a motion is needed.

Mr. Baldwin made a motion to approve Mayor Jewell signing the contracts from the property auction and the properties that were sold to adjacent property owners, which was seconded by Mr. Tomaszewski.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

RESOLUTION:

RESOLUTION 2009-81

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, COUNTY OF WARREN, NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING AN INTERLOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD AND THE TOWN OF HACKETTSTOWN COUNTY OF WARREN, NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, the Township of Mansfield and Town of Hackettstown, County of Warren have entered into an Interlocal Services Agreement with respect to setting forth the terms and conditions of a Wash Bay; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Mansfield and Town of Hackettstown, County of Warren are required to provide a wash bay to comply with state Stormwater Regulations;

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

1. That the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute an Interlocal Services Agreement between the Township of Mansfield and the Town of Hackettstown, County of Warren setting forth the terms and conditions regarding the sharing of a Wash Bay.
2. A copy of the Agreement is on file in the office of the Township Clerk for inspection by the public.

Mr. Baldwin made a motion to approve the passage of Resolution 2009-81, which was seconded by Mr. Tomaszewski.

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

Ms. Hrebenak stated that the bid needed to be awarded for the Washbay.

Mr. Baldwin made a motion to award the bid for the Wash Bay to J& D Sales and Service for the amount of \$38,887.52, which was seconded by Mr. Tomaszewski.

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

COMMITTEE PERSON COMMENTS:

Ms. Nerbak stated that the Recreation Commission started football on Saturday and it went very well except the parking was an issue.

Mr. Baldwin stated that there will be posts installed on the walking path.

Ms. Nerbak stated that there is discussion on increasing the fees for football only because football is the highest costing sport, so when she gets that she will bring it to the committee.

Ms. Nerbak stated that PEOSHA came and inspected at the Recreation Building and there were some violations.

Mr. Baldwin stated that he reported this last meeting and all of the items are being taken care of.

Mr. Baldwin made a motion to approve hiring Michael Castles for the custodian position for \$10 per hour, which was seconded by Ms. Nerbak.

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

Mr. Tomaszewski stated that he and Mr. Baldwin met with the FOP and are beginning negotiations and hopefully they will be completed by the end of the month.

Mr. Watters asked if anyone needs to be present for the Court Audit.

Mr. Baldwin stated that in previous years this has been handled by the Court Administrator.

Mr. Watters asked if we had heard anything about shared court with Washington Boro.

Mr. Watters also asked if Mrs. Harris is ok with this court being included with our shared courts.

Mr. Baldwin stated that it would be ok.

Mr. Watters asked if everyone has read the paperwork from NYK about PUMA getting out of NYK and there are a number of jobs being cut because of this.

Mr. Watters asked what happened with the electric at the old DPW building.

Mr. Baldwin stated that he asked Brent to look into this and he also asked him to look into the electric for the two bays that are being rented and he will check into it again.

Mr. Baldwin asked Mr. Tate what was going on at the old DPW building.

Mr. Tate stated that he knows that the toilet in the ladies bathroom in the firehouse was running for a number of days which was causing the well pump to run.

Mr. Watters asked who it is that is renting the upstairs of the DPW building and what it is that is done in there.

Mr. Tate stated that there is someone that is renting to work on cars.

Mr. Watters asked who was responsible for repairs to the Rain Gutters on the old DPW building.

Mayor Jewell asked if the Township Committee should send a letter to Mansfield Fire Department for a copy of the leases for the rental of the upstairs of the DPW garage and also asked the clerk to look for a copy of the lease agreement between the Township and the Fire Department for the building.

Mr. Watters made a motion to send a letter to the Fire Company asking for a copy of the lease agreement with their tenant upstairs at the DPW building, which was seconded by Mayor Jewell.

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

Mayor Jewell stated that there is a road sign missing in Grandview and needs to be replaced.

Mr. Baldwin stated that he will have Brent look into it.

Mayor Jewell stated that the sign should be on the road prior to Cherry Tree Bend Road.

Mr. Tomaszewski stated that the sign could be installed on the Firehouse property that says No thru tractor trailer.

Mr. Tate stated that it had to go through the County Engineering Office.

Mr. Baldwin stated that he will make sure that it is handled.

Ms. Nerbak stated that the Township Committee agreed that the Shuttle Bus should not be disbanded and that the trips could be cut back and that the Township Committee would look at next years budget.

Chief Ort was present and gave all committee members a copy of a point system for the testing for promotions. Chief Ort did the college credit instead of associated because this is what the policy states.

Chief Ort stated that the test is scheduled for November 4th, 2009 and he will let the clerk know the time.

Ms. Nerbak asked if the interviews would be scheduled prior to the test.

Chief Ort stated this is how it was done the last time.

Mr. Tomaszewski stated that the interviews should be done after the test instead of interviewing all of the officers.

Mr. Baldwin stated that all of the officers need to be interviewed so that everyone is treated equally.

Mr. Jewell asked what the time frame is for the test grades to get back to the township.

Chief Ort stated that last time it only took 1 day to receive the scores from the test.

Mayor Jewell asked Chief Ort about the three hundred sick hours.

Chief Ort stated that he asked Mr. Kobert to sit down to discuss this.

Mr. Vex suggested that this be discussed with Mr. Kobert.

Mr. Baldwin made a motion to adjourn at 8:52 which was carried by all.