## MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP BURLINGTON COUNTY

## **RESOLUTION 2023-6-3**

## AMENDING RESOLUTION 2022-12-29 CENSURING TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEMBER DANIEL GOLENDA

WHEREAS, on December 21, 2022 a majority of the members of the Mansfield Township Committee adopted Resolution 2022-12-29, which stated that "Township Committee member Daniel Golenda is hereby censured by the Township Committee, [and is] hereby advised that his conduct as a member of the Township Committee is utterly unacceptable and hereby admonished." including violations of Mansfield Township Ordinance 2022-2 "Rules and Regulations of the Township Committee", all as set forth at length in the various sections of Resolution 2022-12-29; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 2022-12-29 included a section that stated:

"NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Committeeman Golenda will not be permitted to participate in Township meetings in person. Committeeman Golenda will be restricted to attend Township Committee meetings strictly via remote access. Participation in events other than Township meetings will be determined by the Township Committee on a case-by-case basis as required."; and

**WHEREAS,** after adoption of Resolution 2022-12-29 Committee member Golenda attended the January 30, 2023 special Township Committee budget meeting in person and attended the February 15, 2023 regular Township Committee meeting in person and has not been prevented from attending any Township Committee meeting (or any other Township meeting or event) in person; and

**WHEREAS,** Resolution 2022-12-29 further included a section that stated:

"NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Committeeman Golenda is henceforth restricted from appearing at the municipal building without prior notification, approval and with an appointment made in advance. Committeeman Golenda will relinquish keys to the municipal building that are in his possession and return said keys to the Township immediately", and

WHEREAS, after adoption of Resolution 2022-12-29 Committee person Golenda has visited the Township municipal building and has not been prevented from appearing or visiting the building in person. No one has requested Committee person Golenda to surrender his keys to the municipal building nor has he done so. Moreover, no one has prevented or impaired Committee person Golenda from performing his duties as a member of the Township Committee or contacting or inter-acting with Township officials including the Township Administrator and Township Clerk, and he in fact has done so when he wishes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee finds and determines that the above provisions of Resolution 2022-12-29 were never enforced and do not need to be enforced.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, County of Burlington and State of New Jersey that Resolution 2022-12-29 censuring Committee person Daniel Golenda is hereby amended to delete the above cited section preventing Committee person Golenda from attending Township meetings in person and requiring him to participate in Township meetings virtually, and said section is hereby repealed and eliminated. The Township Committee confirms that Committee person Golenda may attend and participate in any Township meeting (or any other Township meeting or event) in person, as he has done after the adoption of the Resolution.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Resolution 2022-12-29 censuring Committee person Daniel Golenda is hereby amended to delete the above cited section restricting Committee person Golenda's access to the municipal building, requiring an appointment, and requiring him to surrender his keys to the municipal building and said section of is hereby repealed and eliminated. The Township Committee confirms that Committee person Golenda may retain his keys and is free to visit the municipal building in person, as he has done after the adoption of the Resolution.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the balance of Resolution 2022-12-29 censuring Committee person Daniel Golenda that is not repealed and eliminated by this Amendment shall remain in full force and effect.

MOTION: SISZ SECOND: BOYD

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** 

**AYES: SISZ, BOYD, MOJENA** 

**NAYS: NONE** 

ABSTAIN: TALLON ABSENT: GOLENDA

## **CERTIFICATION**

**I, LINDA SEMUS, RMC, CMR** Municipal Clerk of the Township of Mansfield, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, 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 their regular meeting held on June 21, 2023 at 7:00PM.

LINDA SEMUS, RMC, CMR Municipal Clerk