

Township of Mantua
February 4, 2021
Mantua Township Municipal Building
6:00 P.M.

On the above date the Township Committee of the Township of Mantua held a 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 5:00 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, Chief White

Approval of Minutes: February 4, 2021 - Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to approve; it was 2nd by Committeeman Legge. All in Favor

Engineering Report: Mr. Bryson noted that there had been no construction activity. Mayor Scirrotto inquired about the repairs to the Schaub Rod. Mr. Bryson said that this would probably be part of the 2021 Road program and that I would have to be discussed with the administrator. Deputy Mayor Zimmerman want to say the old tennis court area looks much better now that the courts have been removed, It was many years in the making and appreciates all the help that everyone put forth in getting this done.

Department of Public Works Report: Mr. deMers discussed that the department has been working on cleaning up brush from the January 11th wind/rainstorm and of course now the recent snow event that we just had. Glenn also noted that the camera systems are all installed in the vehicles and we are now waiting on Ancero to come and make them live. He is hoping this would be done soon as it was pushed back due to weather.

Glenn discussed that he had prepared a list for GOV Deals auction and that he has given this to the Administrator. This list would include items form the police and that he is hoping to clean the yard up with getting rid of these pieces of unused equipment.

Mr. deMers mentioned that he has just received an updated report from the trapper who we have been working with in conjunction with the GCUA and Wildlife Services to trap the beavers. Tod ate there have been 18 beavers trapped. The cleanup of Phase #3 South with County Conservation is going well, and Glennn is confident that he will be able to submit his report to the DEP in March. Lastly, Glennn noted that the police had given them a vehicle for Code Enforcement and that the department is just waiting to get to motor vehicle to get it registers for use.

Police Department Report: The Chief noted that Center Street was re-engineered by the County with a small superelevation added to help with the numerous crashes at that location. The roadway now angles up slightly while rounding the corner. The Chief also discussed that Cpl. Hauss completed Drug Recognition Evaluator Instructor school.

Chief White mentioned that all officers are currently watching a training video on so-called first amendment auditors. These are people who come to public facilities to ensure that their rights are not being violated and subsequently post videos of their encounters onto YouTube or other social media accounts.

The Chief discussed that the roof leaks should be repaired. Workers had been here last week to install new roof valleys and add downspouts, they finished up with the bathroom ceiling, patrol room ceiling, and ceiling in my office.

Proclamation: Deputy Mayor Zimmerman present a proclamation to Dr. Brian Corbett in recognition of February being Heart Month.

Pursuant to Resolution R-32-2020, there is a time limit of five (5) minutes per person

Public Participation: Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to open; it was 2nd by Committeeman Legge. All in Favor

Judy Wehnau – 180 Sussex Ave., Sewell – Ms. Wehnau noted that members of the No GCL attended the December 7th and January 4th asking a multitude of questions. In addition, she noted that the residents of Pitman were well informed about the GCL. Ms. Wehnau asked for the following questions to be answered: The questions that were presented from both the 12/7 and the 1/4/21 meetings, What plan if any is being discussed about the original proposal to the Rte 55 corridor and the train running down the center of Rte 55, the data from 2009, 2011, states that these are going to be diesel trains and they feel that these are environmentally unsafe, there are anticipated street level crossings and they would like to know how the children are supposed to walk to school with these, will there be destruction to green acres and lastly the air quality. If answers could be given for these questions, she'd appreciate it. Mayor Scirrotto noted that he feels the better option would be to put the train down the 55 corridors however he feels that after this was look at, it became to large of an expense. Solicitor Daniels noted that EIS includes a current air quality study and contrary to what people are thinking, the conclusions are that there would be little impact. Mr. Daniels also noted that after considering mitigation measures in the EIS there would be with no negative net impact to the community. In addition, Mr. Daniels discussed that the committee has no authority over this project because it is a State project with Federal jurisdiction. Mr. Daniels stated that one can not dispute the expert studies in the EIS absent contrary expert studies. Mr. Daniels also noted that the traffic analysis was included in the EIS addressing the impact

of the traffic, although he had not yet reviewed that portion of the EIS. Mr. Daniels stated that the Township engineer would be reviewing the EIS as well.

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

ORDINANCE 01-2021: 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, C1103 ALSO KNOWN AS 1103 TRISTRAM CIRCLE

RESOLUTION R-39-2021: A RESOLUTION CANCELING TAXES FOR A SURVIVING SPOUSE OF A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN ROBERT MITROS LOCATED AT BLOCK 105 LOT 4, FOR THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 268 ELM AVE, MANUTA, NJ FOR THE FIRST AND SECOND QUARTERS, 2021 IN THE AMOUNT OF 2,814.28

RESOLUTION R-40-2021: 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 1/1/2021 THROUGH 12/31/2021

RESOLUTION R-41-2020: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH COUNTY CONSERVATION INC FOR THE REMOVAL OF DEBRIS FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS COMPOST YARD

RESOLUTION R-42-2021: RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RELEASE OF A STREET OPENING PERMIT FOR 283 MADISON ROAD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,700.00

RESOLUTION R-43-2021: RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RELEASE OF A PERFORMANCE BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,280.00 FILED BY CLOUD10 CAR WASH FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS CLOUD10 CAR WASH AND ACCEPTING A MAINTENANCE BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,542.00 TO BE HELD BY THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS

RESOLUTION R-44-2021: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA ACCEPTING THE 2019 MUNICIPAL AUDIT REPORT AND AUTHORIZING THE SIGNING OF THE GROUP AFFIDAVIT FORM

RESOLUTION R-45-2021: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS 2020 LOCAL ROAD PROGRAM IN THE DECREASED AMOUNT OF \$12,218.70

RESOLUTION R-46-2021: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA APPOINTING PATTY GORDON AS MANTUA TOWNSHIP DEPUTY COURT ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA

RESOLUTION R-47-2021: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION SERVICES FOR A NEW DIGITAL SIGN FOR CHESTNUT BRANCH PARK

RESOLUTION R-48-2021: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AUTHORIZING THE TOWSHIP TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BRUYNELL ELECTRIC LLC FOR ELECTRICAL SERVICES FOR THE SPORTS LIGHTS AT CHESTNUT BRACH PARK

RESOLUTION R-49-2021: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AUTHORIZING PET REGISTRATION REFUNDS

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

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

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

Remarks from the Township Committee:

Committeewoman Lukens thanked Public Works for doing such a great job with snow removal.

Mayor Scirrotto thanked committeeman Layton for being at the Mega vaccine site and helping to get people vaccinated with the COVID-19 vaccine.

Approval of the Bill List:

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to pay the bills; it was 2nd by Committeeman Legge. All in Favor

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

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela LeVine, Deputy Clerk