

Township of Mantua
Committee Meeting
March 13, 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: Jennica Bileci, Township Clerk/Administrator
Committeeman Layton, Committeeman Legge, Committeewoman Lukens, Mayor Zimmerman, Deputy Mayor Scirrotto, Mrs. Jennica Bileci, Township Administrator, Mrs. Pamela LeVine, Deputy Township Clerk- Absent, Mr. Stuart Platt, Solicitor, Mr. deMers, Public Works Superintendent, Erika Covely, Engineer, Chief White

Approval of Minutes:

Approval of the February 13, 2023 minutes.

The Mayor asked for an amendment to the minutes to change the start time from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.

Motion to approve: Deputy Mayor Scirrotto, 2nd Committeeman Legge
Roll Call Vote: 5 yes votes

Presentation: Joe Henry, Hardenbrg Insurance

Mr. Henry gave a brief presentation as our Safety Director discussing ways to avoid company and minimize risk.

Engineering Report:

Mrs. Covely stated that the roof project at the Community Center is underway. She also commented that the bathroom project at Chestnut Branch Park is almost completed. Mayor Zimmerman asked Ms. Covely about the duration of the project at the Community and Ms. Covely responded that once they get started that the project should run quickly.

Department of Public Works Report:

Mr. deMers stated that green cart pickup will begin on March 20th. He also explained that the tire amnesty program and that it is our first time offering this service. Glenn also commented that Public Works was able to assist Sewell Rail dogs with adding grinding to their parking lot to fill the potholes.

Glenn also discussed Spring Leaf Clean Up which will be the 3rd week in April. Mayor Zimmerman asked Glenn to explain this service and Mr. deMers stated that the Township offers this service once a year to collect leaves that are being raked to the curb in effort to

prepare residential properties for the Spring. He further stated that no branches or brush can be placed at the curb with the leaves.

Police Department Report:

Chief White stated that the Police Department is finishing the last steps to having the e ticket machines installed. Chief White also explained that officers are looking at option for more training for ATV use. He also commented that the Class 1 officers have finished their training and that he is looking forward to having working within the Department.

Chief White stated that the police Department received a donation of trail cameras that are already being used to capture illegal activities such as graffiti to the bridge on Mantua Blvd.

Chief White announced that Lt. Murphy is the new SWOT team commander and that he is really proud to have him serving in this capacity.

Mr. Legge asked Chief White if there was an update on Heileg Road. The Chief responded that he would follow back up with the resident regarding the site triangle.

Deputy Mayor Scirrotto asked to revert a question back to Glenn regarding the tire amnesty program. He asked how many tires residents are allowed to put out. Mr. deMers responded that residents are allowed 4 tires and no truck tires or rims. The Deputy Mayor stated that he thought that this was a great service to provide to the residents and thanked Glenn for his leadership on this effort.

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.

Bill Crew- 121 E. Sussex

Mr. Crew questioned why there are no comments allowed on the Township's social media page. Mayor Zimmerman responded that the social media pages have always been structured this way since it is strictly informational forum.

Ms. Josie Ladd- 124 Carriage Hill Circle

Ms. Ladd stated that she appreciates the fact the there are rules in place for conduct at public meetings.

Mr. Janda- 506 Lestershire Dr:

Mr. Janda commented that there are individuals who are speaking on behalf of the Say No to GCL that do not live in Mantua.

Anna Janda - 506 Lestershire Dr:

Ms. Janda spoke with regards to the GCL and questioned the need for the rail specifically towards the ridership levels.

She stated that she saw that the Township was advertising for a Group Home. She asked where the high density is being located in the Township. Mayor Zimmerman responded and advised her that the Township COAH planner will be in attendance at the next meeting to address any questions during the public hearing of those Ordinances.

Mr. Chares Hughes:

He stated that there will be an informational session held at Mantua Fire Museum on Friday, March 24th. It will be the same format as the previous meetings.

Tony Alavario – 522 Delaware Street :

He discussed the GCL and stated that Mantua & Woodbury have the same things in common about the GCL.

ORDINANCE O-2-2023:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AMENDING CHAPTER 400 “VEHICLES, MOTOR-PROPELLED” OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA

Mayor Zimmerman read the Ordinance and stated that it was a first reading.

Committeeman John Legge asked for the Ordinance to be tabled in order to discuss changing the restrictions on proximity to residential property.

Mayor Zimmerman asked for a motion to table
Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Scirrotto , 2nd Committeeman Legge
Roll Call Vote: All in favor

ORDINANCE O-3-2023:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ADOPTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE ROUTE 55 REDEVELOPMENT PLAN TO ALLOW FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF INCLUSIONARY AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Mayor Zimmerman read the Ordinance and stated that it was a first reading. He also stated that a public hearing will be held at the April 10th meeting and the Township’s COAH planner Jim Kyle will be in attendance to answer any questions on the Ordinance’s regarding COAH.

Motion to introduce was made by Deputy Mayor Scirrotto , 2nd Committeeman Legge
Roll Call Vote: All in favor

ORDINANCE O-4-2023:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 230-69 “AFFORDABLE HOUSING REQUIREMENTS”

Mayor Zimmerman read the Ordinance and stated that it was a first reading.

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Scirrotto , 2nd Committeeman Legge
Roll Call Vote: All in favor

ORDINANCE O-5-2023:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 98 “AFFORDABLE HOUSING REQUIREMENTS”

Mayor Zimmerman read the Ordinance and stated that it was a first reading.

Motion to introduce was made by Deputy Mayor Scirrotto , 2nd Committeeman Legge
Roll Call Vote: All in favor

ORDINANCE O-6-2023:

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING SECTION 230-71 “PROVISION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING PURSUANT TO CYCLE THREE “GROWTH SHARE” REGULATIONS” WITH “MANDATORY AFFORDABLE HOUSING SET ASIDE REQUIREMENTS”

Mayor Zimmerman read the Ordinance and stated that it was a first reading.

Motion to introduce was made by Deputy Mayor Scirrotto , 2nd Committeeman Legge
Roll Call Vote: All in favor

RESOLUTION R-60-2023:

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA APPROVING THE PROMOTION OF BRIAN HAUSS TO THE RANK OF LIEUTENANT WITH THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mayor Zimmerman read the Resolution.

Motion to approve was made by Deputy Mayor Scirrotto , 2nd Committeeman Legge
Roll Call Vote: 4 in favor, 1 abstention

The swearing in ceremony was performed for Lieutenant Brian Hauss.

Chief White presented background information on Officer Brian Hauss.

RESOLUTION R-61-2023:

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA APPROVING THE PROMOTION OF BRIAN CRISPIN TO THE RANK OF SERGEANT WITH THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mayor Zimmerman read the Resolution.

Motion to approve was made by Deputy Mayor Scirrotto , 2nd Committeeman Legge
Roll Call Vote: 5 yes votes

The swearing in ceremony was performed for Sergeant Brian Crispin.

Chief White presented background information on Officer Brian Crispin.

Mayor Zimmerman noted that Resolution No. 40-2023 through Resolution No. 59-2023 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.

RESOLUTION R-62-2023:

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA APPOINTING A MUNICIPAL HOUSING LIAISON

RESOLUTION R-63-2023:

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AND THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER FOR THE MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE DRUG AND ALCOHOL SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD COMMENCING JULY 1, 2023, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024

RESOLUTION R-64-2023:

RESOLUTION OF THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AUTHORIZING A PLUMBING PERMIT FEE BE REFUNDED TO THE CONTRACTOR ACCURATE PLUMBING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$120.00

RESOLUTION R-65-2023:

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE APPROVING THE REDUCTION OF A PERFORMANCE BOND TO A NEW AMOUNT OF \$71,103.90 FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS 433 WOODBURY GLASSBORO ROAD

RESOLUTION R-66-2023:

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA REFUNDING CERTAIN OVERPAYMENT FOR PROPERTY TAXES FOR BLOCK 26, LOT 4 271 MONTGOMERY DRIVE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,509.29

RESOLUTION R-67-2023:

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC SALE OF CERTAIN TOWNSHIP OWNED PROPERTIES PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13(a)

RESOLUTION R-68-2023:

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF REMAINING PROFESSIONAL ESCROW FUNDS

RESOLUTION R-69-2023:

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA TO MAKE CERTAIN BUDGET TRANSFERS BETWEEN APPROPRIATION RESERVES PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58

RESOLUTION R-70-2023:

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP LAND USE BOARD

RESOLUTION R-71-2023:

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AUTHORIZING REFERRAL TO THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP JOINT LAND USE BOARD OF AMENDED DEVELOPMENT FEE ORDINANCE, MANDATORY SET ASIDE ORDINANCE, AFFORDABLE HOUSING ORDINANCE AND AMENDED ROUTE 55 REDEVELOPMENT PLAN

RESOLUTION R- 72-2023:

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-73-2023:

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA REJECTING ALL BIDS FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS HVAC PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING

RESOLUTION R-74-2023:

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A TOWNSHIP ISSUED FIREARM TO BRIAN GRADY IN RECOGNITION OF HIS RETIREMENT AS CAPTAIN OF POLICE AND FOR HIS SERVICE WITH THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION R- 75-2023:

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA EXECUTING A HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT WITH BRIAN GRADY FOR THE RELEASE OF HIS TOWNSHIP ISSUED SERVICE FIREARM

RESOLUTION R-76-2023:

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

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

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

Remarks from the Township Solicitor:

Mr. Platt had no remarks.

Remarks from the Township Administrator:

Mrs. Bileci had no remarks.

Remarks from the Township Committee:


There were no remarks from Township Committee.

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

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Layton, 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,



Jennica Bileci, R.M.C.
Township Clerk