

Township of Mantua
July 19, 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 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- absent, Mr. Robert Zimmerman, Mr. Peter Scirrotto, Mrs. Jennica Bileci, Township Administrator, Mrs. Pamela LeVine, Deputy Township Clerk- absent, Mr. Jeff Daniels, Solicitor, Jon Bryson- absent, Engineer, Glenn deMers, Superintendent of Public Works, Chief White

Approval of the June 21, 2021 Meeting - Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to approve; it was 2nd by Committeeman Legge. All in Favor

Joe Henry from Hardenberg Insurance gave a presentation regarding the benefits of wearing a seatbelt and explained that the Township is doing well in the Safety program administered by the Trico JIF.

Engineer's Report: Mr. Bryson was not in attendance.

Department of Public Works Report: Mr. deMers stated that he is limited on manpower due to various vacations through July and August, however, they are still on schedule for all standard services. Mr. deMers also explained that he occasionally is able to have a pot hole crew mobilized as well. He also noted that the convenience center is open every Saturday for the summer from 10a.m.- 2 p.m.

Committeeman Layton thanked Public Works for the installation of the flagpole at the Museum.

Police Department Report: The Chief stated that they have received replacement body cameras that are not part of the grant but rather their current maintenance contract. He stated that their Class I officer is doing well and focusing on quality of life issues. He commented on some building issues that the PD is working through with Public Works. He also commented on the newest K9, Drax and that he is doing well.

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

Ryan Campbell – 223 Hunterdon Ave, Sewell– Mr. Campbell stated that he does not feel that the estimated \$400,000.00 project at Chestnut Branco Park is responsible and stated that almost every dead end road in the Township has road and infrastructure issues. He questioned that amount of material that was necessary from the Engineer’s bid specifications. Mr. Cambell asked how long for the Township to address the dead end roads in Cinderella section in the Township? The Mayor responded that he feels that all roads are important and the parking lot at Chestnut Branch Park is a public roadway as well and that he follows the recommendation of the Township engineer. The Mayor stated that he is hoping that the bids do not come in as high as the estimate. Mr. Cambell questioned the justification of the project. He stated that he is disagreeing with the motion on the bond.

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

ORDINANCE O-9-2021: TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA, NEW JERSEY
BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS PIECES
OF CAPITAL EQUIPMENT AND THE COMPLETION OF VARIOUS CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENTS IN AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA, COUNTY OF
GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$1,605,000
THEREFOR; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION
BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA,
COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL
AMOUNT OF UP TO \$1,323,000; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND
COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN
CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING

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

There was no public participation.

Motion to Close to Public: Deputy Mayor Robert Zimmerman, 2nd Committeeman John Legge.

Motion to Adopt: Deputy Mayor Robert Zimmerman, 2nd Committeeman John Legge.

Roll Call: 4 – 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”

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

There was no public participation.

Motion to Close to Public: Deputy Mayor Robert Zimmerman, 2nd Committeeman John Legge.

Motion to Adopt: Deputy Mayor Robert Zimmerman, 2nd Committeeman John

Legge.

Roll Call: 4 – all in favor.

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

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

There was no public participation.

Motion to Close to Public: Deputy Mayor Robert Zimmerman, 2nd Committeeman John Legge.

Motion to Adopt: Deputy Mayor Robert Zimmerman, 2nd Committeeman John Legge.

Roll Call: 4 – 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”

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

There was no public participation.

Motion to Close to Public: Deputy Mayor Robert Zimmerman, 2nd Committeeman John Legge.

Motion to Adopt: Deputy Mayor Robert Zimmerman, 2nd Committeeman John Legge.

Roll Call: 4 – all in favor.

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

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

There was no public participation.

Motion to Close to Public: Deputy Mayor Robert Zimmerman, 2nd Committeeman John Legge.

Motion to Adopt: Deputy Mayor Robert Zimmerman, 2nd Committeeman John Legge.

Roll Call: 4 – 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, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

FOR THE YEAR 2021

Motion to Introduce: Deputy Mayor Robert Zimmerman, 2nd Committeeman John Legge.

Roll Call: 3 – all in favor, Abstain- Committeeman Layton.

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

Motion to Introduce: Deputy Mayor Robert Zimmerman, 2nd Committeeman John Legge.

Roll Call: 4 – 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 approve; it was 2nd by Committeeman Legge. All in Favor.

RESOLUTION R-94-2021: 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 approve; it was 2nd by Committeeman Legge. All in Favor

RESOLUTION R-95-2021: A RESOLUTION APPROVING A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTA AND THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER FOR THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER USE OF THE CHESTNUT BRANCH PARK TO PROVIDE FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT

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

RESOLUTION R-96- 2021: RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RELEASE OF A PERFORMANCE BOND FILED BY NERI'S CONSTRUCTION & RENTALS, INC FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS DEMOLITION OF TENNIS COURTS AT CHESTNUT BRANCH PARK AND ACCEPTING A MAINTENANCE BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,939.50

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

RESOLUTION R-97-2021: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AUTHORIZING THE FORECLOSURE ACT OF 1948 AS AMENDED, AND ESTABLISHING THE TAX FORECLOSURE LIST OF LIENS TO BE FORECLOSED

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

RESOLUTION R-98-2021: RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONTRACT AND FINAL PAYMENT TO NERI'S CONSTRUCTION FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS DEMOLITION OF THE DUGOUT AND REPAIRS AT MANTUA TOWNSHIP LITTLE LEAGUE COMPLEX

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

RESOLUTION R-99-2021: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AMENDING RESOLUTION 71-2021 TO REFLECT THE CORRECT GRANT AWARD FOR THE MANTUA HARRISON MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT FOR JULY 1, 2021 - JUNE 30, 2022

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

RESOLUTION R-100-2021: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA REFUNDING CERTAIN OVERPAYMENT FOR PROPERTY TAXES FOR BLOCK 104, LOT 4 268 ELM AVE, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,407.14

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

RESOLUTION R-101-2021: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA REQUESTING THE APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE FOR 2021 BODY WORN CAMERA AND APPROPRIATION (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87) OF THE SAME

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

RESOLUTION R-102-2021: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AMENDING A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AND THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

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

RESOLUTION R-103-2021: RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE APPLICATION & SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT FOR MUNICIPAL AID FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR LOCAL AID FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF BERGEN AVENUE #00175

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

RESOLUTION R-104-2021: RESOLUTION APPROVING PARTICIPATION WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND ACCEPTANCE OF A SFY21 BODY WORN CAMERA GRANT PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY, OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SUBAWARD NO. BFY21-100-066-1020-495, DATE OF AWARD 6/30/21, SUBAWARD PERIOD 1/1/21-12/31-25, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$73,368.00.

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

Remarks from the Township Committee:

Committeeman Layton commented on a serious fire that occurred on Hickory Avenue and thanked the Fire Department for working through the hot conditions.

Committeeman Legge asked we could send a thank you letter to the individual who donated the new K9. The Committee asked if the Chief could follow up with the donor and see if he would be willing to accept a Proclamation.

Remarks from the Administrator:

Mrs. Bileci stated that the tax bills are in the process of being printed and the due date will be extended accordingly. She also stated that the installation of the new sign at Chestnut Branch Park will begin tomorrow.


The Mayor lastly commented on his visit at the VFW to recognize James Thorton who passed away in December at the age of 96.

Approval of the Bill List:

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

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

Respectfully submitted,



Jennica Bileci, R.M.C.
Township Clerk