

**DECEMBER 21, 2009**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Mansfield Township Planning Board was called to order by Chairman John Barton at 7:30 PM.

The meeting was opened by stating that adequate notice of this public meeting had been provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act by:

1. posting a notice of this regular meeting on the bulletin board of the Municipal Building;
2. causing said notice to be published in The Star Gazette;
3. furnishing said notice to those persons requesting it pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act; and
4. filing said notice with the Township Clerk.

Present: Barton, Myers, Mayor Jewell, Watters, Mannon, Hazen, Creedon, Vaezi, Smith.

Absent: Mills, Hight, McGuinness, Spender.

Also present: William Edleston, Esquire; Douglas Mace, P.E.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**MOTION** was made by **HAZEN** to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2009 meeting, as written.

**SECONDED: MYERS.**

Those in favor: Myers, Mayor Jewell, Watters, Mannon, Hazen, Creedon, Vaezi, Smith, Barton.

Opposed: None.

Abstained: None.

**MOTION** was made by **MYERS** to approve the resolution for Case #09-04, Anna Tomczak, as written.

**SECONDED: MAYOR JEWELL.**

Those in favor: Mayor Jewell, Watters, Vaezi, Smith, Myers, Barton.

Opposed: None.

Abstained: None.

**MOTION** was made by **MAYOR JEWELL** to grant a 190-day extension request for Case #08-03, Igor Perunsky to run from November 16, 2009.

**SECONDED: SMITH.**

Those in favor: Watters, Mannon, Hazen, Creedon, Vaezi, Smith, Myers, Mayor Jewell, Barton.

Opposed: None.

Abstained: None.

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Carol Thompson, from the audience, asked the status of the Woodland Auto Sales matter.

Mace indicated the correct forum to discuss the matter would be the Township Committee meeting.

**Discussion of Candidate Selection for Planning Board Engineer**

Barton explained to the board there is no money in the budget to advertise for the position of Planning Board engineer. Barton further explained the Township Committee will be interviewing five candidates, and the suggestion was made for a subcommittee of the Planning Board to attend the interviews.

A discussion was held regarding the legalities of hiring a Planning Board engineer, and further how the five candidates were chosen. The discussion included possible changes to be made in the billing process, and the benefits of the same engineer holding the positions of Township and Planning Board engineer.

Mace indicated he was willing to attend the January and February meetings, if necessary, but, as of March 16, 2010 he would no longer be available. Mace stated he would make the transition as easy as possible.

The determination was made for a Planning Board subcommittee of Myers and Hazen to attend the engineer interviews on December 22, 2009 at 6:00 PM, and to make a recommendation to the Planning Board.

Barton indicated he would like to discuss the matter further at a special meeting as early as possible in January. January 4, 2010 was the night suggested for the special meeting, and Zotti after confirming the meeting room availability, would advertise as such.

**MOTION** was made by **MYERS** to authorize payment by the Township Committee invoices submitted by the professionals.

**SECONDED: CREEDON.**

Those in favor: Mannon, Hazen, Creedon, Vaezi, smith, Myers, Mayor Jewell, Watters, Barton.

Opposed: None.

Abstained: None.

**MOTION** was made by **MANNON** to retain Mace on a month-to-month basis to act as Planning Board Engineer, but not to exceed March 16, 2010.

**SECONDED: BARTON.**

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Those in favor: Hazen, Creedon, Vaezi, Smith, Myers, Mayor Jewell, Watters, Mannon, Barton.

Opposed: None.

Abstained: None.

Mace indicated this was his last official meeting, and indicated he appreciated working with the people of Mansfield Township. Mace also felt there was much accomplished over the years. The Chairman, on behalf of the Planning Board, thanked Mace for his years of service.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia D. Zotti, Secretary

As Written