

**Township of Mantua**  
**Minutes**  
**Meeting August 20, 2018**  
**Mantua Township Municipal Building**  
**6:00 P.M.**

On the above date the Township Committee of the Township of Mantua held a Workshop Committee 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, Committeeman Legge, Committeewoman Lukens - Absent, Deputy Mayor Robert Zimmerman, Mayor Pete Scirrotto, Mrs. Jennica Bileci, Township Administrator, James Pierson, Esq., Chief Darren White,

Approval of Minutes: July 16, 2018 - Deputy Mayor Zimmerman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Committeeman Legge

Approval of Minutes: July 31, 2018 - Deputy Mayor Zimmerman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Committeeman Legge

Swearing In Ceremony: Mayor Pete Scirrotto swore in Officer Jeffrey Krieger

**Engineer Report:**

Mr. Bryson discussed both the 2017 Local Road Program that has been completed by South State. Mr. Bryson also discussed NJDOT 2017 Tyler's Mill Road Phase two that has been completed except for the drainage and the striping which should be completed before the end of this week. Chestnut Branch Lighting was further discussed by Mr. Bryson as the contractor advised that the lighting fixtures will be shipped 9/12/18. He advised that he will do what needs to be done to ensure that the park is as ready as can be for the Patriot Day ceremony. Mr. Bryson also discussed NJDOT 2018 Tyler's Mill Road Phase 3. This has been submitted to the state and has been approved. This can be ready to go out to bid by next week and he will coordinate with the Administrator. Mr. Bryson note that the 2018 Local Road Program went out for bid on 8/15/18 and the lowest bidder was Bogey's Trucking & Paving.

**Department of Public Works Report:**

Mr. Alexander discuss that the department has purchased and 8 camera surveillance camera system for public works. He noted that this camera system is capable of wireless connectivity and he is intending to install cameras in the yard with battery power and solar charging units. Mr. Alexander noted that during the bulk week the department had a rear loader break down so they made some adjustments and got through it. Steve noted that he is in the process of setting up an account to have our trash trucks washed in Logan Township using a company on School House Road in Penns Grove. Mr. Alexander noted that he has made some changes to our Custodian's work procedures and feels that things

are improving. In addition, Steve noted that they had random drug testing was performed and that there were no problems. The department is working on finishing a couple more of the root balls at the Chestnut Branch Park and this should be done prior to the 9/11 event. Mr. Alexander noted that he and Glenn are going over JIF sponsored training class requests for next year. We are focusing on the mandatory training classes. Other classes will be done in house. Mr. Alexander noted that the GPS tracking devices for vehicles arrived today. We will begin the process of installation. Committeeman Legge noted that with installing these GPS units cause a lot of angst and that you should be prepared for a lot of this with these units being installed.

### **Police Department Report:**

Chief White noted that Community service was still scarce, but we did have some workers. They were on hit Lambs Road, Berkley Road, Glassboro Road, and Bridgeton Pike. Additionally, they had them hit the police department courtroom, lobby, and Explorer's Office. The probation officer thinks that our numbers will pick up when the summer is over. Chief White noted that the radar speed signs have been on Capital Drive, Phoenix Ave., Montgomery Drive, Royal Oaks Dr., Crescent Hollow Dr. and Jessup Mill Road as well as in addition to some locations in Wenonah. The trailer is in front of the police department. Darren noted that the department will be participating in the "Booze it or Lose it" DWI enforcement campaign grant from 8/17 – 9/3. In addition he noted that The Police Explorers have been at the park as much as their membership and time commitments allow. Chief White made mention that the Class 1 officers have also been assigned to take a ride in the golf cart down to the park at some point during their shifts. This allows them to ride all around the trails and be seen. Chief White discussed that the officers hung out with several classes at JMT towards the end of July. They children got to play in the police cars and check out some of our other equipment. The fire department and EMS personnel were there as well to show off their stuff. The kids loved it. The department also gave another tour of the PD and vehicles to a group from the Fellowship Bible Church. They were very happy with their interactions and all got toys and goodie bags. Chief White noted that the department received a \$500 donation from the Worthington Estate on Wenonah Ave. The attached card advised that it was to show appreciation for our service to the estate over the years and that the money was split between the Canine Unit and the Child Safety Seat fund. Chief White discussed that the sally port storage, which was full of a mountain of old car parts and other junk, has been cleared out which will finally allow us to store things in it once again. Darren also noted that the department has sold the Jaguar from the side lot, three other vehicles, as well as a forfeiture car, and the Dodge Magnum are listed on govdeals. We also sold our old fingerprint machine as well.

Darren discussed that the new K-9 Boomer (yes his name changed, but this should be final), the newest potential member of the Canine Unit, is doing well. He is currently being evaluated. If all goes well he and Ptl. Donovan will start the academy on October 11. Darren also noted that he is still obtaining the necessary quotes for the door control system and surveillance system replacements. In addition, Darren met with Thomas Morris of Eagle Point Gun Shop on Wednesday the 15th. All of Wenonah's firearms that are in our armory have been officially transferred to Mantua with a paper trail. We will obtain four Benelli shotguns and one Colt AR15 rifle for use by the department. Mantua will receive a credit for the remaining weapons, which will be transferred to the shop. The Wenonah officers will be offered first dibs on their duty weapons for a very reasonable price. The rest will also be sold to any interested officers by Eagle Point with any remaining weapons being their responsibility to sell. Darren mentioned that he met with our IT company to evaluate what is needed to connect Wenonah's headquarters

building to our server. This is necessary if we are to use it as a Detective Bureau. They provided a quote for equipment that I am evaluating. In keeping with “Coffee with a Cop”, for the summer, the department has set up a “Protect and Soft Serve” event at Mi Familia’s restaurant on Bridgeton Pike for the 30<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm. They have agreed to provide free ice cream cones to attendees and Gino’s will provide free mini golf. Sometime in the fall we will pick up with another coffee-related event, most likely on National Coffee with a Cop day on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Chief White also discussed that the tractor-trailer should be removed from the side of the salt barn. I spoke to the owner who advised that he found another place to store it.

Chief White noted that WJ Gross was here on Thursday to see if he can recommend a patch for the areas of our roof that have significant leaks and he is awaiting his recommendations. Lastly, Chief White noted that he is waiting to hear back from the Department of Corrections regarding his requests for rule exemptions. There are five things that the department needs to fix in our booking room. We will not pass future inspections if they are not fixed and will not be able to use the cells. Ideally, I will be able to get a five year exemption, but we definitely need to consider the issues. I resent the paperwork to them.

Public Portion:

Motion to open to the public: Deputy Mayor Zimmerman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Committeeman Legge.

Deb Baldassare – 522 Main Street – Ms. Baldassare discussed her concerns about the speed limits along Main Street. She is concerned that the speed limits are way too high for this area and near a public park. In addition she is concerned about the children crossing over Main Street from Chapel Ridge and would like for the Township to see what they can do to help get this lowered. Chief White noted that he will reach out again to the county engineer as it was his understanding that based on various studies in recent years that the speed limit is warranted on this road. Deputy Mayor Zimmerman noted that this is a County road and that the Township doesn’t have jurisdiction over this road however, he recommended that the residents on Main Street might want to contact them regarding this matter.

Kevin Clayton – 533 Main St – He wanted to echo Ms. Baldassarre comments about Main Street and would like to see something done about lowering the speed limit.

Renee Nuss – 562 Main St – She too wanted to echo Ms. Baldassarre comments and noted that with the school year beginning soon, she wanted to make sure people slow down.

Kevin Moore – 475 Main St. Mr. Moore also wanted to echo Ms. Baldassarre comments and anything that the township can do to help this along he would appreciate it.

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to close the public portion; it was seconded by Committeeman Legge All were in Favor.

ORDINANCE O-6-2018: AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AMENDING CHAPTER 296. PEDDLING AND SOLICITING ARTICLE I. HAWKERS, PEDDLERS AND SOLICITORS

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to adopt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Committeeman Layton Committeeman Legge Abstained. Roll Call: All were in Favor

ORDINANCE O-7-2018:AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY ADOPTING THE ROUTE 322-ROWAN WEST CAMPUS REGIONAL REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS BLOCK 261, LOTS 1, 2, 3, 3.01, 4, 4.01, 6, 7.01, 7.02, 8, 9, 9.02, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14.01, 16.01, 17.01, 18, 18.01, 18.02, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 AND 25 ON THE TAX MAPS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to adopt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Committeeman Legge  
Roll Call: All were in Favor

RESOLUTION R-112-2018: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA EXTENDING THE TAX DUE DATE FOR THE THIRD QUARTER 2018 PROPERTY TAXES

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to adopt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Committeeman Legge  
Roll Call: All were in Favor

RESOLUTION R-113-2018: A 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 AUTHORITY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE AUTHORITY'S UTILITY SYSTEM

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to adopt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Committeeman Legge  
Roll Call: All were in Favor

RESOLUTION R-114-2018: A RESOLUTION OF THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AUTHORIZING A SOLAR PERMIT FEE REFUND THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 110 N. CLINTON AVENUE, WENONAH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$320.00

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to adopt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Committeeman Legge  
Roll Call: All were in Favor

RESOLUTION R-115-2018: A RESOLUTION APPROVING A TAX EXEMPTION OF A TOTAL DISABLED VETERAN ON REAL PROPERTY 130 EAST MONMOUTH AVE., BLOCK 180 LOT 1.01 AS WELL AS CANCELING THE 3<sup>RD</sup> AND 4<sup>TH</sup> QUARTER TAXES OF 2018 AND THE 1<sup>ST</sup> AND 2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTER OF 2019 IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$8,713.84

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to adopt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Committeeman Legge  
Roll Call: All were in Favor

RESOLUTION R-116-2018: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA REJECTING ALL BIDS FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS PUBLIC WORKS MAINTENANCE FACILITY

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to adopt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Committeeman Legge  
Roll Call: All were in Favor

RESOLUTION R-117-2018: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA APPROVING THE HIRING OF JEFFREY KRIEGER TO THE RANK OF PATROL OFFICER WITH THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to adopt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Committeeman Legge  
Roll Call: All were in Favor

RESOLUTION R-118-2018: A RESOLUTION OF THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AUTHORIZING A HOUSING INSPECTION FEE BE REFUNDED FOR THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 602 BUCKINGHAM DR., MANTUA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60.00

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to adopt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Committeeman Legge  
Roll Call: All were in Favor

RESOLUTION R-119-2018: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AWARDDING A BID IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$289,169.00 TO BOGEY'S TRUCKING & PAVING, INC FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS FY 2018 RESURFACING AND SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS TO MCANALLY DRIVE, FAIRVIEW DRIVE AND OLD LANDING ROAD

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to adopt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Committeeman Legge  
Roll Call: All were in Favor

**Remarks from the Township Committee:**

Committeeman Layton noted that he appreciated the fact that both the Police Department as well as the Fire Department responded well to a crash on Main Street and that they worked very well together. A great job was done by all during this terrible time.

Committeeman Legge reminded everyone that school would be starting shortly and to please be careful when out driving.

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman reminded everyone that there was a senior dinner as well as the Patriot Ceremony coming up.

**Remarks from the Township Administrator:**

Administrator Bileci made mentioned that the Audit will be forthcoming and she will be presenting it to the governing body as well as the CMFO and the departments to discuss the auditors findings.

Mayor Scirrotto made a motion to pay the bills; it was seconded by Deputy Mayor Zimmerman, 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, Township Deputy Clerk