

**TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD
BURLINGTON COUNTY
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 7, 2020**

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

Clerk Semus called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM. It was noted that this meeting is being conducted during the current National Emergency with remote participation in accordance with guidance provided by the New Jersey Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, as set forth in the Public Notice of this meeting.

“Adequate Notice” has been provided for this Special Joint Meeting of the Mansfield Township Planning Board and the Mansfield Township Committee and has been published in both the Burlington County Times and the Trenton Times on May 5, 2020, placed on the official website for the Township and filed with the Municipal Clerk of the Township of Mansfield, the notice of which contained the date, time, audio conference call number and pin/participant code for telephonic access to said meeting. Said notice further contained the purpose of this special joint meeting which is limited to matters necessary for the continuing operation of government and to meet statutorily required deadlines for action by the Township Committee. Said notice also stated that formal action will be taken on all subjects listed within the notice by the Township Committee as so noted in N.J.S.A. 10:4-8(d), Amended 1981, by including Section 10:4-18 which addresses Regular Meetings of a Public Body, which is addressed under “Annual Notice”.

Clerk Semus stated that all members of the public are asked to remain on “mute” and not interrupt or comment except during the Public Comment Section of this meeting.

Clerk Semus requested everyone to please mentally acknowledge the flag salute since the meeting is being conducted remotely.

RESOLUTION:

**MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP
BURLINGTON COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. 2020-5-1
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZATING THE EXTENSION OF GRACE PERIOD FOR PAYMENT OF
SECOND QUARTER PROPERTY TAXES**

WHEREAS, payments of the Mansfield Township second quarter real estate property taxes (“taxes”) were due on May 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, under existing law, the Township allows a grace period of up to 10 days for payment of taxes, without costs, interest or penalty; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of New Jersey issued Executive Order 130, which, as set forth in paragraph 1, permitted the Township to extend the grace period for payment of taxes due on May 1 to June 1, 2020, whereby taxes may be paid up to June 1, 2020, without interest, costs or penalties; and

WHEREAS, as set forth in paragraph 2 of said Executive Order, the governing body may adopt a resolution extending the grace period for payment of the second quarter taxes to June 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, paragraph 3 of said Executive Order requires the Municipal Clerk to notify the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, of the adoption of any resolution instituting the extended grace period under authority of Executive Order 130, and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee incorporates all of the findings of said Executive Order 130 and expressly finds that the residents and taxpayers of the Township of Mansfield may be suffering from financial hardships caused by or related to the Covid-19 pandemic and further expressly finds that this resolution is necessary for the health, safety and welfare of the residents and taxpayers of the Township.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, that the grace period for payment of second-quarter real estate property taxes due May 1, 2020 is hereby extended to June 1, 2020, within which time said payments may be made in full, without cost, interest and/or penalty. Any payment of second quarter taxes received after June 1, 2020 must include all applicable costs, interest, and/or penalty.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipal Clerk is hereby directed to provide a certified copy of this resolution to the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, within three days of the adoption hereof.

A motion to approve the above resolution was offered by **Committeeman Higgins** and was seconded by **Committeeman Magee**. Motion carried on a roll call vote recorded as follows:

AYE: Higgins, Magee, Ocello, Cain, DiGiuseppe

NAY: None ABSENT: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no comments from the public. Public comment portion of the meeting was closed.

MAYOR & COMMITTEE COMMENT:

The Mayor and Committee thanked all for coming and asked everyone to remain safe and healthy.

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was offered by **Committeeman Cain** and was seconded by **Committeeman Magee**. All ayes. Motion carried.

PREPARED BY:

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Ashely Jolly, CMR
Deputy Municipal Clerk

Linda Semus, RMC, CMR
Municipal Clerk