

Agenda

Workshop Session 5:30 p.m.

1. Meeting called to order
2. Statement of compliance with Open Public Meetings Act
3. Roll Call
4. Executive Session – Closed to Public

Public Portion of Meeting – 7:30 p.m.

5. Public Portion of Meeting called to order
6. **Moment of silence and Salute to Flag:**
7. **Appearances/Recognition:** AYF 14U Football Team
8. **Proclamations:** 2020 National Poison Prevention Week
9. **Township Committee Reports**
10. **Public Hearings:**
 - A. **Fire District No. 1 Defeated Budget**
 1. **Resolution** Authorizing Amount Necessary to be Raised by Taxation for Manalapan Township Fire District No. 1 Budget
 - B. **Ordinance No. 2020-05**, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 102 "Fees" of the Revised General Code of The Township Of Manalapan
11. **Public Comment Session** – Agenda Items Only
12. **Workshop Session**

LEGAL

ENGINEERING

CLERK

- A. Items of New Business

ADMINISTRATION

- A. Resolution Authorizing the Appointments of 2020 Summer Program Coordinator Staff for Manalapan Recreation
- B. Resolution Authorizing the Appointments of 2020 Summer Recreation Supervisor Staff for Manalapan Recreation
- C. Resolution Authorizing Renewal of Shared Services Agreement Between the Township of Manalapan and the Township of Marlboro for Use of the Marlboro Swim Club
- D. Resolution to Amend the Interlocal Agreement Between Monmouth Heights Community Association and the Township of Manalapan for the Years 2020-2022
- E. Resolution Authorizing Award of Contract for the Township of Manalapan for Solid Waste and Recyclable Materials Collection and Disposal Service to Suburban Disposal, Inc.
- F. 2019 Appropriation Reserve Budget Transfer Resolution #1
- G. 2020 Emergency Temporary Appropriations #1 Resolution – Current Fund
- H. 2020 Emergency Temporary Appropriations #1 Resolution - Water Operating Fund
- I. Resolution Authorizing Placement of Clothing Bins on Township Property
- J. Resolution Amending Traffic Preemption Agreement - Route 33 and Iron Ore Road/Smithburg Road/Woodville Road (C.R. 527A)

13. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

ALL MATTERS LISTED UNDER ITEM "CONSENT AGENDA" ARE CONSIDERED ROUTINE BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AND WILL BE ENACTED BY ONE (1) MOTION IN THE FORM LISTED BELOW. THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION ON THESE ITEMS. IF DISCUSSION IS DESIRED ON ANY ITEM, THAT ITEM WILL BE CONSIDERED SEPARATELY.

Applications: Raffle No. 1178 Knights of Columbus

Raffle No. 1179 Horse Park of New Jersey
Raffle No. 1180 Horse Park of New Jersey

Resolutions:

- A.** Authorizing Refund of Premiums and/or Cost of Sale Paid at Tax Sale
- B.** Authorizing Refund of Duplicate, Erroneous and Overpayments for 2020, 2019, and Prior Years
- C.** Authorizing Transfer of 2018/2019 Duplicate/Overpayments to 2019/2020 Open Balances
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14. OLD BUSINESS:

15. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Resolutions

- 1.** Approving **Bill List** Dated February 27, 2020 to March 11, 2020 Totaling **\$1,002,649.19**

B. Approval of Minutes:

Executive Minutes: September 11, 2019

16. PUBLIC COMMENT – Non-Agenda Items Only
Please state your name and address clearly for the record

17. ADJOURNMENT

OPENING STATEMENT:

- 1. Pursuant to Section 5 of the Open Public Meetings Act notice of this meeting of the Manalapan Township Committee was sent and advertised in the Asbury Park Press.
- 2. A copy of that notice was posted on the bulletin board where public notices are displayed in the Municipal Building.
- 3. In addition, a copy of this notice is and has been available to the public and is on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.
- 4. Accordingly this meeting is deemed to be in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Cohen, Jacobson, Musich, Nelson, McNaboe

Also present: Regina Preteroti, Municipal Clerk
Tara Lovrich, Business Administrator
Renee Garrigana, Assistant Administrator
Shari Rose, Deputy Municipal Clerk
Roger McLaughlin, Esq., Township Attorney
James Winckowski, Twp. Engineer

Resolution No. 2020-120 a motion was offered by Mrs. Cohen, seconded by Mr. McNaboe to go into Executive Session, and was approved by unanimous roll call vote:

The meeting went into Closed Session and returned to Public Session:

PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING:
MEETING IS CALLED TO ORDER BY THE MAYOR:

MAYOR MCNABOE: Good evening everybody. At this point I'd like to call the public portion of this meeting to order. Anybody wishing to speak this evening can sign in behind our clerk. We'd like to recognize the members of the Manalapan Township Gordon's Corner Fire Company Fire District One, gentlemen thank you for coming out tonight. If I could ask everyone to stand for a moment of silence and a salute to the flag led by our Gordon's Corner Fire Company.

MOMENT OF SILENCE AND SALUTE TO OUR FLAG:

MAYOR MCNABOE: Tonight we begin by recognizing the accomplishments of the AYF 14U football team. Under leadership of their coaching staff, they won the New Jersey AYF 14U state championship great job gentlemen. They took third place for the AYF Nationals for the 14U division and they ended the year with a nearly perfect record of 13-1. An amazing job by this team, their coaching staff, and the proudest of all are probably your parents. We are very proud of all of you and the way that you represented Manalapan Township. At this time, I'd like to call the coaching staff to the podium. Coach Mike Palmer would not be here so Frank Barrone if you would come up and then you could introduce the staff and the boys.

MR. BARRONE: Thank you Mr. Mayor. Let's call up Chris Bryan, Seth Horowitz representing the coaching staff.

MAYOR MCNABOE: Alright so here's the certificates for the boys.

MR. BARRONE: Okay.

MAYOR MCNABOE: Coach Mike Palmer. Coach Frank Barrone. Coach Nicholas Apici. I'm not going to do the boys. I was going to do the coaches.

MR. BARRONE: Oh thank you. Seth Horowitz, I can do that one. Chris Pirati, he's coach right here.

MAYOR MCNABOE: I'll give them to you later.

MR. BARRONE: Coach Williams is not here tonight. Coach Willmont's not here. Coach Palmer's in college. Alright now the boys. Mateo Barrone. Davin Bruden. Not here. Matthew D'Genaro. Adit Cola. Jamie Gutridge. Jake Horowitz. Monty Krikrudie. Anish Carea. Matthew Lonzack Jr. Anthony Maccio couldn't be here. Joseph Mello. Steven Myers. Joseph Palmer. Naim Parrish. Anthony Peratti. Paul Lineary. I don't think I called you Paul one time in six months. Antonio Santana. John Sullivan. Not here. Not here. Last, but not least Christian Zisarki. One more big round of applause for this team. Mr. Mayor and the Board I won't take up much of your time. I will say that for the last eleven years I've been coaching at the youth level for Manalapan and I have never had a more respectful, focused, dedicated, disciplined group of young men and the most supportive parents I've seen thus far and just an outstanding experience for all of us to be involved with such a great team and we are very excited to watch these young men prosper and grow the next few years very proud of this group.

MAYOR MCNABOE: So again anytime that anybody represents Manalapan in a positive light, it always reflects well on the town so on behalf of your elected body we thank you for what you've done for the town. Last week we had the 10U right? So the younger guys so Manalapan is obviously a football town from the 10's to the 14's. Many of you to go on to high school you know we've got a great high school program. So again thank you for that, but remember you bring pride to the town every time you do what you did here and of course to your families. So at this time we're going to get everyone to lineup. We're going to take a quick five-minute break, take some pictures, and I'll let you guys get out and get busy unless you want to stick around and watch us pay bills. We're in recess for right now. Thank you. Come on up, get the shorter guys up front. If I could talk somebody into closing the backdoor, please we're about ready to get this meeting going. We're now going to start with a proclamation for 2020 National Poison Prevention Week. National Poison Prevention Week whereas Congress designated the third full week in March to be the National Poison Prevention Week in 1961 and since then this week has helped to raise the national awareness of the dangers of potentially dangerous medicines, household products, chemicals, environmental contaminants, and other substances and whereas poison centers across the country will focus the public attention on the free, life-saving services provided by poison centers as well as educating the public on the ways to

prevent poison exposure and whereas New Jersey Poison Control Center, a division of Department of Emergency Medicine at Rutgers at New Jersey's school provides 24/7 expert poison treatment advice, drug information, and prevention education at no cost to the public, assessing centers through the poison help number at 1(800)222-1222 or text 973-339-0712 and whereas specialized medical professionals, doctors, pharmacists, and nurses, provide accessible and free and confidential healthcare to all and whereas poison centers services save healthcare dollars by eliminating thousands of unnecessary emergency department room visits and decreasing lengths of stays for patients hospitalized for poisoning through the telemedicine services capabilities and whereas the poison center is instrumental in their surveillance and management of poison exposure across the country, including the use, misuse, and abuse of medications, legal and illicit drugs, environmental contaminants, bioterrorism agents, and common household products and chemicals and whereas the state poison control center is involved in New Jersey's effort in homeland defense, counterterrorism, emergency preparedness and response, and bio surveillance and whereas the unintentional poisoning is the lead cause of unintentional injury/deaths in New Jersey outnumbering deaths by motor vehicle and firearms and whereas a poison is defined as anything that can cause harm if taken in the wrong amount, in the wrong way, or by the wrong person. Although most reported poison exposures involved children aged five years old or younger, most poison deaths occur in adults aged 20 to 59 and overdose deaths from prescription opioids, over the counter medicines, and illicit drugs remain at epidemic proportions for both New Jersey and the United States and whereas lead exposure and carbon monoxide poisoning remain major public health concerns and vaping and e-cigarette devices pose a serious risk of nicotine poisoning as well as seriously potential deadly vaping associated lung injuries also referred to as EVALI and whereas poison centers experts encourage the public not to guess, wait for symptoms, or waste time looking up medical information online when potential poisoning exposure occurs and whereas all residents should save the poison control center's number at 1(800)222-1222 in their cell phone, home, or office phones because the fast response can make all the difference in preventing serious injury and saving lives. Now therefore I, Jack McNaboe, Mayor of Manalapan Township, do hereby proclaim the week of March 15-21, 2020 as National Poison Prevention Week in New Jersey and encourage all citizens to pledge their commitment to insure the safety of themselves, their family, and their community. In witness whereof; I have hereto set my hand and cause the seal of the Township of Manalapan to be affixed on this eleventh day of March in the year 2020. We now have our township committee reports if I could turn to Committeeman Nelson.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MR. NELSON: No report, quiet week.

MAYOR MCNABOE: Great job. Committeeman Jacobson.

MR. JACOBSON: Okay thank you Mayor. First I want to congratulate the fine players and coaches of the AYF 14U football team. The coaches have stated that these players are a credit to their community and I wish them good luck. I also have a brief report tonight. The Environmental Commission met this week and reviewed three applications. One will go before zoning, two will go before planning. The Environmental Commission had comments on all three applications that'll be forwarded to the appropriate boards. Also the Environmental Commission's tip of the month is included in all the township e-mail blasts. This month's tip is to conserve energy, use when making wash using cold water rinse instead of a warm water rinse that saves precious resources and energy and saves money to the homeowner. Anyway that's it for my report. Thank you Mayor.

MAYOR MCNABOE: Thank you. Mayor Musich.

MRS. MUSICH: Thank you. I also like to congratulate the football team on their state championship, 13-1 season is amazing. I think the New York Giants could take a lesson from them. For seniors: on Thursday March 19 at 9:00AM at both the senior center and Covered Bridge clubhouse registration for two bus trips will be accepted. The first is for a trip on Thursday June 11 to the Axelrod Theater for a 1:00 PM show. The show is "Grease". It includes a breakfast buffet prior to the show and the cost is \$68.00. The second trip will be Thursday July 16 to the Surf Light Theater for a 2:00 PM show "Legally Blonde". Lunch at Parker's Garage prior to the show and the cost is \$52.00. On Friday March 13 at 10:30 enjoy a day at the movies. The show is "A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood" starring Tom Hanks. The senior center will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day with a party on Wednesday March 18. The party starts at 10:00 AM with bingo, lunch, and entertainment by Ian Gallagher. The entertainment is sponsored by Senior Helpers and Brandywine Assisted Living.

Seniors should sign up for it and the cost is \$5.00. On Friday March 27 at 12:15, Monmouth County Surrogate Rosemary Peters will visit the senior center to present the many costs of not having a will or having a will that can't be probated. Project Healthy Bones is in its fourth year at the senior center. Classes meet one time a week for 24 weeks. A new 24 week block of classes will start on April 20. Call or stop by the senior center for more information and to get an application. A doctor's approval is required to participate. A reminder that the AARP tax aide program is being offered at the Monmouth County Library Headquarters here in Manalapan. The program is free to those filing simple, federal, and New Jersey state tax returns. This service runs through April 13 with volunteers preparing returns on Mondays and Thursdays from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM and Tuesday evenings from 6:00-7:00. Seniors are reminded to check the township website at mtnj.org, channel 77, or stop by the senior center at 211 Freehold Road to catch up on the latest activities and trips. You can also call the senior center at (732)446-8401. Recreation: registration for the upcoming summer rec and travel camps opens this Saturday at 9:00 AM both online and in person here in the courtroom. The summer program brochure can be found on the recreation website at mtnj.org. The spring youth running program is now accepting registration. The program will begin the first week of April. Our "Sports Squirts" program is also open for registration and that program will begin on April 25. The annual Easter egg hunt will take place on Saturday March 28 at the Manalapan Rec Center expansion field at 9:00 AM for ages 2-8. Rain date for that is Sunday March 29. Our adult fitness programs have opened registration for the upcoming spring season. Information regarding all recreation sponsored programs can be found on the recreation page within the township website or you can call the recreation office at (732)446-8355. That's my report Mayor.

MAYOR MCNABOE: Thank you. Mayor Cohen.

MRS. COHEN: Thank you Mayor. I also want to congratulate the 14U football team on their championship and I'd like to thank all the volunteer firefighters that are sitting here. It's nice to see you here. Thank you for your service. Tonight I have a message from our health officer Keith Levine. He said that the Manalapan Health Department is working closely with all other health departments in the county and the state health department and the superintendent of schools to monitor the COVID-19 situation. At this time, the risk to the general public still remains low. It's important to remember that we're in the midst of a regular flu season and the probability of contacting the regular flu is much greater than the COVID-19, but he is saying to avoid being ill for the flu and anything else. We should cover our coughs and sneezes with the inner part of our elbow or with a tissue not with our hands. Wash your hands often with soap and water, use alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available and most importantly stay home if you are sick and avoid people that are sick. The weather is beautiful this time of year to get out your cameras and take some pictures. This year's photo contest is making memories. We're looking for photos that capture an event, a happening, a trip, a reunion, a gathering, or any special moment in time. Details, rules, and submissions forms are available on our website mtnj.org. All photos must be received by May 22 by dropping it off at our health department or e-mailing photocontest@mtnj.org. There'll be prizes in the junior category which is 17 and younger as well as 17 and older and the people's choice picked at Manalapan Day. We are very happy to provide a drop-off point for St. Thomas More Church third annual diaper drive supporting childcare resources of Monmouth County in their efforts to create a sustainable county diaper bank. It is going on now and we've extended it to as long as the diapers keep coming. All diapers are needed, but especially sizes 2,4,5,6, and training 4T and 5T. Those are the ones that are most often needed. You can also drop off wipes, they're accepting those too. For additional information, please call Deacon Matt Nicosia at mnicosia@ccnnj.org. Other places for drop-off in Manalapan are Battleground Country Club and PC Richards both in Manalapan. Thank you Deacon for bringing this to our attention we appreciate it and as I end all my reports please like us on Facebook, sign up for our e-mail blasts and our website mtnj.org. This is the best way besides the News Transcript to keep what's happening in our town in the forefront so you know when there's a traffic --- If there's a problem with traffic or there's a problem with electrical outages and so forth. Thank you Mayor.

MAYOR MCNABOE: Thank you. The veteran train show for Sunday March 22 has been postponed or cancelled. As you know, many people do not believe that you should have big groups. Our veterans believe in that cause so because of that they've called it off whether it's a response to people not having people in an enclosed place or whatever, but the train show is not on. They'll be all the avenues that we use to let everybody know of that, but you have seen it advertise you'll now see it says cancelled or postponed on it and you'll be hearing about that in the future. As far as the coronavirus goes, obviously it has been a big topic in your own homes,

here in Town Hall, and probably everywhere in the United States, and around the world. So many things have taken place this week, just today the Deputy Mayor and I sat down with our O.E.M. director Chief Rick Hogan who's in attendance this evening, our health officer Keith Levine and we had a discussion on should this hit Manalapan where are we, what are our plans, how will we move forward, and the likes of that. So I want to thank those professionals that really have put a lot of work into it. I did leave out our administrator who sits in on all of these meetings and obviously keeps them on track. I want to thank our health department, our health officer, Manalapan residents may not be aware that many towns in Monmouth, many counties in New Jersey have a county health officer and rely strictly on the county. We have the benefit of having good health officers whether it's the previous one or the one now that is able to give us information, meet with us on a more regular basis. So, again nothing to take away from our county counterparts, but our health officer here does a great job for us and I want to tip my hat to him. I've been in contact with our principal here in Manalapan High School, Dr. Adam Angelozzi, and we discussed plans going forward should something happen in the high school. They do have a plan in place. Let them know that the township is behind them, what do they need from us. The decision and what happens with the school will be made at a district-wide by the superintendent. Again we just wanted to know how that worked and let them know that they have our backing should they need it. I planned to meet today with our K-8 school district, Dr. Marshanti that did not happen only because you could imagine how schedules line up and the doctor is very busy as well. That was cancelled the last second, but that will take place. Again, the health of our residents here in town are our most important. The county freehold director Tom Arnone will be holding a conference call with many of the mayors and directors, O.E.M., health throughout the county. There's a lot of work going into this just let everybody know that it is being monitored every second of the way and adjustments will be made as we hear more and more news and of course being that we have a night here where we're going to have our first responders a special thank you to our police, our fire, and our EMS for all that they do for the town whether it's during these type of emergencies or just day to day. So again ladies, gentlemen thank you very much for what you do for our residents. At this time, I'm going to invite our, I have a public hearing for the Defeated District Number One Fire Budget for the Gordon's Corner Fire Company Fire District Number One, A Resolution Authorizing, and I will read that in a second, but Mr. McLaughlin if you could tell the residents what this is about and I'll get my paper ready to read.

MR. MCLAUGHLIN: Sure before we begin Mayor, for the record, I want to indicate that I have advised Committeeman Nelson that he's required to recuse himself and step down from the dais during the consideration of this matter as I've explained to him the case law indicates that membership at an organization which is the subject of an application or decision or an action to be taken by the governing body or which can be impacted by that gives rise to what's known as a personal interest under the Local Government Ethics Law that's the case even though the fire company is a not-for-profit entity even though the fire company is membership does not carry with it any salary or he doesn't hold an office in the fire company it still gives rise to a personal interest and not recusing himself would lead really to two significant potential things. One is it calls into question and gives rise to a basis for a challenge of anything a township committee might decide and also could lead the charges against him. By somebody could file for a conflict of interest with the local finance board so I've directed him both for the township's protection and for his own that he should step down on this matter.

MAYOR MCNABOE: Thank you.

MR. MCLAUGHLIN: You're welcome.

MAYOR MCNABOE: Commissioner Kelly, Commissioner Caruana you come forward, you can have a seat right here. We have the mics on.

MR. MCLAUGHLIN: And Mayor this is the public hearing that's required under a state statute when a fire district budget is defeated at the annual fire district election. Fire district is a governmental, public entity. It's budget is put forth each year on an annual basis to the voters within the specific boundaries of that district and the statute provides that if the budget is defeated at that election it comes to the governing body of the municipality which then must decide what the amount to be raised in that budget and of course raised in taxation because the fire district's budget is one of the elements that makes up the annual tax rate of the municipality and that amount is assessed against those properties that are located within the fire district. This has been advertised. The clerk has published notice in the newspaper as required by state law and so this is the advertised time for the public hearing on that budget.

MAYOR MCNABOE: Great. Commissioners, thank you very much for coming in this evening. I'm sure you want to address the township committee, sort of give the public the idea of what transpired, what brought the budget to the township committee it's sort of unprecedented. We've never seen before or I've never seen before.

MR. KELLY: Yeah it's the first time this happened at least to my knowledge. Our budget lost by nine votes and I don't know that's pretty much it. There were nine people voted no more than the yes obviously and our budgets pretty tight there's not a lot of room in it as you know. We're just here to see what you came up with I guess basically.

MAYOR MCNABOE: Okay. Thank you. Does anybody want to start? You want me to kick it off? What do we need?

MR. MCLAUGHLIN: You should ask if there are any comments from the public Mayor.

MAYOR MCNABOE: You want me to open to public before you even address up here?

MR. MCLAUGHLIN: I would.

MAYOR MCNABOE: Does any members of the public wish to come forward and address us on this budget? Come on forward sir. There's another mic right here. Just give us your name and address for the record.

MR. SHALIKAR: Joshua Shalika 21 Sheridan Road Manalapan.

MAYOR MCNABOE: Thank you for coming.

MR. SHALIKAR: No problem. All, first and foremost the committee and the residents of Manalapan thank you for this opportunity to speak before you. A brief introduction, I am a Lieutenant with the Gordon's Corner Fire Company proudly representing these courageous and selfless individuals you see here today. I speak for them when saying we are proud and honored to serve our community. The age-old saying, we run in when others run out, simply put when the --- go out we're there potentially during a citizen's worst moments. Additionally, we provide countless hours of community outreach, fire prevention, education, and public service when called upon. I stand here with confidence when saying these are some of the most well-trained and disciplined firefighters I've had the pleasure of working with over my fourteen-year volunteer career. We are here tonight because the voters rejected the Fire Commissioner annual budget by nine votes. This includes funding for the trucks and fuel, our countless hours of training, insurance, gear, building essentials such as electricity and heat, fire hydrant rentals, and essentially anything else we see as a necessity to providing our members with the safe, efficient, and productive environment. As we know, the property owners of this town fund this budget and for that we thank them. Within the physical polling booths, the budget is presented in a manner that provides a comprehensive view of what the commissioners are requesting. As a matter of fact, the residents who voted in person overwhelmingly approved the budget within almost ten to one margin that speaks volume. Showing an overwhelming support for those who respond in the darkest hour. Unfortunately, I have a very different story to tell when considering why the budget failed. For those who opted to vote by mail, they are presented with an abbreviated question with a limited explanation of the budget. Even with the budget available online for all to see. Unfortunately, it's convenient to select no when the details are not clearly articulated especially with the incorrect assumption that it'll save a few dollars on their annual tax bill. As a matter of fact, with names such as Donald Trump and Mickey Mouse are written in for the commissioner vote it tells me that the mail-in process is not to be taken seriously, especially about township fire safety and the safety of our members. I will not assume why these individuals said no or voted no, but at the very least I can provide additional insight as to why their choice was erroneous. Allow me to briefly quantify the budget and provide supporting explanation. 80-85 percent of the funding is fixed costs, for example hydrants are \$300,000.00, insurance is \$150,000.00 which unfortunately goes up annually. LOSAP is an estimated \$100,000.00, \$150,000.00 for the new radio hardware which was an approved expenditure from last year. It's important to note that this new system is a county-mandated upgrade and again is to be considered as a fixed cost. Fuel, which again goes up annually as expected. Determining a budget is a complex task that requires strategy, thought, countless hours of time all while keeping the tax rate at the forefront of the commissioners'

minds. A few important items to note, the commissioners utilize a pay as you go system instead of doing significant bonding; the latter, which would cost the taxpayers significantly more. They participate in annual audits of the fire district budget. As a matter of fact, the general comments section had no recommendations for the last two years. The year before, with one comment that there's surplus or fund reserve was too low; essentially meaning that they were not raising the taxes enough. Again, showing their determination to maintain a low tax rate. The rates are on the budget submitted to the Department of Community Affairs was higher in 2017, 2018, and 2019. The proposed tax rate has not been this low in four years. Putting this in perspective, if you were to look at your tax bill I can almost guarantee you that your tax rate would equate to less than your monthly cable bill as long as you didn't cut the cord. Our commissioners were seeking approval of a \$1.9 million budget with a \$1.8 million tax load. What does this mean to our residents? The budget proposed a 4.5 cent tax rate which would result in a 201 fire tax bill for residents with a home at the average assessed value of \$448,000.00 dollars. This failed, again by nine votes. We are currently at a 4.4 cent tax rate, a difference of .1 cents. Per the Asbury Park Press article published on February 14, our surrounding towns' tax rates are as followed, Freehold 4.6 cents tax rate, Marlboro 5.6 cents tax rate, Howell 8.2 cents tax rate, Ocean 9.2 cents tax rate, Millstone 10.7 cents tax rate or \$565.00 dollars per home, Englishtown \$612.00 dollars per home, Tinton Falls and Lakewood 6.7 cent tax rate, Wall 7.9 cent tax rate. Again, we are currently at 4.4. I commend the commissioners for their hard work in keeping our tax rate as low as it is and for ensuring the budget is lean, efficient, and for meeting the fire department needs to serve our community. They should be applauded. In conclusion, it seems reasonable and logical to hold the budget as presented, to have a zero reduction. Thank you.

MAYOR MCNABOE: Thank you very much. Anybody else wishing to come forward and address the committee? Anybody else? Seeing none, we close public. At this time, we are going to take a couple minute break because the Deputy Mayor has something to take care of and we'll be back in a moment. I'll start talking and she'll catch up. So, first of all, as you said nine votes so we have to look at it from two perspectives. One is, I agree with everything that was said, that you guys do a tremendous job of running it. You should be very proud of the gentlemen, ladies in this room that you have a volunteer service when many towns aren't able to do this. So on one hand, you guys have my support without a doubt, but I am the ultimate taxpayer. I have been elected by my peers, my taxpayers to watch out for their money and to say that nothing that the vote doesn't matter would be incorrect. It matters very, very much to me. The people spoke so we go both ways on this. We did was we set two extremes. We would go from setting a zero is the floor. In other words, that we would cut nothing from the budget and then we took the high number as \$10,141.00 dollars and how we got to that high number was we took the increase from last year to this year which was \$160,141.00 dollars we subtracted the radios from them which is the \$150,000 that was mentioned earlier tonight and that makes it \$10,141.00 dollars. By last meeting we sat down and we decided that's where we went and nothing but conservation has taken place going back and forth with this and that's where we got to tonight when we were hemming and hawing and deciding what we wanted to do. In every way we want to support our firefighters. We want to back our firefighters, but we also want to listen to our voters so we have to make a decision. Many times I make phone calls and I say the majority of this job that we do here is actually saying no to people, but that no doesn't come without thinking, without methodical arguing back and forth, telephone calls so we can come up with it, an answer. We're about to enter a resolution, we do need our administrator in the room to do it, whenever we find her and I'll be turning to ---

MRS. COHEN: Roger can we go to the next and we come back?

MR. MCLAUGHLIN: Yeah.

MRS. PRETEROTI: Do you want me to just read the title? Here she comes.

MAYOR MCNABOE: And away we go.

MRS. COHEN: Mayor may I have the floor?

MAYOR MCNABOE: You may.

MRS. COHEN: Thank you very much. I read over the budget many times. I looked at it in every different way; there was a referendum for \$150,000.00 dollars that passed last year. I hemmed and I hawed and I do consider what the residents say, but the firefighters risk their lives every time they go into a burning

building and they don't get paid for it and we're so lucky to have a non-paying fire company and in that respect I'm going to make a motion for resolution authorizing the Manalapan Fire District budget to stay the way it is.

MAYOR MCNABOE: And I'll need a second for that.

MRS. MUSICH: Second.

MAYOR MCNABOE: And a roll call please.

ROLL CALL:

MRS. PRETEROTI: Mrs. Cohen?

MRS. COHEN: Yes.

MRS. PRETEROTI: Mr. Jacobson?

MR. JACOBSON: Yes.

MRS. PRETEROTI: Mrs. Musich?

MRS. MUSICH: Yes.

MRS. PRETEROTI: Mr. McNaboe?

MAYOR MCNABOE: Yes. Gentlemen, it shows the hard work and dedication that you put in to putting a budget together as everybody on this dais knows how hard it is to put a budget together each and every year. We know the sacrifices you made before you came to us, but again we do need to weigh the weight of what the voters had to say. So this was a very difficult decision for us. I think in the future we're going to, we'll have to get out with our voters more and talk to them and let them know what you do so that they appreciate every day and I think some excellent points were made about some of the write-ins, but let's face it is law. The write-ins will continue and it's something that we will have to work with going forward. The majority of the voters are serious people who took this seriously on both sides of approving or disapproving this budget and of course you had the couple of people that were just playing games, but thank you and if you would please take back to the membership how much you're appreciated at Gordon's Corner as well as Millhurst and Englishtown our three fire departments that really cover this town. Thank you.

MRS. MUSICH: Mayor can I make a comment?

MAYOR MCNAOE: Yes ma'am.

MRS. MUSICH: I just want to formally thank you all for being here. It's so nice to see all of you come out and we are so grateful really, really grateful for all that you do for our town and we're so lucky to have you. But I also looked at the budget many times to see what it was all about and I have to tell you you really take your fiduciary responsibility very seriously because it is such a tight budget and like the other gentlemen said, most of it is fixed costs so there really wasn't a lot of room, very little room to cut. So thank you for that as well for being so mindful of our residents in town I appreciate it.

MAYOR MCNABOE: Mr. Jacobson do you have something to say?

MR. JACOBSON: Yes, I also wanted to echo everyone's comments here. Also, as the Lieutenant said, the vote by mail just had a figure. People didn't know if it was a stay the same, a raise, or however it affected their budget and some people just voted reflexively no and I think if people really knew the impact of the budget would've had on them I think you would've passed. The firefighters dedicate themselves to Manalapan, risk their lives, and I can't see cutting the budget because of some misunderstanding. Thank you.

MAYOR MCNABOE: And if there's something you need to make sure that the question is maybe put on the ballot better, let me know what you need, I'll gladly help you. Maybe that's the case of sometimes its education. There even for the township committee, I think people have a better shot of knowing who we are and all, yours is not. Even though they're open meetings. Maybe you'd like to tell everybody when your meetings are that if they have any questions on your firehouse where they can come to them or something to that effect.

MR. KELLY: They're all held at 683 Tennent Road, the firehouse on Tennent Road. They're the first and third Wednesday of the month. They're all published on our website and there's also, they're posted here. They're posted at both firehouses and it's in the Asbury Park Press as well. The county actually made a mistake on our budget. It was supposed to be the entire budget in the mail-outs and they did not print it properly.

MAYOR MCNABOE: Alright so next year you envision?

MR. KELLY: I talked to them and they had stated that it will be the entire budget next year.

MAYOR MCNABOE: Great.

MR. KELLY: So that hopefully will be helpful.

MAYOR MCNABOE: Good job to all.

MR. KELLY: Yeah we'd like to thank the whole committee and the Mayor as well. Thank you very much.

MAYOR MCNABOE: Thank you. We now continue with Ordinance number 2020-05, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 102 "Fees" of the Revised General Code of the Township of Manalapan due to an issue with advertising we are moving this public meeting and vote to March 25. Roger we don't need a vote to change the public meeting?

MR. MCLAUGHLIN: Just a motion Mayor.

MAYOR MCNABOE: Okay so I need a motion to move the vote to March 25 and we can just do it via vote.

MR. JACOBSON: I'll make that motion.

MAYOR MCNABOE: All in favor?

ALL: Aye.

MAYOR MCNABOE: Anybody opposed? It is now moved to the 25.

MRS. PRETEROTI: Maryann seconded it?

MRS. MUSICH: Yes.

MAYOR MCNABOE: Now going to open public on agenda items only. Anybody wanting to come forward and address us? Seeing no, you're welcome to come and talk to us on agenda items if you need credit for your class. Anyone wishing to address us on agenda items? Seeing none I'll close public. We'll now continue with our workshop, Mr. McLaughlin.

WORKSHOP SESSION:

LEGAL:

MR. MCLAUGHLIN: No report this evening Mayor.

MAYOR MCNABOE: Great job. Mr. Winckowski in engineering.

ENGINEERING:

MR. WINCKOWSKI: No report tonight Mayor.

MAYOR MCNABOE: We're rolling here. Mrs. Preteroti, clerk's office.

CLERK:

MRS. PRETEROTI: Thank you Mayor. We have a few items to add on tonight. The first one will be a resolution authorizing the appointment of Garrett W. Hommeier for the public works department. The second will be authorizing the hiring of a part-time animal control officers Tatiana Verencin-Chan and Claudine Hahn and the last resolution will be to amend the interlocal agreement between Monmouth

Heights Community Association and the Township of Manalapan for the years 2020-2022.

MAYOR MCNABOE: Great, thank you. Administration, Mrs. Lovrich.

ADMINISTRATION:

MRS. LOVRICH: Thank you Mayor, a few resolutions tonight. We have a resolution, it's that time of year, authorizing appointments of our 2020 summer program coordinator staff for Manalapan Recreation and we also have our resolution approving 2020 summer recreation supervisor staff for Manalapan recreation. We have two agreements for renewals of shared services and that's for the pools, Regina mentioned one. We have shared service agreement between the township, Manalapan Township and Marlboro for us of the Marlboro Swim Club and we have an agreement between Monmouth Heights Community Association and the Township of Manalapan for the years 2020-2022. We have the Monmouth Heights one on consent, we're going to pull that item H off of consent and put it into new business. That's why Regina read that as part of her report under clerk. We have a resolution authorizing award of contract for the Township of Manalapan for Solid Waste and Recyclable Materials Collection and Disposal Services to Suburban. This is actually the fifth year of our garbage bid. We'll be going out to bid again shortly, sooner than we can imagine, but this is actually extending that contract we have with Suburban so that's the fifth year of it. We have some finance resolutions. We have an appropriation reserve budget transfer resolution moving some money into trust accounts there and then we have an emergency, it's called emergency when the year has started and that term doesn't mean there's an emergency, but that's the way the state makes us list it. Temporary appropriations for our current fund and also temporary appropriations for our water operating fund. We went out to bid for clothing bins on township property and we're awarding that bid tonight. We have, I have it. We're awarding that and that's money we receive when we receive three bids and for year one we'll receive \$16,175.00 for the clothing bins and the year two \$16,525.00 and that's from Charitable Clothing Collection Services and then we have a resolution amending our traffic preemption agreement. That just authorizing us to sign an amendment to the agreements that we put together with the Millhurst Fire Company. That's all I have.

MAYOR MCNABOE: Thank you. So we're at consent agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA:

ALL MATTERS LISTED UNDER ITEM "CONSENT AGENDA" ARE CONSIDERED ROUTINE BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AND WILL BE ENACTED BY ONE (1) MOTION IN THE FORM LISTED BELOW. THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION ON THESE ITEMS. IF DISCUSSION IS DESIRED ON ANY ITEM, THAT ITEM WILL BE CONSIDERED SEPARATELY. So Mr. Jacobson would you like to speak to me about having something removed like ---

MR. JACOBSON: I would like to remove Item G.

MAYOR MCNABOE: It's C right?

MRS. MUSICH: No G.

MAYOR MCNABOE: Okay gotcha.

MRS. LOVRICH: The wrong agenda, it was G.

MRS. COHEN: I'll make the motion to approve without G.

MRS. MUSICH: Second.

ROLL CALL:

MRS. PRETEROTI: Mrs. Cohen?

MRS. COHEN: Yes.

MRS. PRETEROTI: Mr. Jacobson?

MR. JACOBSON: Yes.

MRS. PRETEROTI: Mrs. Musich?

MRS. MUSICH: Yes.

MRS. PRETEROTI: Mr. Nelson?

MR. NELSON: Yes.

MRS. PRETEROTI: Mr. McNaboe?

MAYOR MCNABOE: Yes. I'll now need a motion to amend G. You could just sit there.

MRS. COHEN: I'll make that motion.

MAYOR MCNABOE: And I'll second.

ROLL CALL:

MRS. PRETEROTI: Mrs. Cohen?

MRS. COHEN: Yes.

MRS. PRETEROTI: Mr. Jacobson?

MR. JACOBSON: I abstain.

MRS. PRETEROTI: Mrs. Musich?

MRS. MUSICH: Yes.

MRS. PRETEROTI: Mr. Nelson?

MR. NELSON: Yes.

MRS. PRETEROTI: Mr. McNaboe?

MAYOR MCNABOE: Yes. We have no old business. Tonight we have one resolution approving our Bill List dated February 27, 2020 to March 11, 2020 totaling \$1,002,649.19.

MRS. COHEN: I'll make a motion to approve.

MRS. MUSICH: Second.

MAYOR MCNABOE: And roll call please.

ROLL CALL:

MRS. PRETEROTI: Mrs. Cohen?

MRS. COHEN: Yes.

MRS. PRETEROTI: Mr. Jacobson?

MR. JACOBSON: Yes.

MRS. PRETEROTI: Mrs. Musich?

MRS. MUSICH: Yes.

MRS. PRETEROTI: Mr. Nelson?

MR. NELSON: Yes.

MRS. PRETEROTI: Mr. McNaboe?

MAYOR MCNABOE: Yes. We have executive minutes for September 11 to approve that we're all eligible to vote for on except Committeeman Nelson who was not yet on the dais with us. I need a motion to approve.

MR. JACOBSON: I'll make that motion.

MAYOR MCNABOE: And a second?

MRS. MUSICH: Second.

MAYOR MCNABOE: Roll call please.

ROLL CALL:

MRS. PRETEROTI: Mrs. Cohen?

MRS. COHEN: I will vote yes on anything that has nothing to do with affordable, take out everything that has to do with affordable housing.

MRS. PRETEROTI: Okay. Mr. Jacobson?

MR. JACOBSON: Yes.

MRS. PRETEROTI: Mrs. Musich?

MRS. MUSICH: Yes.

MRS. PRETEROTI: Mr. Nelson?

MR. NELSON: Abstain.

MRS. PRETEROTI: Mr. McNaboe?

MAYOR MCNABOE: Mr. and Mrs. McNaboe are a yes on this. Tara do we have any new business?

MRS. LOVRICH: Yes Mayor, two resolutions we can move together. A resolution authorizing the appointment of Garrett Hommeier for the public works department and the resolution authorizing the hiring of part-time animal control officers.

MAYOR MCNABOE: I need a motion to approve.

MRS. COHEN: I'll make that motion.

MAYOR MCNABOE: And a second?

MRS. MUSICH: Second.

MAYOR MCNABOE: And roll call please.

ROLL CALL:

MRS. PRETEROTI: Mrs. Cohen?

MRS. COHEN: Yes.

MRS. PRETEROTI: Mr. Jacobson?

MR. JACOBSON: Yes.

MRS. PRETEROTI: Mrs. Musich?

MRS. MUSICH: Yes.

MRS. PRETEROTI: Mr. Nelson?

MR. NELSON: Yes.

MRS. PRETEROTI: Mr. McNaboe?

MAYOR MCNABOE: Yes. I'll now open the public comments session on non-agenda items. Anybody wishing to address the township committee on any issue? Seeing none I'll close public. Our next township committee meeting will be March 25. Does anybody have anything they'd like to add? So again to all of our residents watching this will be delayed a couple days so we don't know what the next

couple of days has in store for us. Know that this building is open and that we are here for our residents. We are in the ultimate customer service business. If there's any needs whether its health questions to be answered, please call in and ask them. There is no need to come into the building in fact much of what's being said and the responsible thing to do is to stay away from large crowds, but we will gladly answer the questions or have somebody get back to you and again if it's something that you can't resolve, call the Mayor's office and you will get an answer or call back from me. I wish everyone the best of luck of getting through these trying times with the coronavirus and Manalapan has been lucky. We have been diligent and let's hope that stays as it is. If nobody has anything to add, I'll need a motion to adjourn.

MRS. COHEN: So moved.

MAYOR MCNABOE: And a second?

MRS. MUSICH: Second.

MAYOR MCNABOE: All in favor?

ALL: Aye.

MAYOR MCNABOE: Okay so thanks to everybody this year and everybody watching at home tonight.

Resolutions for March 11, 2020

- 2020-120 Executive Session
- 2020-121 Authorizing the **Authorizing the Manalapan Fire District No. 1 2020 Budget**
- 2020-122 Authorizing **Refund of Premiums and/or Cost of Sale Paid at Tax Sale**
- 2020-123 Authorizing **Refund of Duplicate, Erroneous and Overpayments** for 2020, 2019 and Prior Years
- 2020-124 Authorizing **Transfer of 2018/2019 Duplicate/Overpayments to 2019/2020 Open Balances**
- 2020-125 Authorizing the **Appointments of 2020 Summer Program Coordinator Staff** for Manalapan Recreation
- 2020-126 Authorizing the **Appointments of 2020 Summer Recreation Supervisor Staff** for Manalapan Recreation
- 2020-127 Authorizing Renewal of **Shared Services Agreement** Between the Township of Manalapan and the Township of Marlboro for Use of the **Marlboro Swim Club**
- 2020-128 Authorizing **Award of Contract** for the Township of Manalapan for **Solid Waste and Recyclable Materials Collection and Disposal Service to Suburban Disposal, Inc.**
- 2020-129 **2019 Appropriation Reserve Budget Transfer** Resolution #1
- 2020-130 **2020 Emergency Temporary Appropriations** #1 Current Fund
- 2020-131 **2020 Emergency Temporary Appropriations** #1 Water Operating Fund
- 2020-132 Authorizing Placement of **Clothing Bins** on Township Property
- 2020-133 **Amending Traffic Preemption Agreement** – Route 33 and Iron Ore Road/Smithburg Road/Woodville Road (C.R. 527A)
- 2020-134 Amending **Interlocal Agreement** Between **Monmouth Heights Community Association and the Township of Manalapan for the Years 2020-2022**
- 2020-135 Approving **Bill List** Dated February 27, 2020 to March 11, 2020 Totaling **\$1,002,649.19**
- 2020-136 Authorizing **Appointment of Garrett W. Hohmeier for the Public Works Department**
- 2020-137 Authorizing the Hiring of **Part-Time Animal Control Officers** – Tatiana Verenicin-Chan and Claudine Hahn

December 30, 2020
Approved


Regina Preteroti, Municipal Clerk