

Townhall
August 2, 2018

The Mannington Township Committee meeting was called to order by Mayor Asay at 7:00 PM. The following were in attendance: Asay, Patrick, Emel, Horner, Mitchell, Bowman, Carmer, Township residents; Patti Davis, Bethanne Patrick and Charles DeStefano.

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

Mayor Asay announced that former long-time Committeeman and Mayor for a term, Ernest F. Tark, Jr., passed away. He conveyed his condolences and said Mr. Tark did many good things for the Township.

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

Asay - yes
Patrick - yes
Emel - yes

Beginning with computer check number 15378, ending computer check number 15416. Beginning with payroll check number 5634, ending payroll check number 5672.

Community Healthcare Assoc.

8/2/18	ck#1007	\$ 6,628.42	Clarke Caton & Hintz
8/2/18	ck#1006	\$ 6,188.09	McManimon, Scotland & Bauman

Unemployment Trust:

8/2/18	ck#1033	\$ 94.85	State of New Jersey
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Fralinger Engineering, PA:

8/2/2018	ck#1045	\$21,750.00	Fralinger Engineering, PA
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CFO submitted a Summary Budget Status as of July 30, 2018 and a Report of Reconciled Cash Balances for the month ending June 30, 2018.

Motion was made by Patrick, seconded by Emel, approving the minutes for meetings held on July 2, 2018. Motion carried.

ZONING REPORT: Carmer gave a written and verbal report for June and July 2018. Report filed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Motion was made by Emel, seconded by Patrick, opening the Public Hearing on Ordinance #18-06 Vacate Northern Section of Brown Street. There being no public input, motion was made by Emel, seconded by Patrick, closing the hearing.

Motion was made by Emel, seconded by Patrick, adopting the following-named ordinance on second and final reading. Motion carried.

**MANNINGTON TOWNSHIP
ORDINANCE NO. 18-06**

**AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE, ABANDON, RELEASE
AND EXTINGUISH A STREET IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANNINGTON,
COUNTY OF SALEM AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY:**

NORTHERN SECTION OF BROWN STREET

Motion was made by Emel, seconded by Patrick, opening the Public Hearing on Ordinance #18-07 Vacate Woodnut Street and Old Windmill Lane. There being no public input, motion was made by Emel, seconded by Patrick, closing the hearing.

Motion was made by Emel, seconded by Patrick, adopting the following-named ordinance on second and final reading. Motion carried.

**MANNINGTON TOWNSHIP
ORDINANCE NO. 18-07**

**AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE, ABANDON, RELEASE AND
EXTINGUISH TWO (2) STREETS IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANNINGTON,
COUNTY OF SALEM AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY:**

**WOODNUT STREET (A/K/A "WOODNUTT STREET")
AND OLD WINDMILL LANE**

Horner updated the Committee on the Fletcher Estate Land Gift, Block 14, Lot 27, Mannington-Yorketown Road. He has the documents prepared for the conveyance of the land if the Township wishes to receive it. The title company approved the documents and title insurance is available based on the assessed value of the property with no money up front required. They will send the bill to the Township. Tierra Thompson, the late Ms. Fletcher's daughter and the Estate

Administrator, reviewed the documents and wishes to proceed with the gift of land.

Motion was made by Emel, seconded by Patrick, to accept the land known as Block 14, Lot 27, consisting of approximately 2.5 acres and located on Mannington-Yorketown Road. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF MANNINGTON
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXTENDED GRACE PERIOD
FOR THIRD QUARTER 2018 TAXES**

WHEREAS, THE TAX COLLECTOR OF MANNINGTON TOWNSHIP has certified to the Township Mayor and Committee that final 2018, preliminary 2019 tax bills will be mailed on or about July 25, 2018. Due to the late release of the bills, an extended grace period must be granted to provide twenty-five days from the date of mailing; therefore, if the third quarter 2018 taxes are not paid on or before August 21, 2018, interest will be calculated retroactive to the due date of August 1, 2018. The information is printed on the tax bills;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the appropriate officials of the Township of Mannington, County of Salem, State of New Jersey, adjust the grace period to reflect said extension.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Township Mayor and Committee of the Township of Mannington, County of Salem, State of New Jersey, held on August 2, 2018.

Quotes from two appraisers were submitted by Kris Alexander, PIG Administrator. After review of the quotes, motion was made by Patrick, seconded by Emel, approving of both firms to provide land appraisals on the Holladay and Duffy farms chosen for preservation through the Municipal Planning Incentive Grant. Roll call vote as follows:

Asay - yes
Patrick - yes
Emel - yes

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. NJ DOT correspondence regarding Municipal Aid for Fiscal Year 2019 was reviewed. Motion was made by Patrick, seconded by Emel, to apply for the north end of Compromise Road from Mannington-Yorketown to Route 45. Motion carried. 2. The Quarterly JIF Loss Ratio Report for

Fund Years 2012 through 2017 valued as of June 30, 2018 was reviewed. Mannington's Loss Ratio is 0%. Report filed. 3. An Environmental Audit on the Public Works location, conducted by JIF (EJIF) on July 2, 2018, showed no environmental concerns. Audit filed. 4. SADC sent information on a Municipal PIG Rule Amendment Proposal and asked for comments to be submitted by September 5, 2018. 5. State Agriculture Development Committee Resolution #FY2018R5(3) Approval of Municipal Planning Incentive Grant (PIG) Applications Including Comprehensive Farmland Preservation Plans and Project Area Summaries FY2019 PIG Program was reviewed. Mannington Township was on the approved list.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

Patrick submitted a written and verbal report. 1. New snow fencing is needed for this winter. He will contact the County to see if it is feasible to order together if possible. 2. New outside lights were installed by Mannington Electric and work great. 3. A quote from Tri Plex Alarm Company in the amount of \$795.00 was reviewed. The alarm would be a motion alarm installed in the shop building. Motion was made by Patrick, seconded by Emel, to accept the quote. Roll call vote as follows: Asay - yes, Patrick - yes, Emel - yes. 4. Right of Way Snowplowing/Maintenance was discussed. After much discussion, Horner suggested sending a letter stating "At this time Mannington Township is not prepared to assume responsibility for plowing snow from or otherwise maintaining private easements or rights-of-way. Actions taken by drivers of public works vehicles, or rescue or fire vehicles, for purposes of safety during or after heavy snow events or in emergencies should not be construed as Township maintenance of private easements or rights-of-way." Motion was made by Patrick, seconded by Emel to use the Solicitor's wording and send a letter. Motion carried. 5. Demolition of four buildings on recently foreclosed property was discussed. Asay would like to accept quotes in September with the demo

work being completed in October. Work would include: Demolition of buildings, removal of debris, and any required backfill. The Township Engineer is to certify that the well and septic have been capped and/or filled in. Asay contacted Habitat for Humanity regarding donating items left inside the foreclosed church in Claysville. They conveyed interest and would contact Asay as to when someone could meet him at the location to review. 6. There was also some discussion of having a public property sale in the spring of 2019 on certain foreclosed properties.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The Committee discussed the increasing industry of Marijuana Growing and Dispensaries. Horner advised the Committee to take no action regarding the matter until more facts are known.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public Comment period was opened by regular motion. Resident, Charles DeStefano, of 75 Acton Station Road, reported his neighbors at 61 Acton Station Road are continuing to bring equipment to the property, especially on weekends. Public Comment portion was closed by regular motion.

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

**MANNINGTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION FOR CLOSED SESSION**

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: **Pending or anticipated litigation – review and discuss July 10, 2018 privileged and confidential correspondence from Michael J. Edwards.**

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 opened to the public.

Motion was made by Asay, seconded by Emel, to schedule the 2018 Fall Clean Communities Road Clean-up Day for October 13th, 2018.

Based on the performance evaluation by Public Works Chairman Patrick, motion was made by Patrick, seconded by Emel, to promote Public Works employee, Ron Owens, from Utility Person to Foreman at a two dollar pay increase from \$18/hour to \$20/hour, effective September 16th, 2018. Roll call as follows: Asay - yes, Patrick - yes, Emel - yes.

The following reports were filed:

The Collector reported receipts for July in the amount of \$166,314.19.

Mid-Salem County Court submitted a check in the amount of \$1,455.42 for fines received in July.

Registrar's receipts for July totaled \$2,213.00.

There were no dog license's issued in July.

CFO reported receipts of \$214,434.00 for the month of July.

There being no further business to transact, motion was made by Emel, seconded by Patrick, adjourning the meeting at 8:50 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

August 6, 2018 NO QUORUM
August 13, 2018 NO QUORUM
August 20, 2018 NO QUORUM
August 27, 2018 NO QUORUM

Esther A. Mitchell, Clerk