

**Township of Mantua  
Minutes  
Meeting June 5, 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, Mayor Pete Scirrotto, Mrs. Jennica Bileci, Township Administrator, James Pierson, Esq., Steven Alexander, Superintendent Public Works, Jon Bryson, Engineer, Chief Sawyer

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion to approve May 15, 2017 - Deputy Mayor Zimmerman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Committeeman Legge. All in favor

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman presented the Baldwin Family with a Proclamation recognizing June 4th as "Tourette Syndrome Awareness Day"

Mr. & Mrs. Baldwin and their family were here to receive the proclamation. Carolyn Baldwin spoke about the statistics and awareness of raising children with Tourette's Syndrome and thanked Deputy Mayor Zimmerman along with the rest of the Committee for advising the public on Tourette's Syndrome

Mayor Scirrotto informed that the Township has a Proclamation Supporting (F.O.P.) Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressive Awareness that would be read at a later date.

**Engineering Report**

Mr. Bryson discussed that he and the Public Works Superintendent were working on the new Public Works building and were waiting for final drawings from the architect. In addition, Mr. Bryson advised that there was a bid opening recently for the land clearing of the Public Works yard. The lowest bid came in at \$174,900 and that discussions would be had with the Administrator on how to proceed. Lastly, Mr. Bryson notified Committee that he had received confirmation from N.J.D.O.T. that the grant for Tyler's Mill Road would be awarded in the amount of \$175,000. Mayor Scirrotto inquired about when the funds would be coming into the Township. Mr. Bryson advised that the contracts are usually awarded in August, however, surveying is already in the works and he is expecting to have plans within two weeks so that this can go out to bid.

## **Department of Public Works Report**

Mr. Alexander advised that they were behind in trash and bulk as there are several trucks that have gone down and in need of repair. In order to keep up with the routes, Mr. Alexander advised that they had borrowed a truck from Pitman. Mr. Alexander advised that he is at the end stages of purchasing a new leaf collection trailer through the NJPA cooperative purchasing program so that it will be here prior to leaf season beginning. Mr. Alexander further discussed that there were issues with the gas pumps and that an agreement was made with Harrison Township to provide gas in the event that our pumps went down.

## **Police Department Report**

Captain Mastrogiacomo advised that the workload that was usually given by Chief Sawyer was attached for Committee to review. In addition, Captain Mastrogiacomo made everyone aware that the traffic signs are out throughout town and are placed in areas where there have been numerous complaints. Captain Mastrogiacomo went onto advise that that they are working with probation to increase the amount of community service workers that we receive each week. Mayor Scirrotto inquired as to what happens if the community service workers don't show up for service, at which time the Captain advised what the procedures are. Captain Mastrogiacomo further noted that the Main St utility work is still ongoing and once this is completed they will be moving to another area.

## **Public Participation**

Joseph Labinski – 305 Cherry Street, Wenonah, NJ – Mr. Labinski inquired about what the Date Collection on the speed signs were. Captain Mastrogiacomo advised that signs keeps track of how many vehicles travel on that road, in addition to the speed that the vehicle is going. Mr. Labinski then inquired about the January, 2017 Wenonah Board meeting that Mayor Scirrotto attended, in which a discussion was had about vehicles having GPS systems. Mayor Scirrotto advised Mr. Labinski that the conversation was about the County vehicles having GPS systems as that was the reason he was at the Wenonah meeting. Mr. Lipinski thanked him for the clarification as he misunderstood that it was County vehicles they were speaking about.

Margaret Felton – 23 Woodstream Ct. – Ms. Felton inquired about the curve by the cousins nursery if there was something that was going to be done in light of the recent vehicle accidents that have occurred in that area. Mayor Scirrotto advised that Center Street is a County roadway and that it has always been an issue with people not obeying the speed limits that re posted. Mayor Scirrotto advised that we will contact the County engineer and ask him to look into this area again. Captain Mastrogiacomo also noted that there has been reflectors and signage put there for this same reason.

Gary Spinner – 108 Weatherby – Mr. Spinner discussed the retaining water situation at his property. He stated that it was his understanding that the road is going to repaved, that maybe the Township would have the piping matter repaired. Mr. Spinner did state that when the pipe was jetted out by the County it seemed to be a temporary fix and he would like for the Committee to think about repairing this area. Mayor Scirrotto asked Mr. Bryson, Township Engineer if he would please look at this matter and advise what can be done to have this area repaired prior to the paving of the road.

Lorraine Beckett – 655 Helena Ave – Mrs. Beckett asked the Committee to please look at the current Cat Ordinance and to consider amending it to state that a home with 5 or more areas can have additional cats. In addition Mrs. Beckett advised that the ordinance can state that it is mandatory to have the animal(s) fixed and proof would have to be shown. Mayor Scirrotto advised that he would look into this matter.

ORDINANCE 8-2017:ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AMENDING CHAPTER 56 ENTITLED OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES TO DESIGNATE THE POSITION OF PURCHASING AGENT

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

ORDINANCE O-9-2017: AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AMENDING CHAPTER 69 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA, “POLICE DEPARTMENT”

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

RESOLUTION R-87-2017: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF MICHAEL SILVANO FROM THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE EFFECTIVE RETROACTIVELY MAY 24, 2017

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

Mayor Scirrotto discussed that there is a need to fill the vacancy on Township Committee, as Committeeman Silvanio has resigned his position to become a judge. Mayor Scirrotto inquired if there were any nominations at which time Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to appoint Shawn K. Layton. As there were no objections, Mayor Scirrotto moved forward with the appointment.

RESOLUTION R-88-2017: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA APPOINTING SHAWN LAYTON TO SERVE THE UNEXPIRED TERM ON THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A 40A:16.5

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

Swearing In Ceremony: Mayor Scirrotto gave the oath to the newly appointed Committeeman Layton. Deputy Mayor Zimmerman spoke about Committeeman Layton’s accomplishments and welcomed him to the Committee.

RESOLUTION R-89-2017: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RELEASE OF A MAINTENANCE BOND FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS MUSTAFA SITE PLAN – 397 BRIDGETON PIKE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,345.05

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

RESOLUTION R-90-2017:RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AND MANTUA TOWNSHIP POLICE CHIEF RODNEY SAWYER

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

RESOLUTION R-91-2017: A RESOLUTION APPROVING A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTA AND THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER FOR THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER USE OF THE CHESTNUT BRANCH PARK TO PROVIDE FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT

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

RESOLUTION R-92-2017: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TO PURCHASE A 2007 MACK TRASH TRUCK IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$36,000.00

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

RESOLUTION R-93-2017: 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. Committeeman Layton abstained. All were in Favor

RESOLUTION R-94-2017: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA REQUESTING THE APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE FOR CLICK IT OR TICKET AND APPROPRIATION (N.J.S.A.40A:4-87) OF SAME

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

**Remarks from the Township Committee:**

Committeeman Layton thanked everyone for their support and the opportunity to be part of the Committee and is looking forward to working with everyone.

Committeeman Legge also congratulated Shawn and welcomed him to the committee.

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman congratulated Shawn and is looking forward to working with him. Deputy Mayor stated that the committee is a diversified group and we will continue to all work together for the better of the Township. Deputy Mayor Zimmerman reminded everyone about the upcoming Schools Out Camp Out as well as the Senior Dinner on June 20, 2017.

Mayor Scirrotto made a motion to pay the bills; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made Committeeman Layton abstained. All were in favor

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

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela LeVine, Deputy Clerk