

MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

May 10, 2006

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. Oakley, Ms. Nerbak, Mr. Appleby, Mayor Watters all present
Mr. Baldwin absent

Salute to Flag was done by all.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mrs. Oakley made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 10, 2006, seconded by Ms. Nerbak.

Ayes: Mrs. Oakley, Ms. Nerbak, Mr. Appleby, and Mayor Watters
Nays: None
Absent: Mr. Baldwin

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Mrs. Oakley made a motion to approve the bill list with additions, seconded by Mr. Appleby.

Ayes: Mrs. Oakley, Ms. Nerbak, Mr. Appleby, and Mayor Watters
Nays: None
Absent: Mr. Baldwin

PUBLIC PORTION:

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION **TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD** **NUMBER 2006-50**

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A4-87 provides that the Director of the Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and,;

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount, and

WHEREAS, the Township of Mansfield will receive \$2822.21 for a Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund Grant and wishes to amend its 2006 Budget to include a portion of this amount as a revenue

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Mansfield hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2006 in the sum of \$2822.21 that is now available as revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues
Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent
Of the Director of Local Government Services:
Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations:
Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund Grant

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$2822.21 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations
(a) Operations – Excluded from 5% Caps Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues:
Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund Grant

Ms. Nerbak made a motion to approve Resolution 2006-50, seconded Mrs. Oakley.

Ayes: Mrs. Oakley, Ms. Nerbak, Mr. Appleby, and Mayor Watters
Nays: None
Absent: Mr. Baldwin

RESOLUTION
TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD
NUMBER 2006-51

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A4-87 provides that the Director of the Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and,;

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount, and

WHEREAS, the Township of Mansfield will receive \$2117.00 for a Stormwater Grant and wishes to amend its 2006 Budget to include a portion of this amount as a revenue

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Mansfield hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2006 in the sum of \$2177.00 that is now available as revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues
Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent
Of the Director of Local Government Services:
Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations:
Stormwater Grant

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$2177.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations
(b) Operations – Excluded from 5% Caps Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues:
Stormwater Grant

Made a motion to approve Resolution 2006-51, seconded by

Ayes: Mrs. Oakley, Ms. Nerbak, Mr. Appleby, and Mayor Watters

Nays: None

Absent: Mr. Baldwin

Resolution 2006-53

RESOLUTION OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES

WHEREAS, the following taxpayer has an overpayment for 2005 property taxes;

WHEREAS, Panthea Manley is the owner of Block 2811, Lot 16, also know as, 25 Gulick Street;

AND WHEREAS, Mrs. Manley qualifies for a Disability Deduction;

AND WHEREAS, Mrs. Manley had cause to record a deed adding her son to the ownership in 2004;

AND WHEREAS, the disability credit was inadvertently removed for 2005;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOL VED. by the Committee of the Township of Mansfield this 11th day of May 2006 that the Tax Collector and Finance Officer may refund the following tax amount:

***Block 2811, Lot 16
Panthea Manley
25 Gulick Street
Port Murray, NJ 07865
\$250.00***

Ms. Nerbak made a motion to approve Resolution 2006-53, seconded by Mrs. Oakley

Ayes: Mrs. Oakley, Ms. Nerbak, Mr. Appleby, and Mayor Watters

Nays: None

Absent: Mr. Baldwin

RESOLUTION TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD NUMBER 2006-55

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A4-87 provides that the Director of the Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and,;

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount, and

WHEREAS, the Township of Mansfield will receive \$5000.00 for a PCFA of Warren County Grant and wishes to amend its 2006 Budget to include a portion of this amount as a revenue

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Mansfield hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2006 in the sum of \$5000.00

that is now available as revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues
Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent
Of the Director of Local Government Services:
Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations:
PCFA of Warren County Grant

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$5000.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations
(c) Operations – Excluded from 5% Caps Public and Private Programs Offset by
Revenues:
PCFA of Warren County Grant

Ms. Nerbak made a motion to approve Resolution 2006-55, seconded by Mrs. Oakley.

Ayes: Mrs. Oakley, Ms. Nerbak, Mr. Appleby, and Mayor Watters

Nays: None

Absent: Mr. Baldwin

RESOLUTION
TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD
NUMBER 2006-56

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A4-87 provides that the Director of the Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and,;

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount, and

WHEREAS, the Township of Mansfield will receive \$13,226.94 for a Clean Communities Grant and wishes to amend its 2006 Budget to include a portion of this amount as a revenue

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Mansfield hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2006 in the sum of \$13,226.94

that is now available as revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues
Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent
Of the Director of Local Government Services:
Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations:
Clean Communities Grant

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$13,226.94 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations
(d) Operations – Excluded from 5% Caps Public and Private Programs Offset by
Revenues:
Clean Communities Grant

Ms. Nerbak made a motion to approve Resolution 2006-56, seconded by Mrs. Oakley.

Ayes: Mrs. Oakley, Ms. Nerbak, Mr. Appleby, and Mayor Watters

Nays: None

Absent: Mr. Baldwin

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-57

**APPOINTMENTS TO CERTAIN MUNICIPAL OFFICES AND POSITIONS FOR THE YEAR
2006:**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following person to the following respective municipal offices and/or positions of the Township of Mansfield:

Public Works Driver/Laborer Harry Appleby, Jr.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above listed employee would be hired at a salary of \$30,000, with a start date of May 29, 2006.

Ms. Nerbak made a motion to approve 2006-57, seconded by Mrs. Oakley.

Ayes: Mrs. Oakley, Ms. Nerbak, Mr. Appleby, and Mayor Watters

Nays: None

Absent: Mr. Baldwin

RESOLUTION
TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD
NUMBER 2006-58

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A4-87 provides that the Director of the Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and,;

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount, and

WHEREAS, the Township of Mansfield will receive \$4,000.00 for a Click It or Ticket Grant and wishes to amend its 2006 Budget to include a portion of this amount as a revenue

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Mansfield hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2006 in the sum of \$4,000.00

that is now available as revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues

Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent

Of the Director of Local Government Services:

Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations:

Click It or Ticket Grant

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$4,000.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations

(e) Operations – Excluded from 5% Caps Public and Private Programs Offset by

Revenues:

Click It or Ticket Grant

Ms. Nerbak made a motion to approve Resolution 2006-58, seconded by Mrs. Oakley.

Ayes: Mrs. Oakley, Ms. Nerbak, Mr. Appleby, and Mayor Watters

Nays: None

Absent: Mr. Baldwin

RESOLUTION ADOPTING CLICK IT OT TICKET PROGRAM
TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD
NUMBER 2006-59

WHEREAS, there was 757 motor vehicle fatalities in New Jersey in 2005; and

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 National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that \$135,000 lives were saved by safety belt usage nationally between 1975-2000; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey will participate in the nationwide Click It or Ticket safety belt mobilization from May 22 to June 4, 2006 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 86% to 88%; 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 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.

Ms. Nerbak made a motion to approve Resolution 2006-59, seconded by Mrs. Oakley.

Ayes: Mrs. Oakley, Ms. Nerbak, Mr. Appleby, and Mayor Watters

Nays: None

Absent: Mr. Baldwin

TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD
RESOLUTION NO. 2006-60

WHEREAS, it is necessary to make change for the public when payments are made; and

WHEREAS, the municipal court has expressed a need for a change fund in order to better serve the public;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, Warren County, New Jersey, that a change fund for the following department be set as follows:

Municipal Court

\$200.00

Ms. Nerbak made a motion to approve Resolution 2006-60, seconded by Ms. Oakley.

Ayes: Mrs. Oakley, Ms. Nerbak, Mr. Appleby, and Mayor Watters

Nays: None

Absent: Mr. Baldwin

**TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD
COUNTY OF WARREN
RESOLUTION NO. 2006-61**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD,
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY IN REGARD TO CERTIFICATION OF THE LOCAL TAX
LEVY FOR THE WARREN HILLS REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Warren Hills Regional School District presented to the voters, at the annual School Election held on April 18, 2006, a question concerning the tax levy requirements for the said Board of Education for current expenses and capital outlay, designated as the General Fund, in the amount of \$16,991,299; and

WHEREAS, the voters of Mansfield Township rejected the current expense and capital outlay budget designated as the General Fund, by a vote of 272 Yes votes and 349 No votes; and

WHEREAS, the total votes cast of the four municipalities comprising the Warren Hills Regional School District rejected the current expense and capital outlay budget, designated as the General Fund by a total vote of 866 Yes votes and 1034 No votes; and

WHEREAS, the same Warren Hills Regional School Board of Education transmitted an official copy of the rejected current expense and capital outlay budget designated as the General Fund and documentation to the Township Committee of the Township by April 21, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield have reviewed information on the current expense and capital outlay budget, designated as the General Fund as submitted by the said Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, a joint meeting of the mayors (or designated representatives) of the four municipalities was held on May 4, 2006, to discuss the current expense and capital outlay budget, designated in the General Fund; and

WHEREAS, careful consideration has been given to the information received from the Board of Education, with a view toward providing a thorough and efficient system of education in the school system of the Warren Hills Regional School District.

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

1. The tax levy amount of \$16,991,299 on the ballot was rejected by the voters for the General Fund (base budget);
2. The Mayor and Township Committee has determined that the rejected General Fund is above the maximum T & E budget and that a reduction of \$75,000 will not adversely affect the Board of Education's ability to meet the thoroughness and efficiency standard as set forth in N.J.A.C. 6:19-5.5(a)(3). Therefore, the Mayor and Township Committee hereby reduce the General Fund tax levy by \$75,000. It is recommended that such reductions come from the following line-item accounts:

Account No.	Account	Reduction
11-000-218-104	Guidance Salaries	\$ 11,000
11-140-100-101	High School Salaries	\$ 10,000
11-000-252-100	Information Technology Salaries	\$ 20,000
11-401-100-100	Extra-curricular Activities	\$ 13,365
11-000-222-600	Library Supplies	\$ 3,900
11-000-222-300	Library Tech Services	\$ 2,000
11-190-100-106	Other Salaries - summer	\$ 3,035
11-000-270-512	Contracted Transportation	\$ 5,000
11-000-270-161	Transportation Salaries (field trips)	\$ 6,000
11-000-213-600	Health Supplies	\$ 700

In consideration of these reductions, the tax levy will be adjusted as follows:

\$16,991,299	presented to the voters
\$ 75,000	above reductions
\$16,916,299	certified tax levy amount

2. The Mayor and Township Committee hereby certifies that the amount of the tax levy herein above certified by this Municipal Government for the General fund (base budget) is sufficient to provide a thorough and efficient system of education for the Warren Hills Regional School District.
3. The aforementioned tax levy herein certified by the Township of Mansfield for the base budget exceeds the local share required by the Comprehensive Educational Improvement and Financing Act of 1996.
4. The Township Clerk of the Township of Mansfield is directed to certify no later than Friday, May 19, 2006, to the Warren County Board of Taxation, the Warren County Superintendent of Schools, the Warren Hills Regional School District Board of Education, the Mansfield Township Tax Assessor, the Division of Local Finance of the Department of the Treasury of the State of New Jersey, and to any other parties required by law to receive such certification, that the amount of \$16,916,299 is necessary to be raised by taxation for General Fund revenues (District tax levy); a proportionate amount of which shall be included in the taxes to be raised, levied and collected in this Township for current expense and capital outlay, designated as General Fund set forth herein, for the Warren Hills Regional School District; and copies of this Resolution, to be executed by the Mayor and Township Clerk, shall be forwarded by the Township Clerk of the persons and/or departments named herein, for certification purposes.

Ms. Nerbak made a motion to approve Resolution 2006-61, seconded by Mayor Watters.

Ayes: Ms. Nerbak, Mr. Appleby, and Mayor Watters
 Nays: Mrs. Oakley
 Absent: Mr. Baldwin

ORDINANCES:

Upon a motion by Ms. Nerbak and a second by Mr. Appleby Ordinance 2006-16 was presented by title only.

**ORDINANCE 2006-16
 TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD
 WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

**ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PRIVATE SALE OF CERTAIN LAND
OWNED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, WARREN COUNTY, NEW
JERSEY KNOWN AS BLOCK 2712 LOT 12**

Ms. Nerbak made a motion to approve Ordinance 2006-16 for its first reading and requested that the public hearing be scheduled for May 24, 2006 and advertised, seconded by Mr. Appleby.

Ayes: Mrs. Oakley, Ms. Nerbak, Mr. Appleby, and Mayor Watters

Nays: None

Absent: Mr. Baldwin

SECOND READING:

Upon a motion by Mrs. Oakley Ordinance 2006-15 was presented to the public for public hearing, seconded by Mr. Appleby.

ORDINANCE 2006-15
TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

**ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PRIVATE SALE OF CERTAIN LAND
OWNED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, WARREN COUNTY, NEW
JERSEY KNOWN AS BLOCK 2712 LOT 14**

WHEREAS, the following property owned by the Township of Mansfield is not needed for public purposes;
Block 2712 Lot 14

and

WHEREAS, Diane Tyson, a contiguous owner of property to Block 2712 Lot 14 has offered the assessed value of said property, \$4600, to purchase the same; and

WHEREAS, all other contiguous owners have been offered the same price and have shown no interest in purchasing the same;

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Township of Mansfield to sell this property at private sale to Diane Tyson;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. Block 2712 Lot 14 on the Tax Map of the Township of Mansfield is not needed for public purposes.
2. The Mayor and Clerk of the Township of Mansfield, in consideration of and receipt of the sum of \$4,600.00 to be paid in hand by Diane Tyson, shall and are hereby authorized to convey title and execute such further documents deemed necessary by the Municipal Attorney to satisfactorily transfer Block 2712 Lot 14 as depicted on the Tax Map of the Township of Mansfield, said property to be conveyed subject to existing encumbrances, liens, zoning regulations, easements, other restrictions, such facts as an accurate survey would reveal and any present assessments for the construction of improvements benefiting said property.

3. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon publication as required by law.

Mrs. Oakley made a motion to approve the passage of Ordinance 2006-15, seconded by Mr. Appleby.

Ayes: Mrs. Oakley, Ms. Nerbak, Mr. Appleby, and Mayor Watters

Nays: None

Absent: Mr. Baldwin

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

COMMITTEE PERSON COMMENTS:

Mr. Appleby made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm which was carried by all.