

Township of Mantua
Minutes
Workshop Meeting August 21, 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 Committeeman Layton, Committeewoman Lukens, Committeeman Legge, Deputy Mayor Robert Zimmerman, Mayor Pete Scirrotto, Mrs. Jennica Bileci, Township Administrator, James Pierson, Esq., Glenn deMers, Ass't. Superintendent of Public Works, Jon Bryson, Engineer,

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to approve July 17, 2017 - Deputy Mayor Zimmerman, 2nd Committeeman Legge. All in favor

Motion to approve August 1, 2017 - Deputy Mayor Zimmerman, 2nd Committeeman Legge. All in favor

Swearing In Ceremony: Chief of Police – Darren E. White – Deputy Mayor Zimmerman read a brief statement regarding Chief White and that the Township Committee would like to thank each officer who participated in the Police Chief's promotional process. We recognize the huge commitment made by each candidate, which took significant time away from families and loved ones. Chief White (like each candidate) went through this extensive promotional process administered by the "New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police" which consisted of both Written and Oral Exams; and a comprehensive evaluation by the Township Administrator and Township Committee. He excelled in all aspects of the promotional process; along with a culmination of training, leadership experience and educational criteria which earned him this promotion to Chief of Police. Chief White has a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice and will have his Master's Degree in Public Administration in 2018. He attended the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police" Leadership and Command Academy; the FBI's Law Enforcement Executive Development Association Executive Management Training Program; and has other leadership training and experience. He has received over twenty awards and commendations. He is the department's New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police "Accreditation Manager" and just led the department through a successful reaccreditation process. He is also the department's only certified "Accredited Command Executive" through the "New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police." Chief White has been a Lieutenant since May of 2012, and prior to that he served as a Sergeant. We have an incredible police department here in Mantua, that's made up of an awesome team of men

and women who protect and serve our community. Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made note that the Township along with the Committee is looking forward to Chief White's leading this team into the future as a visionary, and leading with integrity and professionalism, and congratulated the Chief as he embarks on this new journey.

Engineering Report – Mr. Bryson advised about the 2016 Local Road Program with South State including the rear parking lot at Chestnut Branch Park that was recently completed. Mr. Bryson noted that in addition the 2017 Local road program with would include Tyler's Mill Road, the plans and estimates have been completed and provided to the Administrator. A pre-con meeting is forthcoming to further discuss this program. In regards to the Public Works Building, all plans have been completed and submitted to the Administrator and there are a few items regarding HVAC and electrical that are still be worked on.

Department of Public Works Report - Assistant Supt deMers discussed that one of our rear loaders, was taken to Bellmawr truck repair to have the compactor body refurbished. This project will take approximately 5 weeks and will not be available during the September bulk week. Due to this, we have reached out to Pitman to see if we could borrow their spare rear loader during this time. In addition, we are asking residents to help us out during the September bulk week by utilizing the 4th Saturday and bring your bulk trash to us. Furthermore, Mr. deMers advised that 1 CDL driver has returned from an extended medical leave and that 2 CDL drivers are still out on medical leave, and 1 mechanic is on light duty. Mr. deMers advised that one of our one arm trucks was rear ended when dumping a trash can on Mantua Blvd. No one was hurt, and there was minor damage to our vehicle and it is still in use. Regarding the Township compost site, a company, Clearland Inc. has started the process of removing yard debris from the facility. Mayor Scirrotto inquired how the department was doing with Brush. Mr. deMers advised that the department is caught up and that the amount of calls has gotten smaller. Committeeman Legge inquired about the Fire violations that were given. Mr. deMers advised that regarding the Public Works department all violations have been taken care of. Regarding the Municipal Building, he had not been advised of the status. Administrator Bileci advised that all issues at the municipal building have been resolved. Committeewoman Lukens inquired about the truck that was in the accident and wanted to know if the truck was down at this time. Mr. deMers advised that the truck did not lose any time out on the road.

Police Department Report - Chief White advised that the radar signs are out on Heritage Rd., West Atlantic and West Monmouth due to a complaint due to a complaint. In addition, the Department participated in the Stuff the Bus event at Chik-Fil-A. The motorcycle, HUMMV, K9s, and a bunch of goodies were brought to this event. Chief White discussed that the number of community service workers has not been up to par and that contact has been made to further discuss this matter. That being said, Chief White advised that the community service workers that showed up, cleaned up the entire length of Mt. Royal Rd. as well as much of Jefferson Rd. Chief White made note that Sgt. Butler started a program with the Department entitled "MTPD Rocks" whereby painted rocks are hidden in parks around the township. When one is found, the child comes to the station for a tour, a goodie bag, and a \$5 gift card donated by Target. It has been very successful and many kids have stopped in. Regarding the recent work that is being done on Main Street, Chief White advised that they are currently working on curbing which is nearly complete, and a paving meeting will be scheduled for early next week to get the particulars down. Main St. will be paved from New York Ave. to 45, and Mantua Blvd. will be paved between 45 and Wenonah Ave. and then going down

Wenonah Ave to Lenape. The goal is to be completed prior to the start of the school year.

Public Participation -

Deb Baldassare – 522 Main Street discussed how one of the Township recycling trucks was dropping trash along Main Street. She asked that the drivers be told to make sure that the trucks are closed after picking up trash and/or recycling. Ms. Baldassare inquired about the road work along Main St and she noticed that they were replacing curbs and inquired if they would be putting in new curbing or just replacing what is existing. Administrator Bileci advised that they would just be replacing what is already existing,

ORDINANCE O-12-2017: AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA VACATING AND EXTINGUISHING ANY AND ALL PUBLIC RIGHTS IN AND TO SUMMIT CIRCLE

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

ORDINANCE O-13-2017: AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA RELEASING AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEED RESTRICTIONS ON PROPERTY LISTED ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AS BLOCK 61, LOT 1 C1212

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

RESOLUTION R-113-2017: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA APPOINTING DARREN WHITE AS THE CHIEF OF POLICE OF THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

RESOLUTION R-114-2017: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AUTHORIZING TAX AND PREMIUM REFUNDS

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

RESOLUTION R-115-2017: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA, IN THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY GRANTING CONSENT TO THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

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

AUTHORITY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE AUTHORITY'S UTILITY SYSTEM

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

RESOLUTION R-116-2017: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AUTHORIZING A REFUND FOR A RENTAL FEE FOR THE CHESTNUT BRANCH PARK PAVILION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$120.00

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

RESOLUTION R-117-2017: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA EXTENDING THE DUE DATE FOR THE THIRD QUARTER 2017 PROPERTY TAXES

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

RESOLUTION R-118-2017: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AMENDING THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MASER CONSULTING FOR PLANNING SERVICES

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

RESOLUTION R-119-2017: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AUTHORIZING THE LOSAP PAYMENT FOR 2016

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to approve; it was seconded by Committeeman Legge. Committeeman Layton Abstained 4- were in Favor

RESOLUTION R-120-2017: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS 2016 LOCAL ROAD PROGRAM IMPROVEMENTS IN THE INCREASED AMOUNT OF \$35,789.40

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

RESOLUTION R-121-2017: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA REQUESTING THE APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE FOR MUNICIPAL COURT ALCOHOL EDUCATION AND REHABILITATION AND APPROPRIATION (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87) OF THE SAME

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

RESOLUTION R-122-2017: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA REQUESTING THE APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE FOR DRUNK DRIVING ENFORCEMENT GRANT AND APPROPRIATION (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87) OF THE SAME

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

RESOLUTION R-123-2017: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA REQUESTING THE APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE FOR 2017 DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER GRANT AND APPROPRIATION (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87) OF THE SAME

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

RESOLUTION R-124-2017: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA REQUESTING THE APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE FOR THE RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT AND APPROPRIATION (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87) OF THE SAME

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

RESOLUTION R-125-2017: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA APPROVING A STATE CONTRACT NO. A88214 FOR A 2017 F-450 DUMP TRUCK WITH SALT SPREADER AND PLOW IN THE AMOUNT OF \$59,499.00

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

Remarks from the Township Committee:

Committeeman Layton advised that he had recently been at the park and it looks great. The fields, the playground all looked great and very clean.

Committeewoman Lukens advised that she had been in contact with the Mantua Schools Superintendent regarding the parking on Main Street at which time they advised that the school will be adding angulated parking spaces in front of the school.

Committeeman Legge wished everyone a Happy Labor Day and advised that he will not be at the September 18th committee meeting.

Administrator Bileci let everyone know about the Philadelphia Soul championship game and that the information is in the building and on the website. In addition we are coming into the fall season at which time she will be contacting the department heads to discuss their capital items moving forward.

Mayor Scirrotto made a motion to pay the bills; 2nd by Deputy Mayor Zimmerman. All were in favor.

Mayor Scirrotto made a motion to adjourn; 2nd by Deputy Mayor Zimmerman. All were in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela LeVine, Deputy Clerk