

Township of Mantua
Committee Meeting
March 21, 2022
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 - Absent, 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, Mr. deMers, Public Works Superintendent, Jon Bryson, Engineer, Chief White

Approval of the February 14, 2022. Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to approve; it was 2nd by Committeeman Legge. All in Favor

A Presentation by Joe Henry, Hardenberg Insurance for safety on the agenda was given.

Engineering Report:

Jon Bryson noted that the reconstruction of East Mercer Ave will be going out for bid on March 29, 2022, and that the reconstruction of Bergen Ave has been resubmitted to the NJDOT for review.

Public Works Department:

Mr. deMers note that eh department had workers at Chestnut Branch Park cleaning up the trails in the back that was hit by the Tornado in September. He also noted that they are still taking all tornado debris to County Conservation at no cost to the Township. Glenn also noted that the light pole in the municipal parking lot has been replaced and is ow in working order. In addition, Glenn noted that the electrical work in the clerk's office has been done and is completed as well.

Police Department Report:

Chief White noted that the speed signs have ben consistently out on various roads. The Chief also noted that they have reached out to the donor of the new K-9, at this time they are not available however they will advise when they are for the Township to present a proclamation.

The Chief congratulated tonight's new hire Tyle Ciaccio who is due to be sworn in this evening and will begin his field training. Darren also mentioned that he and the captain attended the MADD award ceremony where Ptl. Jesse Bair was presented with a plaque and certificate for being the most active DWI enforcer in Mantua during 2021.

Pursuant to Resolution R-32-2022, there is a time limit of five (5) minutes per person.

Public Participation: Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to open; it was 2nd by Committeewoman Lukens. All in Favor

Harry Dewitt – 201 Valley View Drive – Mr. Dewitt discussed that the idea of the train coming through the town is a total waste of money as there will be no ridership. He is a train enthusiast and wanted the committee to know his feelings towards the train.

Gregg Shast – 39 Silvercreek Dr. – Mr. Shast recommended that the Township please put in a better amplification system so that the general public can hear all the department head reports. Mr. Shast also commented on Resolutions R-73-2022 as well as R-74-2022 where the eminent domain was not included. He noted that eminent domain is a very important tool when negotiating with property owners.

Dallas Snider – 57 Linden Ave – Ms. Snider inquired how to get her grandfather a property tax freeze as well as return his property to residential as it hasn't been used for commercial since 2014.

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

ORDINANCE O1-2022: ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 230 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED "LAND DEVELOPMENT" AND SECTION 230-70 ENTITLED "FAIR SHARE AFFIRMATIVE MARKETING" TO ADD 230-70.C "ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT FEES"

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to approve it was 2nd by Committeeman Legge. All in Favor

RESOLUTION R-63-2022: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA APPROVING THE HIRING OF TYLER CIACCIO TO THE RANK OF PATROL OFFICER WITH THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to approve it was 2nd by Committeeman Legge. All in Favor

Mayor Scirrotto swore in Patrol Officer Tyler Ciaccio

RESOLUTION R-64-2022: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA APPROVING THE EXTENSION OF THE TERM FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT CONTRACT FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF BATHROOM FACILITIES AT CHESTNUT BRANCH PARK

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to approve it was 2nd by Committeeman Legge. All in Favor

RESOLUTION R-65-2022: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AUTHORIZING TAX REFUNDS

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to approve it was 2nd by Committeeman Legge. All in Favor

RESOLUTION R- 66-2022: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE APPOINTING OFFICIAL TOWING COMPANIES FOR THE YEAR 2022 IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 375, SECTION 8 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to approve it was 2nd by Committeeman Legge. All in Favor

RESOLUTION R-67-2022: A RESOLUTION OF THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AUTHORIZING A SOLAR PERMIT FEE (PERMIT # P2100680) BE REFUNDED FOR THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 910 GRAY FOX CIRCLE, SEWELL, NJ 08080 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$428.00

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to approve it was 2nd by Committeeman Legge. All in Favor

RESOLUTION R-68-2022: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AWARD OF CONTRACT TO JOBS4BLUE/VCS FOR SERVICES FOR OFF-DUTY EMPLOYMENT OF POLICE OFFICERS FOR POLICE RELATED ACTIVITIES

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to approve it was 2nd by Committeeman Legge. All in Favor

RESOLUTION R-69-2022: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2019-2022 CONTRACT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AND TEAMSTERS' LOCAL UNION 676

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to approve it was 2nd by Committeeman Legge. All in Favor

RESOLUTION R-70-2022: RESOLUTION APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BY AND BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AND THE INDIVIDUAL MANTUA TOWNSHIP POLICE LIEUTENANT

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to approve it was 2nd by Committeeman Legge. All in Favor

RESOLUTION R 71-2022: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA ADOPTING AN EMERGENCY TEMPORARY BUDGET IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to approve it was 2nd by Committeeman Legge. All in Favor

RESOLUTION R72-2022: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF REMAINING PROFESSIONAL ESCROW FUNDS

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to approve it was 2nd by Committeeman Legge. All in Favor

RESOLUTION R-73-2022: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA, AUTHORIZING THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP JOINT LAND USE BOARD TO INITIATE A PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION REGARDING WHETHER BLOCK 261.01, LOTS 14, 15, 15.01, 15.02, 15.03, 16, 16.03 AND 16.04, OR ANY PART THEREOF, IS AN AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT AS DEFINED IN N.J.S.A. 40A:12-6 WITHOUT THE POWER OF EMINENT DOMAIN

Committeeman Legge asked for clarification before voting on Resolutions R-73-2022 & R-74-2022. Solicitor Jeff Daniels noted that the statute quoted in the resolution notes that the area deemed for redevelopment there are two ways to approach this, 1. Eminent domain and th2. Not a forfeiture as this is easier to deem an area for redevelopment.

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RESOLUTION R-74-2022: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA, AUTHORIZING THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP JOINT LAND USE BOARD TO INITIATE A PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION REGARDING WHETHER BLOCK 273, LOT 25 IS AN AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT AS DEFINED IN N.J.S.A. 40A:12-6 WITHOUT THE POWER OF EMINENT DOMAIN

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to approve it was 2nd by Committeeman Legge. All in Favor

Remarks from the Township Committee

Committeewoman Lukens noted that she attended the Clearview Regional musical, and it was an amazing performance by very talented students within our district.

Committeeman Legge noted that the V.F.W will once again be having their Community Awards. This event will be held on April 23, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

Remarks from the Township Administrator:


Administrator Bileci noted that she is just about done with the budget and will be presenting it to committee for review and she noted that the budget would be introduced at the April meeting

Remarks from the Mayor:

Mayor Scirrotto noted that he is very proud of the police department and fire department as they are an integral part of the town. He also noted that these officers are who keep our families and children safe in town and that Mantua is great township to live in and he is very proud of it.

Motion to Close: Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to close; it was 2nd by
Committeeman Legge. All in Favor

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela LeVine, Deputy Clerk