

MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

May 9, 2012

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: Mrs. Kocher, Mr. Smith, Mr. Watters, Mr. Clancy, Mayor Tomaszewski

Salute to the flag was done by all.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Mr. Watters made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on April 25, 2012 with corrections, which was seconded by Mayor Tomaszewski.

Ayes: Mr. Smith, Mr. Watters, Mr. Clancy, Mrs. Kocher, Mayor Tomaszewski

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Mr. Watters asked about the bill for the new cleaning company on page four and asked if it was for two cleanings per week.

Mrs. Fascenelli stated that the price is lower because they haven't been cleaning for a whole month yet, so it's a partial payment and the next payment will be full price.

Mrs. Kocher stated that she got an email about the bill list addendum for the tax collector and that she didn't okay it, so wondered why it is on the addendum.

Mrs. Kocher stated that we agreed to pay for the conference, but not the room as of now. Mrs. Kocher stated that if we have the money in training, we should pay for it.

Mrs. Fascenelli stated that there is money available for training.

Mr. Watters asked what account it comes out of.

Mrs. Fascenelli stated that it is the Tax Revenue account.

Mr. Watters asked about a DPW bill on page five for a mechanical push button panic bar.

Mayor Tomaszewski stated that it is for the police department to get in and out of the building because they don't use the trailer anymore.

Mr. Watters made a motion to approve the bill list with the addendum, which was seconded by Mayor Tomaszewski.

Ayes: Mr. Watters, Mr. Clancy, Mrs. Kocher, Mr. Smith, Mayor Tomaszewski

Nays: None

Absent: None
Abstain: None

FINANCE REPORT:

Mrs. Fascenelli stated at the previous meeting that Garden Solar was interested in us and the school. Mrs. Fascenelli stated that she left a message with Tim Ferguson on April 17th and the Clerk sent out an email on May 2nd, but not sure if any responses have been made.

Mrs. Fascenelli stated that the committee had information in their packet regarding the Green Living Festival on July 14th at the Rock Spring Park and Dove Environmental will be there representing us as an educational specialist.

Mr. Watters stated that it was a part of our green communities' obligation.

CLERKS REPORT:

Ms. McGarity stated that no bids were received for the mowing and that the bonding was an issue for people.

Mayor Tomaszewski stated that bonding should be taken out and should have 30 days to put out the bid.

Mr. Lavery stated the performance bond is for liability, so if there is a default, there is no loss.

Mrs. Kocher asked what if they cut the lawn too short and ruin it.

Mr. Smith stated if they ruin the property, we would take action against the contractor and that they would still have to do a voucher every month and contractors don't want to do a bond. The performance bond is for performance.

Mr. Lavery stated that they are still required to be insured.

Mayor Tomaszewski made a motion to cancel the bond and to give 30 days to respond to the advertisement, which was seconded by Mr. Watters.

Ayes: Mr. Clancy, Mrs. Kocher, Mr. Smith, Mr. Watters, Mayor Tomaszewski
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

ENGINEERS REPORT:

Mr. DiSessa discussed a back-up generator. Mr. DiSessa stated that he did a load test for the municipal building on Tuesday to get idea of usages with everything running, including light, the air conditioner, and all the computers on.

Mr. DiSessa stated that decisions need to be made before specs are put together.

Mr. DiSessa stated that 200 amps when everything is being used including the condenser, which is equal to 75kw generator, run on diesel and the tank is on the generator.

Mr. DiSessa asked how long we want the generator to be self-sustaining to figure out what tank size we want.

Mr. Watters stated that he saw specs that showed it running for six to seven days.

Mr. DiSessa stated that it would probably need a large tank for that. He stated that one spec has 589 gallons with a run time of 61 hours and we have a quote for an 80kw.

Mr. Smith asked if they have external tanks.

Mr. DiSessa stated that they do and are built underneath the unit. Mr. DiSessa stated that 172 amps with the air conditioning running, and the code it to bump it up another 20%. Mr. DiSessa stated that we could use a 50kw if we don't use the air conditioner condenser.

Mr. Smith stated that it is better if we do an 80kw in case the building ever expands so we're equipped to handle it.

Mr. DiSessa stated that he looked at putting it by the dumpster outside of the police department.

Mr. Watters stated that exhaust coming out is cleaner than what's coming in.

Mr. DiSessa stated that there are options for noise enclosures.

Mr. Clancy stated that we can adapt to the situation.

Mr. DiSessa stated that we should keep the standard enclosure.

Mr. Watters stated that that we need to consider what the DPW guys do and maybe put the pad in. Mr. Watters suggested that Mr. DiSessa contact Brent if there is anything the DPW can do to drop the cost.

Mr. DiSessa stated that he can size it for five to six days at a time for run-time.

Mr. Clancy stated that at night it will cycle down.

Mr. DiSessa stated that it kicks on and off automatically.

Mr. Watters stated that it can be set up to three times a month to test it.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Don Proefrock, 50 Slope Drive stated that two weeks ago at the budget hearing he had two questions that remain unanswered. The first was on page 43 in Open Space work.

Mr. Watters stated that it was a mistake on Mr. Ferry's part and has been fixed; they collected \$2 million and change.

Mr. Proefrock stated his second question was regarding absences and value of the hour from \$34 to \$58. He stated that last year people were let go that were high priced. If that was true, we should hire another policeman because we have extra dollars.

Mr. Proefrock stated that the township had two accountants here last meeting and couldn't answer his question.

Mr. Watters asked Mrs. Fascenelli if she can ask Andrew to send Mr. Proefrock an email and that Andrew is very good at explaining these items.

Mr. Proefrock stated that the vote was split two weeks ago and the issue was additional police.

Mr. Clancy stated that they were replacements, not additional police because only one was replaced.

Mr. Proefrock stated if there is money there, we should be able to hire a police officer.

Mr. Watters stated that there was still one officer paid into this year.

Mr. Proefrock stated that part of the 860 hours; he doesn't understand the increase in the rate.

Mr. Watters stated that he would make sure Andrew will get back to him and explain.

Mr. Proefrock stated that he relies on the website and that the March 23rd minutes posted were the minutes from March 2011.

Mr. Proefrock stated that the minutes from April 11th about ordinance 2011-09 has an enforcement and penalty clause. He wanted to know who enforces certain ordinances.

LIETENANTS REPORT:

Lt. Reilly had nothing to report.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Steve Stark, Route 57 in Beattystown stated that he wants the committee to be aware of the property on Kings Hwy in Washington Twp, Morris County in the industrial zone.

Mr. Stark stated that the zoning board was seeking options on possibly changing the zone to residential, maybe senior housing or 150 townhomes. He stated that 31 trips per house is estimated, most of the traffic will be exiting Kings Hwy onto Route 57.

Mr. Stark asked if they notify us as an adjacent township.

Mr. Stark asked the committee to try to dissuade the zoning change.

Mayor Tomaszewski stated that they would have to do traffic studies.

Mr. Stark stated that 42 acres on Kings Hwy is USR Optonix facility.

Mayor Tomaszewski stated that there is a meeting on May 14th at Washington Township on soil disturbance.

Mr. Lavery stated that they have to notify the neighboring municipalities and any house within 200 feet.

Mr. Stark stated that there have been a few accidents on Route 57 the last couple of weeks and it's getting worse and asked if there was any way to get more police presence at the Airport Road intersection.

Mr. Stark stated that there are a lot of people running red lights and cars pulling off of 57 onto Airport Road crossing over the double lines. He lives in a house on the corner on the west bound side and is afraid there will be a horrible accident at that location.

Mr. Stark asked if we could look at having more police presence in that area or if the state can be involved in a letter of recommendation to drop the speed level because there is a lot of speeding.

Mayor Tomaszewski stated that the police sit on Route 57 in Beattystown.

Mr. Stark has seen them, but does not think that is enough and since Mansfield Commons went in, the quality of life has decreased and the taxes have increased.

Mayor Tomaszewski stated that we are only responsible for 17% of the taxes and they appealed their taxes.

Mr. Watters suggested that he speak to Lt. Reilly to see what he is doing.

Mr. Stark stated that due to the high impact on people and police, the burden should be on the entity that causes the disruption.

Mayor Tomaszewski stated that an option would be red light cameras.

RESOLUTION:

2012-43 2012 Annual Budget

Mr. Watters made a motion to approve the passage of Resolution 2012-43, which was seconded by Mayor Tomaszewski.

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

Nays: Mrs. Kocher, Mr. Clancy

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Mr. Smith asked Mrs. Kocher and Mr. Clancy why they did not want to adopt the budget.

Mr. Clancy stated that he wanted to replace the two officers.

Mr. Smith stated that we are moving toward hiring more.

Mrs. Kocher stated that we lost three high paying salaries and pensions so we should be able to hire more officers with those savings.

Mr. Smith stated that we are trying to get our feet on the ground.

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD
SUPPORTING THE CLICK IT OR TICKET MOBILIZATION
OF MAY 21-JUNE 3, 2011
2012-44

WHEREAS, a large percentage of the motor vehicle occupants killed in traffic crashes were not wearing a safety belt; and

WHEREAS, use of a safety belt remains the most effective way to avoid death and serious injury in a motor vehicle crash; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey will participate in the nationwide Click It or Ticket safety belt mobilization from May 21 to June 3, 2012 in an effort to raise awareness and increase safety belt usage through a combination of enforcement and education; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Highway Traffic Safety has set a goal of increasing the safety belt usage rate in the state from the current level of 94.51% to 100%; and

WHEREAS, a further increase in safety belt usage in New Jersey will save lives on our roadways;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Mansfield hereby declares it's support for the Click It or Ticket safety belt mobilization program both locally and nationally from May 21 to June 3, 2012, pledges to increase awareness of the mobilization and the benefits of seat belt use and accepts a grant for the same in the amount of \$4000.00 to be used for 80 hours of overtime enforcement (at \$50/hour) during the two week mobilization period.

Mayor Tomaszewski made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-44, which was seconded by Mr. Clancy.

Ayes: Mr. Smith, Mr. Watters, Mr. Clancy, Mrs. Kocher, Mayor Tomaszewski
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

Mayor Tomaszewski made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss personnel issues at 8:24pm, which was seconded by Mr. Smith.

Ayes: Mrs. Kocher, Mr. Smith, Mr. Watters, Mr. Clancy, Mayor Tomaszewski
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

Mayor Tomaszewski made a motion to return from executive session at 8:33pm, which was seconded by Mr. Watters.

Roll Call: Mr. Smith, Mr. Watters, Mr. Clancy, Mrs. Kocher, Mayor Tomaszewski

Mr. Lavery stated that during the Executive Session where one personnel matter was discussed and no official action was taken.

Mr. Watters made a motion to have Mr. Lavery send a letter to the individual discussed, which was seconded by Mayor Tomaszewski.

Ayes: Mr. Watters, Mr. Clancy, Mrs. Kocher, Mayor Tomaszewski
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

Mayor Tomaszewski opened the Budget Resolution 2012-43 to the public and was closed due to no comments.

COMMITTEE PERSON COMMENTS:

Mr. Smith stated that the internet company has backed out of working with Mansfield because it was offered a full-

time opportunity.

Mr. Smith stated the changes are ready to go, but Jeff Scotti will not be doing those changes. Mr. Smith stated that Internet Cake may handle the changes since they already work with us and will be contacting Chris to see if he can come to the next meeting.

Mrs. Kocher stated that we can bring him in and ask questions, but we don't have ownership of our website and that is a problem.

Mr. Smith stated that we can interview anyone else that's interested and Mr. Scotti will give us a couple more weeks.

Mr. Clancy stated that he and Mrs. Kocher will be meeting with Joe Layton and a representative of Yorkshire Apartments Friday morning at 11am in regards to the COAH money.

Mrs. Kocher stated that if it goes well they will all meet before to go to the planning board.

Mr. Watters stated discussed the electrical contract with Mr. Monetti's Vanguard group.

Mr. Watters stated that the rates have gone down and if we go the next six months, it will go down one penny and we are ready to renew.

Mr. Watters stated we could have Dena contact Mr. Monetti to draw up a new contract if it's okay.

Mr. Watters stated that he felt that two years was too long to go for a contract.

Mr. Watters stated that once you sign the contract you're locked into that rate.

Mrs. Kocher stated that it might be a good idea to ask him what he thinks the trend will be.

Mr. Watters stated that before we sign anything, we should ask Mr. Monetti for an educated guess.

Mr. Watters stated that we should contact Mr. Monetti for the next meeting.

Mr. Watters made a motion to adjourn at 8:40pm, which was carried by all.