

Township of Mantua
Minutes
Workshop Meeting May 7, 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 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.

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, Jeff Daniels, Esq., Chief White, Steve Alexander- Superintendent of Public Works, Jon Bryson, Engineer

Approval of Minutes: May 7, 2018

Motion to approve: Deputy Mayor Zimmerman, 2nd Committeeman John Legge
Roll Call: All were in favor.

Engineers Report – Mr. Bryson reported that the 2017 Local road program is underway and that Fairview Ave is scheduled to be paved the end of this week and that they are working on Weatherby Drive. Jon also noted that the bid opening for the DPW Bldg. was had and that the lowest bid came in from R & M at \$520,000. Mr., Bryson added that the Chestnut Branch Park Lighting project will have their bid opening on 5/14/18. Mr., Bryson also noted that the NJDOT FY 17 Tyler's Mill Road Project Phase 2 will be having a pre-construction meeting within the next week.

Public Works Department -

Steve Alexander noted that the 2017 Stormwater Report was submitted on May 1st to the NJDEP. Steve also made mention that having the Amazon account has proven to be most helpful and cost saving to the Township as he has been ordering items from Amazon as they are coming in much cheaper than the outside vendors that we have. Steve also discussed that he is working on a paving history map that will become useful when planning for future paving. Committeewoman Lukens inquired if this would be dated as Mr. Alexander advised it would be.

Steve noted that the DPW has been able to get 2 more uprooted trees at CBP up and placed back into the ground as they were originally and continue to get as many as they can through the spring/summer months. Deputy Mayor Zimmerman advised that the section of the park where these trees are is off the walking path towards the Place of Reflection. In some cases there are 10 foot round balls from some of these trees he is very appreciative that the DPW is able to take of this. In addition, Deputy Mayor

Zimmerman asked Mr. Alexander to please look into the Tennis courts as they are looking very bad and might be a liability. Mr. Alexander advised he would take care of it.

Mr. Alexander advised that Pam LeVine had a key role in getting a high school group Pioneer Palooza to work at the Municipal Building for a day. They spread mulch around the Veteran's monument and Municipal Building. In addition, Pam put together several shredding event dates throughout the year as well as Pam put together a major cleanup in cooperation with our County Officials.

Chief White reported that Community service has been hit or miss over the past month. However, they were able to get the open space area on Berkley Road, Route 45 between Main and Valley view, the Route 45 jug handle, and Jackson Road from Route 45 to Heritage.

He reported that the speed signs are currently on Columbus Drive, West Atlantic Ave., Castle Drive, Montgomery Drive, Tyler Mill Road, and Ravenswood Way. The trailer has been on Jackson and Pinebrook Drive for speeders and at the Route 45 jug handle to warn people not to block the intersection.

The Chief reported that the psychological evaluations for the new officers is scheduled for May 8th. This is the last thing we need before we can get them started with their field training.

Chief White advised that he has a meeting set up with Dan Cox from the Wenonah council to discuss the best way in which to begin handling police services in Wenonah. We have a lot of ideas, as do our patrol officers, all of which involve different ideas of community policing. Officers were instructed to begin getting familiar with the Wenonah roads

The Chief reported that one of the Wenonah officers has accepted a preliminary offer of employment and we are waiting to hear back on the second.

The Chief made note that there is a new business in town that would like to hold a donation drive for the Canine Unit. The owner advised that they will be holding donation drives every few months for various organizations, but wanted to start with us. Ptl. Riepen will be attending with Bane on Mother's Day, May 13th

Chief White reported that Sgt. Hayes and Ptl. Hauss held the training at JMT. Its aim was to show teachers some simple techniques to use in case the school is attacked. As unfortunate it is that we even have to consider this, it is always better to be prepared

The Chief discussed that they have looked at body cameras from L3, Axon, and Watchguard and that he advised that they will be selecting Watchguard as they seem to have the best combination of equipment with a comparatively reasonable price.

Chief White noted that the clothing bins still not been moved. They are working on getting us brand new bins and then will lug the old ones out. In addition, Chief White noted that he has sent emails to several churches in town to see who is interested in participating in the department chaplain program. The Chief noted that all of the lieutenants and I attended an internal affairs update class

The Chief made mention that SLEO 1 Amiss is officially done in Mantua and that we have a new SLEO 1, Tim Patterson, who is progressing through his field training. In addition he made mention that everything is going well with SLEO 2 Fellon in the schools. It appears that the kids, teachers, and parents really like having him there, and he is enjoying himself as well.

Chief White noted that we completed a distracted driving grant recently.

Public Portion:

Motion to open to the public: Deputy Mayor Zimmerman, 2nd Committeeman Legge.

John Forren from V.F.W. Post 192 in Wenonah said that he is looking forward to the collaboration with Mantua and Wenonah again this year in the Memorial Day parade. In addition he noted that he is looking forward to working with the police department on their other various events.

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

ORDINANCE 2-2018: AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK

Mayor Scirrotto read the Ordinance and explained this was a First Reading.

Motion to move: Deputy Mayor Zimmerman, 2nd Committeeman Legge

Roll Call: All in Favor

RESOLUTION R-78-2018: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE (Inside the Budget) TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA INTRODUCING THE 2018 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

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

RESOLUTION R-79-2018: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA, DIRECTING MASER CONSULTING TO DRAFT A 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 approve; it was seconded by Committeeman Legge. All were in favor

RESOLUTION R-80-2018: A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE UNITED STATES EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION'S "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964"

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

RESOLUTION R-81-2018: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AMENDING RESOLUTION R 75-2018” RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AND THE BOROUGH OF WENONAH FOR POLICE SERVICES”

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

RESOLUTION R-82-2018: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF CHAPTER 291-13, SECTION A, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA PROHIBITING ANIMALS TO BE HARBORED OR BROUGHT INTO THE CHESTNUT BRANCH PARK FOR A ONE-DAY COMMUNITY EVENT TO BE HELD MAY 19, 2018.

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

RESOLUTION R-83-2018: A RESOLUTION APPOINTING PATROLMAN KRISTA SHIELDS AS MUNICIPAL HUMANE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA

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

RESOLUTION R-84-2018: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA APPROVING THE PROMOTION OF SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER II JEFF KREIGER TO PATROLMAN WITH THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

Remarks from Remarks from the Township Committee:

Committeeman Layton advised that the Historical Committee had a great session with the J, Mason Tomlin students who came out to visit the Historical museum. Committeeman Legge reminded everyone about the upcoming Memorial Day Parade and asked that Mr. Alexander ensure that the people mover would be prepared and ready for this event, Deputy Mayor Zimmerman noted that there is a senior Dinner on May 15th beginning at 6:00 pm, the Bark in the Park event will be held as Chestnut Branch Park. The registration for your animal will begin at 9:00, the parade will commence at 10 and the K-9 demonstration will be at 11:00. On a final note Deputy Mayor Zimmerman let everyone know that there will be a Food Truck event on June 9, at the Chestnut Branch Park and currently there are several food trucks lined up. Administrator Bileci advised that this evening e had our Budget Public Hearing and that on June 18, 2018 we are anticipating adopting the Budget. She thanked all the departments for working very hard on this.

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; 2nd by Deputy Mayor Zimmerman. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela LeVine, Township Deputy Clerk