

Township of Mantua
Committee Meeting
October 17, 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. James Pierson, Mr. deMers, Public Works Superintendent, Erika Covely, Engineer, Chief White

Approval of the September 19, 2022, committee meeting - Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to adopt; it was 2nd by Committeeman Legge, Committeewoman Lukens abstained. All were in favor.

Engineering Report:

Mrs. Covely noted that the 2022 Local Road Program is completed, and the contractor is working on closing out the project. She also commented that NJDOT reconstruction of Bergen Ave is pending the NJDOT approval and that once this is done, a preconstruction meeting will be scheduled. Regarding the CDBG grants for both chestnut branch park and the senior center roof replacement, the plans and specifications have been completed and will be forwarded to the county for approval.

Department of Public Works Report:

Mr deMers discussed that the department is finishing up all the mowing for the 2022 season within the next week and that they are completing inlet repairs and will be done by the end of the month.

Glenn went on to discuss the there is no update to receiving the new brush crane. We are still on the schedule for the time frame of November – December at this time. Glenn did mention that the chasis is in and is waiting to be built.

The 2022 leaf season will begin October 31st and Glenn noted that Heilig Orchards has agreed to take on our leaves for a second year in a row, with no cost to the township.

The Public Works Convenience Center drop off is now back to its normal schedule of the 4th Saturday of each mont between 10-2 p.m.

Police Department Report:

The Chief noted that the department has completed their DUI grant and that over 90 cars stopped with 53 tickets issued and 5 fugitives apprehended. Darren also mentioned that this evening the award banquet and there are several of the officers' receiving awards. The Chief discussed that the department will be attending the Trunk or Treat as well as handing out candy on Halloween as they have done in past years.

Committeeman Legge inquired of the chief if the corner of Barnesboro/Richwood Rd has been completed with the cut back. The chief noted that he will follow up with this.

Public Participation:

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

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 allowing the people here that want to have an opportunity to speak.

Charles Hughes – 31 N. Child St., Woodbury – Mr. Hughes mentioned that there was an informational meeting in Wenonah on October 7, 2022, and that the representatives from the Port Authority spoke. The remaining audio was unable to be heard.

Tony Alavario – 522 Delaware St. Mr. Alavario noted that he is the administrator of the "Say No to the GCL Facebook page. The remaining audio was unable to be heard.

Anna Janda – 506 Lestershire Dr – Ms. Janda addressed the Township Committee and asked to be represented and asked for a resolution opposing the GCL. She noted that everyone says it doesn't matter however it obviously does matter or the resolution previously wouldn't have been done to begin with. Ms. Janda stated that a resolution was passed by the committee in 2009 in support of the GCL. Mayor Scirrotto stated that money will be the reason the GCL is stopped, not ordinances and/or resolutions. Mayor Scirrotto noted that he has been part of the committee for over 30 years and that he has poured his heart and soul into this township and that the train does not define him.

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman noted that again he will state that there is a huge misconception that the township has information. He explained that the township has no knowledge other than what the public has. Deputy Mayor Zimmerman stated this is not a township project and if the residents were here about a township project, the committee would be able to give answers. Deputy Mayor Zimmerman explained that the Township wants a seat at the table with the GCL. He stated that they have earmarked Mantua for three stops, and we don't want any here in Mantua. Until we get information directly from the source, we have no further information. Deputy Mayor Zimmerman stated that there are over 16,000 residents in this town, the committee has a responsibility to all 16,000, not just the nine that say they are against the GCL and not just the four that say they are for it. Deputy Mayor Zimmerman went on to note that one thing is 100 percent factual that we do not have a say on whether the train comes through Mantua.

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

ORDINANCE 10-2022: AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA ESTABLISHING A RESTRICTED PARKING ZONE IN FRONT OF THE RESIDENCE 29 ARBOUR LANE PURSUANT TO *N.J.S.A.* 39:4-197.6 AND 39:4-138.6

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

RESOLUTION R-157-2022: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AUTHORIZING TAX REFUNDS AND/OR CANCELATIONS

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

RESOLUTION R-158-2022: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS ADA BATHROOM UPGRADES AT CHESTNUT BRANCH PARK

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

RESOLUTION R-159-2022: RESOLUTION ADOPTING CYBER INCIDENT RESPONSE PLAN 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 2nd by Committeeman Legge.
All in Favor

RESOLUTION R-160-2022: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA ENFORCING A HALLOWEEN CURFEW IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA COMMENCING OCTOBER 30, 2022, UNTIL OCTOBER 31, 2022, AND SETTING TIMES FOR TRICK-OR-TREATING FOR OCTOBER 31, 2022

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

RESOLUTION R-161-2022: A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING MECHANICS LIEN ON REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA KNOWN AS 30-32 MANTUA BLVD., FOR MAINTENANCE WORK AUTHORIZED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA

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

RESOLUTION R- 162-2022: RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AND SCHAFER PYROTECHNICS FOR A FIREWORKS DISPLAY TO OCCUR ON DECEMBER 1, 2022, AT THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP WINTER FESTIVAL HOLIDAY EVENT

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

RESOLUTION R-164-2022: RESOLUTION APPOINTING REBECCA CALP AS DEPUTY COURT ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE MANTUA REGIONAL COURT

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

RESOLUTION R-165-2022: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA INCREASING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000.00 FOR THE SENIOR COMMUNITY CENTER ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECT

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

RESOLUTION R-166-2022: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA INCREASING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000.00 FOR THE ADA BATHROOM UPGRADES AT CHESTNUT BRANCH PARK

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

RESOLUTION R-167-2022: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AWARDED A CONTRACT TO PROVIDE ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE 2022 HOLIDAY CELEBRATION AT CHESTNUT BRANCH PARK

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

RESOLUTION R-168-2022: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AUTHORIZING SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER FOR QPA RELATED SERVICES

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

Remarks from the Township Committee

Committeeman Legge thanked the CFW for the great turnout for the 5K run even with the terrible weather. Committeeman Legge also reminded everyone about the upcoming Veterans Day Ceremony on November 11, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. here at the building

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman noted that the Winter Festival will be on Thursday December 1, 2022, at Chestnut Branch Park beginning at 5:00 pm.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela LeVine, Township Deputy Clerk