

Township of Mantua
Minutes
Meeting October 1, 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 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.

Mayor Scirrotto called on Township Deputy Clerk Pamela LeVine to call roll. Present were Committeeman Layton, Committeeman Legge, and Committeewoman Lukens, Deputy Mayor Robert Zimmerman, Mayor Pete Scirrotto, Mrs. Jennica Bileci, Township Administrator, James Pierson, Esq., and Chief Darren White

Approval of Minutes: September 17, 2018 - Deputy Mayor Zimmerman, 2nd Committeeman Legge – Committeewoman Lukens Abstained.

Engineer Report:

Jon Bryson discussed that the Chestnut Branch lighting project has been completed. In addition Jon mentioned that Tyler's Mill Road Phase 3 was awarded to Paving Plus and he has been advised that they will be able to begin shortly. A pre-con meeting will be in the next week or so. Mr. Bryson noted that the public works building as well as the public works roof replacement are both out for the bid next week. The 2018 Local Road Program was awarded to Bogeys Trucking and Paving and he is waiting for a start date from them. Mr. Bryson noted that SJ Gas was still working on some of the streets and that they wanted to wait until they were done.

Department of Public Works Report:

Mr. Alexander noted that the department has finished cleaning the upstairs of the Barn as well as they have moved a lot of supplies from the mechanics bay upstairs for storage. In addition the department is enjoying their newly painted and carpeted office area. The place is starting to look like a professional operation. The alternator went on the old bus as they were leaving for a senior trip to Lancaster. The department in conjunction with the police department were able to get the seniors transported from the old bus to the new. Mr. Alexander thanked the police department for their assistance.

Mr. Alexander discussed that the department is starting to prepare all vehicles for the upcoming leaf season. Per Committeeman Legge's request, Steve noted that it wouldn't make sense to extend the grass green cart season, however he noted that he will get the word out to put the grass with the leaves at the curbside and it will be picked up that way. Steve noted that the public works department is in the process of reviewing applications for the mechanics position and noted that the new class 2 hire is scheduled to start on October 9th.

Mr. Alexander advised that he felt the tennis courts would be used for new Pickle ball courts, however, there would probably be a cost factor in doing so. Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made mention that between this fall and the start of spring, 2019 it is imperative that these courts be available to be used and/or taken down. It needs to be done as it almost looks abandoned and needs to be completed properly. Mr. Alexander noted that he will be looking further into this and what is involved. Regarding McCarrison Park, Steve advised that he will be getting prices on putting the fencing around the park on the Mantua Blvd side as there has been some concern by parents about children running into the street. Steve also mentioned that the Veterans monument brick work has been completed and all the plaques have been put back on the monument.

Police Department Report:

Chief White discussed that no one showed up for community service again so he will be thinking about another way to get people in to do the clean ups around town. Darren noted that the radar speed signs are still out around the schools. In addition, the Chief made mention that he is still waiting to hear back from the County Engineer on the results of the speed study that was done along Main Street.

Darren discussed that October 3rd from 5p-7p. is going to be National Coffee with a Cop Day and will be held at the new Wawa on Woodbury-Glassboro Road, in addition to the normal giveaways, there will be a horse from the New Jersey State Police Mounted Unit on hand in hopes that it will encourage more people to come talk to us.

The Chief noted that their final body camera demo that we waited for stopped functioning within a week, so they are ready to move forward with a purchase. Darren discussed that the department has received applications for their class 2 position who appear very qualified. Interviews will be held in the near future. Chief White noted that he is looking forward to having class 2 officers again as they are a huge help with supplementing the patrol shift and special events. All of firearms from Wenonah that they do not plan on using will be transferred to Eagle Point Gun club this week and they will issue the department a credit for their next ammunition purchase.

Chief White discussed that he has four interested representatives from various houses of worship who will be attending Department Chaplain training that the Prosecutor's Office is sponsoring next month. It is a very in-depth process and takes place over two eight-hour days. Chief White noted that they will have as many faiths represented as possible and noted that chaplains can be a huge asset to a police department. The county is looking to have a countywide program as well for any municipal chaplains.

Public Portion:

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

Mr. Bruce Lowden – 41 Woodland Ave, Pitman & Mr. Paul McIntyre 319 Wildwood Ave, Pitman, both thanked the Township Committee for their support opposing the NJ ABC special ruling for limited breweries. They both own this type of brewery in Pitman and appreciate the support from the Township.

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

ORDINANCE O-8-2018: AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AMENDING CHAPTER 143. VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, ARTICLE XIII, SCHEDULES, §143-34 SCHEDULE III: STOPPING AND STANDING PROHIBITED

OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA

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

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

ORDINANCE O-9-2018: AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
RELEASING AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEED RESTRICTIONS ON PROPERTY
LISTED ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AS
BLOCK 61, LOT 1 C1212

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

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

ORDINANCE O-10-2018: AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF
THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AMENDING CHAPTER 69, ARTICLE II, OF THE
CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA, "POLICE DEPARTMENT , OFF DUTY
COMPENSATION"

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

ORDINANCE O-11-2018: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 3-2018
CHAPTER 82 OF THE CODE -FIXING AND ESTABLISHING SALARIES AND
COMPENSATIONS OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYERS OF THE TOWNSHIP, IN
THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE YEAR 2018

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

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

RESOLUTION R-127-2018: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
AMENDING RESOLUTION R-123-2018 TO APPROVING A STATE CONTRACT
NO. A88214 FOR (2) 2019 F-450 DUMP TRUCKS WITH SALT SPREADER AND
PLOW IN THE AMOUNT OF \$131,232.00

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to adopt, 2nd Committeeman Legge – All
were in favor

RESOLUTION R-128-2018: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AMENDING CHAPTER 63 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA, "PERSONNEL POLICIES"

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to adopt, 2nd Committeeman Legge – All were in favor

RESOLUTION R-129-2018: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AUTHORIZING TAX REFUNDS

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to adopt, 2nd Committeeman Legge – All were in favor

RESOLUTION R-130-2018: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA APPROVING A STATE CONTRACT NO. T0103 FOR PARK AND PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,729.00

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to adopt, 2nd Committeeman Legge – All were in favor

RESOLUTION R-131-2018: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF MONIES FROM THE COUNTRY GARDENS SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT FROM THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA TO THE COUNTRY GARDENS HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION

Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to adopt, 2nd Committeeman Legge – All were in favor

RESOLUTION R-132-2018: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA APPROVING THE CONTRACT WITH B-SAFE FOR UPGRADES TO THE SECURITY ACCESS SYSTEM AND CAMERA SYSTEM IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$ 23,987.00

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to adopt, 2nd Committeeman Legge – All were in favor

RESOLUTION R-133-2018: RESOLUTION OF THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AUTHORIZING A SOLAR PERMIT FEE REFUND THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 232 EVERGREEN AVE, MANTUA, NJ IN THE AMOUNT OF \$360.00

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to adopt, 2nd Committeeman Legge – All were in favor

RESOLUTION R-134-2018: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY OPPOSING NJ ABC SPECIAL RULING FOR REGULATIONS FOR LIMITED BREWERIES

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to adopt, 2nd Committeeman Legge – All were in favor

Remarks from the Township Committee:

Mayor Scirrotto noted that Mantua Township is number 38 in the state of New Jersey as one of the safest towns to live in. He commended the Chief as well as the rest of the Police Department for keeping us all safe.

Committeewoman Lukens noted she has been advised by the Mantua School Superintendent Fisticaro that the district has been awarded a \$1.6 million for a full day Pre School program beginning next school year. In addition, this funding will fully fund a school resource officer for this program. Committeewoman Lukens also noted that she had met with the Administrator, the county engineer, the township Engineer as well as Senator Nilsa-Cruz to further discuss the swampy area on Route 45 near Planet Fitness and what can be done to clean this area up.


Committeeman Legge thanked the Chief for a job well done by the Police Department on being ranked so high in the state of New Jersey as the safest place to live.

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman advised that the upcoming Bark in the Park is this Saturday, October 6th from 9:00-2:00. In addition, he too thanked the Chief and the Police Department for a job well done.

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