

Townhall
October 1, 2020

The Mannington Township Committee meeting was called to order by Mayor Asay at 7:00 PM. The following were in attendance: Asay, Patrick, Horner, Mitchell, Bowman, Carmer, Davis, Allen & Alyssa Ward of 120 Bassett Road, and Scott Mitchell.

Clerk certified that this meeting had been advertised in accordance with the Sunshine Law.

Mayor Asay updated the Committee regarding a special tax appeal lawyer. Assessor Harris spoke with Jerry McHale, Special Tax Appeal Appraiser, about contracting his services for the Golden Rehab Nursing Home tax appeal. McHale ensured Harris he will send her the contract information. Motion was made by Patrick, seconded by Asay, to hire McHale for the tax appeal case. Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

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 16444, ending computer check number 16484. Beginning with payroll check number 6655, ending payroll check number 6690.

Open Space

9/14/20	ck# 2030	\$ 250.00	Fralinger Engineering, PA
10/1/20	ck# 2031	\$36,329.86	Mannington Twp. Open Space

Unemployment Trust

10/2/20	ck# 1042	\$ 88.25	State of New Jersey
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CFO submitted a Report of Reconciled Cash Balances for month ending September 23, 2020 and a Summary Budget Status as of October 1, 2020.

CFO Bowman reviewed a memo she sent out to the Committee concerning the newly released *Deferred Payroll Tax Option*. After the discussion, it was the consensus of the Committee not to participate in the Deferred Payroll Tax Option.

MINUTES:

Motion was made by Patrick, seconded by Asay, approving the minutes for the meeting held on 9/3/2020. Motion carried.

ZONING REPORT:

Carmer gave a verbal and written report for September 2020. Report filed.

Mayor Asay brought up another complaint regarding a Bassett Road farm event's parking situation. Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator Abdill contacted the mayor regarding a safety concern which Abdill personally experienced during an event held at the Ward farm on Bassett Road. The safety concern was the parking arrangements, or lack of. People were crossing the road, walking in the road, and along side the road, some without active attentiveness of vehicles traveling down Bassett Road. At this time Mr. and Mrs. Allen Ward, owners of the mentioned farm located at 120 Bassett Road, joined the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public Comment period was opened by regular motion. Allen Ward of 120 Bassett Road explained his solution for the parking concern. He also inquired as to the process he is required to follow. Horner explained he will take his plan to the Zoning Officer for a Zoning Permit. If the Zoning permit is denied, or the Zoning Officer cannot determine if the plan is compliant, Horner went on to explain alternative procedures that may be needed or used. Public Comment was closed by regular motion.

Carmer left the meeting at 7:40 pm.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion was made by Patrick, seconded by Asay, adopting the following resolution. Roll call vote as follows:

Asay - yes
Patrick - yes
Emel - absent

**TOWNSHIP OF MANNINGTON
COUNTY OF SALEM**

RESOLUTION CERTIFYING REVIEW OF ANNUAL AUDIT

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 ending December 31, 2019 has been filed by a Registered Municipal Accountant with the Township Clerk pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-6, and a copy has been received by each member of the governing body; and

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

WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board has promulgated N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5, 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 "Findings and Questioned Costs" or "Findings and Recommendations; and

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 "Findings and Questioned Costs" or "Findings and Recommendations", as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto; 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, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5; 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 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 (Director of Local Government Services), under the provisions 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/her office."

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Committee of the Township of Mannington, hereby states that it has complied with N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5 and does hereby submit a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to said Board to show evidence of said compliance.

Motion was made by Patrick, seconded by Asay, adopting the following resolution. Roll call vote as follows:

Asay - yes
Patrick - yes
Emel - absent

**MANNINGTON TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Mannington, County of Salem and State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Committee further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has received a grant from the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Salem in the amount of \$1,143.66 for FY 2021;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Mannington, County of Salem and State of New Jersey that the Mayor and Township Committee are hereby authorized to enter into a contract with the County of Salem for FY 2021 Municipal Alliance Services.

CORRESPONDENCE :

The Annual PIG Notice for Fiscal Year 2022 and Target Farm List was received by the Salem County Ag Development Board.

A letter was received by Ken Hohing, land owner of Block 30, Lot 1, Roosevelt Avenue. Mr. Hohing was requesting the Township upkeep the road as he uses it to get to his piece of meadow. Mayor Asay explained that in the past, the Committee decided not to maintain asphalt on the piece of road due to it becoming a dumping area at the dead end. The Mayor spoke with Mr. Hohing and it was decided that the Township will dump some stone in the holes in the road without cutting back any phragmites. Patrick thought this was a good idea.

The Committee reviewed a resolution sent from the Salem County Freeholder Board regarding recycling grant funds and the Governor's proposed budget. This has since been revised to reflect recycling grant funds will not be allocated elsewhere. Resolution filed.

On September 30, 2020, Rita Shade, member of the Mannington Township Planning Board, submitted, via email, her resignation from the Planning Board. Ms. Shade has sold her farm and will be temporarily residing out of the county. Mayor Asay asked that a thank you letter be sent to Ms. Shade.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

Patrick gave a verbal Public Works report. The repair of Marshalltown Road was discussed. Mayor Asay will gather quotes for up to a 6" overlay on approximately 160' of a 19' wide road. Public Works will fix the hole prior to the overlay and will place stone on the sides of the roadway.

REPORTS:

The following reports were filed:

Tax Collector reported receipts for September in the amount of \$152,874.95.

Mid-Salem County Court submitted a check in the amount of \$1,184.06 for fines received in September.

Registrar's receipts for September totaled \$1,526.00.

Two (2) dog licenses were issued in September with receipts totaling \$76.00.

Finance reported receipts of \$157,590.97 for the month of September.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to transact, the Mayor adjourned the meeting by regular motion at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Esther A. Mitchell, Clerk

October 5, 2020 NO QUORUM
October 19, 2020 NO QUORUM
October 26, 2020 NO QUORUM