

**MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP
BURLINGTON COUNTY
SPECIAL MEETING
November 29, 2011
5:30 pm**

A special meeting of the Mansfield Township Committee was held on the above shown date with the following in attendance: **Mayor Arthur R. Puglia, Deputy Mayor Robert J. Higgins (arrived at 5:36:55), Committeeman Alfred W. Clark, Committeeman Sean Gable, Committeewoman Janice A. DiGiuseppe, Attorney Michael Magee, and Municipal Clerk Linda Semus.**

Mayor Puglia called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM followed by the following opening statement, Flag Salute and Moment of Silence:

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, 2011. 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 7, 2011.

BILL LIST:

Committee reviews bill list.

Committeeman Clark questions bill submitted for Lawmen Supply Company, vendor number 3518. He wanted to know what it was for and Mr. Gable asked which account it was being paid from. **Clerk Semus** reviewed the purchase orders and was unable to locate this particular item. **Deputy Mayor Higgins and Committeeman Gable** stated that this was part of a grant and should come from the state and federal grant line items. This bill was going to be held until such time as it could be ascertained what it was for and where it was being paid out of. **Deputy Mayor Higgins** reviewed the purchase orders and did in fact find the purchase order for that item and that it was being paid through a grant received.

A motion was offered by **Committeeman Clark** and second by **Committeeman Gable** to approve the bills as submitted. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, recorded as follows:

AYE: Clark, Gable, DiGiuseppe, Higgins, Puglia
NAY: NONE ABSENT: NONE ABSTAIN: NONE

RESOLUTION:

Mayor Puglia advised that only three Committee Members can vote on this Resolution which was confirmed by Attorney Magee.

Committeewoman DiGiuseppe asked to make a comment:

She feels that there is no need to employ this individual at the cost of the tax payers and that she was not sure if she will participate with this.

Attorney Magee stated that we are doing this on advice and consent of JIF Counsel and that of our independent labor counsel.

RESOLUTION 2011-11-13

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING JAMES J. DAMATO, ESQ. AS A QUALIFIED
MEDIATOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, COUNTY OF
BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

WHEREAS, there exists a need to hire a qualified mediator to provide for services to the Township of Mansfield; and

WHEREAS, James J. Damato, Esq. is a qualified mediator pursuant to R 1:40 of the rules governing the courts of the State of New Jersey; and

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

The Mansfield Township Committee hereby contracts James J. Damato, Esq. of Chatham, New Jersey as a qualified mediator in the amount not to exceed \$2,500.00.

A motion was offered by **Deputy Mayor Higgins** and second by **Committeeman Clark** to adopt Resolution 2011-11-13. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, recorded as follows:

MOTION: HIGGINS

SECOND: CLARK

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: HIGGINS, CLARK, PUGLIA

NAYS: NONE ABSTAIN: GABLE, DIGIUSEPPE ABSENT: NONE

**RESOLUTION 2011-11-14
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION**

WHEREAS, Section 7 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 213, P.L. 1975 [NJS 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:
Review of Request for Proposals of Professionals for the 2012 calendar year/
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.

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

A motion was offered by **Deputy Mayor Higgins** and second by **Committeewoman DiGiuseppe** to come out of Executive Session.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Puglia opens the meeting for public comment. Seeing none, Mayor Puglia closes public comment.

MAYOR AND COMMITTEE COMMENT

No comments made.

Motion was offered by **Deputy Mayor Higgins** and second by **Committeewoman DiGiuseppe** to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

LINDA SEMUS, RMC, CMR
Municipal Clerk

Approved: December 14, 2011