

Township of Mantua  
Reorganization Meeting  
February 14, 2022  
Mantua Township Municipal Building  
5:00 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, Mr. deMers, Public Works Superintendent, Erica Covely, Engineer, Chief White

Approval of the January 3, 2022. Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to approve; it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Committeeman Legge. All in Favor

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman read a Proclamation Designating February 2022 as American Heart Month

**Engineering Report:**

Mrs. Covely discussed that the East Mercer project needed additional approvals and we should be able to go out for bid within the next two weeks. In regard to the Bergen Ave project Mrs. Covely noted that this has gone up to the DOT and should be back in a few weeks.

**Department of Public Works Report:**

Glenn discussed that the public works department has had security cameras installed through the entire public works building as well as the public works yard. This was just completed on the 9<sup>th</sup> of February. Glenn also noted that the department has pulled the last of the dumpsters from the residents due to the Tornado clean up. The county has stopped dumpster drop off effective February 9, 2022. Glenn discussed that Pam has begun the process of gathering all the information for the recycling/tonnage grant and we will be submitting it sometime in April. In addition, Glenn mentioned that the Township will be receiving a clean communities grant in the amount of \$32,539.27 for the 2021 clean communities grant. In closing, Glenn reported that Pete's mailbox is still standing after the last three snow events and that he will continue to try to keep his good record going.

**Police Department Report:**

The Chief noted that the speed signs have been out on various streets consistently. The Police Department has just had new carpeting installed which looks great. In addition, Darren noted that the captain and he met with the Mantua Schools superintendent at Riverwinds to further discuss a better reunification plan for the students.

The Chief noted that the new K-9 will be graduating from the K-9 academy shortly and they are very happy to have him.

Committeeman Legge reminded everyone that he would like to do a proclamation for the person that has donated the K-9 as a good gesture and a proper thank you.

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 2<sup>nd</sup> by Committeewoman Lukens. All in Favor

Gregory Shast - 39 Silvercreek Dr. – Mr. Shast mentioned that he is not clear as to why the county will be doing an assessment at this time as everyone is hurting and struggling and that the cost of home sales are quite high. He also noted that when the cost of home sales are down, we are not getting and sort of tax break then.

Mayor Scirrotto noted that he tried to get the revaluation moved to a later date but was advised that this is a statute that must be followed.

Ryan Campbell – 223 Hunterdon Ave. – Mr. Campbell noted that the reassessment timing was very interesting. Mayor Scirrotto noted that in the past the revaluation was 1/3 went up 1/3 went down and 1/3 remained the same.

Mr. Campbell went on to advise everyone that a resolution was just past in Woodbury Heights regarding the GCL (Mr. Campbell handed out a copy of the resolution to everyone) and asked if the Township Committee will be doing one. Mayor Scirrotto noted that at this time they would take it under advisement but nothing will be done. Solicitor Daniels noted that since this is not a municipal project and that the state is still working on the mitigating factors of the environmental study, doing anything at this time would be premature, and noted that this project has not been approved as of yet. Mr. Campbell continued to press the committee for a response to his questions about the resolution at which time he left.

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

**RESOLUTION R-39-2022: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA APPROVING THE HIRING OF TYLER ROBERTSON TO THE RANK OF PATROL OFFICER WITH THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT**

A swearing in ceremony of Patrol Officer Tyler Robertson was done by mayor Scirrotto.

RESOLUTION R-40-2022: A RESOLUTION APPOINTING THOMAS CIRONE AS A SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER CLASS II WITHIN THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mayor Scirrotto made a motion to approve Resolutions R-41-2022 through Resolutions R-62-2022 to be voted on in one motion.

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

RESOLUTION R-41-2022: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AUTHORIZING TAX REFUNDS

RESOLUTION R-42 -2022: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF REMAINING PROFESSIONAL ESCROW FUNDS

RESOLUTION R-43-2022: RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH TRIAD ASSOCIATES TO PROVIDE AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA

RESOLUTION R-44-2022: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA THROUGH THE MANTUA POLICE DEPARTMENT, TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY, LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT OFFICE, 1033 PROGRAM TO ENABLE THE MANTUA POLICE DEPARTMENT TO REQUEST AND ACQUIRE EXCESS DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EQUIPMENT FROM 1/1/2022 THROUGH 12/31/2022

RESOLUTION R-45-2022: A RESOLUTION OF THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AUTHORIZING A CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FEE (PERMIT # 221-768) BE REFUNDED FOR THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 20 LORING LANE, SEWELL, NJ 08080 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$410.00

RESOLUTION R-46-2022: A RESOLUTION OF THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AUTHORIZING A REFUND FOR A CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FEE FOR THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 5 WESTWOOD DRIVE, MANTUA, NJ 08051 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60.00

RESOLUTION R-47-2022: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AUTHORIZING PET REGISTRATION REFUNDS DUE TO OVERPAYMENTS

RESOLUTION R-48-2022: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR'S EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA, THE TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON AND THE BOROUGH OF GLASSBORO FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REGIONAL REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE ROUTE 322 ROWAN WEST CAMPUS REGIONAL REDEVELOPMENT AREA

RESOLUTION R-49-2022: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH ROWAN UNIVERSITY, BIOENERGY DEVCO, THE TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON, AND THE BOROUGH OF GLASSBORO REGARDING THE REDEVELOPMENT OF PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE ROUTE 322 ROWAN WEST CAMPUS REGIONAL REDEVELOPMENT AREA PURSUANT TO THE ADOPTED REGIONAL REDEVELOPMENT PLAN

RESOLUTION R-50-2022: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA, DIRECTING COLLIERS ENGINEERING AND DESIGN TO DRAFT AN AMENDMENT TO THE REGIONAL REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE ROUTE 322 ROWAN WEST CAMPUS REGIONAL REDEVELOPMENT AREA

RESOLUTION R-51-2022: A RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE CONTACT PERSON FOR THE EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES LIABILITY ATTORNEY CONSULTANT SERVICE FOR THE GLOUCESTER, SALEM, CUMBERLAND COUNTIES MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND

RESOLUTION R-52-2022: RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING POLICIES AND PROCEDURE FOR THE PAYMENT OF CLAIMS, CLAIMANT'S SIGNATURE FOR PAYMENT PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:5-16, N.J.A.C. 5:30-9A.6 AND N.J.A.C. 5:31-4.1 – IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION R- 53-2022: RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2022 SAFETY CONTRACT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AND THE GLOUCESTER, SALEM, CUMBERLAND COUNTIES MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND AND AUTHORIZING THE SIGNATURES OF THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP SAFETY COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENTS PARTICIPATING IN THE SAFETY INCENTIVE PROGRAM

RESOLUTION R-54-2022: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA, IN THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY GRANTING CONSENT TO THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE AUTHORITY'S UTILITY SYSTEM

RESOLUTION R-55-2022: RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE APPLICATION & SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT FOR MUNICIPAL AID FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF BERGEN AVENUE

RESOLUTION R- 56-2022: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS 2021 MANTUA TOWNSHIP LOCAL ROAD PROGRAM

RESOLUTION R-57-2022: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE APPOINTING ART OLSEN TO SERVE ON THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL COMMISSION

RESOLUTION R-58-2022: A RESOLUTION MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF HEALTH COMMISSION FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER FOR 2022

RESOLUTION R-59-2022: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE PROMOTION OF EMPLOYEES WITHIN THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

RESOLUTION R-60-2022: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA APPOINTING CANDICE PENNEWELL AS CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER

RESOLUTION R-61-2022: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A TOWNSHIP ISSUED FIREARM TO GREGORY SWEENEY IN RECOGNITION OF HIS RETIREMENT AS CORPORAL OF POLICE AND FOR HIS SERVICE WITH THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION R-62-2022: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA EXECUTING A HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT WITH GREGORY SWEENEY FOR THE RELEASE OF HIS TOWNSHIP ISSUED SERVICE FIREARM

**Remarks from the Township Committee**

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 the Departments are all working on their budgets at the time as well as the year end for 2021.

Motion to Close: 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