

**TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD  
BURLINGTON COUNTY  
MEETING MINUTES  
December 11, 2018  
Special Meeting – 9:30AM**

The Special Meeting of the Mansfield Township Committee was held on the aforementioned date with the following in attendance: **Mayor Robert Higgins, Deputy Mayor Janice DiGiuseppe, Committeeman Michael Magee, Committeeman Frederick Cain, Township Administrator Michael Fitzpatrick, Township Solicitor John Gillespie, Solicitor Jeffrey Winitsky, Deputy Clerk Caitlin Midgett, and Municipal Clerk Linda Semus.** **Committeeman Gable** was absent at today's meeting.

**Mayor Higgins** called the meeting to order at 9:31AM, followed by the following opening statement read by **Municipal Clerk Semus**:

“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 and The Trenton Times on December 6, 2018, 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 Meetings of a Public Body, which is addressed under “Annual Notice”.

The above was followed by a Flag Salute and moment of silence.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments were made.

**MAYOR AND COMMITTEE COMMENTS**

No comments.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**RESOLUTION 2018-12-6  
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:***  
*Contract Negotiations, Attorney-Client Privilege*
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.

**Township Solicitor Gillespie** stated that the purpose of tonight's Executive Session is to discuss contract negotiations and matters falling within attorney-client privilege.

A motion was offered by **Committeeman Magee** and seconded by **Committeeman Cain** to adopt Resolution 2018-12-6 and convene into Executive Session. Motion carried. Township Committee entered same at 9:34AM.

A motion was offered by **Deputy Mayor DiGiuseppe** and seconded by **Committeeman Cain** to exit Executive Session and return to the public portion of the meeting. Motion carried. Township Committee returned to the dais at 10:31AM.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was offered by **Committeeman Magee** and seconded by **Committeeman Cain** to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:32AM.

**Prepared by:**

**Respectfully submitted by:**

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**Caitlin Midgette, Deputy Clerk**

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**Linda Semus, Municipal Clerk**

**APPROVED: DECEMBER 19, 2018**