

**Township of Mantua
Minutes
Meeting May 6, 2019
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 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 – absent 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. James Pierson, Solicitor, Jon Bryson Engineer, Steven Alexander, Superintendent of Public Works, Chief Darren White

Approval of Minutes: April 15, 2019

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to approve, 2nd Committeeman Legge
Roll Call: All were in Favor

Mayor Scirrotto read Resolution R-73-2019:

RESOLUTION PROMOTING JEFF FERRY TO THE RANK OF POLICE CAPTAIN
WITHIN THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to close, 2nd Committeeman Legge. Roll Call: All were in Favor

Mayor Scirrotto invite Captain Ferry and his family up to the front for the swearing in ceremony.

Mayor Scirrotto read a brief biography of Captain Ferry and stated how proud he was of this promotion and that he is honored to swear him in.

Captain Ferry thanks the Township Committee for their support as well as Lt. Grady and Butler for their brother ship. He also thanks his department, Chief White and his family.

Mayor Scirrotto made a motion for a 10 minute recess.

Engineering Report:

Mr. Bryson advised that the PW roof replacement project was underway. He also commented that the RNM, which is the contractor for the Public Works new facility would be ready for the building to be delivered within the next 2 weeks. Mr. Bryson also advised that the bid for the pickle ball courts is this Thursday.

Department Public Works Report:

Mr. Alexander started his report by thanking the towns that helped him with sending trash trucks to assist us while we secured rentals. He stated that Logan, Westville, West Deptford and Monroe and many others made offers. Mayor Scirrotto asked if we could have a letter drafted to the towns to thank them for their efforts.

He also advised that he took delivery of the two small dump trucks that were ordered last year. They are in the process of being lettered and decaled. Mr. Alexander also noted that they started to wash trash trucks on Friday for the first time in awhile. Mr. Alexander reported that that this past Saturday was the start of opening the convenience center for drop off items at Public Works. He advised that they had approximately 26 cars visit the site. Mayor Scirrotto commented that it must help with decreasing the volume during Bulk week. Committeeman Legge asked what the hours the center was open and Mr. Alexander responded with 10-2 pm.

Mayor Scirrotto asked if the drivers were getting accustomed to driving on the passenger side. Steve responded that some driver do and some don't. He advised that the new trucks that are being purchased will have the option. Mr. Alexander thanked the Township Committee, Business Administrator, Pam Levine and his staff for all their efforts to help have a seamless delivery of services to our residents.

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman applauded Steve and the Public Works employees for having slight to little delays in trash collection.

Committee Legge addressed Mr. Alexander and asked if there was a status update on the Van Meter property drainage concern. Mr. Alexander stated that both him and the Township engineer was on site and did an inspection and that the Township engineer did present some solutions to remedy to drainage problem.

Police Department Report: Chief White:

Chief White advised that community service participants have hit the area around Tollhouse Plaza, Route 45, the area behind the police department, wrestling building, and baseball fields, the area around Target, the lot across from the Home Depot, Barnsboro Road, Jackson Road, Schaub Road, Berkley Road, the Route 55 ramps, Lambs Road, Main Street, Chestnut Branch Park, Tyler's Mill Road, the police department lobby/courtroom, and a couple areas in Wenonah.

The Chief explained that the department has had some vehicle issues over the past month - one vehicle fire, one with a blown motor, one hit by a school bus while parked, one hit by a forklift that backed into it while the forklift was backing out from between two pallets of mulch, and my car was rear ended while stopped waiting for traffic to clear in order to make a right turn onto Route 45 from Main St. Although extensive, none of these appear to have been the fault of the officers.

Chief White explained that all officers have completed our mandatory unarmed defense training that was run by Sgt. Hayes. He is a huge asset to us for this purpose as not only is he a good teacher, but it is very convenient to have somebody as qualified as he is within the department to train our own officers. We also completed our spring firearms qualifications.

The Chief advised that Lt. Butler was able to obtain us a grant for our monthly child safety seat checkpoints. We pay our specials and an occasional full-time officer to assist, and we will soon be using the grant money rather than our own.

He also advised that he and the lieutenants attended a senior breakfast event sponsored by the GCADA that Wenonah hosts every year. They went over safe prescription usage, storage, and disposal techniques and provided them with medication disposal kits.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to open, 2nd Committeeman Legge.

No one from the public spoke.

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to close, 2nd Committeeman Legge. Roll Call: All were in Favor

ORDINANCE 08-2019: BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF AUTOMATED TRASH TRUCKS AND RELATED REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$1,400,000 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 \$1,042,500; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to adopt, 2nd Committeeman Legge
Roll Call: All were in Favor

RESOLUTION R-71-2019: 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 adopt, 2nd Committeeman Legge
Roll Call: All were in Favor

RESOLUTION R-72-2019 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AUTHORIZING TAX REFUNDS

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to adopt, 2nd Committeeman Legge
Roll Call: All were in Favor

RESOLUTION R-74-2019: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AMENDING THE CONTRACT WITH COASTAL STEEL STRUCTURES LLC FOR THE COMMERCIAL BUILDING STRUCTURE FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to adopt, 2nd Committeeman Legge
Roll Call: All were in Favor

RESOLUTION R-75-2019: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AUTHORIZING AN AWARD OF CONTRACT UNDER A NATIONAL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT FOR PARK AND PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,119.47

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to adopt, 2nd Committeeman Legge
Roll Call: All were in Favor

RESOLUTION R-76-2019: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF AN EMERGENCY CONTRACT FOR THE RENTAL OF TRASH TRUCKS

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to adopt, 2nd Committeeman Legge
Roll Call: All were in Favor

RESOLUTION R-77-2019: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE TO PURCHASE FOUR (4) DPW TRASH TRUCKS FROM HUDSON COUNTY MOTORS UTILIZING A NATIONAL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT WITH SOURCEWELL

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to adopt, 2nd Committeeman Legge
Roll Call: All were in Favor

RESOLUTION R-78-2019: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE TO PURCHASE ONE (1) MACK CHASSIS 32 YARD NEW WAY REAR LOADER FROM H.A. DEHART & SON UTILIZING A NATIONAL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT WITH SOURCEWELL

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to adopt, 2nd Committeeman Legge
Roll Call: All were in Favor

RESOLUTION R-79-2019 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CLOSED SESSION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA TO DISCUSS ANTICIPATED LITIGATION PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (7)

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to adopt, 2nd Committeeman Legge
Roll Call: All were in Favor

RESOLUTION R-80-2019: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FILING OF DECLARATORY JUDGMENT ACTION LITIGATION TO DETERMINE THIRD ROUND AFFORDABLE HOUSING OBLIGATIONS

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to adopt, 2nd Committeeman Legge
Roll Call: All were in Favor

Remarks from the Township Committee:

Administrator Bileci thanked the Township Committee for their support with the approval to purchase the new trash trucks. She complimented Steve Alexander for all his hard work to manage the department after the fire.

Mayor Scirrotto asked for a motion to go into closed session:
Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to adopt, 2nd Committeeman Legge
Roll Call: All were in Favor

Mayor Scirrotto made a motion to pay the bills; 2nd 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,


Jennica Bileci, Township Clerk