TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD BURLINGTON COUNTY

RESOLUTION 2020-10-1

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT DURING REMOTE MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETINGS

WHEREAS, during the current national and state emergency, the Mansfield Township Committee has been conducting its regular meetings remotely; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with guidance from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs the Township Committee finds that it is the best interests of the public for an orderly process to be established for receiving public comment in accordance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act.

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

- **Section 1.** Persons addressing the Township Committee shall be allowed a maximum of three (3) minutes for comment, and shall not be permitted to comment more than one time. Time cannot be shared with or allotted to other speakers.
- **Section 2.** If the item on which the public comment is addressed is a matter on the Township Committee agenda for which there is a scheduled public hearing, all comments must be addressed to the Township Committee during the public hearing on that matter and not during the general Public Comment period of the Township Committee agenda.
- **Section 3.** Unless relaxed for good cause by the Chair, the total time period of a Township Committee meeting shall not exceed two and one-half hours.
- **Section 4**. Public Comment by way of questions is welcomed. However, in order to preserve time for all public comment, members of the Township Committee may not respond immediately to questions and may respond to questions after the close of the public hearing or the public comment period, during the time allotted for Township Committee comments.

MOTION: CAIN SECOND: MAGEE

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: CAIN, MAGEE, HIGGINS, OCELLO, DIGIUSEPPE

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

CERTIFICATION

I, LINDA SEMUS, RMC, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Mansfield, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and accurate copy of the resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey at a meeting held on October 21, 2020 at 7:00PM at the Mansfield Township Municipal Complex.

LINDA SEMUS, RMC, CMR, Municipal Clerk