

MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP
BURLINGTON COUNTY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 16, 2022
Zoom Meeting

The regular meeting of the Mansfield Township Committee was held on the above shown date with the following in attendance: **Mayor Marcial Mojena, Deputy Mayor Rudy Ocello, Committeeman Robert Tallon, Committeeman Daniel Golenda, Committeeman Brian Siz, Township Solicitor Tim Prime, Engineer Doug Johnson, CFO Bonnie Grouser, Administrator Michael Fitzpatrick, Deputy Clerk Ashley Jolly and Clerk Linda Semus.**

Clerk Semus read the following opening statement.

“Public notice of this meeting pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act NJSA 10:4-6 to 10:4-21 has been satisfied. Notice of this meeting was properly given via Resolution 2022-1-11. Resolution was transmitted to the Burlington County Times and the Trenton Times, filed with the Clerk of the Township of Mansfield, posted on the official bulletin board at the Municipal Complex, posted on the official website, filed with the members of this body and mailed to each person who has prepaid any charge fixed for such service. All of the mailing, posting and filing having been accomplished as of January 7, 2022.

The Flag Salute was held with a brief moment of silence.

Mayor Mojena explained that there is a change in the format of the meeting to enable Department Heads to present their reports.

DEPARTMENT/BOARD REPORTS

a. Police Department Report

Chief Mulhall spoke of an incident last night when there was an attempted burglary at a home on Millennium Drive early this morning. Suspects tried to enter the house through the garage door but were scared away by the resident. This is the second incident of this nature in a three week span. **Chief Mulhall** wanted the community to make sure to lock their doors for the home as well as the vehicles. He advised anyone noticing something suspicious to call the police department. In another case, they received a complaint from Northern Burlington’s Transportation Department about vehicles passing stopped school buses on the route in Country Walk. He asked for residents to contact the police department if they see this violation occurring. **Chief Mulhall** advised the Committee that, since two officers had retired last year who were certified test operators, to fill that capacity, two officers have been enrolled in the course to be certified. Both will be completed by the end of this week. Two new officers have been hired and are completing the Field Training and Evaluation Program. **Chief Mulhall** noted that there is a water main project slated to be installed starting February 22nd in the DOT right-of-way on Route 206, primarily at night. It will involve a reduction in the number of lanes, one in each direction with a lane shift. He wanted the public to be aware of this in their travels. **Chief Mulhall** acknowledged the members of the Local Girl Scout Troup 29459 who made Valentine cards for the Police Officers, a thoughtful and kind gesture.

Mayor Mojena added that he too experienced an attempted break in and advised the public to lock their cars and report anything suspicious.

b. Fire Prevention/OEM Report

Doug Borgstrom said they have completed required inspections, rental renewals, home resale inspections, on-going security upgrades to the fire station security systems, camera replacement, IT upgrades, replacement CD’s ordered, network upgrades, and fire investigation that had a civilian injury report. For Emergency Management, they submitted a Tropical Storm Grant Submittal for a storm that occurred August 4, 2020 to FEMA for a possible reimbursement for from 6 to 10 thousand dollars from the Federal Government for damages that were sustained on that date. They are preparing to enter into an EMAA grant from FEMA that will make them eligible for a \$10,000 annual grant for basically doing more paper work as a local emergency management agency. He has requested traffic warning signs for the Field Day parade from the County OEM. They are also working on refining their data collection for weather related emergencies.

c. EMS Report

George Senf reported that, for the month of January, they ran 255 calls, the most the squad has run for a month. Many were due to the COVID surge. This has led to use of more supplies. Grants had been received through the Federal Government which has been a huge help. They made a presentation to a Girl Scout Troup which will help them get their First Aid badge. They are willing to assist with other groups. They hope to do more training including community education such as CPR classes. The Girl Scout Troup also gave them Valentine cards which they appreciated.

d. Engineer’s Report

Doug Johnson reported that the NJDOT had notified the township of potential road work on Route 206 and Route 68. Some of the capital projects under construction include Mill Lane culvert replacement although there have been delays. Planning Board projects include on-going warehouse construction. The sanitary force main extension from the warehouse on Aaronson Road and Route 206 is being started, most being done on the grass area off the roadway. Some traffic control may be required. The owners of the Vanco Property want to get started on the demolition of the existing building. Coordination between the township and the owner is planned to have a pre-construction meeting for the demolition.

Committeeman Golenda questioned the procedure for inspections and whether he had a check list of things he looks for. **Engineer Johnson** explained his procedure making sure inspectors follow the standards in compliance with the approved plans. He further explained their inspection procedures which, if not followed, then Soil Conservation is contacted. **Engineer Johnson** gave further explanation of the procedures for development and what is allowed before plans and resolutions are approved and escrow and bond is posted in accordance with the Land Use Law. **Attorney Prime** further explained the procedure of development. **Engineer Johnson** went into more detail about the approvals and how inspections are completed.

e. DWP Report

Brendon Metz said picnic tables and benches were installed in the Community Park, funded by a CDBG grant. Construction on the second floor has started. General maintenance has been done on the generators. A leak in the hallway of the court office has been fixed. The Energy Audit is being completed for the heating and air conditioning and the lights. A new pedestrian walkway signs have been installed in Country Walk. One by Dunkin Donuts is pending.

**ORDINANCE:
FIRST READING/INTRODUCTION**

ORDINANCE 2022 – 4

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY REPEALING AND DELETING MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP CODE, ARTICLE VI, “IMPROVEMENTS”, SECTION 50-40 “CONSTRUCTION PRIOR TO FINAL APPROVAL” AND ADOPTING AND REPLACING IT WITH A NEW SECTION 50-40 “CONSTRUCTION PROHIBITED PRIOR TO RECEIPT OF ALL REQUIRED OUTSIDE AGENCY APPROVALS.”

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, in the County of Burlington and State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION ONE: Mansfield Township Code, Article VI “Improvements”, Section 50-40 "Construction Prior to Final Approval" is hereby deleted and repealed.

SECTION TWO: There is hereby adopted a new Mansfield Township Code, Article VI, “Improvements”, Section 50-40 as follows:

“§50-40: Construction Prohibited Prior to Receipt of All Required Outside Agency Approvals.

- A. Unless authorized by the Township Committee as set forth in subsection B, below, no construction of site improvements, including clearing, grading, drainage or other improvements for any application for development approved by the Township shall be permitted until all outside agency approvals for the development are obtained.
- B. A majority of the Township Committee may grant an exemption and authorize the initial construction of site improvements, including clearing, grading, drainage or other improvements (but not construction permits issued by the Construction Code Official) based on a written request by a developer, setting forth the improvements proposed to be constructed, the status of any remaining outside agency approvals and any hardship claim by the developer to justify the granting of an exemption by the Township Committee.
- C. If a majority of the Township Committee agrees to provide an exemption hereunder, no construction can take place unless and until all of the following conditions are satisfied.
 - (a) The developer submits a “hold harmless” letter in the form provided by the Township Attorney indemnifying the Township from any liability for the construction of improvements prior to the receipt of all required outside agency approvals.
 - (b) The developer post the required inspection escrows to pay for the inspection of the improvements that are authorized by the Township Engineer.

- (c) The developer posts a “Safety and Stabilization” performance guarantee pursuant to New Jersey Municipal Land Use Law for the purpose of restoring property that has been disturbed to a safe and stable condition.
- (d) The developer completes a pre-construction conference with the Township Engineer.

REPEALER, SEVERABILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATE

- A. Any and all Ordinances and provisions thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance shall be and are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency
- B. If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision and the remainder of this ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.
- C. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication according to law.

A motion was offered by **Committeeman Tallon** and second by **Committeeman Golenda** to introduce Ordinance 2022-4 and hold the public hearing on March 2, 2022.

Committeeman Tallon commented that the DEP, in the midst of losing employees, is expecting the community to take on more responsibility to watch what is going on. He felt this ordinance is a good thing to do.

Attorney Prime advised the Committee to discuss this more fully during the Public Hearing.

A Roll Call Vote was taken on the Ordinance as follows:

AYE: TALLON, GOLEND, SISZ, OCELLO, MOJENA
NAY: NONE ABSENT: NONE ABSTAIN: NONE

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was offered by **Committeeman Sisz** and second by **Deputy Mayor Ocello** to approve the following Consent Agenda. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, recorded as follows:

AYE: SISZ, OCELLO, TALLON, GOLEND, MOJENA
NAY: NONE ABSENT: NONE ABSTAIN: NONE

RESOLUTION 2022-2-14

**RESOLUTION TO AMEND RESOLUTIONS 2022-1-25 AND
 2022-1-26 “RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
 MANSFIELD, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY,
 SETTING THE 2022 TEMPORARY BUDGET”**

WHEREAS, Section 40A-4-19 provides that temporary appropriations may be made to provide for the period between the beginning of the budget year and the date of adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the date of this resolution is within the first thirty days of the 2022 budget year; and

WHEREAS, the total of the following temporary appropriations does not exceed 26.25% of the total amount of the appropriations made for all purposes in the 2021 budget (exclusive of Debt Service, Capital Improvement Fund and Public Assistance).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, at a meeting held February 16, 2022 that the following temporary appropriations be made and that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer after adoption.

Current Fund

<u>Department</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A&E: Salary and Wages	28,750.00
A&E: Miscellaneous	5,000.00
M&C: Salary & Wage	8,500.00
CLERK: Salary & Wage	31,250.00
CLERK: Miscellaneous	37,500.00
FIN: Salary & Wage	42,000.00
FIN: Miscellaneous	8,500.00
AUDIT: Miscellaneous	5,000.00
TAX C: Salary & Wage	18,500.00
TAX C: Miscellaneous	5,000.00
TAX A: Salary & Wage	10,000.00
TAX A: Miscellaneous	5,000.00
LEGAL: Miscellaneous	30,000.00

ENG: Miscellaneous	25,000.00
PLAN: Miscellaneous	4,000.00
LAND USE: Salary & Wage	8,500.00
LAND USE: Miscellaneous	700.00
OCE: PM: Salary & Wage	2,000.00
OCE: PM: Miscellaneous	100.00
ZONING OFFICER: Salary & Wage	2,075.00
ZONING OFFICER: Miscellaneous	1,000.00
LIABINS: Liability Insurance	20,000.00
WCOMP: Workers Compensation	40,000.00
EMPLOYER GROUP Health Insurance	100,000.00
POLICE: Salary & Wages	375,000.00
POLICE: Miscellaneous	28,000.00
EMGMT: Salary & Wage	3,250.00
EMGMT: Miscellaneous	1,900.00
AID TO FIRE COMPANIES: Miscellaneous	20,000.00
AID TO AMBULANCE: Miscellaneous	23,350.00
EMS: Salary & Wage	17,500.00
EMS: Miscellaneous	1,500.00
OCE: FIRE: Salary & Wage	9,500.00
OCE: FIRE: Miscellaneous	7,500.00
PROS: Other Professional	7,000.00
ROAD: Salary & Wage	93,000.00
ROAD: Miscellaneous	75,000.00
SWASTE: Miscellaneous	56,000.00
RECYCLING: Salary & Wage	2,350.00
B&G: Miscellaneous	24,250.00
VMAINT: Miscellaneous	15,000.00
COMMUNITY SERVICES: Miscellaneous	15,250.00
PHEALTH: Salary & Wage	400.00
PHEALTH: Miscellaneous	700.00
ANIMAL: Miscellaneous	950.00
RECREATION: Salary & Wage	3,000.00
RECREATION: Miscellaneous	6,000.00
PARKS: Miscellaneous	16,500.00
CPEVNT: Miscellaneous	750.00
ELEC: Miscellaneous	25,000.00
SLIGHT: Miscellaneous	33,000.00
TELE: Miscellaneous	12,000.00
WATER: Miscellaneous	15,000.00
PETRO: Gasoline	7,500.00
LANDFILL: Miscellaneous	40,000.00
FICA: Employer Liability	50,000.00
DCRP: Miscellaneous	2,000.00
COURT: Salary & Wage	50,000.00
COURT: Miscellaneous	7,500.00
INTERLOCAL: SW Springfield Court	8,175.00
INTERLOCAL: SW Southampton Court	12,500.00
INTERLOCAL: Miscellaneous	2,500.00
PUBD: Other Professional	2,500.00
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	10,000.00
JIF SAFETY: Miscellaneou	1,000.00
ENVIRONMENTAL: Salary & Wage	500.00
ENVIRONMENTAL: Miscellaneous	1,000.00
TOTAL	\$1,522,200.00

Utility Fund

Operating Expenses

\$ 11,000.00

RESOLUTION 2022-2-15

RESOLUTION FOR THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS IN THE CURRENT FUND IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD FOR THE BUDGET YEAR 2021

BE IT RESOLVED on this 16th day of February, 2022 by the Township Committee for the Township of Mansfield, County of Burlington, that from the surplus balance in the 2021 budget appropriations transfers be made as follows:

CURRENT FUND: Inside the CAP to Inside the CAP
OPERATING EXPENSES AND SALARIES & WAGES

<u>Title</u>		<u>Transfer From</u>	<u>Transfer To</u>
<u>CURRENT FUND</u>			
Police	SW	\$4,000.00	
Plan	OE		\$2,500.00
Police	OE		\$1,500.00
	TOTALS:	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00

RESOLUTION 2022-2-16

RESOLUTION APPROVING PARTICIPATION WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY IN A SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM FOR THE YEAR 2022 ADMINISTERED BY THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY, OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

WHEREAS, the Township of Mansfield wishes to apply for funding of approximately \$16,200.00 with a local match of \$110,809.53 for an approximate project total cost of \$127,009.53 for a project under the State of New Jersey Safe and Secure Communities Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the Mansfield Township Committee has reviewed the accompanying application and has approved said request; and

WHEREAS, the project is a joint effort between the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General, and the Township of Mansfield for the purpose described in the application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mansfield Township Committee that:

1. As a matter of public policy the Township of Mansfield wishes to participate to the fullest extent possible with the Department of Law and Public Safety covering the period of 10/15/2021 through 10/14/2022.
2. The Township of Mansfield is authorized to accept the Sub-award and is accepting the funding of \$16,200 for the purpose described in the application.
3. The Attorney General will receive funds on behalf of the applicant, under sub-award P-22-0319.
4. The New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General, shall be responsible for the receipt and review of the applications for said funds.
5. The New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General, shall initiate allocations to each application as authorized.

RESOLUTION 2022-2-17

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PARTICIPATION IN THE SUSTAINABLE JERSEY MUNICIPAL CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, a sustainable community seeks to optimize quality of life for its residents by ensuring that its environmental, economic and social objectives are balanced and mutually supportive; and

WHEREAS, Mansfield Township strives to save tax dollars, assure clean land, air and water, improve working and living environments as steps to building a sustainable community that will thrive well into the new century; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of Mansfield Township acknowledges that the residents of Mansfield Township desire a stable, sustainable future for themselves and future generations; and

WHEREAS, Mansfield wishes to support a model of government which benefits our residents now and far into the future by exploring and adopting sustainable, economically-sound, local government practices; and

WHEREAS, by endorsing a sustainable path Mansfield Township is pledging to educate itself and community members further about sustainable activities and to develop initiatives supporting sustainable local government practices; and

WHEREAS, as elected representatives of Mansfield Township, the Township Committee acknowledges a significant responsibility to provide leadership to seek and encourage community-based sustainable solutions to strengthen Mansfield Township.

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

Section 1. To focus attention and effort within Mansfield Township on matters of sustainability, the Township Committee of Mansfield Township wishes to pursue local initiatives and actions that will lead to Sustainable Jersey Municipal Certification.

Section 2. The Township Committee does hereby authorize the Mansfield Township Environmental Commission to serve as Mansfield Township's agent for the Sustainable Jersey Municipal Certification process

and authorizes the Chair and members of the Environmental Commission to complete the Municipal Registration on behalf of Mansfield Township.

Section 3. The Environmental Commission shall provide the Township Committee, through the Township Clerks office, with copies of all correspondence and communications sent and /or received concerning the Sustainable Jersey Certification Program.

**RESOLUTION 2022-2-18
RESOLUTION FOR REFUND OF VETERAN DEDUCTION**

WHEREAS, application for Veteran Deduction was approved and credit applied of \$250.00 applied on 4th Qtr. 2021 on December 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, property homeowner already paid his 4th Qtr. property tax; and

WHEREAS, an overpayment is now on 4th Qtr. and Pradip Patel is due a refund.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey at their regular meeting held on February 16, 2022 hereby authorizes the refunding of the following to Pradip Patel by the Tax Collector.

<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Amount</u>
10.08	44	Pradip Patel	\$250.00

RESOLUTION 2022-2-19

RESOLUTION FOR THE CANCELLATION OF TAXES DUE TO VETERAN EXEMPTION

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A.54:4-3.30A allows for the exemption from taxation from real and personal property for any citizen and resident of the State who has a total or 100% permanent disability as defined by this statute; and

WHEREAS, the properties listed below are owned by a 100% Disabled Veterans.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, hereby memorializes the cancellation of the following taxes for 2022:

<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Amount</u>
10.03	82	Anthony Jennings	\$3,676.11
			(Effective 01/27/22)

RESOLUTION 2022-2-20

RESOLUTION FOR THE REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENTS

WHEREAS, Property Taxes were overpaid on the properties listed below; and

WHEREAS, this overpayments were due to a payment by Corelogic Tax Service., and they are requesting a refund;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey at their regular meeting held on February 16, 2022 hereby authorizes the refunding of the following to Corelogic Tax Service by the Tax Collector.

<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Amount</u>	
23	LaFranco, Barry	\$2,292.45		8
10.03	82	Jenning Anthony	\$1,527.74	
10.05	29	Andrew, Mark	\$1,670.91	
23	14.01 QFarm	Pinto, Frank	\$ 37.92	
29	5	Parks, David	\$1,520.72	
29	12	DJ Real Estate (Michael Casper)	\$1,713.65	
42.31	16	Irvin,Mark	<u>\$2,439.73</u>	
			Tot	\$11,203.12

BILL LIST

A motion was offered by **Deputy Mayor Ocello** and second by **Committeeman Tallon** to pay the bills as submitted. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, recorded as follows:

AYE: OCELLO, TALLON, GOLEND, SISZ, MOJENA
NAY: NONE ABSTAIN: NONE ABSENT: NONE

DISCUSSION ITEMS/ PUBLIC HEARINGS/PRESENTATIONS TO COMMITTEE.

Master Plan

Mayor Mojena explained that a Resolution had been forwarded to update and review the Master Plan. There had been some background work which can become a 2 year project with the assistance of the Land Use Board. Much research has to be done to reflect the future of the township.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Danielle Waldie 27 Millennium Drive, said she was the target of last night's break in. She explained her husband observation of motion followed by 2 men trying to enter the back door followed by use of a crowbar to open the garage door. When a light was turned on in her house, they ran to a car parked at the end of her driveway. Since she has cameras, it was revealed that they took a picture of her key pad which indicates they will be coming back. They

dialled 9-1-1 with immediate response. Since the Waldie's had experienced some problems before, she requested more patrolling in her neighborhood. She asked what is being done going forward. There have been other instances of these individuals in other parts of the community. **Mayor Mojena** spoke of the same type of instance in his home and advised of security precautions.

Tony Quinto, 27 Waverly Drive, was appreciative of the updates of each department. Knowing about the break-ins lead to measures so it doesn't happen again and again.

Joseph VanMater 26954 Mt. Pleasant Road, said he likes the new meeting format wherein Department Heads give up-dates which give people updates on what is going on. He further questioned the source of payment when Remington & Vernick is on site for inspections. Attorney Prime explained the process wherein the developer establishes an escrow account to pay for the inspections. Mr. VanMater then questioned, if money is left over, does it go back to the developer or does the township keep it. He was told remaining unspent moneys is returned to the developer.

Colleen Herbert, 2 Millennium Drive, was glad to hear the reports given during the meeting. She asked that residents are aware of traffic construction and that they be told. Mrs. Herbert spoke of the corner of Island Road and Mansfield Road East and whether someone could address it. **Engineer Johnson** referred to inclement weather and his future inspection of the weather. In referring to possible break-ins, she felt the police do respond when called but asked for more drive-by's in the neighborhoods. She then questioned the new format for the meeting to which **Mayor Mojena** responded.

Kristianne Goodenough, 28126 Gaunt's Bridge Road, agreed with previous speakers and thanked the Department Heads for their time. She questioned **Engineer Johnson** on his comment about improvements on Route 68 and questioned the location. He responded road improvements will be done the entire length of Route 68 although he does not have plans or their time frame. Ms. Goodenough referred to the left turn lane from Route 68, headed toward Route 206 onto Mansfield Road East as it has become very rough. She hoped this is within their plans.

Mayor Mojena said there is more to come on this topic and would like to see the residents informed of the plans.

Dalpat Patel, 525 Route 68, referred to problems on Holly Drive and whether the Township had any plans for repairs. Mr. Patel is to contact Administrator Fitzpatrick with more information.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Mojena advised the public that the Committee is moving forward to getting set up for hybrid meetings. Clerk Semus further explained the progress in moving forward within the next 6 to 8 weeks.

Mayor Mojena said progress is being made on updates to the webpage. **Administrator Fitzpatrick** said exploratory work is being done testing our various websites. We want the new website be beneficial to the residents as well as the town.

Administrator Fitzpatrick noted that we are having trouble in two of our parks inasmuch as we've been cited by JIF two times in regard to the rink used for Roller Hockey as it is dilapidated. It should be fixed or utilized for something else. This has become very expensive. Public Works, as well as himself, feel the rink should be taken down. **Mayor Mojena** felt we should receive feedback from the Mapleton Community to possibly come up with a better purpose. Public Works Supervisor Metz explained the multi issues with the rink including large cracks, posts rotted in the fencing, loose boards, and ripped fence bottoms. **Mayor Mojena** said options should be considered because of safety factors. **Committeeman Golenda** requested a proposal from Mr. Metz to address this immediately to make it as safe as possible in the short term. Mr. Metz said he did have someone look at it and said it would cost about \$130,000 to fix it. At one point, he closed the park up but the kids ripped it down and went back in. This happened again. The other possible use of the area would be for soccer. For now, Mr. Metz said he would like to remove the fence for safety. After brief discussion, Mr. Metz said he would research some things and speak to Administrator Fitzpatrick and give the Committee some options.

Administrator Fitzpatrick referred to Country Walk Park which is not in good condition. Mr. Metz said someone vandalized the playground equipment and brought graffiti removal to remove writings on it. Since the playground equipment is about 20 years old, the slide is cracked, the steps going into the landing is in disrepair, stairs to the platform is starting to split away although these could be used. The slide will have to be removed and this would lead to possibility of children falling. **Mayor Mojena** felt any safety conditions should be remedied. He asked Mr. Metz to provide some options and return to **Administrator Fitzpatrick** after which decisions can be made.

Mayor Mojena thanked all who participated in the meeting including the presentations from the Department Heads.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion was offered by **Committeeman Siz** and second by **Committeeman Tallon** to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

PREPARED BY:

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Barbara A. Crammer
Deputy Clerk

Linda Semus, RMC, CMR
Municipal Clerk