

Township of Mantua
June 21, 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, 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

Michael Welding, Auditor, Bowman & Co., Gayle Tschopp, C.M.F.O. - present

Mayor Scirrotto presented a Proclamation Supporting the Mantua Township Police Department and K-9 Program

Chief White thanked the Mayor and Committee for the proclamation. He noted that these are very stressful times with all the changes that is going on. He thanked the community for their continued support as well.

Approval of the May 17, 2021 Meeting - Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to approve; it was 2nd by Committeeman Legge. All in Favor

Approval of the May 17, 2021 – Closed Session - Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to approve; it was 2nd by Committeeman Legge. All in Favor

Mayor Scirrotto made a statement regarding the Budget for the Township. He thanked all the department heads and the finance department for all their hard work. He noted that with various items such as food, gasoline, paper and many other things going up this year, he felt that it was important to go into this budget time with no increase to municipal taxes. He noted that when we pass the budget this evening, it will be for repairing a small bridge, and well as 4 roadways. In addition, we will be using local contractors for concrete, stone, asphalt etc. in addition, the Edelman fossil park should be breaking ground shortly. They too will be using local contraction.as well as all Made in America products. This Building and roadway is a \$40 million project. Rowan received \$25 million from the Edelman's and the rest will be from Rowan University. This is not a Township project. In addition, the mayor noted that we have the best shared services in the county. We have several courts that we handle, construction, police as well as other areas. These are trying times for everyone, and we just wanted to make sure that we did our part in keeping the taxes at a zero percent increase.

Engineer's Report: Mr. Bryson discussed that the 2021 Local Road program project has had all the survey work done and they are in the designing the plans process, The same would be for the 2021 E. Mercer project. He anticipates it should be ready to go out for bids within the next 3 weeks. Mr. Bryson also noted that for the 2022 local aid, they have submitted for Bergen Ave. He will advise once he hears back from the state. Deputy mayor Zimmerman inquired as to a substance that is on the northside curb line. It appears to be water draining on a residents property adjacent to Thackery Court. Deputy Mayor asked if he and Glenn from public works would look at it and get back to him on what can be done to correct this problem.

Department of Public Works Report: Mr. deMers noted that they are behind in brush and doing what they can to catch up. He also noted that the convenience center is open every Saturday for the summer from 10a.m.- 2 p.m.

Police Department Report: The Chief noted the new mandatory body worn camera mandate began June 1st. Darren mentioned that the department will be receiving an award of \$73,368 from the body worn camera grant. However, it will not be able to get the money until we make a purchase when our existing contract is over, which is around 2023.

The Chief also noted that he is still waiting to hear about the schools regarding custodial services. Darren discussed that the seat belt grant is over. Lastly, the Chief noted that the department will be slightly changing their uniforms. Officers are currently allowed to wear an outer vest carrier that looks similar to their uniform shirts. We are getting rid of that one and changing to a outer carrier. This will allow officers to get certain equipment off of their hips and carry it on their vest. This should alleviate some of the most common issues for officers such as lower back problems.

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

Robin Stevenson – Turner St. – Ms. Stevenson thanked the Chief for his help with the situation on Turner Street. She received a hand delivered letter today regarding the tractor trailers. Ms. Stevenson noted that has video of the construction on the street that cars/ emergency vehicles can't get through the street. Mayor Scirrotto noted that she should send the video to the clerk, and they will review it. Ms. Stevenson also noted that at the last committee meeting in May she was very disheartened by the Mayors comments to Mr. Campbell. She felt that Mr. Campbell didn't get his 5 minutes to speak and that it his constitutional right to speak at these meetings.

Sean Sepsey – 105 Adams Ave – Mr. Sepsey noted that he supports the police as well as the K-9's within the township. Regarding the money that each town is receiving from the state. Can you advise us if the money will be used for infrastructure? Administrator Bileci noted that the money is not part of the budget and that at this time we are unsure how the money will be used. There are many stipulations from the state on how the money can be used and various programs and services. It's a one and done receivable. We would be getting some this year and some next year.

Ryan Campbell – 223 Hunterdon – Mr. Campbell noted that he supports both the police department as well as the K-9 division of the police. Regarding the money from the state in the amount of \$1.7 million. He asked how the township was going to apply these monies. Administrator Bileci noted that in 2021 they would be receiving \$583,000 and the same for 2022. She noted that there are a number of stipulations on how these funds can be used.

James Neeley – 170 E. Warren – Mr. Neely noted that the public works department has done a great job with picking up the brush around town. He really appreciated it. Regarding the GCL, he noted that not everyone in town doesn't want the rail line. Since this project do enst have anything to do with this committee he understands why the committee can not do anything about it.

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

Administrator Bileci gave the 2021 budget presentation.

ORDINANCE 6-2021:AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK

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 to the public; it was 2nd by Committeeman Legge. All in Favor

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

ORDINANCE O-7-2021:AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF 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 2nd by Committeeman Legge. All in Favor

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

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

ORDINANCE O-8-2021: ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AMENDING CHAPTER 230 "LAND DEVELOPMENT" OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA

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 to the public; it was 2nd by Committeeman Legge. All in Favor

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to adopt; 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

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to approve; it was 2nd 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 approve; it was 2nd 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 approve; it was 2nd 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"

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

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 approve; it was 2nd by Committeeman Legge. All in Favor

RESOLUTION R-81-2021: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AUTHORIZING THE BUDGET TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY

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

RESOLUTION R-82-2021: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA TO CONDUCT A SELF-EXAMINATION OF BUDGET RESOLUTION

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

RESOLUTION R-72-2021: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA ADOPTING THE 2021 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

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

RESOLUTION R-83-2021: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA REQUESTING THE APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE FOR CLICK IT OR TICKET AND APPROPRIATION (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,800.00

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

RESOLUTION R-84-2021: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA REQUESTING THE APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE FOR STRAIGHT TO TREATMENT AND APPROPRIATION (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,000.00

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

RESOLUTION R-85-2021 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA APPOINTING AN INTERIM FUND COMMISSIONER FOR THE TRI-COUNTY JOINT INSURANCE FUND

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

RESOLUTION R-86-2021: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RELEASE OF A MAINTENANCE BOND FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS PITMAN CHURCH OF CHRIST, BLOCK 260, LOTS 4.02 & 4.03 – PITMAN ROAD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$106,294.65

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

RESOLUTION R-87-2021: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE RESCINDING RESOLUTION-R-79-2021 AUTHORIZING THE ASSIGNMENT OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE FOR BLOCK 56 LOT 30, 2 MORTON LANE, MANUTA, NJ 08051

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

RESOLUTION R-88-2021: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE CANCELLING PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE SECOND QUARTER 2021 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$304.12, FOR A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN, FRANCO COLAMARCO, 82 HUMMINGBIRD WAY, SEWELL, NJ, BLOCK 242.02, LOT 72

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

RESOLUTION R-89-2021: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT TO ESTABLISH A SHELTER SITE LOCATION IN THE EVENT OF AN EVACUATION OF RESIDENTS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA

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

RESOLUTION R-90-2021: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF LIQUOR LICENSES FOR THE 2021-2022 LICENSING TERM

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

RESOLUTION R-91-2021: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER IN AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION TO PROVIDE CLEANING SERVICES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA

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

RESOLUTION R- 92-2021: A RESOLUTION APPOINTING CLASS I, OFFICER FOR A ONE YEAR TERM EFFECTIVE JUNE 21, 2021

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

RESOLUTION R-93-2021: RESOLUTION OF THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AUTHORIZING A ZONING PERMIT REFUND FOR THE

PROPERTY KNOWN AS 140 NORRIS STREET, MANUTA, BLOCK 90, LOT 23
THE AMOUNT OF \$100.00

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

Remarks from the Township Committee:

Committeeman Layton thanked Jennica and all the staff for working so hard on the budget. He also congratulated Gayle Tschopp for her upcoming retirement.

Committeewoman Lukens echoed Mr. Layton with a thanks to everyone who worked on the budget and also congratulated Gayle Tschopp for her upcoming retirement

Committeeman Legge - thanked Jennica and all the staff for working so hard on the budget. He also congratulated Gayle Tschopp for her upcoming retirement.

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman congratulated Gayle Tschopp for her upcoming retirement.

Mayor Scirrotto thanked Gayle for all her years of service and wished her the best of luck on her next journey,

Remarks from the Administrator:

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,



Pamela LeVine, Deputy Clerk