

Township of Mantua
Minutes of Workshop Meeting
October 7, 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, Mr. John Legge, Mrs. Eileen Lukens, Mr. Robert Zimmerman – Absent, Mr. Peter Scirrotto, Mrs. Jennica Bileci, Township Administrator, Mrs. Pamela LeVine, Deputy Township Clerk, Mr. James Pierson, Solicitor, Jon Bryson Engineer, Steven Alexander, Superintendent of Public Works, Chief Darren White

Approval of Minutes: September 16, 2019

Committeeman Legge made a motion to approve, 2nd Committeewoman Lukens
Roll Call: All were in Favor

Engineering Report: Mr. Bryson discussed the East/West Essex paving should be completed by next Monday. The contractor will then be working on Bethel Mill Rd and Jessup Mill Rd. Mr. Bryson also noted that there will be a preconstruction meeting tomorrow for East Warren. Mayor Scirrotto inquired as to when this project will get started. Mr. Bryson noted that within three weeks.

Committeewoman Lukens noted that the Flooding area on Route 45 by Home Depot is still an ongoing item. Resident Linda McAdams did however receive a letter from Senator Cruz that the DOT did in fact come and look at this matter and they have noted the culvert needs to be replaced as it is very antiquated. They are hoping that with next year's budget this can happen.

Department of Public Works Report: Mr. Alexander noted that the department is still working on getting free LED replacement lights for the Senior Center and walking path at CBP. Mr. Alexander went onto remind everyone that the every Saturday convenience drop off days have ended for the fall and winter season and that the department is back to the 4th Saturday of each month until spring.

Steve noted that the Mayor advised us of a vehicle fire on Deer Run and that it appears that the asphalt surface may have been damaged by the excessive heat. We will be reaching out to the insurance company to start the process of filing a claim.

Mr. Alexander noted that as part of the new rules for receiving Recycling Grant money from the State, Pam LeVine and I attended a walkthrough of Omni Recycling. We learned how much contaminated recycling is causing problems at the plant.

Steve noted that all of the Rental trucks have been returned and that we still have the rental rear loader as our new rear loader was just delivered and still needs to be lettered before being put into service.

The Public Works yard was extensively cleaned and reorganized. Mr. Alexander noted that he is looking forward to when the committee can do another walk through of the area. Steve also noted that the new building is pretty much complete.

Steve also noted that the parking lot will be sealed next week and that this will be done in a twostep process in order to allow for residents to utilize the parking lots.

Police Department Report: Chief White noted that Speed signs have been on several street and that community service has been steady. The Chief further discussed that the class 2 selection process is progressing and that the new class 3 officer Ed Kiermeier is doing well in the schools. Darren noted that they are still down an officer due to his surgery with no new updates regarding his return to work. The Department moved Ptl. Lawrence to an investigator position as he has prior experience in this capacity.

The Chief commented that the department has continued to go through old records, and that they had approximately 20-25 boxes shredded last this past shredding event. In addition the Chief made mentioned that the AC is still down, and that Steve Alexander advised it would be repaired in the near future.

Darren mentioned that the State Police come for a drone demonstration and to go over some of the policies and procedures regarding them. There are very strict rules regarding when they could be used. He mentioned that with our town, they could be useful for the community caretaking function and community policing. Darren noted that he believes he could use forfeiture money, if we were to more seriously consider making a purchase.

The Chief noted that National Coffee With a Cop Day went well on October 2nd with several people stopping to speak with us. A lot of the people thought we were soliciting donations and tried to hand us cash, but were surprised to learn that we were the ones giving free stuff away.

The Chief noted that the department has been working through some speeding complaints. In addition, Darren mentioned that the department had sold several of their old Crown Victoria's that are out in the parking lot and that they should hopefully be gone from the lot in the near future.

A Proclamation Recognizing October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month was read by Mayor Scirrotto

Pursuant to Resolution R-32-2019, there is a time limit of five (5) minutes per person

Public Participation: Committeeman Legge made a motion to open 2nd Committeewoman Lukens. Roll Call: All were in Favor

No one wished to speak

Committeeman Legge made a motion to close 2nd Committeewoman Lukens. Roll Call:
All were in Favor

RESOLUTION R-144-2019: RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA REFERRING ZONING CODE AMENDMENTS TO MANTUA TOWNSHIP JOINT LAND USE BOARD FOR REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40:55D-26, 40:55D-62, 40:55D-64 AND 40:55D-32

Committeeman Legge made a motion to approve, 2nd Committeewoman Lukens
Roll Call: All were in Favor

RESOLUTION R-145-2019: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AUTHORIZING TAX REFUNDS

Committeeman Legge made a motion to approve, 2nd Committeewoman Lukens
Roll Call: All were in Favor

RESOLUTION R-146-2019: RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AND SCHAFFER PYROTECHNICS FOR A FIREWORKS DISPLAY TO OCCUR ON NOVEMBER 30, 2019 AT THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

Committeeman Legge made a motion to approve, 2nd Committeewoman Lukens
Roll Call: All were in Favor

RESOLUTION R-147-2019: ENFORCING A HALLOWEEN CURFEW IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA COMMENCING OCTOBER 30, 2019 UNTIL OCTOBER 31, 2019 AND SETTING TIMES FOR TRICK-OR-TREATING FOR OCTOBER 31, 2019.

Committeeman Legge made a motion to approve, 2nd Committeewoman Lukens
Roll Call: All were in Favor

RESOLUTION R-148-2019: 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

Committeeman Legge made a motion to approve, 2nd Committeewoman Lukens
Roll Call: All were in Favor

RESOLUTION R-149-2019: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AWARD OF CONTRACT UNDER A NATIONAL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT FOR PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,894.78 FOR MC CARSON PARK

Committeeman Legge made a motion to approve, 2nd Committeewoman Lukens
Roll Call: All were in Favor

RESOLUTION R-150-2019: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF AN EXMARK LAZER ZERO TURN MOWER

THROUGH THE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF NEW JERSEY
COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM

Committeeman Legge made a motion to approve, 2nd Committeewoman Lukens
Roll Call: All were in Favor

RESOLUTION R-151-2019: A RESOLUTION ADOPTING GRIEVANCE
PROCEDURE UNDER THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

Committeeman Legge made a motion to approve, 2nd Committeewoman Lukens
Roll Call: All were in Favor

RESOLUTION R-152- 2019: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF
THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA REQUESTING THE APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF
REVENUE FOR 2019 DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER GRANT AND
APPROPRIATION (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87) OF THE SAME

Committeeman Legge made a motion to approve, 2nd Committeewoman Lukens
Roll Call: All were in Favor

RESOLUTION R-153-2019: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF
THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA REQUESTING THE APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF
REVENUE FOR THE BULLETPROOF VEST PROGRAM AND APPROPRIATION
(N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87) OF THE SAME

Committeeman Legge made a motion to approve, 2nd Committeewoman Lukens
Roll Call: All were in Favor

RESOLUTION R-155-2019: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF
THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA ACCEPTING THE 2018 MUNICIPAL AUDIT
REPORT AND AUTHORIZING THE SIGNING OF THE GROUP AFFIDAVIT
FORM

Committeeman Legge made a motion to approve, 2nd Committeewoman Lukens
Roll Call: All were in Favor

RESOLUTION R-156-2019: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA ACCEPTING AND APPROVING THE
CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA FOR THE
AUDIT YEAR 2018

Committeeman Legge made a motion to approve, 2nd Committeewoman Lukens
Roll Call: All were in Favor

RESOLUTION R-157-2019: RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP
COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA REFERRING THE JAKE
HONING COMPASSIONATE USE MEDICAL CANNABIS ACT TO THE MANTUA
TOWNSHIP JOINT LAND USE BOARD FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT

Committeeman Legge made a motion to approve, 2nd Committeewoman Lukens
Roll Call: All were in Favor

RESOLUTION R-158-2019: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
AWARDING A CONTRACT TO CLEAR LAND INC FOR THE REMOVAL OF
DEBRIS FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS COMPOST YARD

Committeeman Legge made a motion to approve, 2nd Committeewoman Lukens
Roll Call: All were in Favor

RESOLUTION R-159-2019: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF
THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A STRATEGIC
PLAN FOR THE MANTUA HARRISON MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT FOR
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2020 – JUNE 30, 2021

Committeeman Legge made a motion to approve, 2nd Committeewoman Lukens
Roll Call: All were in Favor

RESOLUTION R-160-2019: RESOLUTION OF THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP
COMMITTEE AUTHORIZING A CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FEE REFUND IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$10.00

Committeeman Legge made a motion to approve, 2nd Committeewoman Lukens
Roll Call: All were in Favor

Remarks from the Township Committee:

Committeewoman Lukens noted that there will be a banner hanging at Sewell School
noting that this is now an early childhood development school for Rowan students.

Committeeman Legge reminded everyone that there is a 5K run hosed by the VFW this
Saturday at Chestnut Branch Park. All information is located on the website.
Committeeman Legge also reminded everyone that November 11th is Veterans Day and
he may not be able to make it, therefore he'd like someone to present the awards that day.

Mayor Scirrotto made a motion to pay the bills; 2nd by Committeeman Legge. All were
in favor

Mayor Scirrotto made a motion to adjourn; 2nd by Committeeman Legge. All were in
favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela LeVine, Township Deputy Clerk