

**TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD
BURLINGTON COUNTY
MEETING MINUTES
May 11, 2016
Regular Meeting**

The Executive Session Meeting of the Mansfield Township Committee was held on the above shown date with the following in attendance: **Mayor Sean Gable, Committeewoman Laverne Cholewa, Committeeman Robert J. Higgins, Committeeman Arthur Puglia, Attorney Michael Magee, Engineer Rick Brown, CFO Joseph Monzo, Clerk Linda Semus, Administrator Michael Fitzpatrick and Deputy Clerk Barbara Crammer.** Deputy Mayor **Robert Semptimphelter** was not in attendance

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.

Mayor Gable led everyone in the Salute to the Flag and a Moment of Silence.

PROCLAMATIONS

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WHEREAS, Andrew James Power Williams a member of Boy Scout Troop 45 in Columbus, New Jersey, has fulfilled requirements in the areas of leadership, service, and outdoor skills, and

WHEREAS, Andrew demonstrated leadership qualities in planning and overseeing the construction and deployment of several Bat Houses; and

Whereas, These Bat Houses were placed on MDL Joint Base in a wooded area that is a natural habitat for several species of bats year round which is an important indicator of a healthy environment, and

WHEREAS, because of his extraordinary accomplishments, Andrew has earned the Eagle Scout rank, the highest advancement position in Scouting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mansfield Township Committee, on behalf of the Township, the Officials, Employees, and Citizens thereof, hereby wish to express sincere congratulations to Andrew and to convey deep pride in the example he sets for the youth of our community, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is the desire and intent of the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield to publicly acknowledge Andrew James Power Williams' determination, good skills and enthusiasm toward Scouting and to see that such recognition is permanently made a part of the record of this Township.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Trystin Joseph Golowski a member of Boy Scout Troop 45 in Columbus, New Jersey, has fulfilled requirements in the areas of leadership, service, and outdoor skills, and

WHEREAS, Trystin demonstrated leadership qualities in planning and overseeing the overhaul of the flag pole site at Homestead at Mansfield; and

WHEREAS Trystin's project involved removing the existing area around the flag pole site and reconfigured the immediate area; and

WHEREAS, Trystin further lead the installation of concrete pavers, which specific blocks representing each of wars and/or conflicts that our veterans had served in; and

WHEREAS, because of his extraordinary accomplishments, Trystin has earned the Eagle Scout rank, the highest advancement position in Scouting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mansfield Township Committee, on behalf of the Township, the Officials, Employees, and Citizens thereof, hereby wish to express sincere congratulations to Trystin and to convey deep pride in the example he sets for the youth of our community, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is the desire and intent of the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield to publicly acknowledge Trystin Joseph Golowski's determination, good skills and enthusiasm toward Scouting and to see that such recognition is permanently made a part of the record of this Township.

Clerk Semus explained the Proclamations being presented to Trystin Joseph Golowski and Andrew James Power Williams for their accomplishments in earning the Eagle Scout rank. The Proclamations will be presented to each young man at a meeting of the Scouts.

APPEARANCE: Chief Ronald Mulhall

a. E-Ticketing

Chief Mulhall said the e'ticketing request has come up again. In prior years, the pricing was not something we could do at the time. However, the vendor has worked to bring the costs down by considering the township in the County without e'ticketing and, in looking at them as a whole, they can cut the costs. Compared to last year, the cost is less than ½ of what it was per ticket which has brought it to \$1.69 each for handling fee. There is no up-front cost and the software, hardware installation, maintenance and paper is covered by the vendor. Our Court Administrator supports this. **Chief Mulhall** explained the advantages for the officers on the road as it gives them access to other software, offers safety item, gives information on prior activities of the individual, and prints tickets out right on the side of the road. The officer's time on the stop is greatly reduced. They can return to duties quicker.

Committeeman Higgins said that he supports technology and noted two basic features as being accuracy and efficiency. However, most of the efficiency falls to the court and said that, if we could cut labor and hours in court, he would support this. He doesn't think we should put additional burdens on the tax payers. **Chief Mulhall** explained that there are instances when the ticket can't be registered with the state immediately, it can be issued. There is no more data entry when that occurs. If the state can't be reached, there is the potential that a hard ticket would have to be issued. However, the volume will not be the same as it is now.

Committeeman Higgins explained that, currently, the tickets are issued by the officers and turned over to the Court where they are key punched into the system. Manual key punching is taken away. **Committeeman Higgins** felt that is where we should look for savings or at least question it. Is the Court Administrator willing to take the hit to cover the cost? That is his only concern. He questioned whether the Court Clerk has been asked to reduce hours.

Administrator Fitzpatrick said he spoke with the Court Clerk about the e'ticketing program. There are three full time individuals and one person who helps on Thursday for sound recording from 8am to noon. He questioned the Court Clerk as to how they can justify keeping three full time employees. She felt strongly that there is a need and referred to an agreement that three full time employees will be needed if Springfield is added. He explained how three are needed on court day. Currently, the Court Clerk felt that cutting out some of the staff would put a burden. They are still receiving tickets from State Police who do not use e'ticketing. We are not sure what Springfield will do.

Committeewoman Cholewa referred to an instance for stopping someone for speeding and putting that information into the hand held computer. Other offenses could come up. **Chief Mulhall** agreed and commented that registrations are run when someone is first stopped to see what they are dealing with. He further explained how the e'ticketing would work.

Committeeman Puglia said he was in favor of this and made a motion to approve. Motion second by **Committeewoman Cholewa** and carried on a Roll Call Vote, recorded as follows:

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

b. Vehicle Replacement

Chief Mulhall said that, in his budget request for this year, he requested approval to purchase two replacement vehicles for his fleet. Currently two vehicles have been considered end of life, one with 189,000 miles and another with 166,000, both 2008 model years. Currently one is used for the school to reduce the wear and tear as it often needs repair. The other one is currently running steady. He is asking approval to move forward with replacements.

CFO Monzo explained that the two vehicles being proposed are SUV type vehicle. The capital improvement fund can be utilized for the down payment. A bond would be issued for the remaining.

A motion was offered by **Committeeman Puglia** and second by **Committeewoman Cholewa** to authorize this purchase. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, recorded as follows:

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer Rick Brown referred to his report dated May 11, 2016.

He said they are finalizing the proposal for Axe Factory Road and will have it to **Administrator Fitzpatrick** before the end of the week. He received progress prints from the architect working on the second floor for accessibility and will forward them to **Mr. Fitzpatrick** tomorrow and present them to the Committee at the next meeting.

The proposal for Mansfield Road East, subject to the 2016 Local Aid Application will be submitted to **Mr. Fitzpatrick** prior to Friday.

Engineer Brown had an on-sit meeting with DLP Associates, consultant, to review the existing fire system along with **Mr. Fitzpatrick** and **Mr. Jones**. There is a good possibility we have adequate flow from the NJ American Water System and will not need to install a fire pump. However, if we do, we have room to install one. They will proceed with hydro flow tests within the next 10 days and forward the information to DLP after which a formal proposal will be submitted to the Committee to review for consideration and approval.

Engineer Brown said he met with the contractor on May 8th. They proceeded with the work and installed the swale at 330 Mansfield Road East. There is no standing water on the property adjacent to the Chandel property. He does recommend that, once the swale is establish and there is a good stand of grass, it is included in Mr. Jones' grass cutting so it doesn't get overgrown which leads to blocking. Mr. Chandel is happy with the work performed.

The "No Parking Here to Corner" signs were installed and the North Island/School Access Driveway. The vertical white posts previously installed have been removed.

Ryan Homes has completed the improvements at the Legends at Mansfield. There are temporary CO's on the homes they finished. **Engineer Brown** has been working with Landmark Companies who is responsible for the final site improvement.

A pipe has been installed at the Sim property, 177 Public Road in the roadway ditch. Upon being evaluated by an independent firm, it was determined an additional pipe was required. The Sims have been advised and they have posted a bond with the Land Use Department for installation inspections.

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

ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE 2016-6

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSERY ESTABLISHING AND CREATING THE POSITION OF SENIOR FIRE INSPECTOR AND SETTING THE CORRESPONDING SALARY RANGE

WHEREAS, the Township Committee, for purposes of efficiency and economy, wishes to establish a new position within the Fire Prevention Department.; and

WHEREAS, many of the responsibilities assigned to the position have been performed by the current "fire inspectors"; and

WHEREAS, The Township Committee deems it to be in the best interest of the Township of Mansfield to establish anew the position of Senior Fire Inspector, to set forth the duties and responsibilities for said position, and to establish the salary and compensation to be afforded said position.

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

ARTICLE I. NEW SECTION.

There is hereby created within the Township of Mansfield in the office of Fire Prevention who shall be known as the "Senior Fire Inspector" of Mansfield Township":

- A. Senior Fire Inspector. Fire Inspectors who are licensed by the Department of Community Affairs as Fire Inspector or Fire Official who maintain their certification may be recommended for the Rank of Senior Fire Inspector by the Fire Official.
- B. No person shall carry out the duties of the fire official or fire inspector unless that person is certified pursuant to Section 5:71-4.3, of the Uniform Fire Code. The term "carry out the duties" shall mean and include representing oneself as authorized to carry out inspection of life hazard

uses on behalf of the Commissioner, issuing orders pursuant to the Act, and assessing or imposing any of the penalties provided for by the Act.

- C. No local enforcing agency shall employ any person to enforce the provisions of the Uniform Fire code at a life hazard use, unless that person shall be certified in accordance with the provisions of the Act.
- D. Compensation. The rate of compensation will be between fifteen (\$15.00) dollars an hour and twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars per hour. The First five (5) years of employment the Senior Fire Inspector shall be paid at the rate of fifteen (\$15.00) dollars @hour. After five (5) years the Senior Fire Inspector will be compensated at the rate of nineteen (\$19.00) dollars @ hour.

ARTICLE II. 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.

A motion was offered by **Committeeman Puglia** and second by **Committeewoman Cholewa** to introduce Ordinance 2016-6 and hold the public hearing on May 25, 2016 at 7:30PM.. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, recorded as follows:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-7

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 2006-2 WHICH ESTABLISHED CERTAIN TRAFFIC REGULATIONS IN AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, INCLUDING THE DESIGNATION OF NO PARKING AREAS ON CERTAIN ROADWAYS WITHIN MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP, INCLUDING THE APPLICATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF SUBTITLE ONE OF TITLE 39 OF THE NEW JERSEY STATUTES

WHEREAS, currently street parking is occurring along a portion of Island Road with the intersection of the Northern Burlington School Access Driveway in the Township; and

WHEREAS, the current street parking has created a hazardous condition in that the proper Access Driveway Site Distances are not being met; and

WHEREAS, the Township has received a number of calls concerning the current parking conditions along Island Road in the area of the access driveway; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has requested that the Township Engineer, Rick Brown, perform a study of the area and provide recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the Township engineer in a report dated , provided the American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials, (ASSHTO), recommended ASSHTO minimum standards for access driveway site distances; and

WHEREAS, the recommendation to apply the ASSHTO standards, which is an accepted source that is recognized by the New Jersey Department of Transportation, as well as other transportation agencies, will result in the loss of eight parking spaces (three north of the school access driveway and five south of the school access driveway); and

WHEREAS, the elimination of the eight parking spaces in this area of Island Road will allow for and provide the minimum ASSHTO standards for Access Driveway Site Distances; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 60, Section 60-8.1 et. seq, allows the Township to impose no parking areas on certain streets within the Township; and

WHEREAS, Island Road is a street within the Township governed by Chapter 60; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED AND ESTABLISHED, by the Township of Mansfield in the County of Burlington and State of New Jersey that the following amendment shall be established and become enforceable:

Chapter 60, Section, 60-8.2 Schedule: Parking Prohibited is amended to include the following;

PARKING WILL BE PROHIBITED ALONG A PORTION OF ISLAND ROAD AND THE INTERSECTION OF THE SCHOOL ACCESS DRIVEWAY AS DELINEATED BY THE “NO PARKING HERE TO THE CORNER” SIGNS INSTALLED ALONG ISLAND ROAD.

SECTION EIGHT. Signs. All signs shall conform to the current edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices pursuant to N.J.S.A 39:4-198 and N.J.S.A. 39:4-183.27. The Township shall erect all such traffic control devices in accordance with this Ordinance

SECTION NINE. Penalties. Unless another penalty is expressly provided for by statute, every person

convicted of a violation of this ordinance or any supplement thereto shall be subject to a penalty of not less than \$35.00 nor more than \$350.00 or imprisonment for a period of not more than fifteen (15) days or both.

SECTION TEN. Dedication. In the event of the dedication of any of the roads, streets, or parking lots encompassed by this Ordinance to the Township of Mansfield and the acceptance of such roads, streets, or parking lots by the Township, such roads, streets, and parking lots shall become subject to the provisions of Title 39 of the Revised New Jersey Statutes in the same way and manner as any other public street including the penalty provisions of laws and ordinances applicable to public rights of way, notwithstanding the provisions of Section Nine, above.

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.

Mayor Gable said this will update the ordinance for the new no parking signs installed on Island Road so police can enforce the no parking regulations.

A motion was offered by **Committeeman Puglia** and second by **Committeewoman Cholewa** to introduce Ordinance 2016-7 and hold the public hearing on May 25 at 7:30PM.

Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, recorded as follows:

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

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 2016-5-1

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AN UPDATE TO THE RIVER ROUTE CORRIDOR'S REGIONAL STRATEGIC REVITALIZATION PLAN

WHEREAS, in 1995 the Burlington County Board of Chosen Freeholders (Board) initiated the preparation of a regional strategic revitalization plan for the Route 130/Delaware river corridor Corridor); and

WHEREAS, the twelve municipalities that make up the Corridor, including Beverly City, Burlington city, Burlington Township, Cinnaminson township, Delanco Township, Delran Township, Edgewater Park Township, Florence Township, Palmyra Borough, Riverside Township, Riverton Borough and Willingboro Township, participated in the planning process and adopted resolutions endorsing the Corridor plan; and

WHEREAS, the Board adopted a resolution endorsing the completed Corridor plan and submitted it to the New Jersey Planning Commission (SPC) for endorsement in 1998; and

WHEREAS, the SPC endorsed the Corridor Plan in 1998, recognizing the cooperative planning undertaken by the corridor municipalities and the Board to prepare the plan and encouraging State resources to be directed to the corridor for assistance in revitalizing the municipalities; and

WHEREAS, over the years the Board and the twelve municipalities have made much progress in implementing the Corridor plan and in revitalizing the Corridor; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to update the Corridor plan to adapt to the changing dynamics of economic and business trends, socio-demographic trends, legislation, technological innovations, environmental changes and other changes, as well as to re-evaluate priorities and resource commitments and to capitalize on experience and trust earned over the past two decades; and

WHEREAS, four additional municipalities north of the original twelve, including Bordentown City, Bordentown, Township, Fieldsboro Borough and Mansfield Township, have expressed an interest in joining the original twelve in a regional strategic revitalization planning process; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESLOVED, the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield endorses and supports the effort to update the River Route Regional Strategic Revitalization Plan for the aforesaid sixteen (16) municipalities and agrees to participate in the effort by appointing four (4) representatives:

- A. Who shall be the official liaisons between the Board's River Route Steering Committee (Committee) and the Township Committee and the Township's Planning and Zoning Boards, and
- B. Who shall also serve on the committee and participate in the Committee's various issue-related task groups, which shall be responsible for:
 - 1. Reviewing the corridor planning staff's analyses of current conditions and trends;
 - 2. Participating in identifying current and future constraints and opportunities for Mansfield Township and the Corridor;
 - 3. Contributing to the articulation of a future vision and goals for the Corridor's quality of life;
 - 4. Participating in developing recommendations for policy objectives and implementation strategies for Mansfield Township and the Corridor; and
 - 5. Reviewing and recommending and update to the River Route Regional Strategic Revitalization
 - 6. Plan for future endorsement by the Township Committee of Mansfield Township.

Mayor Gable explained that this is the plan previewed by Mark Remsa at the last meeting.

A motion was offered by **Committeeman Puglia** and second by **Committeewoman Cholewa** to adopt Resolution 2016-5-1. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, recorded as follows:

RESOLUTION 2016-5-2

RESOLUTION TO REFUND STATE TAX COURT APPEAL SETTLEMENT

WHEREAS, a State Tax Court Appeal Settlement for 2014 and 2015 Property Taxes was reached on October 6, 2015 to the property listed below and,

WHEREAS, this Appeal resulted in an overpayment which is due to the homeowner,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey at their regular meeting held on May 11, 2016, that the Tax Collector be authorized to refund the following:

Block	Lot	Name	Amount
24.01	16	Richard & Lori Marchetti	\$2,470.68
		Appeal Adjustment (2014)	1,150.66
		Appeal Adjustment (2015)	1,200.45
		Interest to 5/11/16	<u>119.57</u>
		Total	2,470.68

A motion was offered by **Committeeman Puglia** and second by **Committeewoman Cholewa** to adopt Resolution 2016-5-2. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, recorded as follows:

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

RESOLUTION 2016-5-3

RESOLUTION APPOINTING POLICE OFFICER

RICHARD A. FEENEY

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the rank of patrolman within the Mansfield Township Police Department; and

WHEREAS, a selection process was conducted to find the most qualified person to hire in this capacity and **Richard A. Feeny** has met all the qualification for said position;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of Mansfield Township, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey at their Special Meeting held on January 27, 2016 that **Richard A. Feeny**, is so hired, at the recommendation of Chief of Police, Ronald G. Mulhall, Jr. at Step I status in the amount of \$41, 275.69 with benefits, and with certification of funds by the Mansfield Township CFO/Treasurer. Appointment to said position is hereby effective as of May 12, 2016.

A motion was offered by **Committeeman Puglia** and second by **Committeewoman Cholewa** to adopt Resolution 2016-5-3. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, recorded as follows:

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

RESOLUTION 2016-5-4

RESOLUTION APPOINTING POLICE OFFICER

JOSEPH V. ZUCCHERO

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the rank of patrolman within the Mansfield Township Police Department; and

WHEREAS, a selection process was conducted to find the most qualified person to hire in this capacity and **Joseph V. Zucchero** has met all the qualification for said position;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of Mansfield Township, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey at their Special Meeting held on January 27, 2016 that **Joseph V. Zucchero**, is so hired, at the recommendation of Chief of Police, Ronald G. Mulhall, Jr. at Step I status in the amount of \$41, 275.69 with benefits, and with certification of funds by the Mansfield Township CFO/Treasurer. Appointment to said position is hereby effective as of May 12, 2016.

A motion was offered by **Committeeman Puglia** and second by **Committeewoman Cholewa** to adopt Resolution 2016-5-4. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, recorded as follows:

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

MINUTES: April 27, 2016

A motion was offered by **Committeewoman Cholewa** and second by **Committeeman Puglia** to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2016 meeting. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote,

recorded as follows:

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

BILL LIST: Regular and Escrow

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 (see below), HIGGINS, GABLE (see below)
NAY: NONE ABSENT: SEMPTIMHELTER
ABSTAIN: PUGLIA (on Check #5373) GABLE (on Check #5357)

DISCUSSION

a. Rental (Review and Comment of Draft Ordinance)

This item will be on for introduction at the next meeting.

b. Numbering (Review and Comment of draft Ordinance)

This item regarding 9-1-1 number will be on for introduction at the next meeting.

c. Floating Island program

Mayor Gable said this request was made of the Committee from Burlington County Soils Commission. A floating island would be placed in the pond in front of the municipal building. They want permission to install it at no charge. It is a new program they are attempting as this would help with settlement and algae that may form on the surface of the pond. **Committeewoman Cholewa** said she was at the Environmental Commission meeting last night and she spoke to Dan Caldwell who asked if anyone wanted to see how these are done. He said it does improve the ponds and puts clear water back into the earth which is good for the eco system. If anyone has an interest to do this, they have six to give away. **Committeewoman Cholewa** said, if they are free, they will take a few and suggested the Civic Center and the Country Walk Pond.

A motion was offered by **Committeeman Puglia** and second by **Committeewoman Cholewa** to move forward with the floating island. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, recorded as follows:

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

Administrator Fitzpatrick clarified the number of floating islands to request and he was told three.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Robert Tallon, Axe Factory Road, felt the floating islands was a good idea as he had heard of this program before. It would be good for the pond at the municipal building as the pond is deeper. However, the Civic Center pond is mostly sediment although he felt the island could be used there. Since the ponds run all of the time, it will help in the streams they go through. He said his Water Shed Association would be interested in taking readings from the ponds and asked if this would be possible. He felt this would keep an eye on things and build a relationship between the Water Shed Association and the Township. He said he can provide insurance.

A motion was offered by **Committeeman Puglia** and second by **Committeewoman Cholewa** to allow the Watershed Association to do as requested by Mr. Tallon. Motion carried

on a Roll Call Vote, recorded as follows:

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

Jaime Devereux asked for an update on the park grant. Clerk Semus said we are yet to receive the formal letter which is still to be signed by the Freeholders. **Mayor Gable** explained that, once we have the official notification, we will proceed.

With no further comments, this portion of the meeting was closed.

MAYOR AND COMMITTEE COMMENT

Committeewoman Cholewa said members of the Historical Society met with Congressman Tom MacArthur and presented him with a book the Grange and Historical Society developed. It was put in a box for him to put on his wall. She had attended the Environmental Commission meeting recently and, unfortunately, we have some illegal dumping in a couple of areas in town. Jef Jones had put up some no dumping signs in areas of Hedding and Kinkora where dumping has been occurring.

Committeewoman Cholewa commended the Boy Scouts and then reminded everyone of the Memorial Services on May 22nd at 2PM in the park.

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT

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

PREPARED BY:

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Barbara A. Crammer
Deputy Clerk

Linda Semus, RMC
Municipal Clerk