

**MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP
BURLINGTON COUNTY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 17, 2022
Via Hybrid**

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 Sisz, 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 which was adopted by the Mansfield Township Committee on January 3, 2022 said Resolution was transmitted to the Burlington County Times, 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 charges 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.

DEPARTMENT/BOARD REPORTS:

- A. **Police Report – Lieutenant Eric Campbell** reporting on behalf of Chief Mulhall for the month of August. On July 29th, 2022 we conducted a focused Traffic Enforcement Detail in the town of Columbus where 28 violators were stopped and a number of summonses were issued. On August 5th, we completed our Tactical Training and Active Tactical Shooter training at a township school and was facilitated by a contingent from the DEA’s Special Response Team and was very beneficial for our personnel.

Vehicle Burglaries- August 4th and 5th suspects have targeted the neighboring towns and ours with a number of vehicle burglaries on August 5th and in the Country Walk development. A pick-up truck was stolen on Public Road that was unlocked with the keys in it. Neighboring townships are experiencing the same type of incidents and we are working with them to follow up on leads and these cases. We experienced additional cases on August 10th in Country Walk which involved burglaries and a theft of a vehicle and on August 11th on Pederson Court. In these incidents, vehicles were locked and no entry was made. Protect your property by removing valuables, removing remote garage door openers and lock your cars and homes. Every vehicle burglary and vehicle theft we have investigated have a common aspect, an unlocked door and a key inside the car. Our officers continue to patrol the township but those patrol efforts are adversely impacted when we have to respond to other calls for service. Locking your vehicle is the single best action you can take to not being a victim. If you see something suspicious, call us immediately.

Traffic Complaints- We have fielded a number of complaints throughout the township and we continue to conduct enforcement in those areas during regular patrolled shifts and additional enforcement detail is scheduled to address the problem areas.

Speed Display Trailer- Is now in service and has been deployed.

Mayor Mojena thanked the department for the report and the good work they are doing. We have seen many positive reports from residents where the police department is taking a proactive approach and thank them for supporting us.

- B. **EMS Report – Mr. Senf** reported that in the month of July the squad did 226 calls for the squad with 111 transports. Over the past couple weeks we have been getting calls for our Follow Life Program with is a magnetic pouch that goes on our refrigerator. Inside that pouch is a form that can be filled out with your name, birth date, medical history, medications you take and emergency contact information. There is also a sticker to be placed on your front door so in the event we have to go to your house, we know you have Follow Life and if you are unable to communicate with us we can get this information. We are running low and are ordering more. Any resident that would like one, please contact me by phone or email and you will be put on the list so we can get it to you as soon as we get them in stock.

New Ambulance - Things are progressing well right now and the way it is looking, it will be in service at the end of September.

- C. **Engineer’s Report – Engineer Johnson** gave a brief update on the 2023 NJDOT trust fund Municipal Aid Grant for Aaronson Road which has been submitted along with all the resolutions. He thanked Clerk Semus for her help in getting everything into their on-line system. We should expect to hear notification this year in November of any award.

He spoke of attending a webinar for a new Grant opportunity for NJDAP which is a Storm Water Resiliency Grant and will coordinate with Administrator Fitzpatrick to see if there is an opportunity to submit something.

Currently we are working on the 2022 NJDOT funds for the resurfacing of a portion of Island Road. We are anticipating plans to be submitted this week for review and approval. Once we have their approval, we can then proceed to advertise that project for construction.

A brief update was given on the JLUB projects including: Margolis Phase II, Forced Main Extension as part of the Warehouse on Rt. 206, Pheasant Run Division, ongoing construction at the Vanco site and Mansfield Realty North - West track.

9:48 Ineligible- Asked if there is an update on the Daycare Center on Rt. 206?

Engineer Johnson responded that he has not heard anything and questioned if anything has been submitted to Solicitor Primes office and that they were supposed to come back and revise plans and possibly go before the JLUB.

Solicitor Prime stated that they were supposed to submit and that Deputy Clerk Jolly confirmed that they have submitted but he does not know where it stands.

10:24 Ineligible- Responded that they put in a new silt fence and then stopped and that they did appear before the JLUB.

Administrator Fitzpatrick explained that the last email stated that they were waiting for some information back from the JLUB engineer. Right now the JLUB has been asked to get back to them.

Solicitor Prime responded that they cannot do any more improvements on the site until they get the final JLUB signoff.

- D. **DPW Report – Administrator Fitzpatrick** on behalf of Frank Parkerson gave an update to the following- spraying of fill dirt on the removed Georgetown hockey rink has been completed and the top soil and seeding will take place in the fall, Georgetown Park's roll-up garage door has been painted to cover the graffiti, trees are still being trimmed along the roadways, annual panic button testing within the municipal building has been completed, oil changes have been completed on all the public works pick-up trucks, the retention pond at Fairmont Drive has been cleaned and a new gate installed, sinkhole repairs, milling of roadways, mowing and maintaining the township parks are ongoing, the soccer field layout has been completed for the recreation program, the clearing of the ditch on Wayne Drive is continuing and they are doing a good job, the pillar to our sign at the municipal complex is back up and we are awaiting the sign to be put up, out falls in town have been cleaned and cleared and the inspection has been performed as per storm regulations.
- E. **Fire Prevention/OEM Report – Chief Borgstrom** on behalf of Chief Dubell explained that there were 2 vehicle fires, 1 equipment fire, 1 brush fire, 1 assist EMS, 8 motor vehicle collisions, 2 gas leaks, 2 wires, 6 assist police department, 1 cover assignment and 10 alarm systems totaling 34 calls. Also noted is that the new command vehicle is in and the Tahoe we ordered last year has been delivered and will go to the vendor for lighting, up fit and radios on the 29th. Also, the new Engine that was purchased for the Fire Department is in production.

Chief Borgstrom reported that the following inspections took place- 6 Uniform Fire Code, 10 re-sales and 3 rentals. We also did public education at the Four Seasons Club House in conjunction with the Sherriff's department to do preparedness and fire safety talks to keep people engaged. We are scheduled for Homestead in September to talk with the Home Owner's Association.

OEM- We had a local emergency management committee meeting in July to satisfy our EMAA Grant obligations and to bring the stakeholders up to speed with the rapid changes being instituted by the NJ State Police. They have control of the office now and are trying to make it efficient and effective. He also added that a drill schedule has been approved for September.

We are working on Grant opportunities, training resources to share with stakeholders and to take out to the community as well as guidelines for operations for our Emergency Management committee in accordance with State policy.

Personal Preparedness- Turn Around Don't Drown information is posted on our townships website and social media. We want people to remember that when it finally rains, the soil is not going to absorb the water like it normally does and we will get flooding. Do not drive through flood water. We ask that our residents prepare now for the season ahead by getting your shovels and salt now as winter is coming.

17:18 Ineligible- Addressed Chief Borgstrom to let him know that on behalf of the Four Seasons Residents, they thank you and all the rest involved in the presentation. They thought it was fabulous and look forward to any other information you have to share in the future and will be glad to have you back.

Chief Borgstrom stated that any community group is welcome to request a presentation. We will be happy to coordinate something with you.

ORDINANCE: (FIRST READING/INTRODUCTION)

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-12 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 30 ENTITLED MOTOR VEHICLE TOWING AND STORAGE

WHEREAS, Chapter 30 Entitled Motor Vehicle Towing and Storage has specific requirements regarding payment schedules for Towing and Storage fees in connection with the same; and

WHEREAS, the current ordinance provides for towing fees for different classes of Motor Vehicles, Light Duty, Medium Duty and Heavy Duty classifications for the purpose of determining the appropriate fees to be charged, at Chapter 30. C. 6. (1) (a), (b), and (c); and

WHEREAS, Mansfield Township has decided to Amend Chapter 30 to provide for the increase of the fees charged for towing, depending on the classification of the Motor Vehicle to be towed; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 2022-7 inadvertently omits the fee and gross vehicle weight classification, under medium duty, of 19,501 to 26,000 (GVW).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED Chapter 30 is hereby corrected and amended as follows:

30.6. C. (1) (a) fee for light duty tow (6,000 or less to 10,000 GVW) is increased from \$125.00 to \$190.00

30.6. C. (1) (a) fee for medium duty tow (10,001 to 16,000 GVW) is increased from \$200.00 to \$375.00; medium duty tow (16,001 to 19,500 (GVW) is increased from \$200.00 to \$425.00; medium duty tow (19,501 to 26,000 (GVW) is increased from \$200 to \$450.00

30. 6. C. (1) (a) fee for heavy duty tow (26,001 to 33,000 (GVW) is increased from \$450.00 to \$475.00; heavy duty tow (33,001 and over is increased from \$450.00 to \$575.00

30.6.C. (4) Winching fees shall be amended as follows:

Winching shall not exceed \$120.00 per light and medium duty vehicle and \$400.00 per heavy duty vehicle

REPEALER, SEVERABILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

- A. Repealer. Any and all Ordinances inconsistent with the terms of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of any such inconsistencies.
- B. Severability. In the event that any clause, section, paragraph or sentence of this Ordinance is deemed to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, then the Township Committee hereby declares its intent that the balance of the Ordinance not affected by said invalidity shall remain in full force and effect to the extent that it allows the Township to meet the goals of the Ordinance.
- C. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect upon proper passage in accordance with the law.

A motion to introduce the above Ordinance was offered by **Deputy Mayor Ocello** and seconded by **Committeeman Sisiz**.

Discussion: None

Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote recorded as follows:

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

Second reading, public hearing and final adoption is scheduled for September 21, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

ORDINANCE 2022 –13

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 65 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD ENTITLED “ZONING” TO ADOPT AND ENACT PROVISIONS PROHIBITING LOGISTICS/WAREHOUSE USES IN MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP AND TO FURTHER AMEND MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP CODE CHAPTER 44A, “SITE PLAN REVIEW”, SECTION 44A-4.1 “MINOR SITE PLAN SUBMISSION; DEFINITIONS AND REQUIRED DATA, AND TO FURTHER AMEND AND READOPT ORDINANCE 2022-6.

WHEREAS, On March 16, 2022, by adoption of Resolution 2022-3-14, the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, Burlington County, New Jersey directed the Township of Mansfield Planning Board to conduct a reexamination of the Mansfield Township Master Plan pursuant to the New Jersey Municipal Land Use Law, N.J.S. 40:55D-89; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authorization of the Township Committee, and as authorized by N.J.S.A. 40:55D-89, the Planning Board prepared the “2022 Master Plan Reexamination Report for Mansfield Township, Burlington County, New Jersey” (the “Report”) by the Township Planner, Environmental Resolutions, Inc. dated March 18, 2022 (“ERI”). A copy of said Reexamination Report was posted on the official Mansfield Township website and was available for public inspection in the Office of the Mansfield Planning Board, 3135 Route 206, Columbus (Mansfield Township), New Jersey 08022 during regular business hours; and

WHEREAS, a virtual public hearing was scheduled by the Mansfield Township Planning Board, sitting as a Joint Land Use Board, pursuant to N.J.S. 40:55D-25c(1), on Monday, March 28, 2022 at 7 o’clock pm, prevailing time, to review, consider and possibly adopt the Reexamination Report; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S. 40:55D-13, notice of the scheduled public hearing was given by publication in the official newspaper of Mansfield Township at least 10 days prior to the date of the hearing, and further notice was given by certified mail to the clerk of all municipalities adjoining Mansfield Township, and further notice was given by certified mail to the Office of Planning Advocacy and to the Burlington County Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, at the March 28, 2022, public hearing, the Planning Board reviewed and considered the Reexamination Report and heard all persons who were interested in the Reexamination Report and who offered evidence, made comments, or asked questions. All such comments, questions and evidence, given orally or in writing, were received and considered and made a part of the public record by the Board; and

WHEREAS, at the public hearing, the Planning Board further reviewed and considered testimony by the Township Planner, Edward Fox, of ERI, summarizing the Reexamination Report; and

WHEREAS, members of the Planning Board suggested amendments to the Reexamination Report, which were made and included in the Report by the Township Planner; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board then adopted Planning Board Resolution 2022-3-4 adopting the 2022 Examination Report, as amended.

WHEREAS, as noted by the Township Planner in his testimony before the Planning Board, and in chart form in the Report on page 14, there are currently approvals in place for seven large logistics/warehouse projects (including two with multiple buildings) in Mansfield Township with a total building area of approximately 5,433,355 square feet (including one project only a small portion of which is located in Mansfield Township). Three buildings in the approved projects are under construction and the remaining buildings in the approved projects will be constructed over a period of years; and

WHEREAS, as the Report noted, one of the major changes in Mansfield Township’s land use distribution assumptions, policies, and objectives since the 2016 Master Plan reexamination relates to the number of existing and potential proposed large-scaled logistics/warehouse uses that have developed since 2016; and

WHEREAS, as the Report further noted, any municipal policies promoting the development or redevelopment of lands not already approved for logistics/warehouse uses would conflict with Mansfield Township’s Vision Statement:

Mansfield Township is a balance of "town and country" - a place with a vibrant village of Columbus and the inviting and cozy hamlets of Georgetown and Hedding nestled within a larger, rural landscape of productive farmland, open spaces, woodlands and wetlands.

In other words, additional logistics/warehouse uses would be contrary to the Township’s other following vision principles:

- Preserve farming, farmland and natural areas;
- Maintain attractive, safe and easily negotiable highways and intersections; and
- Support multiple modes of transportation, including pedestrians and farm equipment.

WHEREAS, the Reexamination Report, as a whole, noted that a number of the policies, goals and objectives from the prior Township Master Plans need to be studied in a more comprehensive, full reexamination report, including updates to certain of the Master Plan Element, and recodification and preparation of a Unified Land Use Ordinance, to be addressed by the Township Committee, in the near future; and

WHEREAS, the Reexamination Report made the following specific recommendations to be accomplished now:

Article XIX: General Regulations

§ 65-88 *Prohibited uses*. Section C: Significant Changes in Assumptions, Policies and Objectives identifies three separate land development / planning concerns related to the number of existing and potential proposed large-scaled logistics uses that have arisen since 2016. Additional logistics uses, which include: wholesale warehousing; commercial warehousing; distribution / trucking / terminal facilities; freight carriers / couriers / third-party transportation providers, etc. for non-agricultural freight, as well as off-site truck and trailer parking, or drop lots, that have not already received Board approval should be prohibited. (emphasis supplied)

§44A-4.1 - Consider provisions that would define a “minor site” plan to include development on commercial farms greater than 1,000 SF of building construction or 1,500 SF of clearing, grading, paving, or excavation in recognition of the Township’s Right to Farm commitment.

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield finds that it is necessary for the health, safety and welfare of the citizens and residents of Mansfield Township the specific recommendations as set forth in the Reexamination Report, as adopted by the Planning Board, should be enacted and implemented now.

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: The “**WHEREAS**” clauses in the preamble portion of this Ordinance above are incorporated herein and made a part of this Ordinance.

SECTION TWO: Chapter 65 “Zoning”, Article IV, “Definitions and Word Usage, Measurements” is hereby amended to add a definition of “Logistic/Warehouse Uses” as follows:

“**LOGISTIC/WAREHOUSE USES**” – wholesale warehousing; commercial warehousing; distribution / trucking / terminal facilities; freight carriers / couriers / third-party transportation providers, and similar uses for non-agricultural freight designed and used for the wholesale storage and distribution of goods, specifically including off-site truck and trailer parking, or drop lots.

SECTION THREE: Chapter 65 “Zoning”, Article XIX “General Regulations”, Section 65-88 “Prohibited Uses” is hereby amended to adopt a new subsection 65-88.B(5):
(5) Logistic/Warehouse Uses.

SECTION FOUR: Except for the parcels specifically identified and exempted from the provisions of this Ordinance in Section Twelve, below, Chapter 65 “Zoning”, Article XX, “C-2. Highway Commercial District”, Section 65-34 “Conditional Uses” is hereby amended to delete and repeal the following Section 65-34A (3):

3. The following logistics uses may be permitted on individual parcels or combined adjacent parcels totaling 30 acres or more with frontage on US Route 206 north of Spring Hill Brook and Folwells Run or with frontage on NJ Route 68 north of White Pine Road:

(a) Warehouse facilities, trucking facilities and distribution facilities, subject to the area and bulk regulations of § 65-43 and the special regulations of § 65-45.

(b) Wholesale establishments, subject to the area and bulk regulations of § 65-43 and the special regulations of § 65-45.

SECTION FIVE: Except for the parcels specifically identified and exempted from the provisions of this Ordinance in Section Twelve, below, Chapter 65 “Zoning”, Article XI “ODL Office Distribution Laboratory District”, Section 65-41 “Permitted Uses” is hereby amended to repeal and delete the reference to “warehousing uses” from the purpose section and to further repeal and delete the following Section 65-41.C:

C. Warehouse facilities, trucking facilities and distribution facilities.

SECTION SIX: Except for the parcels specifically identified and exempted from the provisions of this Ordinance in Section Twelve, below, Chapter 65 “Zoning”, Article XI “ODL Office Distribution Laboratory District”, Section 65-42 “Accessory Uses” is hereby amended to repeal and delete the following Section 65-42.D:

D. Storage within a completely enclosed area with visual screening or building in conjunction with a permitted use.

SECTION SEVEN: Except for the parcels specifically identified and exempted from the provisions of this Ordinance in Section Twelve, below, Chapter 65 “Zoning”, Article XII “LI Light Industrial District,” Section 65-46 “Permitted Uses” is

hereby amended to repeal and delete the reference to “transportation and warehousing uses, wholesale trade uses” from the purpose section and to further repeal and delete the following Sections 65-41.C and 65-41.D:

C. Wholesale business establishment.

D. Indoor storage building or warehouse.

SECTION EIGHT: Except for the parcels specifically identified and exempted from the provisions of this Ordinance in Section Twelve below, Chapter 65 “Zoning”, Article XII “Light Industrial District”, Section 65-47 “Accessory Uses” is hereby amended to repeal and delete the following Section 65-42.D:

D. Storage within a completely enclosed area with visual screening or building in conjunction with a permitted use.

SECTION NINE: Except for the parcels specifically identified and exempted from the provisions of this Ordinance in Section Twelve below, Chapter 65 “Zoning”, Article XIV “HI Heavy Industrial District,” Section 65-56 “Permitted Uses” is hereby amended to repeal and delete the reference to “transportation and warehousing uses, wholesale trade uses” from the purpose section and to further repeal and delete the following Sections 65-56.E and 65-56.F:

E. Warehousing and wholesale establishments, storage yards, lumberyards for retail and wholesale and similar establishments.

F. Transportation and trucking terminals, terminal facilities for passengers and/or freight for trucks, railroads, taxi and bus lines, including maintenance and service facilities.

SECTION TEN: Except for the parcels specifically identified and exempted from the provisions of this Ordinance in Section Twelve below, Chapter 65 “Zoning”, Article XIV “HI Heavy Industrial District,” Section 65-56 “Permitted Uses” is hereby amended to re-adopt, re-enact and save from repeal “lumberyards for retail and wholesale and similar establishments” as a permitted use in the “HI Heavy Industrial Zone”.

SECTION ELEVEN: Except for the parcels specifically identified and exempted from the provisions of this Ordinance in Section Twelve, below, Chapter 65 “Zoning”, Attachment 2, “Zoning Schedule of Area and Bulk Regulations” is hereby amended to delete and repeal the Area and Bulk Regulations for “ODL Warehouse, trucking and distribution facilities.

SECTION TWELVE: The first five projects on the following parcels of land in Mansfield Township listed below have been proposed for development with logistic/warehouse uses pursuant to Redevelopment Plans and Redevelopment Agreements which included covenants by the Township that the Township would not change the underlying zoning for the projects on said parcels. All seven of the projects on the following parcels have further received land use development approvals from the Mansfield Township Planning Board which vest certain rights in the owners of said parcels and projects that protect them against zoning changes. Therefore, following the recommendation by the Planning Board in adopting the March 28, 2022 Master Plan Reexamination Report, the following projects on the following parcels of land in the Township are exempt from the provisions of this Ordinance. Any future development of the projects on the following parcels shall be governed by the terms, conditions and covenants of the Redevelopment Plan, Redevelopment Agreement and/or the land use development approvals for the project, and the zoning then in effect for each site when the relevant site plan approvals were granted.

1. Mansfield Logistics Park: Florence Columbus Road (mm 8.3), Zone: ODL
 - a. Margolis Phase 1 (2 buildings): Old Block 47.01, Lots 9.01, 9.02, 3.02 & p/o 11
New Block 47.01, Lot 11.01
 - b. Margolis Phase 2: Old Block 47.01, Lots 12 & p/o 11
 - c. New Block 47.01, Lot 11.02
2. Mansfield Realty North: US Route 206 (mm 36.5), Zone C-2
 - a. Mansfield Road/206 East: Old Block 3, Lots 5.01 & 10.01
New Block 3, Lot 5.03
 - b. Mansfield Road/206 West: Old Block 4, Lots 6.01 & 7
New Block 4, Lot 6.03
3. Elion Acquisitions: US Route 206, south of Mansfield Road West, Zone C-2
Old Block 30, Lots 9.02, 10, 11, 12 & 13.02 New Block 30, Lot 9.02 and Block 30.01, Lot 1
4. Segme Mansfield (Jones Farm): 5206 Route 130, Zone LI
Old Block 59, Lots 7.01 & 7.02; New Block 59, Lot 7.03
5. Turnpike Crossings IV, NFI/Vanco: 1170 Florence Columbus Road, Zone ODL
Old Block 45.01, Lots 2.01, 3.01 & 3.02, New Block 45.01, Lot 2
6. Turnpike Crossings VI, NFI/Wainwright: 1091 Florence Columbus Road,
Zone: ODL, Block 47.02, Lots 3.01, 5 & 6
7. Turnpike Crossings V, NFI/Lounsberry: 2115 Burlington Columbus Road,
Zone: ODL, Block 45.02, Lot 4

SECTION THIRTEEN: Mansfield Township Code Chapter 44A “Site Plan Review”, Section 44A-4.1 is hereby deleted, repealed and replaced as follows:

A “minor site plan” shall be defined as follows: (a) building construction of less than 1,000 square feet and/or (b) clearing, grading, paving or excavation of less than 1,500 square feet; however, buildings in excess of 1,000 square feet and/or clearing, grading, paving or excavation in excess of 1,500 square feet that is incident or accessory to an agricultural use of the property shall be considered a minor site plan in recognition of the Township’s Right to Farm commitment.

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. Mansfield Ordinance 2022-6 is expressly amended and readopted herein in its entirety.
- 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 to introduce the above Ordinance was offered by **Committeeman Sisz** and seconded by **Deputy Mayor Ocello**.

Discussion:

Committeeman Tallon states that he is concerned about this ordinance and asks is this something we will have to do for future applications because we made a change and an exception to the zoning if this is going above and beyond our normal zoning and the time in which they complete their project?

Solicitor Prime responded no. This is about a unique zoning issue and is involved in litigation however, he gave a brief description regarding if we did not adopt the ordinance banning the warehouses and what the outcome would be and stated that if they are subject to the ordinance, they are now prohibited so they cannot make any changes at all.

Committeeman Tallon asked if it was necessary for them to file a lawsuit to achieve this?

Solicitor Prime answered yes. In order to fully protect themselves and vest their approvals that is why they instituted the lawsuit. In addition he spoke of them and their full challenge of the ordinance. He addressed that this was spoke of in Executive Session and would have answered more questions at that time but not in a public forum.

Mayor Mojena Discussed that every Committee Member can at any time reach out to the Solicitor with specific questions, comments or suggestions. This involves issues regarding litigation against the township so there are limitations as to what the Solicitor can share.

Committeeman Golenda asked the Solicitor that when the committee enacted the ordinance removing warehouse usage from our zoning, we were told that we would be legally safe to do such a thing, what has changed and why do we need to do this.

Solicitor Prime answered nothing and that there is a lawsuit challenging the ordinance based on the fact that two projects have approvals and we are interfering with the vesting of those rights and approvals which is a legitimate claim. He is trying to forestall that by recommending that this ordinance be adopted to protect the township.

Motion carried on a roll call vote recorded as follows:

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

Second reading, public hearing and final adoption is scheduled for September 21, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

During the roll call vote, **Mayor Mojena** addressed the members of the public regarding his choice of a yes vote and the discussions involving litigation against the township with specific recommendations made by the township solicitor for whom has sent detailed information via privileged emails to the committee in great detail the strategy, reasons, recommendation and all things pertaining to why we need this ordinance. He is relying on the Solicitor to protect the best interest of the township, taxpayers and residents.

During roll call vote, Solicitor Prime stated that the three/two vote makes the case weaker and is sorry that two committee members elected to vote no, contrary to his advice.

ORDINANCE: (SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/FINAL ADOPTION)

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-10

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND RELATED EXPENSES IN AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP, APPROPRIATING \$3,382,774 THEREFOR, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$3,213,632 IN GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE THE SAME.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring), pursuant to the Local Bond Law, L. 1960, Chapter 169 of the Laws of the State of New Jersey, as amended and supplemented ("Local Bond Law"), **AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. The several improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Township of Mansfield, in the County of Burlington, New Jersey (the "Township") as general improvements. For the several improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof, there is hereby appropriated the respective sums amounting in the aggregate to \$3,382,774, including the aggregate sum of \$169,142 as the several down payments for the improvements and purposes required by the Local Bond Law. The down payment has been made available by virtue of provision for down payment or for capital improvement purposes in one or more previously adopted budgets.

Section 2. In order to finance the cost of the improvement or purpose not covered by application of the several down payments or otherwise provided for hereunder, negotiable bonds or notes are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$3,213,632, pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of the bonds, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

Section 3. (a) The improvements hereby authorized and the purposes for which the bonds or notes are to be issued are as follows:

I. Purpose. Acquisition of Capital Equipment for the Emergency Management Division, including but not limited to a Utility Terrain Vehicle, as set forth in a list on file in the office of the Township Clerk, including all work and related materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.

<u>Appropriated and Estimated Cost:</u>	\$34,769.00
<u>Estimated Maximum Amount of Bonds or Notes:</u>	\$33,030
<u>Period or Average Period of Usefulness:</u>	5 years
<u>Amount of Down Payment:</u>	\$1,739.00

II. Purpose. Acquisition of Capital Equipment for the Police Department, including but not limited to two (2) SUVs (Tahoe or Equivalent) and acquisition and installation In-Car Mobile Video Systems for nine (9) units, as set forth in a list on file in the office of the Township Clerk, including all work and related materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.

<u>Appropriated and Estimated Cost:</u>	\$208,219.00
<u>Estimated Maximum Amount of Bonds or Notes:</u>	\$197,808.00
<u>Period or Average Period of Usefulness:</u>	6.93 years
<u>Amount of Down Payment:</u>	\$10,411.00

III. Purpose. Acquisition of Capital Equipment for the EMS Services, including but not limited to acquisition and installation of three (3) Stryker (or equivalent) MTS Powerload Systems and acquisition of two (2) Stryker Power Pro Stretchers remounting of Current Ambulance with Power Load System, as set forth in a list on file in the office of the Township Clerk, including all work and related materials necessary thereof or incidental thereto.

<u>Appropriated and Estimated Cost:</u>	\$144,669.00
<u>Estimated Maximum Amount of Bonds or Notes:</u>	\$137,435.00
<u>Period or Average Period of Usefulness:</u>	5 years
<u>Amount of Down Payment:</u>	\$7,234.00

IV. Purpose. Acquisition of Capital Equipment for the Public Works Department, including but not limited to Woodchipper, Hydraulic kit for Backhoe, Hot Box for paving repairs and Series 32 Tractor, as set forth in a list on file in the office of the Township Clerk, including all work and related materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.

<u>Appropriated and Estimated Cost:</u>	\$171,645.00
<u>Estimated Maximum Amount of Bonds or Notes:</u>	\$163,062.00
<u>Period or Average Period of Usefulness:</u>	11.85 years
<u>Amount of Down Payment:</u>	\$8,583.00

V. Purpose. Construction of Capital Improvements for public buildings, including but not limited to replacement and reconstruction of engine bay floor, remediation and repair of water damage on second floor of Municipal Building, an addition to the existing Department of Public Works and Police impound garage and construction and installation of salt dome, as set forth in a list on file in the office of the Township Clerk, including all work and related materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.

<u>Appropriated and Estimated Cost:</u>	\$685,555.00
<u>Estimated Maximum Amount of Bonds or Notes:</u>	\$651,277.00
<u>Period or Average Period of Usefulness:</u>	22.94 years
<u>Amount of Down Payment:</u>	\$34,278.00

VI. Purpose. Improvements and repairs to Township Parks and Recreational Assets, including but not limited to playground equipment replacement and playground poured rubber surfacing at both Mansfield Community Park and Country Walk Park, as set forth in a list on file in the office of the Township Clerk, including all work and related materials necessary therefor or incidental thereto.

<u>Appropriated and Estimated Cost:</u>	\$884,273.00
<u>Estimated Maximum Amount of Bonds or Notes:</u>	\$840,059.00
<u>Period or Average Period of Usefulness:</u>	15 years
<u>Amount of Down Payment:</u>	\$44,214.00

VII. Purpose. Improvements and repairs to Township infrastructure, including but not limited to repairs and replacement of drainage piping on Greenbrook Drive from Clement Court to Dickens Court and Hawk Drive, Harvest Lane and Hickory Drive, Guiderail evaluation on Axe Factory Road, and road improvements on Chesterfield Road from Georgetown Road to CR 543, repairs and repaving of lot at Municipal Building and installation of guard rail at Columbus Park, as set forth in a list on file in the office of the Township Clerk, including all work and related materials necessary therefor or incidental thereto.

<u>Appropriated and Estimated Cost:</u>	\$1,100,646.00
<u>Estimated Maximum Amount of Bonds or Notes:</u>	\$1,045,613.00
<u>Period or Average Period of Usefulness:</u>	22.97 years
<u>Amount of Down Payment:</u>	\$55,033.00

VIII. Purpose. Improvements and repairs to Township stormwater management facilities, including but not limited to repairs of basins in Maplewood and inlet replacements on Township wide as need basis, as set forth in a list on file in the office of the Township Clerk, including all work and related materials necessary therefor or incidental thereto.

<u>Appropriated and Estimated Cost:</u>	\$152,998.00
<u>Estimated Maximum Amount of Bonds or Notes:</u>	\$145,348.00
<u>Period or Average Period of Usefulness:</u>	19 years
<u>Amount of Down Payment:</u>	\$7,650.00

(b) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for the improvements or purposes is as stated in Section 2 hereof.

(c) The estimated cost of the improvements or purposes authorized herein is equal to the amount of the appropriation herein made therefor.

Section 4. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer; provided that no note shall mature later than one year from its date. The notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall determine all matters in connection with notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the Chief Financial Officer's signature upon the notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:2-8(a). The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the notes from time to time, at not less than par and accrued interest, at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

Section 5. The capital budget or temporary capital budget (as applicable) of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. In the event of any such inconsistency and amendment, the resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the

amended capital budget or amended temporary capital budget (as applicable) and capital program as approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services is on file with the Clerk and is available there for public inspection.

Section 6. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The several improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses. They are improvements or purposes the Township may lawfully undertake as general improvements, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

(b) The average period of usefulness of the improvements or purposes, within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, computed on the basis of respective amounts or obligations for the several purposes and the respective reasonable life thereof within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, is 18.20 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Clerk, and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Township as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$3,213,632, and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by that Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$175,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the improvements or purposes.

(e) The Township reasonably expects to commence the acquisition of the several improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof, and to advance all or a portion of the costs in respect thereof, prior to the issuance of bonds or notes hereunder. To the extent such costs are advanced, the Township further reasonably expects to reimburse such expenditures from the proceeds of the bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance, in an aggregate amount not to exceed the amount of bonds or notes authorized in Section 1 hereof.

Section 7. Any grant moneys received for the purposes described in Section 3 hereof shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvements or to payment of the obligations issued pursuant to this bond ordinance. The amount of obligations authorized hereunder shall be reduced to the extent that such funds are so used.

Section 8. The full faith and credit of the Township is hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Township, and the Township shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Township for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation as to rate or amount.

Section 9. The Township Council hereby covenants on behalf of the Township to take any action necessary or refrain from taking such action in order to preserve the tax-exempt status of the bonds and notes authorized hereunder as is or may be required under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the regulations promulgated thereunder (the "Code"), including compliance with the Code with regard to the use, expenditure, investment, timely reporting and rebate of investment earnings as may be required thereunder.

Section 10. This bond ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

INTRODUCED: July 20, 2022 FINAL ADOPTION: August 17, 2022

A motion to adopt the above Ordinance was offered by **Deputy Mayor Ocello** and seconded by **Committeeman Siz**.

Public Comment/Discussion: None

Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote recorded as follows:

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

ORDINANCE 2022-11

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40:4-53 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING PREPARATION OF A REVISION AND UPDATING OF TOWNSHIP MASTER PLAN AS REQUIRED BY THE PLANNING LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) as follows:

Section 1. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53, the sum of \$80,000.00 is hereby appropriated for the purpose of funding preparation of a revision and updating of Township Master Plan as required by the planning laws of the State of New Jersey and shall be deemed a special emergency appropriation as defined in and provided for under N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53.

Section 2. The authorization to finance the appropriation shall be provided for in succeeding annual budgets by the inclusion of at least 1/5 of the amount authorized pursuant to this Ordinance and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-55.

Section 3. To the extent that any previous ordinance or resolution is inconsistent herewith or contradictory hereto, said ordinance or resolution is hereby repealed or amended to the extent necessary to make it consistent herewith.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect after final adoption.

INTRODUCED: July 20, 2022 FINAL ADOPTION: August 17, 2022

A motion to adopt the above Ordinance was offered by **Committeeman Siz** and seconded by **Deputy Mayor Ocello**.

Public Comment: None

Committee Discussion:

Committee Tallon states that if the new narrative is in there describing in more detail pointing out the things that we want, it will point out things we need to do to protect ourselves and go in a direction we want to see our community in rather than being pushed by outside forces. Thank you fellow Committeemen for considering this and allowing it to happen.

Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote recorded as follows:

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

RESOLUTIONS: (Non Consent)

RESOLUTION 2022-8-1

RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THAT ALL MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP, BURLINGTON COUNTY, HAVE REVIEWED, AS A MINIMUM, THE SECTIONS OF THE 2021 ANNUAL AUDIT ENTITLED “GENERAL COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS”

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-4 requires the governing body of every local unit to have made an annual audit of its books, accounts and financial transactions; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Report of Audit for the year 2021 has been filed by a Registered Municipal Accountant with the Township Clerk as per the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:5-6, and a copy has been received by each member of the governing body; and

WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey is authorized to prescribe reports pertaining to the local fiscal affairs, as per R.S. 52:27BB-34; and

WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board has promulgated a regulation requiring that the governing body of each municipality shall by resolution certify to the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey that all members of the governing body have reviewed, as a minimum, the sections of the annual audit entitled:

- General Comments
- Recommendations

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have personally reviewed as a minimum the Annual Report of Audit, and specifically the sections of the annual audit entitled:

- General Comments
- Recommendations

as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body; and

WHEREAS, such resolution of certification shall be adopted by the Governing Body no later than forty-five days after the receipt of the annual audit, as per the regulations of the Local Finance Board; and

WHEREAS, all members of the governing body have received and have familiarized themselves with, at least, the minimum requirements of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey, as stated aforesaid and have subscribed to the affidavit, as provided by the Local Finance Board; and

WHEREAS, failure to comply with the regulations of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey may subject the members of the local governing body to the penalty provisions of R.S. 52:27BB-52 - to wit:

R.S. 52-27BB-52 - "A local officer or member of a local governing body, who, after a date fixed for compliance, fails or refuses to obey an order of the Director of Local Government Services, under the provision of this Article, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both, in addition shall forfeit his office."

A motion to adopt the Consent Agenda was offered by **Committeeman SisZ** and seconded by **Deputy Mayor Ocello**.

Discussion: None

Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote recorded as follows:

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

CONSENT AGENDA: Note to the Public: Robert's Rules for Parliamentary Procedure provide for a consent agenda listing several items for approval by the Committee via a single motion. Any item requiring expenditure is supported by a Certification of Availability of Funds. Any item requiring discussion will be removed from the Consent Agenda.

RESOLUTION 2022-8-2

RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE AWARD OF A “REQUIRED DISCLOSURE” CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF ONE (1) DAIKIN 18,000 BTU HEAT PUMP AND ONE (1) DAIKIN 9,000 BTU HEAT PUMP FOR THE POLICE STATION DATA ROOM AND STORAGE ROOM AS IDENTIFIED IN PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY LIBERTY MECHANICAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Township of Mansfield has the need to purchase and install one (1) Daikin 18,000 BTU Heat Pump and one (1) Daikin 9,000 BTU Heat Pump for the Police Station Data Room and Storage Room; and

WHEREAS, as permitted by the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-3. since the anticipated amount of the contract did not exceed the statutory maximum of \$44,000, the Township Qualified Purchasing Agent authorized the award of a contract for the purchase and installation of one (1) Daikin 18,000 BTU Heat Pump and one (1) Daikin 9,000

BTU Heat Pump for the Police Station Data Room and Storage Room to Liberty Mechanical Services (“Vendor”) as a “Required Disclosure” contract based on proposals pursuant to the aforesaid statutory provisions; and

WHEREAS, Contractor has performed services, to date, in the amount of \$12,489 and has submitted a proposal dated January 25, 2022, that additional services required will be approximately \$11,550 and the total amount of the Contract will exceed the \$17,500 statutory maximum in the aggregate set forth in N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5, concerning eligibility for municipal contracts; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is one (1) year from July 19, 2022 but in no event shall the total amount of the contract amount exceed the bid threshold of \$44,000 pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:34-8.1(b); and

WHEREAS, LIBERTY MECHANICAL SERVICES has submitted a proposal dated January 25, 2022, indicating they will provide and install one (1) Daikin 18,000 BTU Heat Pump and one (1) Daikin 9,000 BTU Heat Pump for the Police Station Data Room and Storage Room; and

WHEREAS, to satisfy the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5, concerning eligibility for municipal contracts, Vendor has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that LIBERTY MECHANICAL SERVICES has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township of Mansfield and has not made any reportable contributions to the following elected officials; Mayor Marcial Mojena, Deputy Mayor Rudy Ocello, Committeeman Robert Tallon, Committeeman Daniel Golenda or Committeeman Brian Siz in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit LIBERTY MECHANICAL SERVICES from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract, and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer, Bonnie J. Grouser, has certified that sufficient funds are available to award said contract; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Township of Mansfield authorizes the Qualified Purchasing Agent to enter into a contract with LIBERTY MECHANICAL SERVICES as described herein; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Entity Disclosure Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this Resolution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Township Clerk, as necessary, are hereby authorized to execute said contract with LIBERTY MECHANICAL SERVICES; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED Notice of said action shall be published in the Burlington County Times and the Trenton Times as required by law.

RESOLUION 2022-8-3

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT RENEWING MEMBERSHIP IN THE BURLINGTON COUNTY MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND

WHEREAS, the Township of Mansfield (hereinafter the “MUNICIPALITY”) is a member of the Burlington County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund (hereinafter the “FUND”); and

WHEREAS, the MUNICIPALITY’S membership terminates as of January 1, 2023 unless earlier renewed by a Contract between the MUNICIPALITY and the FUND; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 (1) (m) provides that a Contract which exceeds the bid threshold may be negotiated and awarded by the governing body without public advertising for bids and bidding therefor, if the subject matter is for the purchase of insurance coverage and consultant services, provided that the award is in accordance with the requirements for extraordinary unspecifiable services; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6.1(b) provides that the MUNICIPALITY shall make a documented effort to secure competitive quotations; however, a Contract may be awarded upon a determination, in writing, that the solicitation of competitive quotations is impracticable; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-2.3, a designated official of the MUNICIPALITY, has filed a certificate with the governing body describing in detail, as set forth below in this Resolution, why this Contract meets the provisions of the statutes and the regulations and why the solicitation of competitive quotations is impracticable; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the purchase of insurance coverage and insurance consultant services by the MUNICIPALITY requires a unique knowledge and understanding of municipal exposures and risks associated with the operation of a municipal entity, and many insurance professionals are not qualified to assess these risks and exposures based upon their inherent complexity; and

WHEREAS, insurance coverage for municipal entities can vary greatly in the type, limits, and exceptions to coverage, and therefore particularized expertise in determining and obtaining the appropriate coverage is required to protect the MUNICIPALITY; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the MUNICIPALITY to obtain a single integrated program to provide all types of insurance coverage with a plan to limit the MUNICIPALITIES exposure; and

WHEREAS, the FUND has provided comprehensive insurance coverage to member municipalities since 1991; and

WHEREAS, since 1991, the Fund has continually refined all of the types of coverage that it provides to its members so that it offers comprehensive insurance coverage and limits to all members that is unique and cannot be purchased from a single entity in the commercial insurance market; and

WHEREAS, the FUND has also developed and made available to its members Safety, Risk Management, and Litigation Management programs that address the specific exposures and risks associated with municipal entities; and

WHEREAS, the FUND provides the MUNICIPALITY with Fund Administration, Claims Review, Claims Processing, Claims Administration, Actuarial, and Legal services; and

WHEREAS, the FUND is one of the most financially sound Municipal Joint Insurance Funds in New Jersey, and the FUND operates with strong fiscal controls, member oversight, and meets all of the requirements promulgated by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs and the Department of Banking and Insurance; and

WHEREAS, as an existing member of the FUND, the MUNICIPALITY would be renewing its membership in an organization with experienced and dedicated FUND Professionals who provide specialized services to the members; and

WHEREAS, the membership of the FUND includes many neighboring municipalities that have uniquely similar exposures to the MUNICIPALITY, and with whom the MUNICIPALITY has existing inter-local arrangements; and

WHEREAS, all of the aforementioned factors categorize the award of this Contract as an “extraordinary, unspecifiable service” that cannot be duplicated, accounted for, accurately detailed, or described in a manner that truly depicts the value of the MUNICIPALITY’S membership in the FUND; and

WHEREAS, for all of the aforementioned reasons, it is impracticable for the MUNICIPALITY to seek competitive quotations for a Contract to provide the procurement of insurance coverage and consultant services; and

WHEREAS, the FUND has been organized pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:10-36 et seq., and as such is an agency of the municipalities that created it; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(2) also provides that a Contract which exceeds the bid threshold may be negotiated and awarded by the governing body without public advertising for bids and bidding therefor, if the Contract is entered into with a municipality or any board, body, officer, agency or authority thereof; and

WHEREAS, the FUND meets the definition of an agency as set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(2); and

WHEREAS, for all of the aforementioned reasons, the MUNICIPALITY desires to enter into a Contract to renew its membership with the FUND for a period of three (3) years, for insurance coverage and consultant services, as an exception to the public bidding requirements of the Local Public Contracts Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the MUNICIPALITY as follows:

1. The MUNICIPALITY agrees to renew its membership in the FUND and to be subject to the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, coverages, and operating procedures thereof as presently existing or as modified from time to time by lawful act of the FUND.
2. The Mayor and Clerk of the MUNICIPALITY shall be and hereby are authorized to execute the "Contract to Renew Membership" annexed hereto and made a part hereof and to deliver same to the FUND evidencing the MUNICIPALITY’S renewal of its membership.
3. In accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-2.3, the certificate of a designated official of the MUNICIPALITY, which details why the solicitation of competitive quotations is impracticable, is attached hereto and made a part of this Resolution.
4. The Clerk of the MUNICIPALITY is authorized and directed to place a notice of the adoption of this Resolution and the award of this Contract in the official newspaper of the MUNICIPALITY.

RESOLUTION 2022-8-4

RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE AUTHORIZATION OF AWARD OF A “REQUIRED DISCLOSURE” CONTRACT FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MAINTENANCE AND CONSULTING SERVICES AND STANDARD / LONG DISTANCE PHONE SERVICE WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD

WHEREAS, the Township of Mansfield has the need for a vendor to perform the services of Information Technology Maintenance and Consulting Services and Standard / Long Distance Phone Service; and

WHEREAS, as permitted by the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-3. since the anticipated amount of the contract did not exceed the statutory maximum of \$44,000, the Township Qualified Purchasing Agent authorized the award of a contract for Information Technology and Maintenance and Consulting Services and Standard / Long Distance Phone Service to Wintsec Technologies of NJ dba Networks Plus (“Vendor”) as a “Required Disclosure” contract based on proposals pursuant to the aforesaid statutory provisions; and

WHEREAS, the total amount of the Contract will exceed the \$17,500 statutory maximum in the aggregate set forth in N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5, concerning eligibility for municipal contracts; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is one (1) year from May 1, 2022 but in no event shall the total amount of the contract amount exceed the bid threshold of \$44,000 pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:34-8.1(b); and

WHEREAS, to satisfy the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5, concerning eligibility for municipal contracts, Vendor has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Wintsec Technologies of NJ dba Networks Plus has not made any reportable contributions, to a political or candidate committee in the Township of Mansfield and has not made any reportable contributions to the following elected officials; Mayor Marcial Mojena, Deputy Mayor Rudy Ocello, Committeeman Robert Tallon, Committeeman Daniel Golenda or Committeeman Brian Sisz in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit Wintsec Technologies of NJ dba Networks Plus from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract, and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer, Bonnie Grouser, has certified that sufficient funds are available to award said contract; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Township of Mansfield authorizes the Qualified Purchasing Agent to enter into a contract with Wintsec Technologies of NJ dba Networks Plus as described herein; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Entity Disclosure Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this Resolution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Township Clerk, as necessary, are hereby authorized to execute said contract with Wintsec Technologies of NJ dba Networks Plus; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED Notice of said action shall be published in the Burlington County Times and the Trenton Times as required by law.

**RESOLUTION 2022-8-5
RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF ALICIA PEREZ
AS VIOLATIONS CLERK FOR THE MANSFIELD/SPRINGFIELD/SOUTHAMPTON MUNICIPAL COURTS**

WHEREAS, there is a vacancy for a full-time Violations Clerk within the Mansfield/Springfield/Southampton Township Municipal Courts; and

WHEREAS, applications were received and interviews conducted for said position by the Municipal Court Clerk, Township Administrator and the Township Human Resource Manager. It was unanimously agreed that Alicia Perez best met the requirements needed to perform the duties of said position.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey at their Regular Meeting held on August 17, 2022 that Alicia Perez be hired as a full-time Violations Clerk, effective as of July 25, 2022 for the Mansfield/Springfield/Southampton Township Municipal Court, at a 35 hour work week, for a salary of \$40,000.00 annually and with all benefits associated with said full time position.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Alicia Perez, as a Full-Time Violations Clerk, is hereby awarded a stipend, representing compensation for the court shared services with Springfield Township, in the sum of \$2,000 annually, effective and pro-rated to said employee's start date. Additionally, said employee will be awarded an additional stipend, representing compensation for the court shared services with Southampton Township, in the sum of \$2,000 annually which is also to be effective and pro-rated to employee's start date.

**RESOLUTION 2022-8-6
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD MEMORIALIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF MATTHEW REVY AS PART-TIME FIRE INSPECTOR**

WHEREAS Douglas Borgstrom, Fire Official for the Township of Mansfield, feels the need to add qualified individuals to his roster of fire inspectors to cover all shifts necessary during the course of a day; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Revy meets the requirements of the Mansfield Township job description for said position to do fire inspections for the Township of Mansfield.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, at their meeting held on August 17, 2022 that Matthew Revy is hereby appointed as a part-time Fire Inspector, effective August 15 2022 at an hourly rate of \$15.00 per hour, as set by Ordinance, with no benefits and holidays.

**RESOLUTION 2022-8-7
RESOLUTION ACCEPTING PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE
MANSFIELD 2021 URBAN RENEWAL, LLC./LBA REALTY
BLOCK 4, LOTS 6.01 & 7 – ROUTE 206 (WEST SIDE)**

WHEREAS, Mansfield 2021 Urban Renewal, LLC aka LBA Realty has received Final Site Plan approval for the construction of a warehouse located at Block 4, Lots 6.01 & 7 – Route 206 (west side) by the Mansfield Township Joint Land Use Board; and

WHEREAS, a cost estimate dated August 20, 2020 and revised August 21, 2020, was received from Douglas M. Johnson, P.E., C.M.E., C.P.W.M., of Remington & Vernick Engineers for the proposed improvements for this project; and

WHEREAS, Mansfield 2021 Urban Renewal, LLC. has submitted the following Performance Surety Bond and Cash Engineering Inspection Escrow; and

Safety & Stabilization	Bond No. CMS0349783	\$ 72,907.79	
Landscape Buffer	Bond No. CMS0349782	\$ 306,360.00	
Cash Engineering Inspection Escrow (Deposit in escrow)			<u>\$ 50,000.00</u>
			Total: \$ 429,267.79

WHEREAS, the Township Solicitor, Timothy Prime, Esq. has received, reviewed and approved the performance bonds, as to form.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, County of Burlington and State of New Jersey that Bond No. CMS0349783 and Bond No. CMS0349782 and the Cash Engineering Inspection Escrow as listed above are hereby accepted as the **Performance Guarantees** for Mansfield 2021 Urban Renewal, LLC., located at Block 4, Lots 6.01 & 7 Route 206 – West Side.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Township Committee, as aforesaid, that this acceptance is conditioned upon

the payment of all fees incurred by the municipality to the engineer or other professionals in connection with any inspection and report concerning the improvements covered by said performance guarantee; and if there be a sufficient sum held in escrow by the township for the purpose of paying for said inspections and reports, said escrow may be utilized for the purpose and in the absence of a sufficient escrow said fees shall be paid by the obligor directly, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-53(2)h.

**RESOLUTION 2022-8-8
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY**

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has found that certain motor vehicles and are no longer needed for public use by the township, and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee believes that it would be advantageous to dispose of its surplus property, and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13 and 40A:12-13.1 permit the Township to dispose of surplus property no longer needed for public use by auction and to authorize such action by Resolution of the municipality;

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

1. The following motor vehicles are hereby declared to be surplus property and no longer needed for public use:

1996 Dodge Ram	VIN: 1B7HC16Y2TS505947
2004 Acura TL	VIN: 19UUA66254A068788
1996 Lexus 440	VIN: JT8BH22F3T0042860

2. The Chief Of Police and Township Clerk are directed to arrange for the public auction of the vehicle through GovDeals, a service used by various government agencies, allowing them to sell surplus and confiscated items via the internet.

The Township Clerk shall assure that proper public notice of the auction is made, as required by law.

**RESOLUTION 2022-8-9
RESOLUTION FOR THE REFUND OF ACH DIRECT WITHDRAWAL**

WHEREAS, Property Taxes were paid by ACH Direct Withdrawal on the property listed below; and

WHEREAS, the property was sold and the seller, L Gail Rigley did not notified the Tax Department to remove the ACH Direct Withdrawal in the system, so a refund is due back to L. Gail Rigley.

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 August 17, 2022 hereby authorizes the refunding to Edward Walsh by the Tax Collector.

<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Prior Property Owner</u>	<u>Amount</u>
23.04	64	L. Gail Ridley	\$4,091.18

**RESOLUTION 2022-8-10
RESOLUTION FOR THE REDEMPTION OF MUNICIPAL TAX LIEN**

WHEREAS, at the Mansfield Township Tax Sale held on June 26, 2019, a lien was sold to The Township of Mansfield on Block 24, Lot 4, also known as 450 New York Avenue, Columbus, NJ 08022 for 2018 delinquent taxes; and,

WHEREAS, Infinity Title Agency on behalf of John & Elizabeth Olynyk has affected redemption of Certificate #18-00006 on August 4, 2022, and this resolution memorializes that redemption.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, memorializes that redemption.

<u>Lien Holder</u>	<u>Lien #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Township of Mansfield	18-00006	\$21,038.88

**RESOLUTION 2022-8-11
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 August 17, 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>	24.03
12	Petitt, Craig & Colleen		\$3,818.72	
42.02	41	Green, Matthew & Beth	\$ 250.00	

42.17	37	Vanderhoef, Richard & Rose	\$1,915.67
42.31	70	Lissaris, John & Lauren	\$2,715.08
		Total	\$8,699.47

**RESOLUTION 2022-8-12
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF GRANT RECEIVABLE BALANCES AND/OR
GRANT RESERVE APPROPRIATED BALANCES**

WHEREAS, various grant receivable balances remain on the Township’s Grant Fund Balance Sheet which have been researched and are no longer valid; and

WHEREAS, various grant reserve appropriated balances remain on the Township’s Grant Fund Balance Sheet which have been researched and are no longer valid; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to formally cancel the following receivable balances and/or the appropriated reserve balances from the balance sheet; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Township of Mansfield authorizes that the following grant receivable balances and grant reserve appropriated balances be cancelled by the Chief Financial Officer:

<u>Grant Title</u>	<u>Receivable Cancelled</u>	<u>Appropriation Cancelled</u>
NJ DOT	\$349.79	
DEP-Community Stewardship	\$2,700.00	\$520.00
NJDOT TTF – Axe Factory	\$87,718.16	\$87,718.16
NJDOT TTF – Georgetown II	\$13,266.09	\$18,223.84
NJDOT TTF – White Pine Road	\$146,114.26	\$160,056.57
NJDOT – Mansfield Road East	\$9,475.11	\$23,469.32
NJDOT – White Pine Road	\$51,466.51	\$71,126.00
NJDOT – Mount Pleasant Road	\$9,914.81	\$20,574.31
NJDOT – Railroad Avenue	\$24,203.92	\$42,813.32
Environmental Services		\$5,000.00
Alcohol Rehab		\$47.00
Domestic Violence Training		\$2,787.44
Safety Belt		\$3,469.59
Planning Acceptance Grant		\$11,575.58
Over Limit Under Arrest		\$1,335.82

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-8-13
RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AUCTION BID AND AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF THE FORMER
TOWNSHIP RECYCLING YARD BLOCK 38, LOT 5.03**

WHEREAS, Mansfield Township is the owner of a certain parcel of real estate in the Township of Mansfield, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, designated as Block 28, Lot 5.03 on the official Tax Map of the Township of Mansfield, which, together with any improvements located thereon or appurtenances connected thereto, is hereinafter referred to as the “Property”; and

WHEREAS, the Property was previously part of the larger Block 28, Lot 5.02 owned by the Township and on which is located a baseball field and other improvements; and

WHEREAS, a portion of the larger Block 28, Lot 5.02 was previously used as a recycling yard for the Township and is no longer needed for public use; and

WHEREAS, in order to return the Property to the tax rolls, the Township subdivided Block 28, Lot 5.02 and created Lot 5.03 the “Property”), with an area of 0.29 acres, and offered the Property for sale by public auction (the “Auction”); and

WHEREAS, because the Property is landlocked unless it is merged with and became part of another lot with frontage on a public street, and because the Property was undersized and would not meet the current zoning requirements as a buildable lot, the Auction was limited to bids from adjacent property owners and subject to a requirement that the successful bidder merge the Property with, and become part of, the successful bidder’s current lot; and

WHEREAS, the highest bid of \$111,500.00 was submitted by Parker House LLC/Snahel Jobanputra.

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

1. The bid of \$111,500.00 for the purchase of Block 28, Lot 5.03 by Parker House LLC/Snahel Jobanputra is hereby accepted.
2. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of the Township the Agreement of Sale attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit A.
3. The Township Attorney and Township officials are authorized to complete Closing and the sale of Block 28, Lot 5.03 in accordance with the Agreement of Sale.

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was offered by **Committeeman Sisz** and seconded by **Committeeman Tallon**.

Discussion:

Committee Tallon asked Solicitor Prime that on 2022-8-7 do they have to put the buildings on the same side of the jug handle right now?

Solicitor Prime stated that all the Resolution does is accept the performance bond for the project. The state changed the law and we can no longer require a developer to bond a performance guarantee for anything that is going to remain onsite that is private property. The only thing we can make them bond is off track improvements

Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote recorded as follows:

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

BILL LIST: Regular & Escrow

A motion to approve the bill lists was offered by **Committeeman Golenda** and seconded by **Committeeman Sisiz**

Discussion: None

Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote recorded as follows:

AYE: GLOENDA, SISZ, TALLON, OCELLO, MOJENA NAY: NONE ABSENT: NONE

MINUTES: Regular Meeting, July 20, 2022

A motion to approve the above mentioned minutes was offered by **Deputy Mayor Ocello** and seconded by **Committeeman Golenda**.

Discussion: None

Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote recorded as follows:

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS/PUBLIC HEARINGS/PRESENTATIONS TO COMMITTEE: None

NEW BUSINESS - None

Committeeman Tallon spoke of the Tri-Military Base's study called Integrating and Looking at Incompatibility Issues, concerns of the impact on and in the communities surrounding the base, his letter to them addressing his concerns of water allocation of the critical water area, the developing of thousands of affordable homes and the effect on the buffer of the Tri-County water system of Burlington County, our aquifer, emergency situations where population is increased and the bases possible need for potable water as well as South Jersey's farm belt being very important for food security in the future where South Jersey could become very important in the future and if we have given all our water allocation away to developing new homes in the farm belt, the Tri-Base mission could be impacted severely and have a food scarcity. Our farm belt and our mission at the Base is extremely important. There is four or five million gallons a day according to the NJ Water Report available in the Tri-County system. It sounds like a lot but the average home takes approximately 300 gallons a day. If all the communities in Burlington County have to build the affordable houses with the market rate share which is usually 80% or so, we are not going to have water.

Administrator Fitzpatrick stated, aren't we controlled by NJ American Water? NJAW assures him that we have more water than we know what to do with. responded that NJAM would need to plan for that and make changes to their infrastructure if that were to happen.

Committeeman Tallon responded that if this were to happen, the changes in the infrastructure would be, where are they going to get the water if we are already close to the limits now? The Delaware Basin Commission controls the flows of the Delaware river and it is a very tight knit control. The American Water company just can't go to the DEP and say we need another 20 million gallons a day so we are going to sink two new wells. It may be that the politics will allow this to happen but if they do, the people in this town on personal wells will be risking their wells going dry. Requests that this is brought to the forefront and gets looked at in more detail.

Administrator Fitzpatrick states he would like for them both to sit down with NJAW and have a conversation.

Committeeman Tallon would also like to include the Base and the DEP in conversation.

Solicitor Prime interjects with all due respect to Committeeman Tallon, the water in the ground in the aquifer is the water of the State of New Jersey not a townships water and it is controlled through allocation permits as to how much water you can be taken out of those aquifers. There are sources then just the aquifer. There is noting that Mansfield Township can or cannot do about this as we have no jurisdiction over it and no right in it. Committeeman Tallon can certainly do more with this however, the committee needs to understand that this is not a township committee of Mansfield Township problem.

Committeeman Tallon states that he disagrees and wants it known that there are people concerned about our natural resources.

Solicitor Prime responds that he wants the committee to know that there are allocation permits and the DEP controls those.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kate Tallon- 53 Oak Lane, New Egypt- States she has flyers from the Joint Base study if anyone wants them. She spoke of her work with the DEP and how they are under-staffed and under-resourced. She addressed Solicitor Prime stating that there is not a great handle on water allocation at this point in time throughout the state.

Solicitor Prime responded that his experience is that they have very good handle on this and they prohibit additional, require reductions in the aquifer allocation by other municipalities and MUA's.

Mayor Mojena will give the pamphlet the Administrator and asks that he contact the base on behalf of the township to see if there is anything for us to do and report back to him and we will discuss with the committee if there is something we can do or participate in.

Leah DeFlippo- 2225A Old York Road- Advised of the upcoming events taking place in the township and asked for community support. The Harvest Fest will be held on October 22nd from 2pm to 8pm.

Mayor Mojena asked of Colleen and Linda to the extent that we can send out the announcements via mass mailing, our webpage and Facebook.

Colleen Herbert- 2 Millennium Drive- stated that there is a lot of dust and debris coming from the Vanco site and requests that something be done about it to clean up the entrance and exit as there are people getting nails in their tires and debris coming off their trucks. Phone calls about posts a Facebook page regarding Parks and Recreation, the lack of maintenance, improvements, funding and Grants. She asks for concerns to be emailed or a phone call we welcome those concerns. We are playing catch up and doing the best that we can. She also asked that the township committee to not put their issues with each other on Facebook but to have face to face conversations.

Administrator Fitzpatrick responded we have been in contact with them to get more street sweepers out, to wash off the trucks and had new pads laid that they drive over before they leave and will have someone pick up the debris. Also, there is a huge difference between Parks and Recreation. Recreation deals with actual recreation events consisting of baseball, soccer. Parks are handled by the township so if there are any questions about our Parks system reach out to us on the township level. Facebook is not something that is viewed and he has not received anything regarding this, he asks to get together to talk and discuss comments and concerns.

Megan Wolfe- 18 Stratton Ave.- wants to thank Committeeman Tallon for having forethought and being proactive about the water issues for our children and future.

Kristianne Goodenough- 28126 Gaunts Bridge Rd.- spoke about the re-sealing of Rt. 68 and if there are any schedules because there has been serious detours where you cannot cross 68 within the township.

Administrator Fitzpatrick responded that with Rt. 68 being a State road and the lack of communication from them. We have asked numerous times for a schedule but have been ignored.

Engineer Doug Johnson- stated that the State is not always going to provide that information. He reached out to the contractor directly and there has been no update however, the project should not go passed September due to them needing to do the sealing in the heat of summer.

Todd Kokotajlo- 12 Summerhill Court- spoke about the water allocation and planning for our future. Asks of Engineer Johnson if township residents can apply for the DEP Resiliency Grant Webinar, the storm water grant. He asks if it can be put on the township website in case someone is interested and it applies to them.

Engineer Doug Johnson stated that it is open to everyone but they have ten million dollars allocated to it which is not a lot and that it is a competitive grant.

Administrator Fitzpatrick addressed the worry about our water system and our future water. He stated that he would be more than happy to reach out to NJAM and have them come in and ease everyone's tension and fear and instead of everyone guessing if we have a problem, let NJAM explain to the residents if there is a problem and what it is.

Mayor Mojena responded that that would be a good idea to have them come in and do a presentation and answer questions. Also, the State has offered to speak to our township and come to one of our meetings to talk.

Committeeman Tallon agreed that that would be nice. He also stated that he would like to put together some questions so they could be addressed in the meeting.

Joseph VanMatter- 26954 Mt. Pleasant Road- stated that it would be great to coordinate NJAM and the State to come and speak in front of the public at the same time so everyone can make their own assessments.

Mayor Mojena responded to Committeeman Tallon that is would be a great idea to have a list of questions ready to be asked and thanked him for doing so.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was offered by **Committeeman Siz** and seconded by **Committeeman Tallon**. All ayes. Motion carried unanimously.

PREPARED BY:

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

CANDIS MELIN
Administrative Assistant

LINDA SEMUS, RMC, CMR
Municipal Clerk