

MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

December 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.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Mr. Baldwin asked about the bill on page two for an evaluation that cost \$1500, why do we need to pay this shouldn't this have been covered by health insurance.

Ms. Hrebenak stated that we checked into this and because we were requiring this we need to pay out of pocket.

Mr. Tomaszewski asked about the bill on page three for wiper blades for a total of \$87.00.

Mr. Coppola stated that there was more on the bill it was an oil change and maintenance with wiper blades included in the maintenance.

Mr. Baldwin made a motion to approve the bill list and 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. Baldwin stated that he spoke to Hackettstown and that Mr. Tynan would be contacting Ms. Hrebenak to come to a meeting to discuss the fire inspections.

Mr. Coppola stated that we had put out an RFP for Bond Council and the only one that was received back was from Gibbons PC and that the cost for a single purpose ordinance would be \$450 and the cost for a multi purpose ordinance would be \$550. Mr. Coppola explained that these prices are fair prices and that we should move forward with this.

Mr. Coppola asked if the township committee would like to move forward with all of the recommendations from the energy audit with notes and pay it back over a four year time span.

Mayor Jewell stated that he would like to see us move forward with this.

Mr. Coppola stated that at the last meeting the funds that were set aside for the park would need to have a public hearing and be referred to the Open Space Committee for comment.

Mr. Coppola asked what the township committee would like to do with the Fire Companies since the contract was for one year.

The Township Committee agreed that we should give them the same amount as last year for the first quarter.

Mr. Coppola stated that the County has approved the townships using the document management software at no cost at this time and that the resolution will be presented in January.

CLERKS REPORT:

Ms. Hrebenak had nothing to report.

ENGINEERS REPORT:

Mr. Mace stated that they were in court with Mr. Ciaccia from Route 57 and that the judge issued a \$750 fine and he needs to have the property cleaned up by December 29 or 30 and if it is not cleaned up the fine will be \$1000.

Mr. Mace asked if the Township Committee would like to schedule a meeting after the first of the year for the transitional issues with the new engineer and himself and possibly two of the township committee members.

Mayor Jewell agreed that would be a good idea.

Mr. Baldwin asked if Mr. Mace was able to get in touch with Mr. Sliker about the properties across the street.

Mr. Mace stated that the marking would be done on the corners before the end of the year.

Ms. Nerbak thanked Mr. Mace for all of his years of service to the township.

Mayor Jewell also thanked Mr. Mace for all of his work in the township.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Carol Thompson, Route 57, stated that there is still an issue at Woodland Auto Sales with cars being left out at night and stated that the issues have gotten worse. Mrs. Thompson pleaded with the Township Committee to handle the situation and asked that the township enforce compliance with this business.

The township committee explained that we are addressing her issues after the first of the year.

RESOLUTION:

2009-97
RESOLUTION
Cancellation of Taxes
Block 2704 Lot 13

WHEREAS, the following property has outstanding property taxes for 2009;

WHEREAS, this outstanding amount occurred due to the Township of Mansfield acquiring the property on October 13, 2009;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield this 23rd day of December 2009 that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to cancel the following taxes:

Block 2704 Lot 13
Township of Mansfield
56 Jackson St.
2009 - \$374.17

Mr. Tomaszewski made a motion to approve the passage of Resolution 2009-97, 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:

Mayor Jewell asked about the property that he believes is on the foreclosure list it is block 1404 lot 8 and asked if the township would be interested in selling to Heritage Conservancy for \$1 this property is adjacent to the property that they have acquired and can really be used for nothing else.

Mr. Baldwin stated that he was contacted by Jim Travis, Sasco Insurance and that he was inquiring if the Township would be interested in switching brokers for insurance since Mrs. Cooper was retiring from Brown and Brown. Mr. Baldwin explained that Mr. Travis would like to meet with the Township Committee to discuss what he has to offer.

Mr. Baldwin stepped down for the engineering discussion.

Mr. Watters explained that the interviews were held for the engineering position and that he would like to see us move forward with Criterium DiSessa.

Ms. Nerbak stated that she was present for the interviews also and that she would like to see us move forward with Harold Pellow and Associates and that she is pleased with their work thus far on the park project.

Mayor Jewell stated that he has worked with Mr. DiSessa previously and that he would like to see us move forward with hiring him.

Mr. Watters made a motion to hire Drew DiSessa, Criterium DiSessa Engineers, for a period of one year, which was seconded by Mr. Tomaszewski.

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

Nays: Ms. Nerbak

Absent: None

Abstain: Mr. Baldwin

Mayor Jewell stated that we would need to choose two of the committee members for the subcommittee for engineering.

The township committee agreed that Mayor Jewell and Mr. Baldwin would be on the Engineering Subcommittee to meet with the two engineers to go over the transition issues.

Ms. Campbell advised that we will need to contact the Townships insurance company to find out how much insurance coverage that we need to have a certificate for from the new engineer.

Mr. Baldwin made a motion to adjourn at 8:39.