

Township of Mantua  
Committee Meeting  
February 3, 2020  
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.

Mr. Shawn Layton, Mr. John Legge, Mrs. Eileen Lukens, Mr. Robert Zimmerman, Mr. Peter Scirrotto, Mrs. Jennica Bileci, Township Administrator, Mrs. Pamela LeVine, Deputy Township Clerk, Mr. James Pierson, Solicitor, Jon Bryson Engineer, Glenn deMers, Asst. Superintendent of Public Works - Absent, Chief Darren White

Approval of Minutes: December 19, 2019, Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to approve; it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Committeeman Legge, Committee woman Lukens Abstained. All in Favor

Approval of Minutes: January 6, 2020, Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to approve; it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Committeeman Legge. All in Favor

**Engineering Report:** Mr. Bryson discussed that the East Warren project has been completed. In addition, Mr. Bryson noted that the 2019 roadwork is complete and Paving Plus will be working on finishing their punch list to completely close out this project. Mayor Scirrotto advised that it was a great job done on East Warren.

**Department of Public Works Report:** No report

**Police Department Report:** Chief White noted that the speed signs have been out around town in a multitude of streets. In addition, the Chief discussed that the community service people have been on various streets. This has been steadier than in the past.

Chief White also discussed that both the Class II as well as the new hire have completed their field training and have been assigned the shifts. In addition, the Chief made note that the department is up for their reaccreditation and that Lt. Butler has been diligently working on it. The assessment is scheduled for Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the Chief doesn't think there will be any issues.

The Chief discussed that during the holiday season the department experienced some package thefts but they were able to identify the suspects and make an arrest. Darren also noted that several organizations stopped out to show their support on Law Enforcement Appreciation Day on January 9<sup>th</sup>, which was greatly appreciated.

The Chief mentioned that he had obtained some good ride along policies from our insurance carrier and some others through other accredited departments. The Chief noted that one of the chaplains is very eager to ride along and that he wanted to have something in place in case something should occur. He wants to ensure the safety of all parties.

The department has recently ordered some sashes for the school resource officers to make them more readily identifiable if there were an incident at any of the schools. The purpose for this as it has come up as a concern during recent training incidents where the school resource officers were misidentified as a school shooter instead of an officer.

Darren mentioned that some of the Officers will be entering a Pinewood Derby fundraiser on 2.22.20 at the Wenonah Memorial Presbyterian Church to benefit Wenonah Cub Scout Pack 231. In addition, the Chief noted that Lt. Butler organized a fundraiser with Chik-Fil-A in January with the raised money going towards our child safety seat fund.

A Proclamation Designating February 2020 as American Heart Month. Deputy Mayor Zimmerman read the proclamation.

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to open to the public; it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Committeeman Legge. All in Favor

**Public Participation:**

Jerald Hubbs – 31 Florida Avenue wanted to advise the committee that he and his wife have lived here for a few years now and he wanted to come out and say that he loves this town. He and his wife are very pleased with the policing, the public works department. He mentioned that whenever there has been snow and/or leaves and he calls, someone comes right out to take care of it. The people are very nice in this town.

Bill Crew - 121 E. Sussex Ave, Sewell, wanted to thank the committee for the new sidewalks in front of the Historical Building. He also asked Chief White if there could be more police on Mantua Blvd., there seems to be a lot of high speed traffic in the area of Sewell school. Chief White noted that he will put officers out there to try and deter people from going over the speed limit.

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to close; it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Committeeman Legge. All in Favor

RESOLUTION R-39-2020: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CLOSED SESSION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA TO DISCUSS ANTICIPATED LITIGATION PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A 10:4-12 (7)

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to approve; it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Committeeman Legge. All in Favor

RESOLUTION R- 40-2020: RESOLUTION APPOINTING TIMOTHY PATTERSON AS A CLASS I OFFICER FOR A ONE YEAR TERM EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2020

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to approve; it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Committeeman Legge. All in Favor

RESOLUTION R-41-2020: 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 approve; it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Committeeman Legge. All in Favor

RESOLUTION R-43-2020: A RESOLUTION OF THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AUTHORIZING A REFUND FOR A SOLAR PROJECT FEE FOR THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 400 W. POPLAR STREET, WENONAH, NJ IN THE AMOUNT OF \$320.00

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to approve; it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Committeeman Legge. All in Favor

RESOLUTION R-44-2020: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSION'S "ONLINE PROGRAM"

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to approve; it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Committeeman Legge. All in Favor

RESOLUTION R-45-2020: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH B- SAFE SECURITY FOR THE INSTALLATION OF WIRELESS PANIC BUTTONS IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to approve; it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Committeeman Legge. All in Favor

RESOLUTION R-46-2020: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AUTHORIZING TAX REFUNDS

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to approve; it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Committeeman Legge. All in Favor

RESOLUTION R-47-2020: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA THROUGH THE MANTUA POLICE DEPARTMENT, TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY, LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT OFFICE, 1033 PROGRAM TO ENABLE THE MANTUA POLICE DEPARTMENT TO REQUEST AND ACQUIRE EXCESS DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EQUIPMENT FROM 1/1/2020 THROUGH 12/31/2020

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to approve; it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Committeeman Legge. All in Favor

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to approve the bill list; it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Committeeman Legge. All in Favor

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to close; it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Committeeman Legge.  
All in Favor

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela LeVine, Deputy Clerk