

Township of Mantua
Committee Meeting
June 12, 2023
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 Zimmerman called the meeting to order. The time was 6:00 p.m. Mayor Zimmerman asked everyone to rise for the Flag Salute and remain standing to observe a moment of silence.

Mayor Zimmerman delivered the Sunshine Notice as required by the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act.

Roll Call: Pamela LeVine, Township Deputy Clerk, Committeeman Layton, Committeeman Legge, Committeewoman Lukens, Mayor Zimmerman, Deputy Mayor Scirrotto, Mrs. Jennica Bileci, Township Administrator, Mrs. Pamela LeVine, Deputy Township Clerk, Mr. Stuart Platt, Solicitor, Mr. deMers, Public Works Superintendent, Erika Covely, Engineer, Chief White

Mayor Zimmerman asked for a moment of silence for the high school senior that was found in Pitman's Alcyon Lake.

Approval of Minutes:

Approval of the May 8, 2023, minutes.

Motion to approve: Deputy Mayor Scirrotto, 2nd Committeeman Legge

Roll Call Vote: 5 yes votes.

Engineering Report:

Mrs. Covely noted that the Bergen Ave project has been completed and that a punch list is being worked on. Erika also mentioned that the Montgomery Ave project is just about completed. The project for South McCarthy has been sent to the DEP for approval. Once approved the township can go out for bid on this project.

Department of Public Works Report:

Glenn discussed that he and Pam completed the recycling grant for this year and has been notified by the DEP that the Township will be receiving \$73,940.63. In addition, Glenn discussed that the department recently had an incident with a helium tank thrown away in the recycling cart. Glenn reminded everyone that no helium, propane or any other form of combustible, compressed tanks are to be thrown in the trash/recycling carts. These should be considered to be hazardous waste and would need to be taken to the Countys Household Special Waste Days. He also mentioned that he had Brett put this on the township website. Mayor Zimmerman noted that he will see that it gets out on all social media avenues. In closing, Glenn noted that the Public Works Convenience Center drop off will be open each Saturday through Labor Day between 10-2 p.m.

Police Department Report:

The Chief noted that the testing and interview process of our new officer selection to fill open positions is essentially complete. He advised that they need to conduct a background check, obtain a drug screening, and psychological screening on potential new hires. Once this is completed, he will then follow up with a list of recommendations to present to the committee. Darren also noted that the written test for sergeant promotions took place last week and the oral portion will be taking place this week for sergeants and corporals. Both are conducted by the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police.

Pursuant to Resolution R-32-2023, there is a time limit of five (5) minutes per person. Mayor Zimmerman discussed the new rules of the public session.

Public Participation:

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

Linda McAdams – 2 Arsen Court

Ms. Adams as well as other members of the homeowner's association of Villages of Mantua came to let the committee know that there continues to be issues with the infrastructure coming from the basin on the outside of the communities proper. They also noted that there is going to be a meeting at some time with the DEP, DOT as well as the Township and Township Engineer regarding this matter. Committeeman Legge asked that he be kept in the loop in regard to engineering.

Mr. Chares Hughes – 31 Child St. Woodbury, NJ

Mr. Hughes noted that they have been gathering petitions regarding the G.C.L. He noted that there are currently 800 signatures and that 1257 are needed for this to be on the upcoming ballot. Mayor Zimmerman noted that they have been in his community and have knocked on his door. He noted that he will not be signing the petition as he wants it to be what the people of Mantua want.

Mrs. Josie Ladd- 124 Carriage Hill Circle

Mrs. Ladd thanked the mayor for all the information that he puts out on the various areas of social media as well as all the topics that are addressed allowing the residents to know what is going on.

Anna Janda – 506 Lestershire

Ms. Janda noted that an OPRA request was handed into the clerk's office on an MUA OPRA request form and the township answered it. She asked if she could please re hand this into the correct person for it to be answered. Deputy Clerk LeVine received the OPRA and advised Ms. Janda that it would get to the MUA. In addition, Ms. Janda handed in another OPRA request to the Township. Mayor Zimmerman noted that we have missed Ms. Janda at the last few meetings. He also noted that there was a social media post on 4/11/23 that stated that the committee was opposed to any meetings with the DRPA. Mayor Zimmerman noted that at the last meeting, it was discussed that Administrator Bileci reached out to Mr. Rick England who noted that there were no scheduled meetings within the various towns at this time and that maybe they would reconvene later during the summer months. In addition, the mayor noted that on 5/5/21 there was a zoom meeting as this was during COVID-19 and there were about 20 people including members from this committee that were in attendance.

ORDINANCE 0-8-2023: AN ORDINANCE BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA CODE OF ORDINANCES TO REPEAL AND REPLACE CHAPTER 188; TO ADOPT FLOOD HAZARD MAPS; TO DESIGNATE A FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Zimmerman read the Ordinance and stated that this was an adoption and that there will be a public portion.

Motion to open to the public was made by Deputy Mayor Scirrotto, 2nd Committeeman Legge. No one wished to speak.

Mayor Zimmerman asked for a roll call.

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Scirrotto, 2nd Committeeman Legge

Roll Call Vote: All in favor.

ORDINANCE 9-2022: AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK

Mayor Zimmerman read the Ordinance and stated that this was an introduction.

Mayor Zimmerman asked for a roll call.

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Scirrotto, 2nd Committeeman Legge

Roll Call Vote: All in favor.

Mayor Zimmerman noted that at the July 10, 2023 Administrator Bileci will have a budget presentation and that Michael Welding from Bowman & Company will be here to answer any questions.

ORDINANCE O-10-2022: 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 2023

Mayor Zimmerman read the Ordinance and stated that this was an introduction.

Mayor Zimmerman asked for a roll call. Committeeman Layton Abstained.

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Scirrotto, 2nd Committeeman Legge

Roll Call Vote: All in favor.

Resolution No. 97-2023 through No 112-2023 are considered to be routine by the Township Committee and will be acted upon in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Township Committee member so requests. In this event, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in the normal sequence of the agenda.

Mayor Zimmerman noted that Resolution No. 97-2023 through Resolution No. 112-2023 are considered routine business by the Township Committee and will be acted upon in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Township Committee member so requests. In this event, the item will be removed from the consented agenda and considered in the normal sequence of the agenda.

Deputy Mayor Scirrotto made a motion to authorize a consented agenda; it was 2nd by Committeeman Legge. All were in Favor.

Deputy Mayor Scirrotto made a motion to adopt the consented agenda; it was 2nd by Committeeman Legge. Committeeman Layton Abstained from Resolution R-99-2023, Mayor Zimmerman Abstained from Resolution R-106-2023

All were in Favor.

Roll Call Vote: All in favor.

RESOLUTION R-97-2023: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA INTRODUCING THE 2023 MUNICIPAL BUDGET (Inside the Budget)

RESOLUTION R-98-2023: A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE UNITED STATES EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION'S "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964"

RESOLUTION R-99-2023: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE LIEUTENANT'S MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING TO INCLUDE LANGUAGE REGARDING COMPENSATORY TIME

RESOLUTION R-100-2023: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF REMAINING PROFESSIONAL ESCROW FUNDS

RESOLUTION R-101-2023: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH ROYAL OAKS UNDER THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES ACT.

RESOLUTION R-102-2023: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AWARDED A BID TO PAVING PLUS FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS ON CALL CONTRACTOR FOR MISCELLANEOUS CONSTRUCTION

RESOLUTION R-103-2023: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER FOR THE 2023 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FOR BERKLEY ROAD AND FRANKLIN AVENUE STORM SEWER IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION R-104-2023: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA APPROVING THE HIRING OF MICHAEL MICKEN AS A CLASS 2 LABORER IN THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

RESOLUTION R-105-2023: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE CANCELLING TAXES FOR A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN FOR THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 61 LOT, QUALIFIER 0110, AS 110 PENDRAGON WAY, MANTUA, FOR THE THIRD AND FOURTH QUARTERS, 2022 AS WELL AS THE FIRST AND SECOND QUARTERS, 2023 AND ANY FUTURE TAXES.

RESOLUTION R-106-2023: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA DEEMING WILLIAM CZYZEWSKI A TOTAL DISABLED VETERAN FOR TAX EXEMPTIONS PURPOSES AT 56 THACKERY COURT, SEWELL NJ 08080

RESOLUTION R-107-2023: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA RE-APPOINTING GLENN DEMERS TO THE POSITION OF SUPERINTENDENT OF THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

RESOLUTION R-108-2023: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF LIQUOR LICENSES FOR THE 2023-2024 LICENSING TERM

RESOLUTION R-109-2023: RESOLUTION FOR THE APPROVAL AND AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE TEAMSTERS LOCAL NO. 676 AND THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA FOR A FOUR-YEAR CONTRACT BEGINNING ON JANUARY 2023 AND ENDING ON DECEMBER 2026

RESOLUTION R-110-2023: 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

RESOLUTION R-111-2023: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AUTHORIZING AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING AGREEMENT WITH COMMUNITY OPTIONS, INC.

RESOLUTION R-112-2023: A RESOLUTION APPROVING PARTICIPATION WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND ACCEPTANCE OF A SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY, OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SUBAWARD NO. 23-0810, SUBAWARD PERIOD 4/15/23 - 4/14/24, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$32,400.00

Remarks from the Township Solicitor:

Mr. Platt made no remarks.

Remarks from the Township Administrator:

Mrs. Bileci made no remarks.

Remarks from the Township Committee:

Committeewoman Lukens noted that her prayers go out to the family in Pitman who must bear this horrible thing at this time of year with students graduating.

Committeeman Legge second the remarks regarding the student in Pitman.

Committeeman Legge inquired as to why the County has Mantua Blvd. closed. If the Administrator can find out why, and for how long and if the residents are going to be notified.

Deputy Mayor noted that he is sending prayers to the family in Pitman and how life can change in a second.

Mayor Zimmerman noted that there is Sr. dinner tomorrow at the community center at 6:00 p.m. and reminded everyone that the Big Night Out is on Wednesday after being rescheduled from the prior week. From 5-8 pm

Deputy Mayor Scirrotto made a motion to approve the bill list; it was 2nd by Committeeman Legge. Committeeman Layton Abstained. Four were in favor.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Layton - Abstain, Mrs. Lukens, Mr. Legge, Mr. Scirrotto, Mayor Zimmerman

Deputy Mayor Scirrotto made a motion to adjourn; it was 2nd by Committeeman Legge. All were in Favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela LeVine

Township Deputy Clerk