1. CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Moran called the regular meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building.

2. ROLL CALL
Present: Ausburger (late arrival noted below), Berthelot, Bruder, Kochenburger, Moran, Schurin, Shaiken
Virtual: Coleman, Fratoni

3. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL
None.

4. REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER
Town Manager Ryan Aylesworth presented and discussed his written report. The report is available online at www.MansfieldCT.gov and is on file with the Town Clerk. In response to an inquiry from Mr. Coleman, Linda Painter, Director of Planning and Development, explained the distribution of Small Cities grant funds being used for the QUINT fire apparatus and Fire Chief Mitchell explained that a QUINT has both pump and ladder components.

5. REPORTS AND COMMENTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS
Mayor Moran reported that the Annual Town Meeting for budget consideration is tomorrow at the Mansfield Middle School at 7:00 p.m. and thanked Bruce Clouette for serving as moderator.
Ms. Berthelot reported that the E. O. Smith drama club will be producing an original musical by student Emma Jane Smith on May 21st and 22nd.
Mayor Moran added that the Mansfield Middle School will be performing the Lion King Jr.
Mr. Coleman commented that on April 28th at a School Building Committee meeting the Mayor accused him of recruiting members of the public to post on social media. He stated he has not recruited anyone and that people have come to him.

6. CONSENT AGENDA
   A. Approval of Minutes
   B. Appointment to the Mansfield Board of Ethics
      At the request of Mr. Coleman, Mayor Moran moved consent agenda items 6C to 8F and 6D to 7B.

      Mr. Shaiken moved and Mr. Bruder seconded to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

      Motions passed by consent:
To approve the April 21, 2022 and April 25, 2022 special meeting minutes and the April 25, 2022 regular meeting minutes.

Move, effective May 9, 2022, to appoint alternate member Jamie Lang-Roden to serve as a regular member of the Mansfield Board of Ethics for a term ending 6/30/2025.

Ms. Berthelot moved and Mr. Bruder seconded to consider new business item 8A Witness Stones Project immediately following the Consent Agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

7. OLD BUSINESS
A. New School Building Construction Update (Item #10C, 03.14.22 Agenda)
Randy Wallkonis, Chairman of the School Building Committee, Superintendent Kelly Lyman, Scott Pellman and Adam Levitus of Colliers and Ryszard Szczypek of TSKP Studio provided the Council with an update on construction progress for the new elementary school building. In response to concerns raised by Mr. Coleman, Mr. Levitus stated no contaminants were present on site per standard testing protocols and the water in the gymnasium area of construction was because the roof was not yet installed; Mr. Szczypek stated the two abandoned wells will be properly sealed. In response to questions raised by Mr. Shaiken, Ms. Lyman explained the plan for starting the next school year with grades Pre-K – 1 at Vinton and grades 2 – 4 at Goodwin and Mr. Levitus stated the project is trending on budget.

B. Financial Statements dated March 31, 2022
Mr. Shaiken, by recommendation of the Finance Committee, moved effective May 9, 2022, to accept the Financial Statements dated March 31, 2022.

Mr. Shaiken briefly reported on the financial statements previously reviewed and recommended for acceptance by the Finance Committee. In response to Mr. Coleman’s concern that action on the item would have implications on ARPA funding and DPW projects, Mr. Shaiken explained that the financial statements show the current status of the Town’s finances and acceptance of such statements does not represent action in regards to project funding.

Motion passed with all in favor except Mr. Coleman who voted against.

8. NEW BUSINESS
A. Witness Stones Project
Students of Mansfield Middle School grade 8 teacher Julie Hodgson presented regarding the Witness Stones project and Titus, an enslaved man in Mansfield in the 1700’s. (This presentation is on file in the Town Clerk’s Office.)

B. Proclamation Recognizing June as LGBTQIA+ Pride Month
Mr. Schurin moved and Mr. Bruder seconded, effective May 9, 2022, to authorize the Mayor to issue the attached Proclamation recognizing June as LGBTQIA+ Pride Month.

Councilor Schurin and Human Rights Commission Chair Glenn Mitoma spoke in support of the proclamation. Youth Services Supervisor Katherine Bell spoke about the upcoming Celebrate Pride event in June and the availability of flags for display.

Motion passed unanimously.
C. Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) Summer Enrichment Grant

Mr. Aylesworth and Jay O’Keefe, Parks and Recreation Director, briefly explained the Town’s plans for use of CSDE grant funds.

Mr. Bruder moved and Mr. Shaiken seconded, effective May 9, 2022, to authorize the Town Manager to commit up to $10,000 in matching grant funds from the Town’s American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding allocation for the CSDE Summer Enrichment Grant Program to be used for 2022 Mansfield Parks and Recreation Summer Camp Programs. Motion passed unanimously.

D. Implementation Plan for Local Business Relief Fund Program

Mr. Coleman recused himself from the discussion.

Mr. Aylesworth introduced the program and Cynthia van Zelm, Executive Director of the Mansfield Downtown Partnership, explained the implementation plan. In response to an inquiry from Mr. Shaiken, Mr. Aylesworth stated that reference to audit procedures can be made in the application. In response to an inquiry from Mr. Bruder, Ms. van Zelm indicated that the Connecticut Small Business Development Center and Mansfield Downtown Partnership staff can assist businesses with the application.

Mr. Shaiken moved and Mr. Bruder seconded to authorize the Town Manager to move forward with implementation of the Local Business Relief Fund Program using ARPA funds as presented. Motion passed with all in favor except Mr. Coleman who recused himself.

E. Appropriations/Transfers from FY 2021/2022 PILOT and ARPA Funding Allocation for DPW Paving

Mr. Aylesworth reviewed the Council’s desire to identify additional sources of funding in order to begin work on pressing infrastructure projects as identified in a previous communication from John Carrington, Director of Public Works.

Mr. Shaiken, by recommendation of the Finance Committee, moved, effective May 9, 2022 to increase the FY2021/22 PILOT Revenue line item appropriation by $1,000,000 funded by the additional State PILOT grant; and

Effective May 9, 2022 to increase the FY2021/22 General Fund Transfer to Capital/CNR by $1,000,000 funded by the additional State PILOT grant; and

Effective May 9, 2022 to amend the Capital Non-recurring Fund and the Capital Improvement Program Fund budgets to fund $1,000,000 of project #1 as noted above (paving roads including full depth reclamation, milling and overlays); and

Effective May 9, 2022 to authorize allocation of $555,000 from American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for the balance of project #1, project #2 (paint white shoulder lines on every road that gets yellow striping) and project #3 (Hunting Lodge Road culvert replacement to include engineering design) as noted above.

[Mr. Ausburger arrived]

Mr. Shaiken spoke in support of the Finance Committee’s recommendation, of increasing the speed at which the Town’s roads are repaved and of using PILOT funds before using ARPA funds. Mr. Coleman spoke in opposition to the appropriations stating that use of the PILOT funds...
should be voted on by the citizens. Mayor Moran clarified that the PILOT funds referred to in this motion are from the current fiscal year which was considered at last year’s Annual Town Meeting and the PILOT funds we plan to receive in the 2022-23 fiscal year will be voted on at tomorrow’s Annual Town Meeting.

Motion passed with all in favor except Mr. Ausbinger and Mr. Coleman who voted against.

F. Mirror Lake Improvements Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE)
   Jennifer Kaufman, Senior Planner, summarized UConn’s plans for improvements to Mirror Lake and the comments the Inland Wetland Agency had on the EIE. Mr. Coleman stated his support for having the sediment tested.

Mr. Shaiken moved and Mr. Ausbinger seconded, effective May 9, 2022, to authorize the Mayor to co-endorse the letter to the University of Connecticut regarding the Mirror Lake Improvements Environmental Impact Evaluation. Motion passed unanimously.

9. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES
   Mr. Schurin reported the Personnel Committee will soon begin the Town Manager review process.
   Mr. Kochenburger reported the Finance Committee met today and their recommendations were considered at tonight’s Council meeting.
   Ms. Berthelot reported the Committee on Committees will meet on Thursday.

10. DEPARTMENTAL AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS
    None.

11. PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS
    A. J. Manville 04.24.22
    B. J. Manville 05.03.22 – Mr. Coleman inquired if Mr. Manville’s concerns have been addressed by management. Mayor Moran indicated she has spoken to management and is satisfied that DPW is meeting its requirements. She added that the resolution regarding complete streets is in regards to new streets and the comments about staff are unwarranted.
    C. EHHD COVID-19 Reports
    D. Downtown Storrs Parking Garage Financial Report - March 2022

12. FUTURE AGENDAS
    • Helping Hands Update

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION
    A. Strategy and Negotiations with Respect to Pending Claims in accordance with CGS §1-200(6)(B)
       Mr. Shaiken moved and Ms. Berthelot seconded to move into executive session for the purpose of discussing Strategy and Negotiations with Respect to Pending Claims in accordance with CGS §1-200(6)(B) and to include Ryan Aylesworth, Kelly Lyman, Kevin Deneen, Allen Corson, Randy Walikonis, Scott Pellman, Adam Levitus and Ryszard Szczypek in the discussion. The motion passed unanimously.
14. **ADJOURNMENT**

The executive session concluded and the Council reconvened in open session. Mr. Shaiken **moved** and Mr. Bruder seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:06 p.m. The motion **passed** unanimously.

Antonia Moran, Mayor

Sara-Ann Chaine, Town Clerk
Proclamation
Town of Mansfield, Connecticut

WHEREAS, the Town of Mansfield is a welcoming, accepting, and affirming place to grow; and

WHEREAS, Mansfield recognizes the importance of human rights, equity, and justice; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Mansfield’s Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, and Asexual (LGBTQIA+) community are a vital part of all fields and professions and contribute to a stronger community; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Mansfield is committed to supporting visibility, dignity, and equity for all people in the community; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Mansfield is dedicated to fostering acceptance of all its citizens and preventing discrimination and bullying based on sexual orientation and gender identity; and

WHEREAS, Mansfield is strengthened by and thrives upon the rich diversity of ethnic, cultural, racial, gender, and sexual identities of its residents; all of which contribute to the vibrant character of our town; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recognizes that LGBTQIA+ teens are at higher risk to be the victims of violence and have increased rates of death by suicide when experiencing rejection from their families and communities; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that young people in the community, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity, feel valued, safe, empowered, and supported by their peers, educators, and community leaders; and

WHEREAS, the rainbow flag, also known as the LGBTQIA+ pride flag or gay pride flag, has inspired hope since the 1970s as a symbol of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer pride and progress; and
WHEREAS, the Intersex-Inclusive Progress Pride flag highlights and celebrates the racial and gender diversity of the LGBTQIA+ community while pulling us ever forward in the march for liberation for all those who are oppressed; and

WHEREAS, flying the Intersex-Inclusive Progress Pride flag at Town Hall throughout the month of June further symbolizes the Town’s celebration of diversity and support for the LGBTQIA+ community; and

WHEREAS, “love is love is love is love is love is love is love cannot be killed or swept aside.”

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Antonia Moran, Mayor of the Town of Mansfield, Connecticut and on behalf of the Mansfield Town Council, hereby proclaim and recognize June 2022 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual, Plus (LGBTQIA+) Pride Month in the Town of Mansfield and urge citizens to actively promote the principles of equality, love, and acceptance throughout the community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the Town of Mansfield to be affixed on this 9th day of May in the year 2022.

Antonia Moran, Mayor
Town of Mansfield
May 9, 2022