

**MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP
BURLINGTON COUNTY
SPECIAL MEETING
March 28, 2011
4:30 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, Committeeman Sean Gable, Committeewoman Janice A. DiGiuseppe, Attorney Michael Magee, and Municipal Clerk Linda Semus. (Committeeman Clark arrived at 5:05 pm for executive session only.)**

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

“Adequate Notice” has been provided for this Special Meeting and has been posted on the Official Bulletin Board of the Township of Mansfield, noticed to the Burlington County Times on March 25, 2011 and filed with the Municipal Clerk of the Township of Mansfield, notice of which contained the date, time, place, and purpose of this meeting stating that formal action may be taken on any and all subjects involving Mansfield Township, as so noted in NJSA 10:4-8(d), Amended 1981, by including Section 10:4-18 which addresses Regular Meeting of a Public Body, which is addressed under “Annual Notice”.

RESOLUTION:

RESOLUTION 2011-3-23

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SIGNING AND EXECUTION OF ANY
REQUIRED DOCUMENTS, AGREEMENTS AND/OR AMENDMENTS THERETO
WITH THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON FOR THE APPROVED GRANT FUNDS**

WHEREAS, The Burlington County Board of Chosen Freeholders has approved the Open Space, Recreation, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund (“Trust Fund”) and established a Municipal Park Development Program (“Program”) to provide grant funds in connection with municipal acquisition of lands for County park, recreation, conservation, and farmland preservation purposes, as well as for municipal public park and recreation development purposes; and

WHEREAS, The Governing Body of the Township of Mansfield desires to obtain County Municipal Park Development Program funds in the amount of \$ 250,000.00 to fund an indoor sports facility; and

WHEREAS, the total cost of the project including all matching funds is estimated to be \$ 250,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Mansfield is the owner of and controls the project site.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY the Township of Mansfield that:

1. **Mayor Arthur R. Puglia** is authorized to (a) make an application to the County of Burlington for Municipal Park Development Program Funds, (b) provide additional application information and furnish such documents as may be required for the Municipal Park Development program and (c) act as the municipal contact person and correspondent of the above named municipality:

2. The Township of Mansfield is committed to this project and will provide the balance of funding necessary to complete the *program* in the form of non-county matching funds as required in the Policy and Procedures Manual for the Program; and

3. If awarded a grant by the County of Burlington under the Municipal Park development Program, the municipality will use the approved funds in accordance with the Municipal Park Development Program Policy and Procedure Manual, and applicable federal, state, and local government rules, regulations and statutes thereto; and

4. **Mayor Arthur R. Puglia** is hereby authorized to sign and execute any required documents, agreements and amendments thereto with the County of Burlington for the approved Funds; and

5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Deputy Mayor Higgins asked to review the grant application. Mr. Quinto presented the Committee with a copy to review. **Deputy Mayor Higgins** asked about the matching funds paragraph within the Resolution. **Clerk Semus** advised that this Resolution was the boiler plate resolution provided by the County and was needed to be used. **Mr. Quinto** advised that the Recreation Committee would not come to the Township for any funding that the fundraising they are doing for this project will be utilized.

Motion was offered by **Deputy Mayor Higgins and seconded by Committeeman Gable** to adopt Resolution 2011-3-23. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

MOTION: HIGGINS SECOND: GABLE
ROLL CALL VOTE:
AYES: HIGGINS, GABLE, DIGIUESEPPE, PUGLIA
NAYS: NONE ABSTAIN: NONE ABSENT: CLARK

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

There were no comments by Mayor and Committee.

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

RESOLUTION 2011-3-24

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, Section 7 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 213, P.L. 1975 [NJSIA 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: Personnel Issues, potential litigation; contract negotiations.
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.

Motion was offered by **Committeewoman DiGiuseppe** and second by **Committeeman Gable** to come out of executive session. Motion Carried.

Attorney Magee explained that the purpose of the executive session was to discuss potential litigation, personnel issues and contract negotiations.

Motion was offered by **Committeewoman DiGiuseppe** and second by **Committeeman Gable** to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

LINDA SEMUS, RMC, CMR
Municipal Clerk

Approved: April 13, 2011