

Townhall
March 21, 2022

The Mannington Township Committee Workshop was called to order by Mayor Asay at 5:30 PM. The following were in attendance: Asay, Patrick, Dunham, Horner, Mitchell, Ed McKelvey, Alloway Township Mayor, and Richard Coe, Esquire.

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

CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION:

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

**MANNINGTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION FOR CLOSED SESSION
(March 21, 2022)**

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 involving pending or anticipated litigation in which Mannington Township is or may become a party, and matters falling within the attorney-client privilege to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise the attorney's ethical duties as a lawyer, with respect to reported zoning violations at property designated as Mannington Township Block 42, Lots 8 & 14, and/or Block 44, Lot 8.**
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.

The meeting was open to the public.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

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

Asay - yes
Patrick - yes
Emel - yes

**MANNINGTON TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND
OPEN CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the Township of Mannington has a need to enter into a contract for the services of special counsel to represent the Township in Land Use Litigation matters; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is one year from the date of the contract, and may be extended as approved by the Township Committee; and

WHEREAS, Richard P. Coe, Jr. of the firm Weir Greenblatt Pierce LLP, has submitted a proposed Agreement, indicating that they will provide the necessary services as stated in the Agreement for Professional Services, and

WHEREAS, Richard P. Coe, Jr. has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that the firm has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township of Mannington in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit the firm from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract, and

WHEREAS, the Township CMFO has certified that sufficient and legally appropriated funds are available pending the successful passage and adoption of the CY2022 and that the attached certification showing availability of funds and specifying the exact line item appropriations which shall be charged, with a "Not to Exceed" amount unless so authorized by the Township Committee, is incorporated herein and attached hereto as though set forth herein in verbatim.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Mannington authorizes the Mayor and Township Committee to enter into a contract with Richard P. Coe, Jr. of the firm Weir Greenblatt Pierce LLP as described herein, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that notice of this contract award be published as required by NJSA 40A:11-5.

CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

As required by NJSA 40A4-57, NJAC 5:30-14.5, and any other applicable requirement I, Diane Elwell, Chief Financial Officer of Mannington Township, have certified that sufficient and legally appropriated funds are available pending the successful passage and adoption of the CY2022 Legal OE Budget (2-01- -105-201) in an amount not to exceed \$2,500.00 unless authorized by the Township Committee to award a contract to Weir, Greenblatt, Pierce LLP for land use litigation services for the period of 1/1/22 – 12/31/22.

/s/Diane Elwell

Chief Financial Officer

Date: March 21, 2022

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

Asay - yes
Patrick - yes
Emel - yes

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE HIRE OF A
ASSISTANT TO THE TAX ASSESSOR AT THE RECOMMENDATION
OF THE TAX ASSESSOR**

WHEREAS, the Mannington Township Tax Assessor expressed a need to hire an assistant for her office; and

WHEREAS, a notice was placed on the Township website, showing a job description for the position; and

WHEREAS, Carol Waddington, a Mannington Township resident, viewed the notice and submitted an application for employment, in person to the Tax Assessor on March 14, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Donna Harris, Tax Assessor, accepted the application and interviewed Ms. Waddington at that time; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor felt that Ms. Waddington's skills were appropriate for the position and therefore recommends her hire to fill the assistant position.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Mannington that they approve to hire Ms. Waddington for the position of Tax Assessor Assistant, beginning March 28, 2022, with salary according to the latest Salary Ordinance adopted on December 29, 2021.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. The Committee discussed the Eddis/Mahalik farmland preservation application. The applicants will be sent a letter inviting them to attend the April 7, 2022 Township Committee meeting for an informal discussion.

2. A request from the NJ Transit to review and approve of two bus stop sign installations for the Salem County Vo-Tech was discussed. As there wasn't a clear understanding of why they wanted to place the bus stop signs where they mentioned, the Mayor will contact NJ Transit to discuss the placement.

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 6:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Esther A. Mitchell, Clerk

March 28, 2022 NO QUORUM