

Township of Mantua
Minutes of Workshop Meeting
September 16, 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, 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 - Absent, Chief Darren White

Approval of Minutes: September 16, 2019

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

Engineering Report: Mr. Bryson noted that the Public Works building is now completed and the contractor is working on their punch list. In addition, Mr. Bryson discussed the 2019 local road program and that they are having a pre-construction meeting on Thursday and the contractor stated that they should be able to start within the next two weeks. In regards to the Reconstruction of East Warren Avenue, Mr. Bryson noted that the contracts have been received from the contractor and they have been sent to the solicitor for review.

Department of Public Works Report: Superintendent Alexander was absent from the meeting.

Police Department Report: The Chief noted that the speed signs have been on various roads throughout Mantua and Wenonah. In addition the Chief mentioned that community service has still been consistent and covered many roads and areas within the township.

Darren discussed the promotional process is complete and we will be getting Ed Kiermeier up and running in the schools as quickly as possible. In addition the department has several interested candidates for the class 2 positions and that the dept. will be interviewing this week. Also, the department is considering sending a class 1 to the academy, which would begin in February. Darren discussed that Captain Ferry has been to all the schools now that they are back in session and everything has gone smoothly.

The Chief noted that he is going to wait until Wednesday, October 2nd to set up our event at the Route 45 Wawa, as this is National Coffee Day with a Cop. The event will most likely be from 4:30 to 6:30.

The Chief discussed that one of the AC units is still down, as well as the building had a sewer backup a few weeks ago that Steve has addressed with both Ernie and a plumber.

Darren mentioned that one of our chaplains participated in a ride along recently, and that everything went well. He also noted that the state is instituting a program where the department is required to assign at least one officer as a departmental resiliency officer. This officer will be Sgt. Murphy. There is a large training event coming up in Trenton for it and two of our chaplains will be attending along with Sgt. Murphy.

The Chief discussed some concerns that were brought up recently that resulted in the department evaluating their ability to interact with those who are deaf or hard of hearing. After conducting an evaluation, the department has instituted a new policy, hung some informational posters, and will be installing a TTY phone in the vestibule for after-hours communication with the county dispatch center. The chief stated that he wants the department to be as inclusive as possible for those with disabilities.

The Chief listed the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Stats; Seat belt, 16, child restraint 1, Speeding, 4, Reckless driving, 1, Cell phone/texting, 1, Careless driving 3, Suspended license 27, other violations, 119, open container, CDS in a MV, underage possession of alcohol, 17 contempt arrests, 7 possession of drug arrests.

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

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

Deb Baldassare – 522 Main Street – Ms. Baldassare inquired as to the police section of the Mantua Sun. She asked why the names are not given for each of the speeding tickets that were issued. In addition, she inquired as to why the police reports are not in every issue of the paper. Chief White noted that he does not provide the information to the paper and that he thinks that one of the Lieutenants does. Ms. Baldassare also inquired about why there appear to be more accidents on County roads than on the municipal roads, in particular Main Street. The Chief noted that there are more reports on the County roads as the amount of traffic as well as speed takes a part in those tickets/accidents. Committeeman Layton noted that the most reports are on Route 55.

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

RESOLUTION R-129-2019: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA APPROVING THE PROMOTION OF DETECTIVE JAMES HAGERTY TO THE RANK OF SERGEANT WITH THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

RESOLUTION R-130-2019: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA APPROVING THE PROMOTION OF PATROLMAN JASON LIPSETT TO THE RANK OF CORPORAL WITH THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

RESOLUTION R-131-2019: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA APPROVING THE PROMOTION OF PATROLMAN BRIAN HAUSS TO THE RANK OF CORPORAL WITH THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

RESOLUTION R-132-2019: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA APPROVING THE PROMOTION OF PATROLMAN ROBERT LAYTON TO THE RANK OF CORPORAL WITH THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

RESOLUTION R-133-2019: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF THE CHANGE FUND/CASH DRAWER FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

RESOLUTION R-134-2019: 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

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

RESOLUTION R-135 -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 approve, 2nd Committeeman Legge
Roll Call: All were in Favor

RESOLUTION R-136-2019: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE ALLIANCE TO PREVENT ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE

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

RESOLUTION R-137-2019: RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF LISTING AGREEMENTS FOR SALE WITH REMAX CONNECTION OF TOWNSHIP OWNED COAH UNITS

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

RESOLUTION R-138-2019: RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RELEASE OF A PERFORMANCE BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$77,950.20 FILED BY WILKINS INDUSTRIAL PARK, LLC FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN BLOCK 170 LOTS 4 AND WAIVING A MAINTENANCE BOND AS THE IMPROVEMENTS HAVE BEEN IN PLACE IN EXCESS OF THE TWO YEAR REQUIREMENT

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

RESOLUTION R-139-2019: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF THREE (3) 2020 POLICE INTERCEPTOR UTILITY VEHICLE FOR THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT UNDER STATE CONTRACT NO. 88728 IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$102,231.00, FROM WINNER FORD

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

RESOLUTION R-140-2019: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION FOR THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT UNDER STATE CONTRACT NO. A81296 IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$18,332.50, FROM EAGLE POINT GUN

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

RESOLUTION R-141-2019: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AWARD OF CONTRACT TO AMERICAN ASPHALT FOR SEAL COATING OF THE MUNICIPAL COMPLEX PARKING LOT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18,710.90

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

RESOLUTION R-142-2019: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AUTHORIZING TAX REFUNDS

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

RESOLUTION R-143-2019: RESOLUTION APPOINTING ED KIERMEIER AS A
SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER CLASS III WITHIN
THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

Remarks from the Township Committee:

Committeewoman Lukens commended Michelle Bruner on the recent Fossil park event
as well as the award for Dr. Lacovara. A job well done.

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman noted that the Recreation Committee had met with the
Mantua Schools Superintendent Dr. Fisicaro to discuss combining the Township food
truck event with the schools Big Night out. It was decided that this is what will be done
and the event will take place on June 4th. As more details arise, he will let the committee
know.

Administrator Bileci noted that all spending and controls are in place for the capital
projects that were approved through the prior Ordinance.

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,



Pamela LeVine, Township Deputy Clerk