

Township of Mantua  
Committee Meeting  
September 19, 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 - Absent, Mr. Robert Zimmerman, Mr. Peter Scirrotto, Mrs. Jennica Bileci, Township Administrator, Mrs. Pamela LeVine, Deputy Township Clerk, Mr. James Pierson, Mr. deMers, Public Works Superintendent - Absent, Erika Covely, Engineer, Chief White

Approval of the August 15, 2022, committee meeting - Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to adopt; it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Committeewoman Lukens. All in Favor.

**Engineering Report:**

Mrs. Covely noted that construction for the 2022 road program and Mercer Ave. is just about completed, and a punch list is being worked on. Erika mentioned that there will be a pre-construction meeting with the Bergen Ave. project within the next few weeks and that the Chestnut Branch Park bathrooms project is underway.

**Department of Public Works Report:**

Mr. deMers was absent

**Police Department Report:**

The chief noted that the department is happy about tonight's promotions as they are well deserved. He also noted that with school opening, they will be putting on a few more crossing guards.

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

Solicitor Pierson noted that the Township will be adhering strictly to the 5-minute rule as noted in Resolution R-32-2022, to allow everyone to speak, He noted that any answers will be at the end and will be at the sole discretion of the Administration and Committee. He also noted that we expect everyone here at tonight's meeting to maintain decorum as there are a lot of people here that want to have an opportunity to speak.

**Public Participation:**

Maureen McCabe – Elm Ave – Woodbury Heights – Ms. McCabe inquired as to why the committee is allowing Rowan University to destroy this township as well as other. The University pays 6 thousand dollars to have shuttle services that apparently no one is using. Why should the residents have to battle both the BRT/GCL. Ms. McCabe noted that the last meeting minutes noted that the mayor said he would not be doing a resolution. Ms. McCabe noted that this is something that needs to be done.

Ed Janda – 506 Lestershire Dr. – Mr. Janda discussed that the GCL going to Rowan is destroying the township. As things stand now it will be going through 97 times on Main Street. This creates a major devaluation of properties, business as well as the environmental impact. Mr. Janda also discussed that no one has mentioned the hazardous materials that will be used and/or removed that will affect our drinking water. There will be low ridership. It will be cheaper to use the provided shuttles. In addition, Mr. Janda noted that in this meeting room, there are only items about Rowan University, there is no history in this building or in this room. Maybe history about how this town started, the first Mayor, the first fire department, the first police Chief. Stop putting Rowan in here.

Ryan Campbell – 223 Hunterdon Ave – Mr. Campbell thanked the committee for giving him the opportunity to speak. He inquired if both the Mayor and Deputy Mayor represent the Public Safety Committee for both the Township & Gloucester County? He then inquired as to why there would be fire vehicles that have confidential plates? He also noted that the vehicles have been known to be out of the county as well as out of state. Can someone clarify why this happens? Mr. Campbell also asked as to how many contracts are given to Car Effex? How is this ethical if Mr. Layton sits on the board? Mr. Campbell went on to note that there are 3 criminal complaints and found probable cause to one of the Mantua Twp sergeants that was posted on Facebook. It also went on to say that the sergeant was demoted and suspended. Can someone let us know where we stand regarding this matter?

Solicitor Pierson noted that if this is a criminal complaint, that he strongly suggests that the committee offer “no comment”

Mr. Campbell inquired if Mr. Pierson represents the town counsel and/or the entire Township?

Mr. Pierson noted that Mr. Campbell continues to chastise him to get a response. Mr. Pierson reminded Mr. Campbell of his 5-minute time.

Administrator Bileci noted that there are bills for Car Effex on tonight’s bill list. Any committee member who has a conflict can abstain from them.

Mike Magilton – 8 Birchwood Lane – Mr. Magilton thanked the mayor and the rest of the committee for all that do for the Boy Scouts. It is much appreciated.

Maureen McCabe – Ms. McCabe asked Mayor Scirrotto why he hasn’t had a moment of silence for both K-9’s that have passed away. Mayor Scirrotto noted that the meeting would now have a moment of silence for the two K-9’s that were lost.

Gregg Shast – 39 Silvercreek Dr. – Mr. Shast noted to the people attending the meeting that when someone is speaking, he would appreciate that people don't speak in the general audience, as it makes it difficult to hear. He also stated that he agrees with the 5-minute rule and that people should not speak until the prior person has completed their 5 minutes. Mr. Shast also commented that when he was a resident in Wenonah, he was opposed to the train then, he attended several meetings, and he feels that the people who are here speaking on the GCL have lost sight and forgotten their thoughts. He noted that the TPRA is making the decisions and the people should attend their meetings as they would get media coverage, rather than these local meetings.

Charles Hughes – 31 N. Child St., Woodbury – He noted that he has communicated with the Port Authority and the people who oversee the GCL. He was advised that an authority does not have to report to anyone. What must happen Mr. Hughes noted is that we the people must come to the local municipality, and they will have to go to the County and then the county would have to voice the opinion of the people to the proper authority.

Tony – 522 Allen St., Woodbury – He commented that the original train line in 1850 was due to the population being close to the line. He discussed that as of today the population has moved away from the rail line which is why this doesn't make sense to move forward with the GCL.

Anna Janda – 506 Lestershire Dr. – Ms. Janda noted that she has done a lot of research and she noted that she has talked with everyone before about that we have moved here for a reason and thought this town was the place to be, but we have become very disappointed as we came to find out the GCL was resurrected. A lot of the things that she found out were things from the past. She continued with Mayor Pete that she knows that you decided to run for office and that people talked you into running and they thought you would be good at it, and I think you are, you didn't come in here with a lot of bad intentions. She noted that the mayor didn't come in with bad intentions at all. She thinks that many of his intentions are good. She feels that this is unfortunate at this point because it looks like when you were elected you were a republican and then you had to switch your party, got a county job and the sad part about it is that's a Sweeney control thing. He dangled a carrot, and you took the carrot. It was like the forbidden fruit. She noted that the 1996 Resolution was against the GCL and it represented the people of this town. The 2009 Resolution did not represent the people of the town. This resolution was pushed through because I'm sure you needed to do that. I respect the gentlemen here who stated that it must be fought somewhere else. You would not have made that 2009 resolution if they didn't feel it was important. If Sweeney didn't feel it was important to push it further ahead. He had to show that he had control down here Sweeney and Norcross had to show that they had control over all of us. Ms. Janda went on to say that they don't have control over us. Were the people. Ms. Janda showed the committee and the audience her tax bill she noted that she is a taxpayer. She noted that she has a water and sewer bill, she owns a home in Mantua Township, she pays taxes to this township as do many of the people in the room, Sweeney does not. Sweeney does not pay taxes here and Sweeney does not control us. There's a reason why he was voted out and it's not just that people are voting republican, it's the fact that they want this garbage out. You should have gone when the going was good and now you have this thorn in your side with the GCL and its getting pushed and pushed and your trying to convince us that it's not. You can see the whole trail of what he did. Its very very sad that this happened to you. Ms. Janda stated that she feels bad. She continued to state that maybe it was bad

back then, maybe the economy got bad, I know you had your own business, it probably looked better to have a government job, she noted that she isn't sure but its very very sad for us on how you're dealing with this with us and this is why we are here. We are here fighting because obviously it was important for you to flip flop. I called you out at the last meeting for flip flopping with the resolution otherwise you wouldn't have done it. It apparently was so important that we all were in lock stock and barrel with Mr. Sweeney, that its important enough to reverse it now for us because we need it reversed, we want it reversed, this is what we want as a town. I looked at the minutes from last meeting and I feel that they are a little bit inaccurate because I know that I said there was a 1996 resolution, and it was doe in opposition of the GCL and then again in August of 2009. The minutes should read the one done in 2009 was a flip flop and it was done in support of the GCL without the people of the town, the majority of the people wanting it done. We don't want the GCL. The GCL is pure waste of money, and time. Now SJ Transit wants the DRT coming straight down Route 47 with dedicated lanes. How ridiculous is it that you wouldn't just run it that right down to Mullica Hill? She noted that this is crazy. There is no logic, we need common sense, and this is what we need from you. Ms. Janda went on to note that we don't want to come in here and fight with people. It is my problem. I take full responsibility she noted. I thought everything was going great and I never came to meetings. She noted that she doesn't want to sit and research stuff all the time, but now we are in a position that we need a group to make sure that someone is at every single meeting to make sure that the citizens are represented. This isn't a conglomerate to make sure that everyone is happy. We are told all the time that no one knows anything. Ms. Janda noted that everyone does know what is going on as you did a resolution. This is your town, we need to know, we need the resolution. She discussed that she is very disappointed in what she sees. She noted that she doesn't think this was the mayors' intentions however, that is what the intentions are right now. You've upset a whole lot of people in this room. There are a lot of people that love things about Mantua, but the GCL isn't one of them.

Lois Hadfield – 256 Evergreen Ave – Ms. Hadfield noted that during the 1980's she was involved in the GCL and at that time It was put on the back burner as the traffic and growth of the area were not what the GCL needed at that time. Ms. Hatfield now stated that there is Rowan University which is a large contributor this this area. They are planning on putting a new Veterinarian school there as well. In addition, it is her understanding that the EIS studies have been done and it is her understanding that this is at the design stage at this time. Ms. Hadfield noted that the GCL is coming through our town.

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

RESOLUTION R-134-2022: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA APPROVING THE PROMOTION OF PATROLMAN CODY MROZ TO THE RANK OF CORPORAL WITH THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

ORDINANCE 08-2022: 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.

Mayor Scirrotto asked for a motion to open Ordinance #8-2022 to the public. Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to open the motion. It was second by Committeeman Legge.

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to adopt, it was second by Committeeman Legge

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to close; it was second by Committeeman Legge

All were in favor.

ORDINANCE 09-2022: AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO AMEND CHAPTER 230, SECTIONS 7, 19 THROUGH 25, 30, 38, 44 & 46 ENTITLED "LAND DEVELOPMENT" OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Mayor Scirrotto read the Ordinance.

Mayor Scirrotto asked for a motion to open Ordinance #8-2022 to the public. Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to open the motion. It was second by Committeeman Legge.

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to adopt, it was second by Committeeman Legge

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to close; it was second by Committeeman Legge

All were in favor.

RESOLUTION R-130-2022: RESOLUTION APPOINTING ANTHONY FRANCESCO AS SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT CLASS II OFFICER WITH THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

RESOLUTION R-131-2022: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA APPROVING THE PROMOTION OF CORPORAL JASON LIPSETT TO THE RANK OF SERGEANT WITH THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

RESOLUTION R-132-2022: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA APPROVING THE PROMOTION OF PATROLMAN

WILLIAM DONOVAN TO THE RANK OF CORPORAL WITH THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

RESOLUTION R-133-2022: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA APPROVING THE PROMOTION OF PATROLMAN SALVATORE OLDRATI TO THE RANK OF CORPORAL WITH THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

RESOLUTION R-135-2022: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH PRO PHOENIX CORPORATION FOR THE INSTALLATION OF THE PHOENIX PUBLIC SAFETY SOLUTION SUITE FOR THE NJ E TICKET PROGRAM FOR THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

RESOLUTION R-136-2022: A RESOLUTION OF THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF A BUILDING PERMIT FEE (PERMIT #222000275) FOR THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 261 W. CUMBERLAND AVE., SEWELL, NJ IN THE AMOUNT OF \$268.00

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

RESOLUTION R-137-2022: A RESOLUTION OF THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AUTHORIZING A REFUND OF A ZONING PERMIT FEE (PERMIT FOR THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 90 CANDLEWOOD DR., MANTUA, NJ 15.00

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

RESOLUTION R-138-2022: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AWARD OF CONTRACT UNDER A NATIONAL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT WITH SOURCEWELL CONTRACT NO. 030117-LTS FOR PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,308.00 FOR CHESTNUT BRANCH PARK

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

RESOLUTION R-139-2022: A RESOLUTION OF THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE 2022 GLOUCESTER COUNTY, NEW JERSEY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE

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

RESOLUTION R-140-2022: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AWARDING A BID IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$180,374.00 TO THINK PAVERS FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS RECONSTRUCTION OF BERGEN AVENUE

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

RESOLUTION R- 141-2022: A 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 adopt; it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Committeeman Legge.  
All in Favor

RESOLUTION R-142-2022: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA ADOPTING A TECHNOLOGY RISK MANAGEMENT STANDARD IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE NEW JERSEY MUNICIPAL EXCESS LIABILITY JOINT INSURANCE FUND'S CYBER RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN'S TIER ONE REQUIREMENTS

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

RESOLUTION R-143-2022: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AUTHORIZING TAX REFUNDS AND/OR CANCELLATIONS

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

RESOLUTION R-144-2022: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA APPROVING THE HIRING OF JEFFREY LIBERTA AS A CLASS 2 LABORER IN THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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

RESOLUTION R-145-2022: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA APPROVING THE HIRING OF SHAWN GIBSON AS A CLASS 2 LABORER IN THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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

RESOLUTION R-146-2022: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA REGARDING ADOPTION OF A CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN AS TO SICK LEAVE POLICIES

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

RESOLUTION R147-2022: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A TOWNSHIP ISSUED FIREARM TO DOUG HERNER IN RECOGNITION OF HIS RETIREMENT AS PATROLMAN OF POLICE AND FOR HIS SERVICE WITH THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

RESOLUTION R-148-2022: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA EXECUTING A HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT WITH DOUGLAS HERNER FOR THE RELEASE OF HIS TOWNSHIP ISSUED SERVICE FIREARM

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

RESOLUTION R149-2022: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A TOWNSHIP ISSUED FIREARM TO NICK GUIDOTTI IN RECOGNITION OF HIS RETIREMENT AS A DETECTIVE OF POLICE AND FOR HIS SERVICE WITH THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

RESOLUTION R-150-2022: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA EXECUTING A HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT WITH NICK GUIDOTTI FOR THE RELEASE OF HIS TOWNSHIP ISSUED SERVICE FIREARM

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

RESOLUTION R-151-2022: A RESOLUTION OF THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AMENDING THE SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP AND MANTUA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR RESOURCE OFFICERS FOR THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

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



RESOLUTION R-152-2022: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP  
COMMITTEE AMENDING RESOLUTION 124-2022 APPOINTING MARK  
HALLAHAN AS BUILDING INSPECTOR

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

RESOLUTION R-153-2022: RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONTRACT TO  
R. MOSLOWSKI EXC. INC FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS HICKORY  
AVENUE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

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

RESOLUTION R-154-2022: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP  
COMMITTEE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) 2023 POLICE  
INTERCEPTOR UTILITY VEHICLES FOR THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP  
POLICE DEPARTMENT UNDER STATE CONTRACT NO. 20-FLEET-01189  
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$74,580.00, FROM WINNER FORD

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

RESOLUTION R-155-2022: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP  
COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AUTHORIZING THE  
PURCHASE OF POLICE VEHICLE UPFIT VIA VARIOUS NJ STATE  
CONTRACTS FROM GENERAL SALES ADMINISTRATION, DBA MAJOR  
POLICE SUPPLY FOR THE USE WITHIN THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP  
POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

**Remarks from the Township Committee**

Committeeman Legge reminded everyone that the VFW 5K run is coming up.

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman noted that the Recreation Committee will be hosting the  
Winter Festival on December 1<sup>st</sup> beginning at 5:00 p.m. The rain date will be December  
2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Motion to Pay the Bills:** Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion; it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by  
Committeeman Legge. All were in favor

**Motion to Close:** Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion; it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by  
Committeeman Legge. All were in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela LeVine, Township Deputy Clerk