

Townhall
April 2, 2020

The Mannington Township Committee remote meeting (due to the coronavirus pandemic) was called to order by Mayor Asay at 5:00 PM. The following were in attendance: Asay, Patrick, Horner, Carmer, Bowman, Mitchell and Davis.

The Mayor read the Clerk's certification stating this meeting had been advertised in accordance with the Sunshine Law.

Motion was made by Patrick, seconded by Asay, approving the attached bill list for payment. Roll call vote as follows:

Asay - yes
Patrick - yes
Emel - absent

Beginning with computer check number 16220, ending computer check number 16255. Beginning with payroll check number 6422, ending payroll check number 6459.

Community Healthcare Assoc.

04/02/20	ck#1045	\$ 111.00	William L. Horner, Esquire
04/02/20	ck#1046	\$ 3,262.68	McManimon, Scotland & Baumann

Open Space

04/02/20	ck#2017	\$ 3,200.00	Land Engineering, LLC
04/02/20	ck#2018	\$ 4,400.00	Molinari & Associates, P.C.
04/02/20	ck#2019	\$ 4,200.00	T.W. Sheehan & Associates LLC

CFO submitted a Report of Reconciled Cash Balances for month ending February 29, 2020 and a Summary Budget Status for 2019 and 2020.

Motion was made by Patrick, seconded by Asay, approving the minutes for the meetings held on 3/5/2020 & 3/12/2020. Motion carried.

ZONING REPORT:

Carmer gave a verbal and written report for March 2020.

OLD BUSINESS:

Motion was made by Asay, seconded by Patrick, opening the public hearing on Ordinance #20-02. While waiting a couple of minutes for any

public to log on, Mayor Asay gave a report on the Weekly COVID Check-In Call with the Governor's office, which he has been participating in. There being no comments coming in on the ordinance, motion was made by Patrick, seconded by Asay, closing the hearing. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Patrick, seconded by Asay, adopting the following-named ordinance on second and final reading. Roll call vote as follows:

Asay - yes
Patrick - yes
Emel - absent

ORDINANCE NO. 20-02

**CREATING THE POSITION OF PLANNING INCENTIVE GRANT ADMINISTRATOR
AND AMENDING
"AN ORDINANCE FIXING AND CONFIRMING THE SALARIES AND
COMPENSATIONS OF CERTAIN APPOINTIVE AND ELECTIVE OFFICERS
AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANNINGTON IN THE COUNTY OF
SALEM, NEW JERSEY BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 1968," ADOPTED
to FEBRUARY 22, 1968 AND THE AMENDMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTS
TO SAID ORDINANCE**

A brief discussion on the Historic Preservation Grant, which was tabled at the March meeting was held. There was no interest by the Committee at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Mayor reviewed the 2020 Municipal Budget, which reflects the local tax rate to remain the same as last year and several years prior.

Motion was made by Patrick, seconded by Asay, adopting the 2020 Municipal Budget on first reading. Roll call vote as follows:

Asay - yes
Patrick - yes
Emel - absent

A public hearing was scheduled for May 2, 2020 at a 5:00 pm remote meeting.

A copy of the introduced 2020 Budget will be available on the Township's website and at the clerk's office for pickup.

A requirement from the Trico JIF is to upgrade any existing computers to Windows 10 if they do not already have it. The following quotes, recommended by the Township's IT provider, for six (6) new desktop computers (Windows 10) and one laptop was reviewed.

Six (6) Dell desktop workstations - \$8,323.32

One (1) Dell Latitude 5500 Laptop - \$1,568.56

Motion was made by Patrick, seconded by Asay, to purchase the six (6) Dell desktop computers as soon as the 2020 Budget is adopted and to look for a lower priced laptop for the Public Works Department. Roll call vote as follows:

Asay - yes
Patrick - yes
Emel - absent

CORRESPONDENCE :

1. A request submitted by the SADC on the support and any future plans on widening the existing right-of-way for Block 39, Lot 19, Bassett Road, owned by Everett & Nancy Harris, was reviewed.

Motion was made by Patrick, seconded by Asay, stating there were no concerns or any plans to change the existing right of way. Motion carried.

2. Assembly Resolution No. 78 & 79 was received and filed.

3. The annual Mosquito Control packet was received and will be available in the clerk's office vestibule for employees and the public.

4. Assembly Bill No. A3902 was received from Tax Collector, Suzanne Pierce. The bill has not been fully adopted as of this date but it is possible that it may be in the very near future. The Committee discussed the bill.

Motion was made by Asay, seconded by Patrick, if this bill becomes enacted, Mannington Township would want this bill to take

effect immediately as Mannington Township's policy. Roll call vote as follows:

Asay - yes
Patrick - yes
Emel - absent

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

A verbal report was given by Patrick. March consisted of shopwork getting equipment ready for mowing, etc. All snow fence has been removed with the exception of a few posts where the ground is still to wet to get a tractor on it. Patrick reported Wade Harvey had to take back his acceptance of the Public Works position he was offered. Earlier today Patrick interviewed another applicant who recently submitted an application. Vincenzo Guercio is available for the full-time position immediately and possesses a CDL license.

Motion was made by Patrick, seconded by Asay, to offer the position to Mr. Guereio at \$16/hour, on the stipulation that Patrick contact his former employer for a reference. Motion carried.

Patrick reported he and Public Works Foreman, Ron Owens, discussed delaying bulk pickup for this month due to the coronavirus pandemic. They came to the decision that they will continue with the normal pickup schedule but they will use the backhoe to pick items up from the curbside.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public Comment period was opened by regular motion. The Mayor gave a few minutes in case any public wished to log on to comment. While he was waiting, he thanked the Township employees for doing such a great job of adapting to such an odd situation and keeping each other safe. Additionally, he gave a big shout out the Township Emergency Operating Center employees, Ed Abdill and Bill Fox along with the folks at the County Office of Emergency Management, especially to Jeff

Pompper who had done such a great job keeping them informed or seeking answers. He also commended McKenzie of the Salem County Health Department for her fabulous job of communicating as to what's happening at the county level. He also reported on a FEMA grant and suggested that the CFO reach out to Karen Mathews of the Mannington School to inform her. There being no public logging in and no other comments, this portion was closed by regular motion.

The Mayor announced the Rabies Clinic scheduled for April 11, 2020 has been postponed due to the coronavirus pandemic to May 2, 2020, same time, same location. If it is not advisable to hold it on May 2, there will be no rabies clinic held in Mannington this year.

REPORTS:

The following reports were filed:

Tax Collector reported receipts for March in the amount of \$108,897.87.

Mid-Salem County Court submitted a check in the amount of \$2,988.13 for fines received in March.

Registrar's receipts for March totaled \$1,481.00.

Thirty-seven (37) dog licenses were issued in March with receipts totaling \$693.00.

Finance reported receipts of \$133,962.38 for the month of March.

There being no further business to transact, the Mayor adjourned the meeting by regular motion at 5:36 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Esther A. Mitchell, Clerk

April 6, 2020	NO QUORUM
April 13, 2020	NO QUORUM
April 20, 2020	NO QUORUM
April 27, 2020	NO QUORUM