

Townhall  
March 15, 2021

The Mannington Township Committee Workshop was called to order by Mayor Asay at 5:30 PM. The following were in attendance: In person - Asay, Patrick, Mitchell. Via GoToMeeting (virtual)-Emel, Horner, Albert Telsey, Township's Environmental Lawyer, Dave Kitts and Victor Giudice of Mannington Mills, Timothy Sattler and Sean Damon of Langan.

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

**BUSINESS:**

Motion was made by Asay, seconded by Patrick, adopting the following resolution. Motion carried.

**MANNINGTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
RESOLUTION FOR CLOSED SESSION  
(March 15, 2021)**

WHEREAS, the Mannington Township Committee will now conduct a closed session for discussions from which the public may be lawfully excluded pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act (*N.J.S.A. 10:4-6, et seq.*);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mannington Township Committee, as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from the closed session discussions which are the subject of this resolution.
2. The general nature of the subjects to be discussed during the closed session is as follows: **Matters falling within the attorney/client privilege, tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public, and/or pending or anticipated contract negotiations, relating to a potential agreement or other means or procedures by which Mannington Mills may gain various permissions and approvals, including permission to access to Mannington Township land, in connection with the Mannington Mills Pledger Creek remediation project.**
3. The discussions conducted during the closed session will be disclosed to the public as follows:
  - a. with respect to matters involving pending or anticipated litigation, after such matters have been resolved and any periods of appeal have expired;
  - b. with respect to other matters, when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.
4. No action will be taken during the closed session, but action may be taken following the closed session.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

A question was raised as to who owns the security camera that Salem County installed for the Elections Ballot Box. The Mayor discussed this with various people. The Salem County Commissioners and the County Administrator are under the assumption that Salem County owns the camera. The Committee shares their assumption.

A letter received from the American Legion Ambulance Association was discussed. Mayor Asay was surprised at the amazing statistics for Mannington Township for the year 2020. There are approximately 530 homes in the township. The ALAA letter showed there were a total of 336 EMS calls in 2020. Their information showed that ALAA responded to 296 out of the 336 calls. Patrick suggested to keep in mind that there are "prime pay" locations in Mannington Township. Examples are: Golden Nursing Center, Salem County Jail, the dialysis center and the group homes located on Kings Highway and Oechsle Road. Mannington Fire Company does not respond to these calls. Typically, 80% of residential calls in the township are responded to by Mannington Fire Company. The Committee approved of Patrick speaking with Mannington Fire Chief Butcher to find out their position on this. This item will be discussed at a later meeting.

CFO Bowman had a question as to the amount of the budget item to the Mannington Fire Company. The Committee agreed to leave the amount as it is now and they will discuss further at Budget meeting.

Patrick brought before the Committee an inquiry from Sue Ann Leighty, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity of Salem County. She emailed Patrick to find out if there are any opportunities for Habitat and the township to work together. She is looking beyond 2022. Mayor Asay suggested sending her a list of land getting ready for auction and see if she has any ideas. He then went on to say there is no sewer or water hook-up. Patrick said they have received funding for

septic and wells for rural development. Asay suggested inviting her to a meeting where she can give her presentation. Patrick suggested the May meeting. Asay stated if a lot is given to them, it will have a restriction on the deed that it cannot be subdivided in the future.

Mayor Asay shared a letter he received stating Mannington Township should be receiving \$168,566.00 in American Recovery Plan funds. He emailed the letter to the Auditor and CFO, questioning if this should be considered in the 2021 Budget.

An email was received by Clerk Mitchell from the Salem County Women's Services containing a proposal for a project they would like to implement for Sexual Assault Awareness Month in the township. The project is called "Paint the Town Teal". They requested permission to place teal ribbons on the light posts around Townhall along with a yard sign stating the township's commitment to who are survivor/victims of sexual violence, explaining the meaning of the ribbons and providing their hotline number. Motion was made by Patrick, seconded by Emel, to allow the SCWC to "Paint the Town Teal". Motion carried with an abstain from Mayor Asay.

Mayor Asay asked the Committee to review the proposal submitted by Rich Warner of Warner Realtors for a virtual land auction so that they can discuss at the next meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Public Comment period was opened and closed by regular motions, as there were no comments.

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business to discuss or transact, the Mayor adjourned the meeting by regular motion at 6:38 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Esther A. Mitchell, Clerk

**March 22, 2021 NO QUORUM**

