

Townhall
October 4, 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 Historian David Culver, and Janet Sheridan.

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

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 15449, ending computer check number 15492. Beginning with payroll check number 5713, ending payroll check number 5750.

Community Healthcare Assoc.

10/4/18	ck#1012	\$ 864.00	Michael P. Albano, Esquire
10/4/18	ck#1013	\$ 7,873.88	McManimon, Scotland & Bauman

Planning Board Escrow under 5000:

10/4/18	ck#1062	\$ 299.38	Fralinger Engineering, PA
10/4/18	ck#1063	\$ 1,637.82	Esther Mitchell

Capital:

10/4/18	ck#1049	\$ 650.00	Craig Testing Labs, Inc.
10/4/18	ck#1050	\$ 807.50	Fralinger Engineering, PA

CFO submitted a Summary Budget Status as of October 3, 2018 and a Report of Reconciled Cash Balances for the month ending August 31, 2018.

Motion was made by Patrick, seconded by Emel, approving the minutes for meetings held on September 6, 2018. Motion carried.

The meeting was turned over to Dave Culver, Township Historian and Janet Sheridan. Ms. Sheridan spoke about Marshalltown. Marshalltown was a Nineteenth Century small black community and is now

on the Historic Registrar. She feels Marshalltown is great archeological site, as it has not been disturbed since the beginning of the community. She has been speaking with Christopher Matthews, an archeologist and a professor of anthropology at Montclair University, regarding bringing students down to do an archeological investigation on November 10th and 11th. The first step would be to do a pedestrian survey, which consists of walking, examining, flagging and recording. The second step, which would not take place until the spring of 2019, would be to shovel test pits. On the basis of what they find, the third step may be digging bigger areas called pits. Most likely one (1) or two (2) pits considered as high priority sites. This would go on for 4 to 6 weeks. The entire process would be done between now and next summer. The Committee was supportive of the cause.

Mayor Asay announced a letter was received from the NJ Department of Community Affairs stating their approval of the Salem Hospital property as a non-condemnation area in need of redevelopment.

Joseph Baumann, Redevelopment Counsel, was going to attend the meeting to talk about financial implications related to redevelopment areas, but could not as he had a family emergency.

ZONING REPORT:

Carmer gave a written and verbal report for September 2018. Report filed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Motion was made by Patrick, seconded by Emel, to opening the public hearing on Ordinance #18-03. Motion carried.

There being no comments for the hearing, motion was made by Emel, seconded by Patrick, to close the hearing. Motion carried.

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

**MANNINGTON TOWNSHIP
ORDINANCE NO. 18-03**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
MANNINGTON TOWNSHIP CODE CHAPTER 131
TO INCLUDE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS
FOR TEMPORARY HOUSING TRAILERS**

Motion was made by Patrick, seconded by Emel, opening the public hearing on Ordinance #18-08. Motion carried.

There being no comment, motion was made by Emel, seconded by Patrick, closing the public hearing. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Patrick, seconded by Emel, adopting the following-named ordinance on second and final reading. Roll call vote as follows:

Asay - yes
Patrick - yes
Emel - yes

**MANNINGTON TOWNSHIP
ORDINANCE NO. 18-08**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED
"AN ORDINANCE FIXING AND CONFIRMING THE SALARIES AND
COMPENSATIONS OF CERTAIN APPOINTIVE AND ELECTIVE OFFICERS
AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANNINGTON IN THE COUNTY
OF SALEM, NEW JERSEY BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 1968," ADOPTED
FEBRUARY 22, 1968 AND THE AMENDMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTS TO
SAID ORDINANCE**

NEW BUSINESS:

After some discussion, motion was made by Emel, seconded by Patrick, adopting the following resolution. Motion carried.

MANNINGTON TOWNSHIP

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING
THE SALEM COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
TO REDUCE THE SPEED LIMIT ON
CHENEY ROAD (SALEM COUNTY ROUTE 669)**

WHEREAS, a Mannington Township resident who lives near the southeast end of Cheney Road (Salem County Route 669) has recently reported to the Mannington Township Clerk that, while waiting with his child for the child's school bus, he has personally witnessed repeated instances of vehicles travelling along Cheney Road at dangerously excessive speeds; and

WHEREAS, at its September 6, 2018 regular meeting, two other Mannington Township residents, one of whom is the Superintendent of the Salem County Vocational Technical School, expressed concerns about dangerous traffic activity, including excessive speeds, along Route 45 in the vicinity of SCVTS and Cheney Road; and

WHEREAS, after hearing the above concerns and receiving the above report, each of the individual members of the Mannington Township Committee independently (but unofficially, and without the aid of speed monitoring devices) investigated traffic movements along and near Cheney Road at various times of day, and on various days of the week, and observed numerous instances of vehicles travelling at what appeared to be dangerously excessive speeds; and

WHEREAS, the posted speed limit on Cheney Road is currently 50 miles per hour; and

WHEREAS, having carefully considered the above concerns, report, observations, and currently posted speed limit, as well as Cheney Road's relatively short length (compared to other county roads) of slightly more than a mile, its narrow-to-nonexistent paved shoulders, its proximity to private homes and Fenwick Grove Park, and its periodic but intense use by travelers to and from the Salem County Agricultural Complex, the Salem County Special Services School District Salem Campus, and the Salem County Vocational Technical School (which has a driveway entrance and athletic fields along Cheney Road), the Mannington Township Committee believes that the safety and well-being of persons who reside, work, and attend schools along and near Cheney Road, as well as those who travel along and near Cheney Road, would be significantly enhanced if the speed limit on the entire length of Cheney Road were reduced from 50 miles per hour to no more than 40 miles per hour; and

WHEREAS, Cheney Road is a County road under the jurisdiction of the Salem County Board of Chosen Freeholders; and

WHEREAS, a county may, pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 39:4-8.b.(2)*, -98 and -197, alter speed limitations on county roads without NJDOT approval;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Mannington, County of Salem and State of New Jersey, that the Salem County Board of Chosen Freeholders is hereby requested to consider all of the foregoing concerns, observations, and factors; to conduct all necessary engineering and traffic investigations; to reduce the speed limit on the entire length of Cheney Road to 40 miles per hour or lower; and to install signage and other improvements along and near Cheney Road as may be necessary to promote the health, safety and welfare of persons who live, work, and attend schools along and near Cheney Road, and the traveling public; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mannington Township Clerk is hereby directed to send a true copy of this Resolution to Brenda Banks, Clerk of the Salem County Board of Chosen Freeholders, within ten (10) days after its adoption.

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

MANNINGTON TOWNSHIP

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING
THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
TO REDUCED THE SPEED LIMIT
ALONG A PORTION OF N.J.S.H. ROUTE 45
NEAR THE SALEM COUNTY VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL**

WHEREAS, the Board of the Special Services School District and the Vocational Technical School District of the County of Salem have adopted the attached Resolution dated September 27, 2018, recommending that the New Jersey Department of Transportation reduce the speed limit on an approximately 0.4-mile portion of New Jersey State Highway Route 45 between County Home Road and Haines Neck Road (along part of which the Salem County Vocational Technical School has abutting frontage) from 50 miles an hour to 35 miles an hour between 7:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (the "Districts' Resolution"); and

WHEREAS, as most of the aforesaid portion of roadway lies within Mannington Township, the Districts' Resolution requests the support and assistance of Mannington Township with respect to the recommended speed limit reduction, and asks Mannington Township to serve as the Districts' advocate to the NJDOT; and

WHEREAS, the Districts' Resolution sets forth the Districts' reasons for the recommended speed limit reduction; and

WHEREAS, the Mannington Township Committee has reviewed and considered the Districts' Resolution and agrees that, for the reasons specified therein, the speed limit should be reduced as recommended;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Mannington, in the County of Salem and State of New Jersey, that the New Jersey Department of Transportation is hereby requested to reduce the speed limit on New Jersey State Highway Route 45 as recommended in the Districts' Resolution for the reasons set forth therein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mannington Township Clerk is hereby directed to send a true copy of this Resolution (with a copy of the Districts' Resolution attached) to the appropriate bureau or division of New Jersey Department of Transportation, and also to the Board of the Special Services School District and the Vocational Technical School District of the County of Salem, within ten (10) days after the adoption of this Resolution.

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

Asay - yes
Patrick - yes
Emel - yes

TOWNSHIP OF MANNINGTON

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
AMENDED 2018 MID SALEM COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)
(Amended for New Employees and Salary)**

WHEREAS, the Mannington Township Committee has adopted Ordinance No. 11-01, dated March 16, 2011, to establish a joint municipal court with Woodstown Borough, Elmer Borough, Quinton Township and Oldmans Township pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 2B:12-1, et seq.* (referred to as the "Mid Salem County Municipal Court"); and

WHEREAS, the above named municipalities have adopted similar ordinances for such purpose; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the above cited Ordinance and statute Mannington Township has entered into an agreement on April 6, 2011 with the other named municipalities entitled "Agreement Between the Borough of Woodstown, the Township of Mannington, the Borough of Elmer, the Township of Quinton, and the Township of Oldmans to Establish the Mid Salem County Municipal Court;" and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the above cited Ordinance and Agreement Mannington Township has each year entered into a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") with the other named municipalities, the first of which was entitled "2011 Memorandum of Understanding – Mid Salem County Municipal Court – Woodstown – Mannington – Elmer – Quinton – Oldmans," in order to confirm matters pertaining to administration of the Mid Salem County Municipal Court for each year from 2011 through 2018, including but not limited to the following:

- Percentage responsibilities for shared expenses;
- Salaries and wages;
- Hours of operation;
- Court schedule;
- Administrative fee apportionment;
- Billing;
- Budget; and
- Vacation policy;

AND WHEREAS, pursuant to the above cited Ordinance and Agreement, the Mannington Township Committee has reviewed and is prepared to enter into an amended MOU with the other named municipalities for the remainder of year 2018 entitled “AMENDED 2018 Memorandum of Understanding – Mid Salem County Municipal Court – Woodstown – Mannington – Elmer – Quinton – Oldmans (Amended for New Employees and Salary)” in order to confirm the hiring and terms of employment of the Municipal Court Administrator and Deputy Municipal Court Administrator of the Mid Salem County Municipal Court for the remainder of year 2018;

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

1. The Mannington Township Committee approves and hereby adopts the “AMENDED 2018 Memorandum of Understanding – Mid Salem County Municipal Court – Woodstown – Mannington – Elmer – Quinton – Oldmans (Amended for New Employees and Salary)” as the terms and conditions upon which the administrative matters addressed therein shall be governed for the remainder of year 2018.

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

MANNINGTON TOWNSHIP

**RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING APPOINTMENT OF
MARTIN W. WHITCRAFT AS MUNICIPAL JUDGE
OF THE MID SALEM COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT
FOR ANOTHER THREE-YEAR TERM
(JANUARY 1, 2019 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2021)**

WHEREAS, Martin W. Whitcraft has been appointed and currently serves as the Municipal Judge for the Mid Salem County Municipal Court for a three-year term pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 2B:12-4*, which term began on January 1, 2016 and will continue through December 31, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Mid Salem County Municipal Court Committee has recommended that each participating municipality endorse the appointment of Martin W. Whitcraft to the position of Municipal Judge for another three year term that would run from January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Mannington agrees with the Mid Salem County Municipal Court Committee’s recommendation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Mannington, County of Salem and State of New Jersey, that the Mannington Township Committee hereby accepts the Mid Salem County Municipal Court Committee’s recommendation, endorses the appointment of Martin W. Whitcraft as Municipal Judge for another three-year term, and authorizes Mannington Township’s representative to the Mid Salem County Municipal Court Committee to:

Take all necessary and appropriate action with other members of the Mid Salem County Municipal Court Committee to convey this recommendation for appointment of Martin W. Whitcraft as Municipal Judge of the Mid Salem County Municipal Court for a three-year term from January 1, 2019, through December 31, 2021, to Hon. Benjamin C. Telsey, A.J.S.C., c/o Ashley Wolk, Salem Municipal Division Manager for Vicinage XV, Gloucester County Courthouse, 19 North Broad Street, Woodbury New Jersey 08096.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

Patrick gave a verbal report on the Public Works Department. Motion was made by Asay, seconded by Emel, changing the normal working hours for the Public Works Department to 7:30 am to 4:00 pm for winter hours and 7:00 am to 3:30 pm for summer hours, with a one half (1/2) hour lunch period each day. Motion carried.

The loader needs new tires and Patrick presented quotes for four (4) new tires. Motion was made by Patrick, seconded by Asay, to accept the lowest quote and purchase the new tires from Service Tire of Millville. Roll call vote as follows:

Asay - yes Patrick - yes Emel - yes

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. A letter was received from Robert Haines, requesting the use of Biddle Road for an amateur film scene shoot. He film shoots as a hobby and is planning to enter it into a contest. The Committee agreed to Mr. Haines request.

2. Two notices were received from Verizon, dated September 24, 2018. Notice number 1 - re: Notice of Verizon New Jersey Filing with the Board of Public Utilities Regarding Expansion of Verizon New Jersey's Service Area to include Mannington Township. Notice number 2 - re: IMO the Application of Verizon New Jersey Inc. for Renewal of a System-Wide Cable Television Franchise, Docket No. CE13080756. Notices reviewed and filed.

3. The Annual Report of the Mannington Fire Company for the period August 31, 2017 to September 1, 2018 was received and filed.

4. A letter from Green Acres regarding the Fenwick Park was received. An inspection had been done and the park was found outdated. Committeeman Emel offered to contact Adam Taylor, Salem County Steward, to inquire about grants to update the facility and find out what the Township's obligations are.

5. A Thank-You note was received from Tierra Thompson, thanking the Township for accepting the gift of property on Mannington-Yorketown Road.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mayor Asay reported on the PIG workshop he attended on October 2, 2018.

Asay also requested approval of the Committee to ask the Agricultural Advisory Committee for a few recommendations from the Target Farm List, to begin the farmland preservation process. The Committee approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

The following reports were filed:

The Collector reported receipts for September in the amount of \$103,770.34.

Mid-Salem County Court submitted a check in the amount of \$1,665.09 for fines received in September.

Registrar's receipts for September totaled \$2,261.00.

There were no dog license's issued in September.

CFO reported receipts of \$209,566.38 for the month of September.

There being no further business to transact, motion was made by Emel, seconded by Patrick, adjourning the meeting at 8:35 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Esther A. Mitchell, Clerk

October 15, 2018

NO QUORUM