

**TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD
BURLINGTON COUNTY
MEETING MINUTES
October 12, 2016**

6:00 PM

The Executive Session Meeting of the Mansfield Township Committee was held on the above shown date with the following in attendance: **Mayor Sean Gable, Deputy Mayor Robert Semptimphelter, Committeeman Arthur Puglia, Committeewoman Laverne Cholewa, Committeeman Robert J. Higgins, Attorney Michael Magee, Clerk Linda Semus, and Administrator Michael Fitzpatrick.**

Mayor Gable called the meeting to order followed by the following opening statement.

Public notice of this meeting pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act NJSA 10:4-6 to 10:4-21 has been satisfied. Notice of this meeting was properly given in the annual notice, which was adopted by the Mansfield Township Committee on January 4, 2016. Said Resolution was transmitted to the Burlington County Times and the Trenton Times, filed with the Clerk of the Township of Mansfield, posted on the official bulletin board at the Municipal Complex, filed with the members of this body and mailed to each person who has prepaid any charge fixed for such service. All of the mailing, posting, and filing having been accomplished as of January 8, 2016.

A motion was offered by **Committeeman Puglia** and second by **Deputy Mayor Semptimphelter** to go into Executive Session by adoption of the following Resolution. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2016-10-1

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, Section 7 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 213, P.L. 1975 [NJSA 10:4-12(B)] permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and,

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exists;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, County of Burlington and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of, action on and reviewing the Minutes of The hereinafter specified matters.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows: pending litigation and personnel issues.
3. It is anticipated at this time that the above subject matter will be made public when the matter has been resolved and approved for release by the Township Solicitor.

Upon conclusion of the Executive Session, a motion was offered by **Committeeman Puglia** and second by **Deputy Mayor Semptimphelter** to adjourn the Executive Session and open the Regular Session. Motion carried.

The regular meeting of the Mansfield Township Committee was held on the above shown date with the following in attendance: **Mayor Sean Gable, Deputy Mayor Robert Semptimphelter, Committeewoman Laverne Cholewa, Committeeman Robert J. Higgins, Committeeman Arthur Puglia, Engineer Richard Brown, Attorney Michael Magee, CFO Joseph Monzo, Township Administrator Michael Fitzpatrick, Clerk Linda Semus, and Deputy Barbara Crammer.**

Attorney Magee stated that the executive session was to discuss contracts, contract negotiations, and personnel issues.

Mayor Gable opened the meeting with the Salute to the Flag and a moment of silence.

ENGINEERS REPORT

Engineer Richard Brown referred to his Progress Status Report dated October 12, 2016. Quotations are currently being solicited for the drainage improvements at the firehouse, possibly by the end of the week.

DLB returned to the municipal building yesterday to obtain more information in regard to the fire protection riser pipe renovations. Their analysis should be complete by the end of this week.

We have a commitment from the county to provide funding for the resurfacing of Axe Factory Road. Plans have to be provided to the County because we have reduced the project limits based upon the amount of funding we received.

The second floor accessibility work is completed. The carpet was re-installed yesterday and the contractor finished the tile work. A final punch list inspection will be conducted.

Curb will be installed along the front of the Mihalik property at 959 Mansfield Road West.

As-built drawings have been provided of the outfalls on the Margolis property to the Land Use Department and the County Soil Conservation District.

Discussions are being held with the homeowners of the Legends at Mansfield regarding the placement of the trees. Hopefully this will be resolved soon as they relate to the bond release.

The work is complete on the municipal access drive from Hedding Road and is satisfactory.

Engineer Brown is preparing a site plan and grading plan for the Georgetown Community Park.

Engineer Brown's firm will initiate the preparation for the application for the 2016 TAP grants for a connector walk from Main Street to Petticoat Bridge Road.

A motion was offered by **Committeeman Puglia** and second by **Committeewoman Cholewa** to accept the Engineer's Report. Motion carried.

FINANCE: Best Practice Review and Discussion

CFO Monzo explained that, for the past 7 years, the Department of Community Affairs has put out their Best Practice Questionnaire Inventory. Although it initially contained 88 questions, it has been narrowed down to 30 questions this year. This questionnaire was utilized to determine whether a municipality would receive their full allotment of their state aid. Based on the score, you would get a percentage of the state aid reduced. As in the past, we have maintained our state aid again this year by answering 25 of the 30 questions in the affirmative or they don't apply to our situation. Therefore, we will get all of our aid through the course of the year. The only requirement is that it is discussed with the governing body at a meeting. **Committeeman Higgins** suggested going over the "no" answered questions. After discussion, it was noted that the requirement for the Tax Assessor to notify the Chief Financial Officer and Governing Body of all tax appeals can be put in place. He also noted that the questions change from year to year. **Committeeman Higgins** advised **CFO Monzo** to go over no questions with **Administrator Fitzpatrick** and to come up with a plan.

ORDINANCE

**ORDINANCE NO. 2016-16
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 30 ENTITLED MOTOR
VEHICLE TOWING AND STORAGE**

WHEREAS, Chapter 30 Entitled Motor Vehicle Towing and Storage has specific requirements regarding payment schedules for Towing and Storage fees in connection with the same; and

WHEREAS, the current ordinance provides for towing fees for different classes of Motor Vehicles, Light Duty, Medium Duty and Heavy Duty classifications for the purpose of determining the appropriate fees to be charged, at Chapter 30. C. 6. (1) (a), (b), and (c); and

WHEREAS, Mansfield Township has decided to Amend Chapter 30 to provide for the increase of the fees charged for towing, depending on the classification of the Motor Vehicle to be towed; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED Chapter 30 is hereby amended as follows:

- 30.6. C. (1) (a) fee for light duty tow is increased from \$95.00 to \$125.00
- 30.6. C. (1) (a) fee for medium duty tow is increased from \$170.00 to 200.00
- 30. 6. C. (1) (a) fee for heavy duty tow is increased from \$270.00 to \$450.00.

REPEALER, SEVERABILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

- A. Repealer. Any and all Ordinances inconsistent with the terms of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of any such inconsistencies.
- B. Severability. In the event that any clause, section, paragraph or sentence of this Ordinance is deemed to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, then the Township Committee hereby declares its intent that the balance of the Ordinance not affected by said invalidity shall remain in full force and effect to the extent that it allows the Township to meet the goals of the Ordinance.
- C. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect upon proper passage in accordance with the law.

The ordinance was read by title by **Clerk Semus** who announced the Public Hearing to be held on October 26, 2016. **Committeeman Higgins** noted that the meeting will not be held on that date but will be held on October 25. A motion was then made by **Committeeman Puglia** and second by **Deputy Mayor Semptimphelter** to introduce Ordinance 2016-16 and hold the

public hearing on October 25, 2016. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, recorded as follows:

AYE: PUGLIA, SEMPTIMHELTER, CHOLEWA, HIGGINS, GABLE
NAY: NONE ABSENT: NONE ABSTAIN: NONE

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-10-2

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD AND COMMUNICATION WORKERS OF AMERICA, LOCAL 1034

WHEREAS, the Employee(s) within the Township’s Public Works/Sanitation Department previously formed a Collective Bargaining Unit under the auspices of the Communication Workers of America, Local 1034, and as a result of said formation, have negotiated a Contract with the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield; and

WHEREAS, the Parties have completed those negotiations, and are desirous of memorializing same by way of formal Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has reviewed the attached “Agreement between the Township of Mansfield and Communication Workers of America, AFL-CIO, Local 1034, covering a time frame January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, said Agreement sets forth the various terms and conditions, rights, privileges, benefits and emoluments the Parties relating to the employment relationship; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey that the Mayor and Clerk be and are hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Township of Mansfield and the Communication Workers of America, AFL-CIO, Local 1034.

Mayor Gable explained that this is the contract with Public Works.

A motion was offered by **Committeeman Puglia** and second by **Deputy Mayor Semptimphelter** to adopt Resolution 2016-10-2. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, recorded as follows:

AYE: PUGLIA, SEMPTIMHELTER, CHOLEWA, HIGGINS, GABLE
NAY: NONE ABSENT: NONE ABSTAIN: NONE

RESOLUTION 2016-10-3

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL OF UNUSABLE PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has found that a copier is no longer viable and unable to be used by Township Personnel, and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee believes that since said copier is no longer viable and/or usable, it would be in the best interest to dispose of said copier, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The following copier is hereby declared to be no longer viable property and unable to be used for Township services:
Panasonic DP 2500 Copier
2. The Township Superintendent is hereby authorized to dispose of said copier.

A motion was offered by **Committeeman Puglia** and second by **Deputy Mayor Semptimphelter** to adopt Resolution 2016-10-3. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, recorded as follows:

AYE: PUGLIA, SEMPTIMHELTER, CHOLEWA, HIGGINS, GABLE
NAY: NONE ABSENT: NONE ABSTAIN: NONE

RESOLUTION 2016-10-4
REDEMPTION OF TAX LIEN

WHEREAS, at the Mansfield Township Tax Sale held on September 18, 2015, a lien was sold on Block 26, Lot 2.03, also known as 372 New York Avenue for 2014 delinquent taxes; and,

WHEREAS, this lien, known as Tax Sale Certificate # 15-00004 was sold to Public Tax Investments, LLC in the amount of \$5,790.43 and,

WHEREAS, Caliber Home Loans has affected redemption of Certificate #15-00004 on behalf of Jeffrey McDonald,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, authorizes that a check be issued to Public Tax Investments, LLC, for the redemption of this lien.

Lien Holder	Lien #	Amount
Public Tax Investments	15-00004	\$29,409.16

A motion was offered by **Committeeman Puglia** and second by **Deputy Mayor Semptimphelter** to adopt Resolution 2016-10-4. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, recorded as

follows:

AYE: PUGLIA, SEMPTIMHELTER, CHOLEWA, HIGGINS, GABLE
NAY: NONE ABSENT: NONE ABSTAIN: NONE

**RESOLUTION 2016-10-5
REDEMPTION OF TAX LIEN**

WHEREAS, at the Mansfield Township Tax Sale held on September 14, 2016, a lien was sold on Block 40, Lot 4, also known as 1126 Jacksonville Road for 2015 delinquent taxes; and,

WHEREAS, this lien, known as Tax Sale Certificate # 16-00003 was sold to Jeffrey M. Burd in the amount of \$361.50 and,

WHEREAS, JP Morgan Chase c/o Corelogic Real Estate Tax Service has affected redemption of Certificate #16-00003 on behalf of Walter & Jane Johnson.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, authorizes that a check be issued to Jeffrey M. Burd, for the redemption of this lien.

Lien Holder	Lien #	Amount
Jeffrey M. Burd	16-00003	\$385.79

A motion was offered by **Committeeman Puglia** and second by **Deputy Mayor Semptimphelter** to adopt Resolution 2016-10-5. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, recorded as follows:

AYE: PUGLIA, SEMPTIMHELTER, CHOLEWA, HIGGINS, GABLE
NAY: NONE ABSENT: NONE ABSTAIN: NONE

**RESOLUTION 2016-10-6
CANCELLATION OF TAXES DUE TO VETERAN EXEMPTION**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A.54:4-3.30A allows for the exemption from taxation from real and personal property for any citizen and resident of the State who has a total or 100% permanent disability as defined by this statute; and,

WHEREAS, the properties listed below are owned by a 100% Disabled Veteran;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, hereby memorializes the cancellation of the following **2016** taxes:

Block	Lot	Property Owner	Amount
10.04	1	Jacqueline Pryor	\$ 2,916.26 (Effective 8/8/16)
12	2.01 & 2.01Qfarm	Earl Stillwell	\$ 3,768.20 (Effective 8/3/16)
23.07	13	Thomas Dwier	\$ 2,477.19 (Effective 8/19/16)
42.32	2	Dominic Rotondo	\$ 1,349.43 (Effective 8/9/16)

A motion was offered by **Committeeman Puglia** and second by **Deputy Mayor Semptimphelter** to adopt Resolution 2016-10-6. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, recorded as follows:

AYE: PUGLIA, SEMPTIMHELTER, CHOLEWA, HIGGINS, GABLE
NAY: NONE ABSENT: NONE ABSTAIN: NONE

**RESOLUTION 2016-10-7
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FLORENCE TOWNSHIP CHANGING STATE PLANNING DESIGNATION FROM PLANNING AREA RURAL (4) TO PLANNING AREA SUBURBAN (2)**

WHEREAS, the State Planning Commission (Commission) endorsed the Route 130 / Delaware River Corridor Strategic Revitalization Plan and the Florence Township Master Plan in 1999 as being consistent with the 1992 State Development and Redevelopment Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Commission's endorsement and subsequent 2001 State Development and Redevelopment Plan included a State Plan Policy Map which delineated growth areas where sewer service was permitted, such as the Suburban Planning Area (PA 2), and non-growth areas, such as the Rural Planning Area (PA 4), where sewer service would not be permitted; and

WHEREAS, during the 2001 State Development and Redevelopment Plan's (State Plan) P cross-acceptance process, Florence Township did not request that land in its industrial zoning districts near I-295 interchange 52 be delineated as a PA 2; and

WHEREAS, during the 2001 State Development and Redevelopment Plan's cross-acceptance process, Mansfield Township did request that land in its industrial zoning districts near I-295 interchange 52 be delineated as a PA 2; and

WHEREAS, increases in global trade have created a real estate market demand for warehouse and distribution facilities along the New Jersey Turnpike and I-295; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with its endorsed Master Plan, Florence Township's industrially zoned land in its existing PA 2 has almost reached its full development and redevelopment capacity; and

WHEREAS, based upon recent local development approvals and proposals in both Florence and Mansfield townships, I-295 interchange 52 has the market potential for 6.5 million square feet of industrial space, which could

generate up to 3,000 industrial jobs and roughly \$500 million in tax ratables, if it were all within PA 2 and had public water and sewer service; and

WHEREAS, as such, I-295 interchange 52 is a strategic economic development node in Burlington County and the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the approved and proposed development at this I-295 interchange 52 node would not adversely impact the integrity and viability of nearby population centers or threatened and endangered species, nor the future of agriculture in Burlington County; and

WHEREAS, delineation of certain appropriate properties in Florence Township north and west of I-295 interchange 52 as PA 2 would promote State Plan Goal #3: Promote Beneficial Economic Growth, Development and Renewal for All Residents of New Jersey and would be consistent with the State Plan's Statewide Policies for Comprehensive Planning, Economic Development, Transportation and Open Lands and Natural Systems;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Mansfield Township Committee supports Florence Township's request of the Commission to initiate a State Plan Policy Map technical amendment to have the following properties in Florence Township delineated from PA 4 to PA 2:
 - Block 165.02, Lots 4 and 6,
 - Block 167.01, Lots 1.01 through 9,
 - Block 168, Lots 5.01, 5.02, 6, 8 and 11, and
 - Block 168.01, Lot 7; and
2. The Mansfield Township Committee supports a wastewater plan amendment to provide sewer service to this new PA 2 area
3. Mansfield Township will continue to coordinate its water supply, wastewater management, traffic safety and farmland preservation planning efforts with Burlington County and Florence Township; and
4. A copy of this resolution be forwarded to the State Planning Commission, Burlington County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Florence Township Council.

STATE PLAN POLICY MAP AMENDMENT REQUEST
FLORENCE TOWNSHIP, BURLINGTON COUNTY

Background:

Since the State Planning Commission (Commission) adopted the State Development and Redevelopment Plan (State Plan) in 2001, the dynamic growth of global trade traffic at the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey (Port Authority) has rippled 60 miles southwest to Florence Township (Township). In addition to the increase in global trade, the retail sector has been undergoing seismic shifts towards e-commerce, resulting in increased demand for large distribution and logistics facilities. These changes have caused the Township and Burlington County (County) to rethink their basic planning assumptions and growth management agenda *vis-à-vis* the delineation of Suburban Planning Area (PA 2) and Rural Planning Area (PA 4).

Location:

The growing demands of global trade and e-commerce demands are of such significance that they warrant the Commission's review of the State Plan Policy Map (Policy Map) and consideration of amending the delineation of approximately 240 acres of mostly farmland, comprising the following properties north and west of Interstate 295 (I-295) Interchange 52 in the Township, from PA 4 to PA 2:

- Block 165.02, Lots 4 and 6,
- Block 167.01, Lots 1.01 through 9,
- Block 168, Lots 5.01, 5.02, 6, 8 and 11, and
- Block 168.01, Lot 7. (See enclosed map.)

These properties are bounded by roads, wetland corridors and preserved farmland. (Although the Township has an industrial zone south and east of I-295, there is no need to include it in the PA2 since that land is either a private landfill, the County's landfill, or other lands owned by the County.)

Changes Since 1999:

When the Commission endorsed the Route 130 / Delaware River Corridor Strategic Revitalization Plan (Plan) and the Township's master plan in 1999, the Township's industrial development vision was limited to:

- fulfillment of 650-acres of industrially-zoned land near the intersection of US Route 130 and New Jersey Turnpike (Turnpike) Interchange 6,
- remediation and redevelopment of the Roebling Steel Mill superfund site, and
- remediation and redevelopment of the Griffin Pipe manufacturing site.

The Township expected that completion of these industrial projects, all in the Township's PA 2, would take 20 years or more. Because it did not foresee development of its industrially-zoned land near I-295 Interchange 52 would be developed before then, it left that area in PA 4.

Almost 20 years has passed since the Commission endorsed the Plan. The Township's non-residential PA 2 has become a major employment center as the 650 acres of industrially-zoned land have yielded approximately 7.2 million square feet of approved development, not including the Roebling Steel Mill and Griffin Pipe sites. The following summary updates the status of the area:

- the Roebling Steel Mill superfund site has been remediated and laid out for development of a 1.4 million square foot traditional industrial park,
- the Griffin Pipe site is in the process of remediation, and
- the 650 acres of industrially-zoned land is soon to be built-out.

In 2016, almost every turnpike or interstate highway Interchange with developable land within reasonable distance south of the Port Authority has been built-out with warehouse or industrial development. I-295 Interchange 52, which is also within 2.5 miles of Turnpike Interchange 6, is the last remaining undeveloped area within reasonable distance to the Port Authority. It is a strategic economic development geographic location in Burlington County. More than one-half of the land within one-half mile of the Interchange is within an industrial zone in Mansfield Township's PA 2. The remaining land within one-half mile of the Interchange is zoned for industry and agriculture in Florence Township's PA 4. In fact, the municipal and State Plan Policy Map boundaries split one large farm operation.

The north eastern quadrant of this Interchange in Mansfield Township has been approved for 1.9 million square feet of industrial development. Agreements for public water and sewer service have been negotiated, and the developer is about to start construction of the utilities. The south eastern quadrant of the Interchange is under contract for industrial development. The same developer also has development agreements with the owners of properties in the western quadrant and the northern quadrant in both municipalities. In total, I-295 Interchange 52 has the market potential for 6.5 million square feet of industrial space, which could generate between about 750 and 3,000 new industrial jobs and between roughly \$375 million to \$500 million in tax ratables, if it were all within PA 2 and had public water and sewer service.

State Plan Consistency:

Amending the State Plan Policy Map would promote **State Plan Goal #3: Promote Beneficial Economic Growth, Development and Renewal for All Residents of New Jersey**. It would also implement State Plan Statewide Policy #5 Economic Development:

Promote beneficial economic growth and improve the quality of life and standard of living for New Jersey residents by building upon strategic economic and geographic positions, targeting areas of critical capital spending to retain and expand existing businesses, fostering modern techniques to enhance the existing economic base, encouraging the development of new enterprises, advancing the growth of green businesses, elevating work force skills, and encouraging sustainable economic growth in locations and ways that are fiscally and ecologically sound.

The map amendment request correlates to two individual policies for State Plan Statewide Policy #5 Economic Development:

Policy 1 Intergovernmental Planning and Coordination - Coordinate economic development activities both horizontally within each level of government and vertically among the levels of government.

Florence Township's neighbor, Mansfield Township, and Burlington County support this technical correction to the State Plan Policy Map. The two townships, and Burlington County, have worked together to realize the economic development potential by coordinating water supply, wastewater and traffic safety at this strategic location. Due to the projected size of this distribution center, realization of this strategic economic development location will also require extension of water supply and wastewater services, which requires approvals from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

Policy 7 Goods Movement - Promote planning and investments in capital facilities that make the movement of goods safe and efficient within and through New Jersey's ports, airports, rail systems and roads.

I-295 Interchange 52's easy on-off access and proximity to Turnpike Interchange 6 has become an extension of the Port Authority's chain of distribution sites, where goods are packed, unpacked and distributed to East Coast markets. Approval of this Policy Map amendment supports economic development goods movement throughout the State.

The map amendment request would also implement individual policies for State Plan Statewide Policy #2 Comprehensive Planning, such as,

Policy 15 Multi-Jurisdictional Planning and Public Service Delivery - Promote multi-jurisdictional planning and provision of public services wherever efficiencies can be achieved.

The requested map amendment and subsequent wastewater plan amendments are being coordinated by both Florence and Mansfield townships.

Policy 23 Conflicts Between Development and Other Objectives - Resolve conflicts between all development and environmental objectives and/or infrastructure capacity through the master planning process and certainly before development applications are filed.

The requested map amendment area has been reviewed for potential impacts to threatened and endangered species. No threatened or endangered species habitats will be adversely impacted by future development here. Also, the area is not on the Burlington County farmland easement acquisition target list for future preservation. Future wastewater infrastructure does have capacity in Florence Township or other nearby treatment plants.

This environmental review is also consistent with State Plan Statewide Policy #12 Open Lands and Natural Systems, specifically individual Policy 19 - Resident and Migratory Threatened and Endangered Species. This individual policy recommends planners and developers "identify and protect the habitats of resident and migratory threatened and endangered species. Manage the character, location and magnitude of growth and development in, and adjacent to, such habitats to avoid direct or indirect negative impacts on threatened or endangered species or their habitat."

The map amendment request would also implement State Plan Statewide Policy #8. Transportation:

Improve transportation systems by coordinating transportation and land-use planning; integrating transportation systems; developing and enhancing alternative modes of transportation; improving management structures and techniques; and utilizing transportation as an economic development tool.

It specifically correlates to one of that statewide policy's individual policies:

Policy 20 Transportation Planning as a Redevelopment and Development Tool - Employ transportation planning, facilities and services as development and redevelopment tools to shape growth and leverage economic development opportunities.

Turnpike and interstate Interchanges have become strategic extensions of our seaports and airports in New Jersey's modern economy. These 24/7 distribution centers are not ideally located in "centers" due to their associated traffic and noise impacts, but on the edges of centers, such as this one at I-295 Interchange 52.

In addition, the final draft of the *State Strategic Plan: New Jersey's State Development and Redevelopment Plan* recognizes "transportation, logistics and distribution" as one of the State's top five major industry sectors of statewide and regional importance for delivering strategic workforce development. Amending the State Plan Policy Map would further the *State Strategic Plan's* first goal of "Targeted Economic Growth: Enhance opportunities to attract and grow industries of statewide, regional and international significance."

A motion was offered by **Committeeman Puglia** and second by **Deputy Mayor Semptimpelther** to adopt Resolution 2016-10-7. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, recorded as follows:

AYE: PUGLIA, SEMPTIMPELTER, CHOLEWA, HIGGINS, GABLE
NAY: NONE ABSENT: NONE ABSTAIN: NONE

MINUTES: September 28, 2016

A motion was offered by **Committeewoman Cholewa** and second by **Committeeman Puglia** to approve the minutes of the September 28, 2016 meeting. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, recorded as follows:

AYE: CHOLEWA, PUGLIA, HIGGINS, GABLE
NAY: NONE ABSENT: NONE ABSTAIN: SEMPTIMPELTER

BILL LIST

A motion was offered by **Committeewoman Cholewa** and second by **Committeeman Puglia** to approve the bill list as submitted. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, recorded as follows:

AYE: CHOLEWA, PUGLIA, HIGGINS, SEMPTIMPELTER (see below) GABLE
NAY: NONE ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: SEMPTIMPELTER (Check #5812 and 5843)

DISCUSSION

a. Recreation: Approval of a new sponsorship form

A motion was offered by **Committeeman Puglia** and second by **Committeewoman Cholewa** to approve the request for a new sponsorship form. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, recorded as follows:

AYE: PUGLIA, CHOLEWA, HIGGINS, SEMPTIMPELTER, GABLE
NAY: NONE ABSENT: NONE ABSTAIN: NONE

b. Park Grant: 2016 Application – due December 2, 2016

The 2016 application is due December 2, 2016. Ideas for projects are needed for an application. Recommendations from the Recreation Committee are needed. Thought is to be given to ideas for the application. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

c. Park Grant: Transfer of funds between projects

Mayor Gable said efforts have been made to work out the grant received for the Civic Club project. There is not enough money to fund the project. However, we have additional grant money available from another project that was designated for resurfacing of the Hedding Park tennis courts. The County was contacted to see if we could combine them together. This was approved which would allow the Civic Club project to be completed. After that, we could re-apply for the next grant to do the Hedding tennis courts. This has to be decided. A motion was offered by **Committeeman Puglia** and second by **Committeewoman Cholewa** to combine the money and complete the Civic Club. The motion was carried on a Roll Call Vote, recorded as follows:

AYE: PUGLIA, CHOLEWA, HIGGINS, SEMPTIMPELTER, GABLE
NAY: NONE ABSENT: NONE ABSTAIN: NONE

Mayor Gable said we can now move forward with the contractor who was the low bidder. **Administrator Fitzpatrick** said the actual projected price of the bid was \$258,770.00 with two additions that can be done as well when combining the monies together. One addition was for RFP doors for an additional \$3,765.00 and a lock system for \$8,840.00. This would match the lock system with the other facilities that we have so they will all be tied together. The total amount

will be \$271,382.00. **Committeeman Higgins** made a motion that the two addition be included with the original amount and the project be completed. The motion was second by **Committeewoman Cholewa** and carried on a Roll Call Vote44444444444444444444444444444444, recorded as follows:

AYE: HIGGINS, CHOLEWA, PUGLIA, SEMPTIMHELTER, GABLE
NAY: NONE **ABSENT:** NONE **ABSTAIN:** NONE

d. Shared Services: Left turn arrows into high school.

Administrator Fitzpatrick said he received a phone call from Mr. Kaz from Northern Burlington in reference to the left turn arrows on Mansfield Road East. When they installed a new parking lot, they also installed a new lane with an arrow into the parking lot. However, they want to do a shared service with us to replace the other two arrows that go into the old sections and wanted to know if the Township would be interested in this shared service. The amount is not known at this point. **Committeeman Higgins** questioned why the other municipalities are not participating, not just Mansfield. He did note that safety is more important than money. **Committeewoman Cholewa** felt we should wait to see how much money it is. **Committeeman Higgins** felt it was the school’s responsibility, but if it is necessary, we should deal with it. **Administrator Fitzpatrick** was cautious inasmuch as they may throw back the onus on us to pay because it is our road. **Engineer Brown** felt the cost of two arrows is minimal but to mobilize the contractor, it will be more. We might want to look at other striping needs in the municipality and group them together rather than doing just two arrows. He said a thermoplastic paint would be used as a latex paint would wear off in a year or two. **Administrator Fitzpatrick** questioned whether our public works department could paint the arrows. **Engineer Brown** commented that they could not use thermoplastic but could use latex. It was noted the project to resurface Mansfield Road East was unfunded and it is on hold. **Mayor Gable** felt we should know the pricing so we know what to do. Jef Jones could be asked to look at it to see if it needs to be done right away. It is possible the project could be refunded at which time the arrows could be taken care of. **Engineer Brown** will prepare a price for painting the arrows.

MEETING CHANGE

Mayor Gable said, in considering the 295 project we have been working on for a long time, the County and State have indicated they are on board with the project. The County feels it is a good project and they are happy that we are working together with Florence on the project. At the next Freeholder’s Meeting scheduled for October 26, the same night as our meeting date, they will do a resolution and presentation in favor of the project. The Committee has been invited to attend. Because of that, we are moving our meeting to October 25th at 7:30pm. Everyone is invited to attend the Freeholder’s meeting to see the presentation.

A motion was offered by **Committeeman Puglia** and second by **Committeeman Semptimphelter** to change the meeting date to October 25, 2016. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, recorded as follows:

AYE: PUGLIA, SEMPTIMHELTER, CHOLEWA, HIGGINS, GABLE
NAY: NONE **ABSENT:** NONE **ABSTAIN:** NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT

Richard Hammill, 2468 Axe Factory Road, said the Township removed the barricades at the top of the road where Axe Factory Road starts at Old York Road. It was the request of the County to remove it because they had a grant opening of Crystal Park. He called the county and spoke to John Smith, the superintendent of parks for Burlington County. He claimed that he had asked to have signs made up stating that Crystal Lake Park is open. **Administrator Fitzpatrick** said he received a call from Matt Johnson who is in charge of trails and he also asked for signs and then felt it would be a better idea to move the barriers back to allow easy access to the park. Therefore, the barriers were moved to all the park to be more accessible. Mr. Hammill said there is a problem with the move. The cars still drive around the barriers and turn around in his driveway, causing damage. The barrier is important to him because he sees an increase by 4 or 5 times as much in the traffic of people turning around in his driveway when the sign is not at the top of the road. **Mayor Gable** felt that, for this situation, we should put the barriers back and inform the County that, if they provide us a sign indicating the county park open, we will attach it to our barrier. This should resolve the resident’s issue and the park open sign should resolve the County’s issue. Mr. Hammill asked if a no truck beyond this point be installed. He said that, on the

Bordentown side of Axe Factory Road, there is a sign restricting trucks beyond a certain point. **Mayor Gable** asked **Engineer Brown** if he could address the signage issues and make sure the appropriate signage is in place. Once the road is open, we want to make sure we have the proper signage. Everyone agreed to authorize **Engineer Brown** to address the signage issue.

Mr. Hammill questioned the paving of Axe Factory Road and wondered if, because of the increase in traffic anticipated from the Granger Project in Bordentown Township, speed humps could be installed. **Mayor Gable** said this possibility will be discussed. Mr. Hammill indicated there were a lot of accidents in the curve of the road and speed humps would help. **Engineer Brown** said there is specific DOT criteria for installation of speed humps and he will investigate to see if it would be applicable in this location.

Joseph Witty, 28 Barbary Lane, referred to the painting of the arrows on Mansfield Road East. Now that we will be hit with a 23cent gasoline tax, will the projects be back on line so that Mansfield Road will be repaved. Do we want to paint a road that will be repaved in another year or so? **Mayor Gable** said we are hoping the funding gets re-instated. And, if it does, there wouldn't be a reason to move forward at this time. **Engineer Brown** suggested, that, in the interim, the arrows be painted with highway traffic latex which can be done by the public works department. This was agreeable to all.

Mark Semus, 8 Greenbrook Drive, spoke of an article he read regarding the support and comradery of the Police Department in Bergen County, who has a program to acknowledge the Police Departments in their communities. They paint a blue line between the solid striped lines in certain areas on the Municipality. He brought it to the committee to entertain as it might be something we might consider doing to support our local police. He said he will reach out to officials of the Bergen County municipalities to find out how they did this. He has connections with Benjamin Moore paint companies where he felt he could get donations for paint projects. Mr. Semus said he would take this project on and possibly bring it to the fire company with fire police to paint the blue line between the yellow stripes to honor police to let them know we appreciate them. **Mayor Gable** asked Mr. Semus to provide information to **Administrator Fitzpatrick** for the Committee's review.

With no further public comment, **Mayor Gable** closed this portion of the meeting.

MAYOR AND COMMITTEE COMMENTS

The Committee Members thanks those in the audience for their attendance at this meeting.

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT

A motion was offered by **Committeeman Puglia** and second by **Committeewoman Cholewa** to adjourn. Motion carried.

PREPARED BY:

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

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Approved: October 25, 2016

