

Township of Mantua
Reorganization Meeting
January 3, 2017
Mantua Township Municipal Building
5:00 P.M.

On the above date at 5:00 p.m. the 2017 Reorganization Meeting was held in the Mantua Township Municipal Building, 401 Main Street, Mantua, New Jersey 08051.

Township Deputy Clerk Pamela LeVine welcomed everyone and wished all a Happy New Year.

Mrs. LeVine called the meeting to order and asked for everyone to rise for the flag salute and remain standing for the Invocation offered by Pastor Doug Baitinger, Mantua United Methodist Church, Boy Scout Troop 83 presented the Colors and led the Flag Salute.

Mrs. LeVine then read the Statement of the Presiding Officer: "Notice of this Reorganization Meeting was given in compliance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, more than 48 hours in advance by providing a Notice of Reorganization Meeting to the South Jersey Times and Courier-Post newspapers, for publication in their public meeting notice columns. Notice was also posted more than 48 hours in advance on the bulletin board in the Mantua Township Municipal Building."

Mrs. LeVine performed a roll call. Present were Committeeman Zimmerman, Committeeman Silvanio, Committeeman Legge, Mrs. Jennica Bileci, Township Administrator, and Mr. Jeffrey Daniels, Esq.

Mrs. LeVine stated that on November 8, 2016, the General Election was held and the certified results found the victors to be Mr. Pete Scirrotto received 4,525 votes and Mrs. Eileen Lukens received 4,108 votes, each of them will serve a three-year term upon being sworn in today.

Joined by his family, Mr. Scirrotto was sworn in by the Honorable Superior Court Judge Timothy Chell. Mr. Chell advised that for 9 years Pete and he worked together. Judge Chell stated that Pete is the most honorable, loyal, gentlemen that he knows and stated that it is a privilege to honor Pete with this plaque of his 25 years of service. Pete is a leader who is not only dedicated to serving on this committee and he is one that truly cares about this Township and all the residents that live here.

Joined by her family, Mrs. Lukens was sworn in by the Honorable Stephen Sweeney, New Jersey Senate President.

At this time Mrs. LeVine opened the nominations for Mayor of the Township of Mantua for 2017. All were in favor. Committeeman Zimmerman made a motion to nominate Pete Scirrotto for Mayor of the Township of Mantua for 2017, seconded by Committeeman Silvanio. Mrs. LeVine asked if there were any other nominations. As there were no other nominations, Mrs. LeVine asked for motion to close the nominations. Committeeman Zimmerman made a motion to close the nominations, seconded by Committeeman Silvanio. All were in favor.

Mrs. LeVine stated a nomination has been made and seconded for Pete Scirrotto for Mayor of the Township of Mantua for the year 2017. Mrs. LeVine presented to the Township Committee Resolution R-1-2017, appointing Pete Scirrotto as Mayor of the Township of Mantua for the year 2017. Committeeman Zimmerman made a motion to approve Resolution R-1-2017, seconded by Committeeman Silvanio. All were in favor.

Mrs. LeVine announced the motion was adopted. The Oath of Office for Mayor Scirrotto was administered by The Hon. Stephen M. Sweeney, New Jersey Senate President.

At this time Deputy Mayor Zimmerman advised that there is a surprise for Mayor Scirrotto. Mr. Scirrotto was presented with a plaque recognizing his 25 years of service with the Township. Mayor Scirrotto thanked everyone and stated that he was very surprised for the recognition.

Mayor Scirrotto opened the nominations for Deputy Mayor of the Township of Mantua for 2017. The motion was made by Committeeman Legge, seconded by Committeeman Silvanio. All were in favor. Committeeman Silvanio nominated Robert Zimmerman for Deputy Mayor, seconded by Committeeman Silvanio. All were in favor.

As no other nominations were brought forth, Mayor Scirrotto asked for a motion to close the nominations, which was made by Committeeman Legge, seconded by Committeeman Silvanio. All were in favor.

Mayor Scirrotto presented to the Township Committee Resolution R-2-2017, appointing Robert Zimmerman as Deputy Mayor. Committeeman Legge made a motion to approve Resolution R-2-2017, seconded by Committeeman Silvanio. All were in favor.

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman was administered the Oath of Office by the Honorable Stephen Sweeney, New Jersey Senate President.

Mayor Scirrotto called for a Roll Call vote to follow the consented agenda items listed as Resolution R-3-2017 to Resolution R-32-2017. Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to approve Resolutions R-3-2017 through R-32, 2017, seconded by Committeeman Silvanio. All were in favor.

RESOLUTION R-3-2017: RESOLUTION APPOINTING ANGELINI, VINIAR & FREEDMAN AS THE SOLICITOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA FOR THE YEAR 2017

RESOLUTION R-4-2017: RESOLUTION DESIGNATING FEDERICI & AKIN, P.A. AS THE ENGINEER FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR 2017

RESOLUTION R-5-2017: RESOLUTION APPOINTING BOWMAN & COMPANY AS THE AUDITOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA FOR THE YEAR 2017

RESOLUTION R-6-2017: RESOLUTION APPOINTING KELLY CONROY, ESQUIRE AS THE MUNICIPAL COURT PROSECUTOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA FOR THE YEAR 2017

RESOLUTION R-7-2017: RESOLUTION APPOINTING LAWRENCE HUBERT, ESQUIRE AS PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA FOR THE YEAR 2017

RESOLUTION R-8-2017: RESOLUTION APPOINTING BROWN & CONNERY AS LABOR ATTORNEY FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA FOR THE YEAR 2017

RESOLUTION R-9-2017: RESOLUTION APPOINTING PARKER MCCAY AS BOND COUNSEL FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA FOR THE YEAR 2017

RESOLUTION R-10-2017: RESOLUTION APPOINTING HARDENBERG INSURANCE AS THE RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA FOR THE YEAR 2017

RESOLUTION R-11-2017: RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A SCHEDULE OF REGULAR MEETING DATES FOR THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA FOR THE YEAR 2017

RESOLUTION R-12-2017: RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING RATE OF PREPAYMENT FOR MEETING NOTICES

RESOLUTION R-13-2017: RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA FOR THE YEAR 2017

RESOLUTION R-14-2017: RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE RATE OF INTEREST TO BE CHARGED ON DELINQUENT TAXES AND OTHER CHARGES FOR THE YEAR 2017

RESOLUTION R-15-2017: RESOLUTION NAMING THE OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION R-16-2017: RESOLUTION MAINTAINING PARTICIPATION IN GLOUCESTER/SALEM/CUMBERLAND COUNTY MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND

RESOLUTION R-17-2017: RESOLUTION CONTINUING MEMBERSHIP IN THE MUNICIPAL EXCESS LIABILITY JOINT INSURANCE FUND WITH THE GLOUCESTER/SALEM/CUMBERLAND COUNTY MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND

RESOLUTION R-18-2017: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1 IN THE TOWNSHIP

RESOLUTION R-19-2017: RESOLUTION APPOINTING JOHN KOSYLO, ESQUIRE AS CONFLICT PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA FOR THE YEAR 2017

RESOLUTION R-20-2017: RESOLUTION APPOINTING JENNICA BILECI AS

THE PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA FOR THE YEAR 2017

RESOLUTION R-21-2017: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA APPOINTING A FUND COMMISSIONER FOR THE TRI-COUNTY JOINT INSURANCE FUND

RESOLUTION R-22-2017: RESOLUTION APPOINTING PARKER MCCAY AS THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA FOR THE YEAR 2017

RESOLUTION R-23-2017: RESOLUTION APPOINTING MASER CONSULTING AS TOWNSHIP PLANNER FOR THE YEAR 2017

RESOLUTION R-24-2017: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA APPOINTING VINCENT VOLTAGGIO AS A REGULAR MEMBER ON THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION R-25-2017: RESOLUTION MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO SPECIFIC BOARD AND COMMISSION POSITIONS AND CONFIRMING SUCH APPOINTMENTS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR 2017

RESOLUTION R-26-2017: RESOLUTION MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO SPECIFIC ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS AND CONFIRMING SUCH APPOINTMENTS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA FOR 2017

RESOLUTION R-27-2017: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA CONFIRMING MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS FOR THE YEAR 2017

RESOLUTION R-28-2017: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA ADOPTING THE 2017 TEMPORARY BUDGET

RESOLUTION R-29-2017: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA ADOPTING "ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER"

RESOLUTION R-30-2017: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA APPOINTING LOIS VARALLI AS THE DIRECTOR OF LAND USE AND CODE ENFORCEMENT

RESOLUTION R-31-2017: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA TO PROVIDE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETINGS

RESOLUTION R-32-2017: RESOLUTION APPOINTING ACACIA FINANCIAL GROUP AS THE FINANCIAL ADVISOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA FOR THE YEAR 2017

Mayor Scirrotto recognized and thank all the dignitaries and elected officials that attended the meeting.

Senate President Sweeney, thanked everyone for inviting him back and commented and praised the Township Committee for their consistency as leaders in the community. He stated that anyone who knows Pete knows that this just isn't a job but he has his heart in this role as Mayor. He stated that Pete has an outstanding Township Committee to work with and it is due to the consistency in the leadership. Mayor Scirrotto thanked Senator Sweeney in addition thanked him for all that he has done for special needs children in Gloucester County. You always have a friend in Steve Sweeney.

Public Portion: Motion to open to the public: Deputy Mayor Zimmerman, 2nd Committeeman Silvanio. All were in favor.

No one wished to speak.

A Motion to close the public portion: Deputy Mayor Zimmerman, 2nd Committeeman Silvanio. All were in favor.

Remarks from the Township Committee:

Mayor Scirrotto thanked Senate President Sweeney as always for coming and all that he does for Mantua Township. He thanks Judge Cell for surprising him at the meeting tonight. Mayor Scirrotto thanked the rest of the committee as they are a good group and although they don't agree on everything we seem to always find a common answer. He thanked his family for being here and his wife Marge of 45 years for always standing by him. Mayor Scirrotto said that it doesn't feel like it's been that long being on the Committee but he has a love for this community and will always do his best.

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman congratulated Mayor Scirrotto as well as Committeewoman Lukens on their victory. Deputy Mayor Zimmerman discussed that this is a very unique Committee as they are all friends and truly have the best interest of the community when sitting on the dais. Everyone on the Committee is truly dedicated to doing the best for the community.

Committeewoman Lukens thanked everyone for their support especially her family. She advised how proud she is to be part of such a great community and to be part of this Committee. Committeewoman Lukens also congratulated Mayor Scirrotto and thanked him for all his help during the election and while they were out walking through the various communities.

Committeeman Legge congratulated Mayor Scirrotto as well as Committeewoman Lukens on their victory. He thanked everyone for the opportunity work cohesively together to get things done within the community. It's an honor to work with each of them.

Committeeman Silvanio, also congratulated Mayor Scirrotto and Committeewoman Lukens on their victory. Committeeman Silvanio advised that's it's an honor and a privilege to work with these people. He noted that Mayor Scirrotto is like the big brother he never had. In addition, he wished everyone a happy and healthy New Year.

Motion to Close: Deputy Mayor Zimmerman, 2nd Committeeman Silvanio. 3 yes votes

Benediction offered by Reverend Peter Traum, Church of the Incarnation

Motion to Close: Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to close; it was 2nd by Committeeman Silvano. All in Favor

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela LeVine, Deputy Clerk