

**TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD
BURLINGTON COUNTY
MEETING MINUTES
August 22, 2012
Executive Session
6:00 PM**

The regular executive session meeting of the Mansfield Township Committee was held on the above shown date with the following in attendance: **Deputy Mayor Robert Higgins, Committeeman Sean Gable, Committeeman Alfred Clark, Committeewoman Janice DiGiuseppe, Solicitor Michael Magee, and Clerk Linda Semus.** Also in attendance were Richard Archer and CFO Joseph Monzo. **Mayor Arthur Puglia** was not in attendance.

Deputy Mayor Robert Higgins 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 3, 2012. 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 9, 2012.

A motion was offered by **Committeeman Clark** and second by **Committeeman Gable** to go into executive session by adoption of the following Resolution. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 2012-8-1
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: on-going contract negotiations, pending litigation and personnel.
3. It is anticipated at this time that the above subject matter will be made public when the matters have been resolved and approved for release by the Township Solicitor.

Regular Meeting
7:30PM

The regular meeting of the Mansfield Township Committee was held on the above shown date with the following in attendance **Deputy Mayor Robert Higgins, Committeeman Sean Gable, Committeeman Fred Clark, Committeewoman Janice DiGiuseppe, Engineer Len Faiola, Attorney Michael Magee, CFO Joseph Monzo, Clerk Linda Semus, and Deputy Clerk, Barbara Crammer.** **Mayor Arthur Puglia** was not in attendance.

A motion was offered by **Committeeman Clark** and second by **Committeeman Gable** to come out of executive session. Motion carried.

Attorney Magee explained that matters discussed in executive session were contract negotiations, pending litigation and personnel.

The regular meeting was opened by **Deputy Mayor Higgins** followed by the flag salute and a moment of silence.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer Len Faiola highlighted items from his status report. The NJDOT trust fund is accepting applications for fiscal year 2013 which are due in mid-October. A few roads are being examined with Jef Jones as candidates for grant applications. Sometime in the next three weeks, a decision has to be reached on one road. **Engineer Faiola** said he wants to meet with **Committeeman Clark** and then give the entire committee some concrete recommendations so an application process can proceed. Currently, White Pine Road on the east side of Route 68 seems to be the most promising but there are others to

be considered. He hopes to return with a recommendation by the next meeting. He noted we have been successful 12 out of the past 13 years in getting a grant.

The Georgetown-Chesterfield Road is substantially complete. A couple of punch list items remain and, probably final paper work will be completed by next week with final reimbursement from the DOT. An issue has come up regarding making the roadway a no-passing zone on both sides. Previously there was no-passing on one side coming in from Chesterfield but there is passing heading toward Chesterfield. There are speed tables there now and, allowing any passing at all may be hazardous. The suggestion was made to make the entire section of the road no passing in both directions. **Engineer Faiola** has to prepare a written certification to the committee so that an ordinance can be adopted making it a no passing in both directions. He recommended this and, with the Township's concurrence, he will provide the certification. Once this is done, it will be striped solid yellow in both directions. **Committeewoman DiGiuseppe** asked if this would be covered in the contract. She was told it would be as it is minimal cost to run another yellow line. **Engineer Faiola** will get the certification to **Attorney Magee** so the ordinance can be prepared for the next meeting. **Engineer Faiola** said he would like to stripe it now so the contract can be closed out, following by the ordinance taking effect in two meetings. A motion was offered by **Committeewoman DiGiuseppe** and second by **Committeeman Gable** to do as **Engineer Faiola** had explained. Motion carried.

Engineer Faiola said a transcript of the public hearing on the Water Quality Management Plan was sent to the DEP earlier this month. They intend to adopt the plan as presented without any further modification. This is suppose to happen within the next week or so. This is good news for the Township. We expect to get some feedback from the County who is also submitting their County wide Waste Water Management Plan. Mark Remsa is initiating meetings to get ours signed which is part of the County's Plan. Hopefully news will be received by the next meeting.

Engineer Faiola said he has been addressing the condition of Sharps Road and Mill Lane left by the contractor of the Turnpike Authority. He said a report is being sent to the Turnpike with photographs detailing exactly the damage done and who has been doing the damage plus our expectation of the turnpike. He anticipates they will make corrections as they have stated so in the past.

Construction is on-going with the Municipal Complex. Most of the permits have been drawn so the project can move forward. There are three change orders that have some up, one of which is timely. He would like action on them this evening with a resolution authorizing them.

Engineer Faiola described the change orders as follows:

1. Extra stone to be installed under the slab that was missing when the slab was opened for the sewer pipe. This is an unforeseen circumstance. The amount of the extra is \$1,039.56.

2. An engineering change to change the make and style of a toilet for one of the rest rooms which results in a \$394 reduction.

3. A lighting fixture change. The contractor presented an option to the Township whereby the Township will be able to receive a credit for using high efficiency lighting fixtures in the building, resulting in a positive change order of \$8,426.88. It is recommended that the change order be adopted because the payback period in terms of energy saved is about 2 years. This is an overall cost reduction in terms of operation and maintenance taking into account the rebate associated with the high efficiency fixtures. Initially the contract called for the recycling and reuse of the existing lights as they are now but the energy savings makes sense to move forward with the added cost at this point. This is an owner initiated change order.

Engineer Faiola said the one change order that is timely is the extra stone in the floor. The other two can be dealt with at a later time. **Committeewoman DiGiuseppe** questioned whether we have a surplus for the expenses. **Engineer Faiola** said there is

funding within the overall budget. **Deputy Mayor Higgins** questioned how much was left for change orders. **CFO Monzo** felt we have sufficient funds. **Deputy Mayor Higgins** felt the energy efficient lights should be recommended as well as the other two changes.

A motion was offered by **Committeeman Gable** and second by **Committeeman Clark** to amend the agenda and to approve Change order Items Number 10, 11, and 12. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, recorded as follows:

AYE: GABLE, CLARK, DIGIUSEPPE, HIGGINS
NAY: NONE ABSTAIN; NONE ABSENT: PUGLIA

RESOLUTION 2012-8-6
RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE CHANGE ORDER OF FASOLINO CONTRACTING CORPORATION, INC. OF SEWELL, NEW JERSEY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION/RENOVATION OF THE NEW TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL COMPLEX AT THE NEW MILLENNIUM BUILDING IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD

WHEREAS, the Township of Mansfield has awarded a contract to Fasolino Contracting Corporation, Inc. on April 25, 2012; and
WHEREAS, Remington and Vernick has provided proposed change orders to the contract as follows:

- Number 10. Extra stone to be installed under the slab in the amount of \$1,039.56. (under contingency)
- Number 11. Change make and style of toilet in a rest room resulting in a reduction of \$394.00. (under contingency)
- Number 12. Light fixture change utilizing high efficiency lighting fixtures in the building resulting in a positive change order of \$8,426.88 enabling saving of energy usage in addition to rebates associated with the high efficiency fixtures. (Township's Responsibility)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Mansfield, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey authorizes the above listed change orders with the following stipulation:

The Township believes that Change Orders #10, #11, and #12 listed above are to be considered change orders (Township's responsibility) and/or a contingency and are so noted above.

Engineer Faiola said that, in pursuit of the bond calling issue, they are finished the site inspection and have developed a bond estimate and a punch list item. These will be forwarded to the Solicitor tomorrow after which they can begin the process on contacting the bonding company followed by the negotiation process. He said his firm has done this many times in other municipalities and has planned to bring in some of their most experienced people to help in the negotiations process.

Attorney Magee explained that there is a specific procedure to follow to call a bond. You begin by putting them on notice as to what items that are bonded for are not complete. He spoke of negotiations to get things done.

Engineer Faiola explained that the Orleans has asked for a final performance bond release for the Meadows. He is in the process of finalizing that inspection prior to them doing final pavement which is expected to take place in the fall. In addition, Orleans has requested that the Township assume responsibility for paying for the street lights. This will be in conjunction with the final performance guarantee. We will accept that bill when they post a maintenance bond for the lights in conjunction with their final improvements. **CFO Monzo** said they have requested payment for the last two months. However, he was told the obligation for the street lights becomes effective when the performance bond is released. Therefore their request to pay this should be denied.

Committeeman Clark asked when the turnpike will fix Mansfield Road West. **Engineer Faiola** said they indicated they will schedule this prior to October but he will request a firm date.

Committeeman Gable said the drawing show an emergency access to New York Avenue but he hasn't seen it yet. **Engineer Faiola** said this wasn't done but it will be a punch list item that will have to be complete prior to release.

A motion was offered by **Committeeman Clark** and second by **Committeewoman DiGiuseppe** to accept the Engineer's report. Motion carried.

FINANCE

CFO Monzo explained that, in the 2013 state budget, there is a revenue item in the budget that was meant to offset some state expenses. They were looking to take the COAH funds from the municipalities in New Jersey. This was going to amount to about \$280 million dollars. The towns have fought this and the recent rulings from the courts stipulate that the state and the COAH staff were prohibited from seeking a turn over from any municipalities from the Affordable Housing Trust Funds. This means the August 13th deadline set by COAH and the executive director was overturned by the courts. Therefore, we were not required to turn over any unspent COAH money. The state may file an appeal because their budget is dependent on the revenue from the towns of New Jersey. In the mean time, we have adopted a Resolution planning a way to spend the money. It is debatable whether that plan is acceptable by COAH. This means we are on hold right now until the next round of appeals by the state.

BILL LIST

Committeewoman DiGiuseppe questioned the check for Bally’s and was told it was for the League and the township will be reimbursed. A motion was offered by **Committeewoman DiGiuseppe** and second by **Committeeman Clark** to approve the bill list as presented. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, recorded as follows:

AYE: DIGIUSEPPE, CLARK, GABLE (with exception as noted), **HIGGINS**
NAY: NONE
ABSTAIN: GABLE (abstained from check #672 – Aid to Fire Co.)
ABSENT: PUGLIA

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 2012-8-2

PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE 2012 BUDGET PURSUANT TO NJSA 40A:4-87 (CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948)

WHEREAS, N. J. 40A: 4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for equal amount.

SECTION 1

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 22nd day of August, 2012, that the Township of Mansfield hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2012 in the sum of \$ 1,112,114.00 which item is now available as an additional revenue for the Mansfield Township Reforestation Program

SECTION 2

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$ 1,112,114.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

Section 1 (a)

Mansfield Township Reforestation Program

CFO Monzo explained that this is a grant from the State of NJ for Round 2 of the tree reforestation, in the amount of about \$1,115,000. We received \$799,000 last year. This money comes from the result of a law suit filed by several municipalities along the turnpike corridor.

Attorney Magee explained that this was coordinated through Matt Johnson and Bob Tallon. The tress are to be purchased in the fall. **CFO Monzo** said the grant allows us to either purchase them ourselves or reimburse anyone who purchases them on our behalf. The money is to be used to purchase trees for public property.

A motion was offered by **Committeeman Gable** and second by **Committeewoman DiGiuseppe** to adopt Resolution 2012-8-2. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, recorded as follows:

AYE: GABLE, DIGIUISEPPE, CLARK, HIGGINS
NAY: NONE ABSTAIN: NONE ABSENT: PUGLIA

RESOLUTION 2012-8-3

PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE 2012 BUDGET PURSUANT TO NJSA 40A:4-87 (CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948)

WHEREAS, NJSA 40A: 4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for equal amount.

SECTION 1

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 22nd day of August, 2012, that the Township of Mansfield hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2012 in the sum of \$ 115,000.00 which item is now available as an additional revenue for the Mansfield Township Municipal Park Development Program

SECTION 2

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$ 115,000.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

Section 1 (a)

Municipal Park Development Program

CFO Monzo explained that this is a grant from the County of Burlington for park development in the amount of \$115,000. Since it was awarded after the budget was adopted, this resolution is a mechanism by which we can include the money in the budget. Deputy Mayor Higgins thanked Committeeman Gable for working with Jef Jones and Committeewoman DiGiuseppe in securing the grant.

A motion was offered by Committeewoman DiGiuseppe and second by Committeeman Gable to adopt Resolution 2012-8-3. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, recorded as follows:

AYE: DIGIUSEPPE, GABLE, CLARK, HIGGINS
NAY: NONE ABSTAIN: NONE ABSENT: NONE

RESOLUTION 2012-8-4

RESOLUTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION 2012-1-4 ENTITLED "APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL POSITIONS/BOARDS/EMPLOYEES"

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the following appointment terms are hereby amended, effective January 1, 2012 to the office listed below.

Emergency Management Coordinator: Douglas J. Borgstrom..... Expires 12/31/14

Assistant Emergency Management Coordinator: Sean S. Gable..... Expires 12/31/14

Clerk Semus explained that this is a resolution that was a correction as requested by the County as the positions were originally designated as a four year term when they should be a three year term. This is a correction to the original resolution.

A motion was offered by Committeeman Clark and second by Committeewoman DiGiuseppe to adopt Resolution 2012-8-4. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote recorded as follows:

AYE: CLARK, DIGIUSEPPE, HIGGINS
NAY: NONE ABSTAIN: GABLE ABSENT: PUGLIA

RESOLUTIONS 2012-8-5

A RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO THE PROPOSED WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN (WQM) PLAN AMENDMENT ENTITLED: Burlington County Future Waste Water Service Area Map

WHEREAS: Mansfield Township desires to provide for the orderly development of wastewater service areas; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) requires that proposed wastewater treatment and conveyance facilities and wastewater service areas, as well as related subjects, be in conformance with an approved WQM plan; and

WHEREAS, the NJDEP has established the WQM plan amendment procedure as the method of incorporating and updating new or previously unplanned facilities and service areas into a WQM plan; and

WHEREAS, a proposed WQM plan amendment noticed in the New Jersey Register on September 4, 2012 for the Burlington County Future Wastewater Service Area Map has been prepared by the County of Burlington Department of Resource Conservation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 22nd day of August, 2012, by the governing body of the Township of Mansfield that:

- 1. The Mansfield Township Committee hereby consents to the amendment entitled "Burlington County Future Wastewater Service Area Map", and publicly noticed on September 4, 2012, prepared by the County of Burlington Department of Resource Conservation, for the purpose of its incorporation into the Tri-County Water Quality Management Plan.
- 2. This consent shall be submitted to the NJDEP in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:15-3.4

Clerk Semus explained that this resolution was received yesterday from the County requesting us to adopt the resolution to move forward. They wanted our approvals on how the mapping was done. Clerk Semus sent e-mails to Remington and Vernick as well as our Planning Consultant and Attorney who have reviewed the material and gave their approval.

A motion was offered by **Committeeman Gable** and second by **Committeeman Clark** to approve Resolution 2012-8-5. Motion was carried on a Roll Call Vote, recorded as follows:

AYE: GABLE, CLARK, DIGIUSEPPE, HIGGINS
NAY: NONE ABSTAIN: NONE ABSENT: PUGLIA

MINUTES: July 25, 2012

A motion was offered by **Committeeman Clark** and second by **Committeeman Gable** to approve the minutes of the July 25, 2012 meeting. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, recorded as follows:

AYE: CLARK, GABLE, HIGGINS
NAY: NONE ABSTAIN: DIGIUSEPPE ABSENT: PUGLIA

REPORTS:

Clerk, Tax Collector, Zoning, COAH, Construction, Court, Ambulance, Police, and Finance

A motion was offered by **Committeewoman DiGiuseppe** and second by **Committeeman Gable** to accept the reports as submitted. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

Clerk Semus requested that items a, b and c be considered with one vote as all three applications for the use of the Mansfield Park have been approved by the Recreation Committee, with insurance provided. She noted that more than half of the children are Northern Burlington children.

a. Application for the use of Mansfield Township Park Permit – Northern Burlington 12U Baseball – contact persons: Steve Blue, August, 2012 through November, 2012 – 50/70 Field in Park in the Mansfield Community Park and Civic Club. All insurance requirements are fulfilled and dates and field use approved by the Recreation Committee. **(There will be no field use fees but lighting fees will apply)**

b. Application for the use of Mansfield Township Park Permit – Northern Burlington 10U Baseball – contact person: Bob Montalbano – Saturday morning in September and October 2012 – request for “baseball field” no specific site requested. All insurance requirements are fulfilled and dates and field use approved by the Recreation Committee. **(There will be no field use fees but lighting fees will apply)**

c. Application for the use of Mansfield Township Park Permit – Northern Burlington Fall Ball – contact persons: Dan Berg, September, 2012 through November 2012 – 60/90 Field in Park in the Mansfield Community Park and Civic Club. All insurance requirements are fulfilled and dates and field use approved by the Recreation Committee **(There will be no field use fees but lighting fees will apply)**

A motion was offered by **Committeeman Gable** and second by **Committeeman Clark** to approve the foregoing applications a, b and c for use of the Municipal Park. Motion carried.

d. Carfax Police Crash Assistance – Digital Reports

Clerk Semus explained that Chief Mulhall had sent over documents a while back and is now re-introducing the concept to us. She further explained that anyone who has an accident in our township and needs a report can go on line, pay for it and print it. There is no involvement necessary with the Police Department. There is quite a number generated on a regular basis and, with the staff being cut in hours, this does help. This is of no cost to the Township. The Township does receive \$6.00 and the company receives \$4.00. The only question remaining is determination of the endorsers of the contract. **Committeewoman DiGiuseppe** recommended that **Chief Mulhall** and **Clerk Semus** be designated. **Clerk Semus** asked that we move forward on this tonight so it can be implemented. However, since the Committee and Attorney had not had sufficient time to

review the contract, it was decided to approve the request contingent upon the approval of the Township Committee and the Township Attorney by no later than September 10, 2012. A motion was offered by **Committeewoman DiGiuseppe** and second by **Committeeman Clark** to approve the request conditioned upon reviews and approval by September 10, 2012. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, recorded as follows:

AYE: DIGIUSEPPE, CLARK, GABLE, HIGGINS
NAY: NONE ABSTAIN: NONE ABSENT: PUGLIA

e. Recreation Memo:

i. Security Camera System - \$1,800

Clerk Semus said the recreation committee has requested approvals for a camera system for \$1,890. with a storage area unit to shelve a DVD player that will be doing the recording. Colleen Herbert, 2 Millennium Drive, said there is about \$100,000 in one of the accounts. **CFO Monzo** recommended that the Recreation Committee meet with him and **Committeeman Gable** to determine the source of the money. Mrs. Herbert said that this is not an elaborate camera system but if the township wanted something in more detail, that would be up to them. It would be locked. **Deputy Mayor** said he will meet with the Recreation Committee next week. Therefore, the camera and storage area request are to be held.

iv. Policy and Procedures and concussion training courts – for information purposes.

Clerk Semus explained that the Recreation Committee wants the Township Committee to be aware that they had consulted with Jef Jones regarding safety guidelines. **Committeeman Gable** said they want to post rules and regulations at the new building. The Concussion training is a requirement of the coaches as per the state. The Recreation Committee requires certain things from all coaches. This is something new and they want the township to be aware of it. It will protect our children and is of no cost to the township. Colleen Herbert noted that the list of policy and procedures is to protect our investment when in use. They have been reviewed by Jef Jones. They feel there is no recourse to go back on someone should there be any damage. All they are asking is for approval to post the requirements as the building is owned by the township.

Deputy Mayor Higgins said he just received these items and hasn't had a chance to review it. **Committeewoman DiGiuseppe** felt we should have to wait another month. Colleen Herbert said they haven't rented the building out yet and wont although there is minimal use. **Deputy Mayor Higgins** said he will speak to the Recreation Committee.

iii. Village Cleaners - \$95.00 monthly

v. Payment to Northern Burlington Junior Greyhounds - \$1,500.00

A motion was offered by **Committeewoman DiGiuseppe** and second by **Committeeman Gable** to approve the above payments. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, recorded as follows:

AYE: DIGIUSEPPE, GABLE, CLARK, HIGGINS
NAY: NONE ABSTAIN: NONE ABSENT: PUGLIA

PUBLIC COMMENT

Victor Csirip said he finished his fire pit project in the Veteran's area of the park. He shared a picture of his work and thanked **Deputy Mayor Higgins** for his donation. Victor was compliment on his project. **Committeewoman DiGiuseppe** said she is on the Veteran's Committee and asked him to pass the picture around. She further explained that Victor did this as an Eagle Scout project. He was given a round of applause.

Myra Dickert, 8 Allister Lane, asked if solar is being considered for the municipal building. **Deputy Mayor Higgins** said it was considered but the Municipality cannot get the grant of 30% since we would need a third party to do a PPA and no one would do that. **Engineer Faiola** explained that the only solar work going on now with the new legislation that created a rock bottom price for the S-Racks is being done on landfills because the state is specifically promoting that work to be done. Solar projects

on buildings, on a private scale, are very marginal. The economics on a public facility aren't there. Getting a third party to come in will not work.

Laverne Cholewa, on behalf of the Veteran's Committee, thanked the Township Committee and Victor for the project in the park. She then asked if we ever collected the money for Gaunt's Bridge Road. **Attorney Magee** said we negotiated a settlement with the one of the pavers and had them do work for the damage they did. Ms. Cholewa further asked if everyone was hooked up to sewer. **Engineer Faiola** said yes. She also asked if they were paying their bills. **CFO Monzo** said he was remiss in to discuss individual properties in terms of whether people are paying their taxes or utility bills since it is personal business until it becomes eligible for tax sale. As of right now, there are no properties in Lynnwood Farms who are delinquent in their sewer bills that would put them in the tax sale.

Colleen Herbert, 2 Millennium Drive, expressed concerns over traffic when school is open. She felt that traffic is a nightmare. She had two specific concerns one of which is North Island Road. Students park up and down the road because there is not enough parking at the high school. Bus drivers can't see to pull out because of the close parking on the road. She asked if the Township can put no parking signs further back so the kids can't park where the busses pull out. **Engineer Faiola** will review the safe distance necessary for busses to pull out safely. Mrs. Herbert referred to another concern about parents who want to take their children to school and exit in an attempt to turn left. She feels this is a death trap as other traffic is flying down the road. She felt something needs to be done. **Deputy Mayor Higgins** is to contact the Police Chief in regard to this concern.

David Kilby, Register News, asked about the reforestation. **Attorney Magee** explained that the trees are to be purchased in the spring of 2013. In answer to his question about COAH, **CFO Monzo** said we are looking not to pay the state for the unspent COAH money although the state is trying to take \$280,000,000 from municipalities who haven't spent COAH money they had on the books as of July 17, 2008. They sent all the towns a letter telling them how much they want them to set back. The League of Municipalities and other municipalities have been fighting that because they think they should be able to spend the money in accordance with COAH round I, II, and III. The governor is trying to abolish COAH and the courts have stymied that. Right now we are in a holding patten until the next round of appeals. He further explained how homeowners and businesses were required to post a fee in accordance with the COAH rules and regulations set forth by the legislation. The state is trying to take the money for its own purposes and the towns are trying to fight this. Mr. Kilby further asked which items were held on the agenda and he was told i, ii and iv.

CFO Monzo asked if a school can hang a banner for their 50th reunion on the bridge over Route 206. He was told to contact the DOT and County.

MAYOR AND COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

Committeewoman DiGiuseppe and **Committeeman Gable** thanked all for coming to the meeting

Deputy Mayor Higgins wished all a nice Labor Day.

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT

A motion was offered by **Committeeman Clark** and second by **Committeewoman DiGiuseppe** to adjourn. Motion carried.

PREPARED BY:

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Barbara A. Crammer
Deputy Clerk

Linda Semus, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Approved: September 26, 2012

