

**TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD  
BURLINGTON COUNTY  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 14, 2020**

The Special Meeting of the Mansfield Township Committee was held on the above mentioned date with the following in attendance via conference call: **Mayor Janice DiGiuseppe, Deputy Mayor Frederick Cain, Committeeman Michael Magee, Committeeman Robert Higgins, Committeeman Rudy Ocello, Township Solicitor Timothy Prime, Administrator Michael Fitzpatrick, Deputy Clerk Ashley Jolly, and Municipal Clerk Linda Semus.**

**Clerk Semus** called the meeting to order at 9:30AM.

The following opening statement read by **Municipal Clerk Semus**:

Public notice of this Special Audio Executive Session 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 in the annual notice, which was adopted by the Mansfield Township Committee on January 3, 2019. Said 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, 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 May 12, 2019.

**Clerk Semus** asked all to mentally acknowledge the flag salute since this meeting is being held remotely.

**Mayor DiGiuseppe** asked Clerk Semus to run the meeting; moreover, the Mayor requested that one person talk at a time and to please state their name prior to making a comment.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD  
BURLINGTON COUNTY  
RESOLUTION 2020-5-2  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**WHEREAS**, Section 7 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 213, P.L. 1975 [NJSA 10:4-12(B)] permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and,

**WHEREAS**, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exists;

**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 public shall be excluded from discussion of, action on and reviewing the Minutes of the hereinafter specified matters.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows: potential litigation and personnel.

3. It is anticipated at this time that the above subject matter will be made public when the matter has been resolved and approved for release by the Township Solicitor.

A motion was offered by **Deputy Mayor Cain** and seconded by **Committeeman Higgins** to adopt Resolution 2020-5-2 and convene into Executive Session. Motion carried.

**Clerk Semus** clarified that the purpose of Executive Session is to discuss items of potential litigation and personnel matters. No formal action will be taken. Township Committee entered Executive Session at 9:37AM.

A motion was offered by **Deputy Mayor Cain** and seconded by **Committeeman Ocello** to exit Executive Session and return to the public portion of the meeting. Motion carried.

**MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was offered by **Deputy Mayor Cain** and duly seconded by **Committeeman Ocello** to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:00PM.

**PREPARED BY:**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:**

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**Ashley Jolly, CMR**  
**Deputy Municipal Clerk**

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**Linda Semus, RMC, CMR**  
**Municipal Clerk**