

**Township of Mantua**  
**Minutes**  
**Meeting February 6, 2017**  
**Mantua Township Municipal Building**  
**6:00 P.M.**

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

Mayor Scirrotto called the meeting to order. The time was 6:00 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.

Mayor Scirrotto called on Township Deputy Clerk Pamela LeVine to call roll. Present were Deputy Mayor Robert Zimmerman, Mr. Michael Silvanio, Mayor Pete Scirrotto, Mrs. Jennica Bileci, Township Administrator, James Pierson, Esq., Mr. Jon Bryson Engineer, Steven Alexander, Public Works Superintendent, Chief Sawyer

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion to approve December 19, 2016 - Deputy Mayor Zimmerman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Committeeman Silvanio. All in favor

Motion to approve January 3, 2017 - Deputy Mayor Zimmerman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Committeeman Silvanio. All in favor

**Engineering Report**

Mr. Bryson advised the Committee that the Country Gardens, Local Road Program as well as the Eachus Road repairs are all on hold due to the weather. Mr. Bryson stated that the Chestnut Branch Park Irrigation Well project is completed and they are waiting for pump testing which should be shortly.

**Department of Public Works Report**

Mr. Alexander advised that the Public Works department was close to completing the removal of the old Bank Shot area. He advised that they have removed about 8 loads of asphalt, removed all the fence and posts that outlined the area and then covered entire area with top soil and seeded. The Public Works department also installed the "We Love our Police sign" that was donated in the circle of the park. Mr. Alexander commented that the pavilion repairs have been contracted and are due to begin tomorrow, and the storage container near the butterfly garden has been cleaned out and is ready to be removed from the park.

Mr. Alexander advised that he is in the midst of getting prices for a new leaf collection trailer. Mr. Alexander advised Committee that Mike Darpino did a great job lowering a section of countertop in the clerk's office, thus making the work station easier to be used by the other employees. Mr. Alexander stated that he has met with the Township Engineer to further discuss the Public Works pole barn's site survey. Mr. Alexander stated that he and the Administrator met with Mantua Little League to discuss

building/dugout maintenance as well as field maintenance. He reported that Public Works Department has had crews cutting back overgrowing branches along certain roadways throughout town. Mr. Alexander also advised he is looking at the items in the Public Works area and what can be auctioned off. Mayor Scirrotto inquired about the additional time to drop off bulk trash. Mr. Alexander advised that since the yard is open on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month for oil drop off that the yard would now be available to township residents to drop off their bulk rather than waiting till the first week of the month. Deputy Mayor Zimmerman reiterated that we are not allowing contractors to dump there. Mr. Alexander assured him that it would not be allowed. Committeewoman Lukens wanted to take this time to advise the department that she received a very nice compliment from a resident on Woodstream Court with regards to the helpful manner of a Public Works employee who assisted with leaf removal. She advised that the resident was very complimentary towards the department. Committeeman Silvanio inquired about the used trash truck and where we stood with purchasing it. Mr. Alexander advised that we are in the process of preparing the bid specifications.

### **Police Department Report**

Chief Sawyer advised that the department's re-accreditation final assessment was Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> and that it went well, and they are on track for a March 9<sup>th</sup> final approval. Chief Sawyer advised that only one third of the state is accredited. Deputy Mayor Zimmerman commented that this is a very comprehensive, difficult and challenging process and commends the entire department with this accreditation. Chief Sawyer also advised Committee that the new phone system is tentatively set for installation with the Joint Municipal Court. Chief Sawyer reported that they have been approved for a Safe and Secure Grant in the amount of \$60,000 which helps to offset the salaries of two Officers. He also commented that the department has been approved for the Body Worn Camera grant which will allow the department to purchase 25 Body Worn cameras.

Chief Sawyer advised that the department had finished its review of the Towing company applications and that there are three that met all three requirements and they will be notified that they will be approved as official towing companies for the Township for the year 2017. Chief Sawyer advised that the speed signs are currently located Center Street and Wenonah Ave. Deputy Mayor Zimmerman asked if they would please put one of the signs in Crescent Hollow.

Chief Sawyer advised that our newest K-9 Zuke and his handler Officer Mroz recently graduated from the K-9 program and will be returning back on patrol. Deputy Mayor Zimmerman advised this is a great program and that it is funded through donations. The donations are used to not only offset the cost of the animal but the taking care of the animal 24/7 as the handler has the animal at his/her home. This particular animal was purchased with the help of a donation made by the Mantua Township Soccer Association last spring. Chief Sawyer also advised that they are now using community service workers each week to clean up the streets of Mantua. The Mayor asked when this program will start. The Chief advised that it started last week and will continue each week. They will be concentrating on all the streets such as Berkley, Jackson, Tyler's Mill. Committeewoman thanked the Chief for the no left hand turn going south on Route 45. It seems to have helped the flow of traffic.

### **PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATIONS**

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman presented the Proclamation that designates February is Heart Month to John Hughes of Mantua Township. Mr. Hughes is a recent survivor of heart disease and knows the importance of getting the word out to people. Deputy Mayor

Zimmerman discussed with everyone about the signs as well as the seriousness of heart disease as he himself is a survivor.

Mayor Scirrotto presented Fran West with a proclamation designating January as Radon Month. Mr. West a Mantua Township resident advised the Committee that Radon is odorless and colorless and it is a leading factor in lung disease today. Mr. West advised that there are several easy tests that can be done to test for this either by oneself and/or by hiring a company that does this. Mr. West also discussed that with a Radon Mitigation system you can remove the radon to safe levels.

Motion to Open to the public: Deputy Mayor Zimmerman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Committeeman Zimmerman.  
All were in favor.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

**Powell Stevenson – 20 Timbercrest Dr.-** Mr. Stevenson advised the Committee that the entrance way to Timbercrest townhomes is extremely dangerous and that he would like this intersection to be reviewed and addressed. Mr. Stevenson suggested that either a traffic light be installed or the speed limit to be changed. He discussed that there have been several accidents in this area and feels that this needs to be looked at. Mr. Stevenson also advised that he will be meeting with the Chief of Police as well as the County Engineer to further discuss this in the coming days.

**Joseph Labinski – Joseph Labinski – 305 Cherry St., Wenonah** – Mr. Labinski advised the Township Committee that he resides in Wenonah but also has a property in Mantua at 49 Somerset Dr. Mr. Labinski stated that he has issue with Mr. Graham Land, the Code Enforcement officer who handles both Mantua as well as Wenonah. Mr. Labinski stated that he feels that there is selective enforcement with regards to his property and wanted this to be reflected on the record.

**William McLaughlin – 2 Arbour Lane** – Mr. McLaughlin advised the committee that he too lives in the Timbercrest townhomes and feels that at key times there are consistent accidents. When the front entrance area became a merging lane along with the current lane the road rage become more evident. Mr. McLaughlin asked that maybe if it were to be made a shoulder all the way down to Center Street it might help.

Motion to Close: Deputy Mayor Zimmerman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Committeeman Silvanio  
All were in favor.

**ORDINANCE 0-1-2017:BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS PIECES OF CAPITAL EQUIPMENT FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$700,000 THEREFOR; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$665,000; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING**

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to introduce; it was seconded by Committeeman Silvanio. All were in Favor

ORDINANCE O-2-2017: ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA PROHIBITING PARKING ON MAIN STREET (COUNTY ROUTE NO. 553) IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to introduce it was seconded by Committeeman Silvanio. All were in Favor

RESOLUTION R-33-2017: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AUTHORIZING TAX AND PREMIUM REFUNDS

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to adopt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Committeeman Silvanio All were in favor.

RESOLUTION R-34-2017: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AND ELECTRONIC RECYCLERS INTERNATIONAL, INC (ERI) FOR ELECTRONIC WASTE DISPOSAL

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to adopt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Committeeman Silvanio All were in favor.

RESOLUTION R-35 -2017: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE APPOINTING OFFICIAL TOWING COMPANIES FOR THE YEAR 2017 IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 375, SECTION 8 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to adopt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Committeeman Silvanio All were in favor.

RESOLUTION R-36-2017: A RESOLUTION APPROVING PARTICIPATION WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR A SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY, GRANT IDENTIFIER NO. P-6985-17 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60,000

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to adopt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Committeeman Silvanio All were in favor.

RESOLUTION R-37-2017: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RELEASE OF A PERFORMANCE BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,485.00 FILED BY VAN METER AUTO REPAIR SITE PLAN FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN BLOCK 93 LOT 4 AND ACCEPTING A MAINTENANCE BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,060.62 TO BE HELD BY THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to adopt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Committeeman Silvanio All were in favor.

RESOLUTION R-38-2017: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RELEASE OF A PERFORMANCE BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$380,135.25 FILED BY TOTAL TURF EXPERIENCE PHASE I FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN BLOCK 254.04 LOT 32.01 AND WAIVING THE MAINTENANCE BOND

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to adopt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Committeeman Silvanio  
All were in favor.

RESOLUTION R-39 -2017: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS COUNTRY GARDENS SUBDIVISION IMPROVEMENTS IN THE INCREASED AMOUNT OF \$11,295.50

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to adopt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Committeeman Silvanio  
All were in favor.

RESOLUTION R-40-2017: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA APPOINTING HENRY STANLEY AS A PART TIME ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR IN THE CONSTRUCTION OFFICE

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to adopt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Committeeman Silvanio  
All were in favor.

RESOLUTION R-41-2017: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA REQUESTING PERMISSION FOR THE DEDICATION BY RIDER FOR THE CHESTNUT BRANCH PARK ALL INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND ENHANCEMENT PROJECT PURSUANT TO N.J.S. A 40A:50-29

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to adopt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Committeeman Silvanio  
All were in favor.

RESOLUTION R-42-2017: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA PROMOTING ENRICO CIARROCCHI TO A CLASS IV IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to adopt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Committeeman Silvanio  
All were in favor.

RESOLUTION R-43-2017: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA APPROVING THE HIRING OF EDWARD MATTIA AS A LABORER IN THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to adopt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Committeeman Silvanio  
All were in favor.

RESOLUTION R-44-2017: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP AND BOROUGH OF WENONAH FOR THE PURPOSES OF VEHICLE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to adopt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Committeeman Silvanio  
All were in favor.

RESOLUTION R-45-2017: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF  
THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2015-  
2018 CONTRACT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AND TEAMSTERS  
LOCAL UNION 676

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to adopt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Committeeman Silvanio  
All were in favor.

RESOLUTION R-46-2017: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
MAKING VARIOUS APPOINTMENTS TO THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP LAND USE  
BOARD AS A RESULT OF CURRENT VACANCIES

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to adopt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Committeeman Silvanio  
All were in favor.

RESOLUTION R-47-2017: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA  
ENDORING THE SUBMISSION OF THE PRIOR FISCAL YEAR OF 2016  
RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to adopt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Committeeman Silvanio  
All were in favor.

RESOLUTION R-48-2017 RESOLUTION APPROVING ACQUISITION OF  
FARMLAND PRESERVATION DEVELOPMENT EASEMENTS ON LANDS  
OWNED BY JAMES AND MAUREEN MCDERMOTT, LCC. LOCATED AT BLOCK  
265, LOTS 9.05, LOCATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AND SUPPORTING  
THE APPROVAL OF ACQUISITION OF FARMLAND PRESERVATION  
DEVELOPMENT EASEMENTS

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to adopt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Committeeman Silvanio  
All were in favor.

RESOLUTION R-49-2017: RESOLUTION APPROVING ACQUISITION OF  
FARMLAND PRESERVATION DEVELOPMENT EASEMENTS ON LANDS  
OWNED BY LINDA SNYDER LOCATED AT BLOCK 4, LOT 21, LOCATED IN  
THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AND SUPPORTING THE APPROVAL OF  
ACQUISITION OF FARMLAND PRESERVATION DEVELOPMENT EASEMENTS

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to adopt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Committeeman Silvanio  
All were in favor.

RESOLUTION R-50-2017: RESOLUTION APPROVING ACQUISITION OF  
FARMLAND PRESERVATION DEVELOPMENT EASEMENTS ON LANDS  
OWNED BY JOSEPH LEONE LOCATED AT BLOCKS 5, LOTS 12, 13, 14, BLOCK  
6, LOT 13 LOCATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AND SUPPORTING THE  
APPROVAL OF ACQUISITION OF FARMLAND PRESERVATION  
DEVELOPMENT EASEMENTS

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to adopt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Committeeman Silvanio  
All were in favor.

RESOLUTION R-51-2017: RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE APPLICATION &  
SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT  
FOR MUNICIPAL AID FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION FOR LOCAL AID FOR THE RESURFACING OF  
TYLERS MILL ROAD-PHASE 2 #00555

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to adopt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Committeeman Silvanio  
All were in favor.

RESOLUTION R-52-2017: RESOLUTION APPOINTING MICHAEL NAHAS AS  
SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT CLASS I OFFICER WITH THE MANTUA  
TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to adopt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Committeeman Silvanio  
All were in favor.

RESOLUTION R-53-2017: RESOLUTION APPROVING PARTICIPATION WITH  
THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAM ADMINISTERED  
BY THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE, DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND  
PUBLIC SAFETY FOR 2016 BODY WORN CAMERA (BWC) ASSISTANCE  
PROGRAM JAG BWC11-16

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to approve; it was seconded by  
Committeeman Silvanio. All were in Favor

**Township Committee Remarks:**

Committeeman Legge advised that the Veterans Commission will be starting an outreach program for Veterans. In addition, Mr. Legge advised that the Veterans will be looking for a guest speaker for the Memorial Day ceremony if anyone has any suggestions.

Committeeman Silvanio advised that the Historical Commission will be doing a cleanup in April as well as they will be once again have their essay contest with the children of the 5<sup>th</sup> grade from J.M.T. He advised that the students will be touring the historical building on three days in May and they would be writing their essays and the Historical commission will review and have the winners announced at a Committee meeting as has been done previously.

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman advised that the Township is diligently working on a variety of items at the park and is anticipating everything being completed by April in time for the spring season. In addition, Deputy Mayor thanked Doug Powell of American Signs as he donated the Police Department support sign that now stands at the circle area of the park. Deputy Mayor Zimmerman also noted that Rowan University Fossil Park was given an endowment of \$25 million by the Edelman family as well as a matching grant from the university itself. In addition, the state has provided them with \$5 million in funding for the site. Rowan is anticipating that the site be up and running by the spring of 2020. This would include research centers possibly a hotel and restaurant as well as a museum to name a few.

Administrator Bileci advised the Committee that she along with CFO have come up with some preliminary numbers for the upcoming budget, and that she will be meeting with departments to discuss their budget needs for the upcoming year. In addition, she reported that 6 new "Welcome Signs" were ordered and will be installed through the Township. Administrator Bileci also stated that the Sewell Raildogs has approached the Township to ask if there were any projects that their membership to participate in and volunteer in effort to give back to the community. She asked that if anyone has a specific project that they would like to see to forward the suggestion to her.

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to pay the bills; it was seconded by Committeeman Silvanio. All were in Favor

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to adjourn; it was seconded by Committeeman Silvanio. All were in Favor

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela LeVine, Deputy Clerk