

Township of Mantua  
Budget Workshop Meeting  
March 19, 2018  
Mantua Township Municipal Building  
5:00 P.M

On the above date the Township Committee of the Township of Mantua held a Budget Workshop Meeting in the Mantua Township Municipal Building, 401 Main Street, Mantua, New Jersey 08051.

Mayor Scirrotto called the meeting to order. The time was 5:00 p.m. Mayor Scirrotto asked everyone to rise for the Flag Salute and remain standing to observe a moment of silence.

Mayor Scirrotto delivered the Sunshine Notice as required by the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act.

As required by the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting has been provided to the designated newspapers.

Mayor Scirrotto called on Township Deputy Clerk Pamela LeVine to call roll. Present were Deputy Mayor Robert Zimmerman, Mr. Shawn Layton, Mr. John Legge, Mrs. Eileen Lukens, Mayor Pete Scirrotto, Mrs. Jennica Bileci, Township Administrator, Mrs. Tschopp CMFO , Michael Welding, Bowman & Co. were present.

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to open the meeting up to the Public. Second by Committeeman Legge. All were in favor.

There was no public participation.

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to close the meeting to the public. Seconded by Committeeman Legge. All were in favor.

Administrator Bileci gave a summary overview of the budget and explained that the budget that they have before them includes a 1.5 cent increase that equals \$31.00 for the average assessed home.

She explained that this Budget includes 1 new FT CDL hire in Public Works , (2) FT Police Hires , Increase of \$40k for Recycling/Tipping fees and \$7,000 is in the budget for GPS system.

Mayor Scirrotto questioned the 2 full time hires and asked the Administrator to discuss with Chief White the feasibility of only hiring 1 new officer and adding SLEO IIIs to be utilized in the schools in addition to the 1 SRO that will be starting in the summer. He advised that he feels we should have more police presence in all the schools in the district.

Administrator Bileci further explained that the budget is \$605,453.42 under the Appropriation Cap as well as \$147,449.56 under the Levy Cap.

She advised that we are using \$1,250,000 in surplus which is more than last year but less surplus this year as a percentage

There will be a balance of \$729,954.11 left in surplus and our balance last year was \$455,478.

Administrator Bileci reviewed the capital items that have been requested by the Department Heads and explained that we will need to prioritize the items since we are only able to bond \$750,000.00 this year.

The Committee agreed that they would like to be as close to a zero tax increase and agreed to wait to introduce the budget until after the liquor license bid to see if the potential revenue comes to fruition.

The budget will be introduced on May 7, 2018.

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Committeeman Legge. All were in favor. The time was 5:57 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela LeVine, Deputy Clerk