

Township of Mantua  
Committee Meeting  
May 16, 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, Mr. John Legge - Absent, Mrs. Eileen Lukens, Mr. Robert Zimmerman - Absent Mr. Peter Scirrotto, Mrs. Jennica Bileci, Township Administrator, Mrs. Pamela LeVine, Deputy Township Clerk, Mr. Jeff Daniels, Solicitor, Mr. deMers, Public Works Superintendent, Erika Covely, Engineer, Chief White

Approval of the April 18, 2022 committee meeting. Committeewoman Lukens made a motion to approve; it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Committeeman Layton. All in Favor

**Engineering Report:** Erika Covely, Township Engineer, noted that the CDBG grant for replacement of bathrooms at Chestnut Branch Park will be going out for bid on May 24, 2022. Mrs. Covely also noted that the NJDOT East Mercer project has been approved by the state and a pre-construction meeting will be scheduled in the very near future.

**Department of Public Works Report:** Glenn deMers, Superintendent of Public Works noted that the county helped the department get the flags put up along Main St. However, we have taken them down due to the impending storm. Mr. deMers also noted that next week will be a spring bulk pick up.

**Police Department Report:** Chief White noted that the speed signs have been out in various areas of the town. He stated that the promotional process for both corporal and sergeant are going well and that the test is scheduled for July 6, 2022. Some of our offices helped with various events with both Mantua and Wenonah. Chief White noted that the 6<sup>th</sup> grade students from JMT provided the department with melanoma survival kits. The department was very thankful and gave the students a tour of the building and equipment. The Chief also noted that the department participated in an active shooter tabletop drill. The current superintendent was very interested in hosting one for our local school soon.

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

**Public Participation:** Committeewoman Lukens made a motion to open; it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Committeeman Layton. All in Favor

Ms. Campbell wanted to take this opportunity to thank the committee and Bill Pine for allowing them to have a walk at Chestnut Branch Park in honor of Casey Powers. Casey was a victim of domestic violence and this walk allowed them to raise funds for various scholarships and to help people inflicted by domestic violence.

Committeewoman Lukens made a motion to close; it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Committeeman Layton. All in Favor

**ORDINANCE 2-2022: AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK**

Mayor Scirrotto read the Ordinance.

Committeewoman Lukens made a motion to open to the public, it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Committeeman Layton. All in Favor

No one from the public spoke on this Ordinance.

Committeewoman Lukens made a motion to close to the public it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Committeeman Layton. All in Favor

Mayor Scirrotto asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance #2-2022. Committeewoman Lukens made the motion, Committeeman Layton Abstained. All were in favor.

**ORDINANCE O-3-2022: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA, CHAPTER 82 FIXING AND ESTABLISHING SALARIES AND COMPENSATIONS OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA, IN THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE YEAR 2022**

Mayor Scirrotto read the Ordinance.

Committeewoman Lukens made a motion to open to the public, it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Committeeman Layton. All in Favor

No one from the public spoke on this Ordinance.

Committeewoman Lukens made a motion to close to the public it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Committeeman Layton. All in Favor

Mayor Scirrotto asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance #3-2022. Committeewoman Lukens made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> Committeeman Layton. All were in favor.

**ORDINANCE 0-4-2022: A BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS PIECES OF CAPITAL EQUIPMENT AND THE COMPLETION OF VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$1,560,000 THEREFOR; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$1,482,000; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING**

Mayor Scirrotto read the Ordinance.

Committeewoman Lukens made a motion to open to the public, it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Committeeman Layton. All in Favor

No one from the public spoke on this Ordinance.

Committeewoman Lukens made a motion to close to the public it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Committeeman Layton. All in Favor

Mayor Scirrotto asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance #4-2022. Committeewoman Lukens made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> Committeeman Layton.  
All were in favor.

RESOLUTION R-85-2022: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA APPROVING THE HIRING OF ALEXANDER STEWART TO THE RANK OF PATROL OFFICER WITH THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

Committeewoman Lukens made a motion to approve, it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Committeeman Layton. All in Favor

Mayor Scirrotto swore in Patrol Officer Alexander Stewart

RESOLUTION R-86-2022: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA APPROVING THE PROMOTION OF WILLIAM MURPHY TO THE RANK OF LIEUTENANT WITH THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

Committeewoman Lukens made a motion to approve, it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Committeeman Layton. All in Favor

Mayor Scirrotto swore in Lieutenant William Murphy

Mrs. Bileci presented the 2022 Budget

RESOLUTION R-87-2022: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AUTHORIZING THE BUDGET TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY

Committeewoman Lukens made a motion to approve, it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Committeeman Layton. All in Favor

RESOLUTION R-88-2022: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA TO CONDUCT A SELF-EXAMINATION OF BUDGET RESOLUTION

Committeewoman Lukens made a motion to approve, it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Committeeman Layton. All in Favor

RESOLUTION R-75-2022: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA APPROVING THE 2022 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Mayor Scirrotto read the Resolution.

Committeewoman Lukens made a motion to open to the public, it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Committeeman Layton. All in Favor

No one from the public spoke on this Resolution.

Committeewoman Lukens made a motion to close to the public it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Committeeman Layton. All in Favor

Mayor Scirrotto asked for a motion to adopt Resolution R-75-2022.

Committeewoman Lukens made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> Committeeman Layton. All were in favor.

RESOLUTION R-89-2022: A RESOLUTION APPROVING A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTA AND THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER FOR THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER USE OF THE CHESTNUT BRANCH PARK TO PROVIDE FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT

Committeewoman Lukens made a motion to approve, it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Committeeman Layton. All in Favor

RESOLUTION R-90-2022: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REFUND OF A PAVILION RENTAL FEE IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$120.00 TO ISMAILA JABBIE, 136 REDTAIL HAWK CIRCLE, SEWELL, NJ 08080

Committeewoman Lukens made a motion to approve, it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Committeeman Layton. All in Favor

RESOLUTION R-91-2022: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLING OF SECOND QUARTER TAXES FOR BLOCK 26 LOT, 4, 271 MONTGOMERY DRIVE, MANTUA, NJ

Committeewoman Lukens made a motion to approve, it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Committeeman Layton. All in Favor

RESOLUTION R-92-2022: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLING OF FIRST & SECOND QUARTER TAXES FOR BLOCK 251.01 LOT 49, 45 CRESCENT HOLLOW DR., SEWELL, NJ

Committeewoman Lukens made a motion to approve, it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Committeeman Layton. All in Favor

RESOLUTION R-93-2022: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AUTHORIZING TAX REFUNDS

Committeewoman Lukens made a motion to approve, it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Committeeman Layton. All in Favor

#### **Remarks from the Township Committee**

Committeeman Layton thanked the finance department, the administrator and everyone that has worked so hard to cut costs and keep the budget at a zero increase this year. In addition, he noted that it was a great to be able to hold the walk in Casey's honor in the park and thanked Bill Pine for all his help as well.

Motion to Close: Committeewoman Lukens made a motion to approve, it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Committeeman Layton. All in Favor

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela LeVine, Township Deputy Clerk