

Townhall  
February 1, 2024

The Mannington Township Committee meeting was called to order by Mayor Asay at 5:35 PM. The following were in attendance: Asay, Dunham, Eber, Horner, Mitchell, Elwell, Davis, and Schmid(arriving at 6:07 PM).

**SUNSHINE CERTIFICATION:**

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

**APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT:**

Motion was made by Asay, seconded by Eber, approving the attached bill list.

Asay - yes      Dunham - yes      Eber - yes

CFO submitted a Summary Budget Status Report for 2023 Reserve Balances as of February 1, 2024 and a Summary Budget Status Report for 2024 Temporary Budget as of February 1, 2024.

CFO reported on a discussion she had with the Township Auditor about moving some money into Certificate of Deposit's. The auditor said yes, they can move some money. The Committee agreed to wait until the current CD's come due one or two months, then see what the current interest rates and possibly move money into one or two CD's.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion was made by Dunham, seconded by Asay, approving the minutes for meetings held on 12/7/2023 & 12/18/2023. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Dunham, seconded by Eber, approving the minutes for meetings held on 1/4/2024 (reorganization & regular). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Dunham, seconded by Eber, approving the minutes for the Closed Session meeting held on 12/7/2023. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion was made by Eber, seconded by Dunham, adopting the following-named ordinance on first reading. Roll call vote as follows:

Asay - yes    Dunham - yes    Eber - yes

**MANNINGTON TOWNSHIP  
ORDINANCE #24-01**

**AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION  
LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK CY2024  
(N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)**

A public hearing was scheduled for March 7, 2024 at 5:30 pm.

Motion was made by Dunham, seconded by Eber, adopting the following-named ordinance on first reading. Roll call vote as follows:

Asay - yes    Dunham - yes    Eber - yes

**MANNINGTON TOWNSHIP  
ORDINANCE NO. 24-02**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MANNINGTON TOWNSHIP  
LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE AND ZONING MAP TO RECONFIGURE THE  
A-AGRICULTURAL ZONING DISTRICT AND THE LC-LIMITED COMMERCIAL ZONING  
DISTRICT BOUNDARIES NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF  
SALEM COUNTY ROUTE NO. 540 (HAWKS BRIDGE ROAD) AND  
SALEM COUNTY ROUTE NO. 620 (KINGS HIGHWAY)**

A public hearing was scheduled for March 7, 2024 at 5:30 pm.

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

**MANNINGTON TOWNSHIP**

**RESOLUTION REFERRING PROPOSED LAND USE ORDINANCE  
AMENDMENT TO PLANNING BOARD PURSUANT TO  
N.J.S.A. 40:55D-26, -62, -62.1 AND -64**

**Re: Proposed Ordinance No. 24-02**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mannington Township Committee, that it hereby refers the proposed ordinance entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MANNINGTON TOWNSHIP  
LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE AND ZONING MAP TO RECONFIGURE THE  
A-AGRICULTURAL ZONING DISTRICT AND THE LC-LIMITED COMMERCIAL ZONING  
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SALEM COUNTY ROUTE NO. 540 (HAWKS BRIDGE ROAD) AND  
SALEM COUNTY ROUTE NO. 620 (KINGS HIGHWAY)**

to the Mannington Township Planning Board for the following purposes:

1. The Planning Board is requested to prepare and transmit to the Township Committee, within 35 days, a report including:

- a. identification of any provisions in the proposed Ordinance that are inconsistent with the Mannington Township Master Plan, with recommendations concerning such inconsistencies and any other matters as the Planning Board deems appropriate;
- b. confirmation that all of the provisions of the proposed Ordinance are either substantially consistent with the land use plan element and the housing plan element of the Mannington Township Master Plan, or designed to effectuate such plan elements.
- c. confirmation that all of the zoning district classification and boundary changes that would be enacted by the proposed Ordinance have been recommended in a periodic general reexamination of the Mannington Township Master Plan by the Planning Board pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40:55D-89*.

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

Asay - yes    Dunham - yes    Eber - yes

**MANNINGTON TOWNSHIP**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH ANIMAL ADOPTION CENTER  
FOR ANIMAL SHELTER SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, The Township of Mannington has need of animal shelter services to receive animals seized by Mannington Township's Animal Control Officer, and

**WHEREAS**, the Animal Adoption Center currently operates an animal pound, and

**WHEREAS**, the Animal Adoption Center has proposed a twelve-month contract by which animal shelter services would be provided to Mannington Township for a monthly fee of \$333.00, plus a charge of \$125.00 for each animal delivered to the shelter, for a term commencing on March 1, 2024, and ending on the last day of February 2025.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Mannington, that it hereby approves of entering into the proposed contract with the Animal Adoption Center for animal shelter services.

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

**MANNINGTON TOWNSHIP  
RESOLUTION APPOINTING FUND COMMISSIONER  
MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND**

**WHEREAS**, the **Township of Mannington** is a member of the **Gloucester, Salem, Cumberland, Counties Municipal Joint Insurance Fund**, hereinafter referred to as the **FUND**; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bylaws of the **FUND** require that each Municipality appoint a member of the governing body or a municipal employee to serve as Fund Commissioner; and

**WHEREAS**, the **Township of Mannington** recommends the appointment of **Richard Eber, Jr.** to serve as Fund Commissioner in accordance with the **FUND** Bylaws;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Mannington that it does hereby appoint **Richard Eber, Jr.** as Fund Commissioner to the Gloucester, Salem, Cumberland Counties Municipal Joint Insurance Fund.

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

**MANNINGTON TOWNSHIP  
RESOLUTION GRANTING MUNICIPAL CONSENT  
FOR CONDUCT OF BINGO AND RAFFLE**

**WHEREAS, *Pennsville Township Historical Society***, has submitted a properly executed Application for a License to operate a BINGO, and a properly executed Application for License to operate a ON PREMISE DRAW 50/50 CASH RAFFLE on March 16, 2024 at the Salem County Vocational Technical School located at 880 Route 45, in the Township of Mannington, and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Clerk has reviewed said Applications and determined that the applicant is qualified and that the members designated to conduct games are qualified, and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Clerk is satisfied that the games will be conducted according to the regulations of the Legalized Games of Chance Act.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Mannington, hereby grants municipal consent to ***Pennsville Township Historical Society*** to conduct a BINGO and a ON PREMISE DRAW 50/50 CASH RAFFLE on March 16, 2024 at the Salem County Vocational Technical School and hereby waives any municipal fee.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Comcast's 2023 franchise payment in the amount of \$2,662.90 was received.

2. Verizon's 2023 franchise payment in the amount of \$6,852.93 was received.

3. A letter was received from Donna Harris, Township Tax Assessor, serving as official notice she will be retiring as Tax Assessor, effective June 30, 2024.

4. The Mayor shared the news he received in the mail that the Mannington Branch of Fulton Bank, located at 125 Route 45, will permanently close on April 26, 2024 at 3:00 PM.

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:**

A written and verbal Public Works report was given by Eber for the month January. Eber reported quotes were obtained for the chipping and hauling away of limb piles at the Public Works yard. Quotes are as follows: Bergholtz's Tree Experts: \$4,895.00, Junior's Tree Service: \$2,500.00, and a verbal quote from Tree Busters: \$3,600.00.

Motion was made by Asay to accept the lowest quote submitted by Junior's Tree Service, seconded by Dunham. Roll call vote as follows:

Asay - yes    Dunham - yes    Eber - yes

Asay gave a shout-out to Eber and the Public Works employees on their performance during the last two snow storms.

**ZONING REPORT:**

A written was report was submitted by Schmid for the month of January. Asay reviewed the report with the Committee.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Public Comment was opened and closed by regular motion, with no comments.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Horner reported receiving a letter back from Frank Hearst, the attorney representing the railroad. Horner requested additional information and when received, he will review the findings with the Committee.

Horner reported on the ordinance requested by American Water (purchased Salem City water). He reviewed the requested ordinance, made changes. He is further reviewing the ordinance with the Township Planner, Michael Sullivan. Upon completion he will submit the ordinance to the Committee for review and discussion.

**REPORTS:**

The following reports were filed:

Tax Collector reported receipts for January in the amount of \$325,349.72.

Mid-Salem County Court submitted one (1) check in the amount of \$541.74 for fines received in January.

Registrar's receipts for January totaled \$1,036.30.

There were eleven (11) dog licenses issued in January with receipts totaling \$201.00.

Finance reported receipts of \$198,706.60 for the month of January.

There being no further business to transact, the meeting was adjourned by regular motion at 6:17 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Esther A. Mitchell, Clerk

**February 5, 2024 NO QUORUM**

**February 26, 2024 NO QUORUM**