

Township of Mantua  
September 20 2021 - Minutes  
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

Approval of the August 16, 2021, Meeting - Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to approve; it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Committeeman Legge. All in Favor

A Proclamation Recognizing September as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month was presented by Committeeman Legge to Tom DeRusso.

A Presentation regarding Retail Market & Grocery Store Analysis/Feasibility Study was presented by The Riddle Company and Econsult Solutions.

Mayor Scirrotto inquired as to why Lidl pulled out of Mantua and went to Glassboro. Katherine from The Riddle Company noted that this would be an ideal time for the Mayor to reach out to them and inquire as to why this happened.

Committeeman Legge thanked them for their presentation and that maybe now the residents can understand what the situation is and why the township has been unable to add a supermarket and/or restaurant at this time.

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman thanked them for their presentation and asked if they would be able to provide some sort of press release with their findings that can be put out to the residents.

Administrator Bileci also thanked them for their time and appreciates that they took the needs and goals of the Township in putting together their findings.

**Engineer's Report:**

Mr. Bryson noted that the bids for the 2021 Local Road Program were opened and that the low bidder was Landberg Construction. Mr. Bryson also discussed that there is a preconstruction meeting scheduled for the end of the week as the contractor would like to get started as soon as possible. In addition, Mr. Bryson noted that the bids for the Parking Lot improvements to Chestnut Branch Park had been opened and that the low bidder was Paving Plus. Mr. Bryson is trying to schedule a pre-construction meeting with them as well within the next week.

**Department of Public Works Report:**

Mr. deMers discussed that the Public Works Department continues to clean up after the tornado that came through here on the 1st of September. Based on what can be seen on people's property, and that it appears that this will continue to take a while to clean up and get back to some sort of normalcy. The department has been able to help some of the residents that have been affected by the tornado by going to their homes and picking up the bulk trash left behind by the storm.

Glenn noted that they are trying to keep up with the everyday services, however it's been difficult in some areas such as mowing grass, road work and inlet maintenance to name a few. Glenn also mentioned that the public works department helped in the renovations/clean-up of the downstairs area of the municipal building due to the MUA moving in, as well as they had the people mover out at the 9-11 ceremony, and it was used by many of the residents who attended.

Glenn discussed that the department has completed the yearly Right to Know inspection through the MEL as well Fire Safety inspections, and sprinkler inspections.

Glenn noted that this past Sunday, the public works department participated in the Touch a Truck event with the cub scouts at the park with a trash truck and small dump truck and that the kids loved the trash truck. In closing Glenn noted that the Public Works Convenience Center drop off set is now back to the normal schedule of the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month. Septembers will be on the 25<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 2pm.

Committeeman Legge wanted to take this opportunity to thank Glenn and the public works department for all their help in picking up the extra bulk that was placed at the curb from the tornado. Mr. Legge truly appreciated all his help.

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman commented that on social media there have been many positive accolades regarding the public works department doing a great job. Deputy Mayor Zimmerman thanked Glenn and the department for all their hard work.

**Police Department Report:**

Chief White noted that with all that has been going on within the town, the speeds signs continue to be out. He also noted that the DWI grant is over and that the vests that were ordered are in and the officers will begin wearing them shortly.

Chief White also commented on the incident that occurred in town last week has taken a lot out of the department as well as they assisted in the incident in Deptford and Washington Township. He also discussed that the police vehicles are now equipped with updated first aid kits that are helpful than in the past should the need arise.

Committeeman Legge thanked the Chief and the department for all their hard work during the tornado. He noted that the total disregard people have for going around cones and barricades was unbelievable and appreciated all the help the department gave. Chief White noted that in addition to the Mantua Police Department there were many officers that helped us from other towns.

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 2<sup>nd</sup> by Committeeman Legge. All in Favor

Gregg Shast – 39 Silvercreek Dr. – Mr. Shast thanked everyone on the committee and the various departments on working the budget and keeping the tax rate to a bare minimum. It is much appreciated. He also thanked the committee for having Riddle Company do the feasibility study regarding supermarkets and restaurants.

Robin Stevenson - 111 Turner Street – Wanted to take this opportunity thank Glenn and the public works department for all their help and assistance with everyone during the tornado. In addition, she thanked the Chief and all the police officers for keeping Mantua safe. In closing she thanked everyone for being team players and getting the job done.

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to adopt; it was 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 open to the public; it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Committeeman Legge. All in Favor

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

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

Mayor Scirrotto noted that Resolutions R-115-2021 through R-129-2021 will be voted on in one motion

RESOLUTION R-115-2021: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AUTHORIZING THE LOSAP PAYMENT FOR 2020

RESOLUTION R-116-2021: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) POLICE INTERCEPTOR UTILITY VEHICLES FOR THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT UNDER

STATE CONTRACT NO. 20-FLEET-01189 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$63,982.00, FROM WINNER FORD

RESOLUTION R-117-2021: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA SUPPORTING A REGIONAL MUNICIPAL COURT STUDY IN GLOUCESTER COUNTY

RESOLUTION R-118-2021: RESOLUTION AWARDDING A CONTRACT IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$412,318.79 TO LANDBERG CONSTRUCTION, LLC FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS 2021 LOCAL ROAD PROGRAM

RESOLUTION R-119-2021: A RESOLUTION AWARDDING A BID IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$225,742.90 TO PAVING PLUS FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS PARKING IMPROVEMENT AT CHESTNUT BRANCH PARK

RESOLUTION R-120-2021: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA REFUNDING CERTAIN OVERPAYMENT FOR PROPERTY TAXES FOR BLOCK 239, LOT 17 609 CORNWALL RD, THE AMOUNT OF \$24.78

RESOLUTION R-121-2021: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA CANCELLING TAXES FOR A TOTAL DISABLELED VETERAN JAMES JAMISON, 77 TIMBERCREST DRIVE, SEWELL, BLOCK 198.02, LOT 18 FOR THE THIRD AND FOURTH QUARTERS OF 2021, AND THE FIRST AND SECOND QUARTERS OF 2022 AND REFUNDING AN OVERPAYMNET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$507.68

RESOLUTION R-122-2021: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA REFUNDING AN OVER PAYMENT FOR PROPERTY TAXES FOR BLOCK 184, LOT 2.01, 110 E. ESSEX, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,315.02

RESOLUTION R-123-2021: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA CANCELLING TAXES FOR A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN FOR THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 158.04 LOT 22, 49 DEERFIELD CIRCLE, MANTUA, FOR THIRD AND FOURTH QUARTERS, 2021 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,643.35 AND FIRST AND SECOND QUARTER 2022 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,933.13

RESOLUTION R-124-2021: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA REQUESTING THE APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE FOR 2020 DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER GRANT AND APPROPRIATION (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87) OF THE SAME

RESOLUTION R-125-2021: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF (1) INTERNATIONAL CHASSIS WITH BRUSH HAWG GRAPPLE LOADER AND 27 YARD DUMP BODY FROM H.A. DEHART & SON UTILIZING A NATIONAL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT WITH SOURCEWELL

RESOLUTION R-126-2021: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AWARDING A CONTRACT TO PROVIDE HEATING SERVICE INSTALLATION AND UPGRADES AT THE NEW PUBLIC WORKS GARAGE

RESOLUTION R-127-2021: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AWARDING A CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$28,500 TO AIR REPAIR FOR SUPPLYING AIR LINES, DRYER, COMPRESSOR AT THE NEW PUBLIC WORKS GARAGE

RESOLUTION R-128-2021: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA APPOINTING BILL REBEL AS THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP PLUMBING INSPECTOR

RESOLUTION R-129-2021: RESOLUTION APPOINTING AN ALTERNATE ZONING OFFICER FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to adopt resolutions R-115-2021 through Resolution R-129-2021; it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Committeeman Legge. All in Favor

**Remarks from the Township Committee:**

Committeeman Layton noted that this past week was the 9-11 ceremony and that will all the trees down at the park, nothing at the place of reflection was touched by the tornado and the park looked great and thanked everyone for their support.

Committeewoman Lukens also thanked everyone for their help and that the 9-11 ceremony really came together.

Committeeman Legge again thanked everyone as well as the residents for their outpouring of help and support during the clean up of the damage to his home. In addition, he noted that with the recent incident that has occurred in the Township, he felt that the Attorney Generals office's lack of communication not only to the committee as elected officials but to the community is unacceptable and he is very upset about it and wanted everyone to know this.

**Remarks from the Administrator:**

Administrator Bileci noted that there is a new sign at the Chestnut Branch Park and that the newsletters will be going gout the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in October.

**Approval of the Bill List:**

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to pay the bills; it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Committeeman Legge. Committeeman Layton abstained. All in Favor

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

Respectfully submitted,

  
Pamela LeVine, Deputy Clerk