

Township of Mantua  
August 16, 2021 - Minutes  
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 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. Jeff Daniels, Solicitor, Jon Bryson, Engineer, Glenn deMers, Superintendent of Public Works, Chief White

Approval of the July 19, 2021, Meeting - Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to approve; it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Committeeman Legge. Committeewoman Lukens Abstained. All in Favor

A Proclamation Honoring Eagle Scout, Carston Maher was presented by Mayor Scirrotto

Proclamations Recognizing Mantua Little League Minor/Major All Stars District 15 were presented by Deputy Mayor Zimmerman and Committeeman Layton

**Engineer's Report:**

Mr. Bryson discussed that the 2021 Local Road Program as well as the Chestnut Branch Parking Lot is currently out for bi that will be on August 31, 20 21. Mr. Bryson also noted that the NJDOT 2021 reconstruction of East Mercer Ave is in the design process at this time. Mayor Scirrotto inquired about what can be done about the basin at the Sewell Post Office. Mr. Bryson noted that he will see what can be done from the Township. Committeeman Zimmerman asked if Mr. Bryson could explain the Chestnut Branch Parking Lot job and why there is a need to have it redone. Mr. Bryson noted that it has exceeded its design life. The Township has done pothole repairs, spot repairs and there are many alligator splits through the entire parking lot. The contractor will need to do a base repair with milling the entire lot and the area near the tennis courts will be a bit more extensive. Mr. Bryson also noted that the repair should last approximately 10 years without any maintenance.

Committeeman Legge inquired about the time frame as the upcoming soccer season will be beginning at that time and he was concerned about the parking during this time. Mr. Bryson noted that when they have the pre-construction meeting, this will be discussed to not to block off the entire paring lot.

**Department of Public Works Report:**

Glenn noted that due to vacations, manpower is low, however they are still covering the town with trash, recycling and cardboard without interruption. In addition, the department is still working on getting brush picked up. Glenn also mentioned that the convenience center is still open on Saturday until the end of August. Mayor Scirrotto thanked Glenn and the department for a job well done on McCarrson Park.

**Police Department Report:**

Chief White noted that the speed signs have been out around town. Darren also discussed that work has been done on their air condition units. The Chief mentioned the "Back the Blue" event that happened on July 24<sup>th</sup>, Chief White also discussed the DELRA training that took place with Lt. Butler. In closing the Chief noted that the department will be getting a new Intern starting in September.

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 2<sup>nd</sup> by Committeeman Legge. All in Favor

Robin Stevenson – 111 Turner Street inquired from the Chief what DELTA training was for. The Chief noted that it stands for Development, Education & Leadership Training

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

ORDINANCE O-10-2021: ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA, CHAPTER 230, ARTICLE XII, ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT; AMENDMENTS"

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

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

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

ORDINANCE O-11-2021: ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA, CHAPTER 230 ENTITLED "LAND DEVELOPMENT"

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

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

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

ORDINANCE O-12-2021: ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA, CHAPTER 230, ARTICLE VI, ENTITLED "GENERAL REGULATIONS" AND CHAPTER 230, ARTICLE V, SECTION 39.1, ENTITLED "ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN STANDARDS"

Mayor Scirrotto noted that this Ordinance is being revised per the recommendations of the Joint Land Use Board and the revised ordinance will be introduced at a later Township Committee meeting. So as for the ordinance that was previously introduced- no further action will be taken.

ORDINANCE O-13-2021: ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA, CHAPTER 230, ENTITLED "LAND DEVELOPMENT"

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

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

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

ORDINANCE 14-2021: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE "CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP MANTUA", CHAPTER 82 FIXING AND ESTABLISHING SALARIES AND COMPENSATIONS OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA, IN THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE YEAR 2021

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

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

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

ORDINANCE O-15-2021: ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA TO CREATE CHAPTER 378, ENTITLED "PORTABLE STORAGE CONTAINERS"

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

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

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

ORDINANCE O-16-2021: AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AMENDING CHAPTER 291 "PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS" OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA

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

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

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

RESOLUTION R-105-2021: RESOLUTION PROMOTING LIEUTENANT BRIAN GRADY TO THE RANK OF POLICE CAPTAIN WITHIN THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

Mayor Scirrotto did the swearing in of Captain Brian Grady

RESOLUTION R-106-202: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE EXTENDING THE TAX DUE DATE FOR THE THIRD QUARTER 2021 PROPERTY TAXES

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

RESOLUTION R-107-2021: A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING MECHANICS LIEN ON REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA KNOWN AS 25 MANTUA BLVD., FOR MAINTENANCE WORK AUTHORIZED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA

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

RESOLUTION R-108-2021: RESOLUTION APPROVING A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AND KDI FOR THE LEASING OF COPIER MACHINES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, POLICE AND COURT DEPARTMENTS

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

RESOLUTION R-109-2021: RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AND SCHAFFER PYROTECHNICS FOR A FIREWORKS DISPLAY TO OCCUR ON NOVEMBER 27, 2021 AT THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING EVENT

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

RESOLUTION R110-2021: RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RELEASE OF A PERFORMANCE BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$366,513.00 FILED BY BRUCE PAPARONE INC, FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS COUNTRY GARDENS PHASE 3B SUBDIVISION IMPROVEMENTS

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

RESOLUTION R-111-2021: RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RELEASE OF A PERFORMANCE BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$237,495.00 FILED BY BRUCE PAPARONE INC, FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS COUNTRY GARDENS RECREATION CENTER

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

RESOLUTION R-112-2021 A RESOLUTION CANCELING TAXES FOR A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN MICHAEL FORD & KAITLIN VACCARELLI LOCATED AT BLOCK 239 LOT 17, FOR THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 609 CORNWALL RD., SEWELL, NJ FOR THE FOR THE THIRD AND FOURTH QUARTER, 2021 AND THE FIRST AND SECOND QUARTERS, 2022 AND REFUND THE THIRD QUARTER FOR 2021 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,408.45

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

RESOLUTION R-113-2021: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AMENDING RESOLUTION R-100-2021 REFUNDING CERTAIN OVERPAYMENT OR DUPLICATE PAID PROPERTY TAXES FOR 268 ELM AVENUE TO STATE THE CORRECT REFUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,416.00

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

RESOLUTION R-114-2021: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA APPROVING THE HIRING OF STEPHEN PIOTROWSKI AS A CLASS 2 LABORER IN THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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

**Remarks from the Township Committee:**

All Committeeperson congratulated both Captain Grady as well as the Little League Minor/Major stars on their accomplishments. Each noted that this was very nice to see everyone in attendance at the meeting.

Mayo Scirrotto noted that he and Deputy Mayor Zimmerman attending a welcome home event for one of the local young ladies who had just returned from Afghanistan. He noted that it is a pleasure to see such young people supporting our country.

**Remarks from the Administrator:** Mrs. Bileci noted that Public Works will be placing the new no trash bag stickers on the blue carts through the town and that the installation of the new park sign is in progress.

**Approval of the Bill List:**

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to pay the bills; it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Committeeman Legge. Committeeman Layton abstained. 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