

Township of Mantua
Committee Meeting
February 12, 2024
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- absent Committeeman Layton, Committeeman Legge, Committeewoman Lukens, Mayor Zimmerman, Deputy Mayor Scirrotto, Mrs. Jennica Bileci, Township Administrator, Mr. Stuart Platt, Solicitor, Mr. deMers, Public Works Superintendent- Absent, Jon Bryson, Engineer, Chief White

Approval of Minutes:

December 18, 2023 minutes

December 18, 2023 Closed Session minutes

January 4, 2024 minutes

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

Roll Call Vote: 5 yes votes.

Proclamations:

Mayor Zimmerman presented Jim and Robin Atkins with the February Heart Month Proclamation. Mr. Atkins shared his story of heart disease and provided awareness for those in the audience to consider your heredity genes when determining if you are susceptible to heart disease.

Mayor Zimmerman and the Township Committee recognized the winners of the “ Deck the House” Contest. Each family was presented with a proclamation by the Township Committee.

Engineering Report:

Mr. Bryson stated that the contracts for the West mercer Ave project are close to being finalized. Mr. Bryson stated that once the contracts are signed a pre-construction meeting will be scheduled.

Department of Public Works Report: No report since Mr. deMers was absent.

Police Department Report:

Chief White provided an update on the numerous burglaries that have occurred at CubeSmart in Mantua Township. He encouraged anyone who has a unit to make sure that

no items were stolen or burglarized. Chief White also provided information regarding scams specifically targeting seniors in the community.

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 to the public, it was 2nd by Committeeman Legge. All were in Favor.

Charles Hughes – Woodbury, New Jersey

Mr. Hughes spoke regarding the GCL project and quiet zones. He explained that although the GCL team said that horns will not be used, the EIS states that they will. He stated that the entity with the jurisdiction must apply for the quiet zone. He suggested that Mantua Township to reach out to the DRPA to discuss quiet zones. He also explained the Ride Share initiative that is being utilized by Jersey City.

Tony Allevieria – Delaware Street, Woodbury New Jersey

Mr. Allevieria also discussed the quiet zones and stated that the answer to the GCL is the ride share. He advised that it is working in Jersey City as well.

Josie Ladd-

Mrs. Ladd stated that although we are seeing so many negative things happening, we can always rely on the departments within Mantua Township to care for the concerns of the residents. She stated that special recognition should be given to the MTPD for their work within the community. She also commended Glenn deMers for his efforts during the recent storms.

Mayor Zimmerman responded that all of our Departments in the Township have great leaders and he commented that we have a very proactive Police Department who are working hard making arrests.

Julie Taylor- Cedar Grove:

Ms. Taylor explained that she is a resident who lives in Cedar Grove community and explained that the Rent Leveling Board just recently approved a rent increase for their trailer park. She stated that after the meeting Mr. Frezza did visit some individual properties that had concerns, one of which was hers. Ms. Taylor stated that Mr Frezza asked her to assist with having the residents sign up for Door Loop a new electronic payment system. She stated that she told him that she couldn't force the residents to do this and he told her that she must not want her yard work done. At this time, Ms. Taylor became visible distraught. Ms. Taylor who was visible distraught stated that she doesn't know what to do at this point to get her problem addressed with the tree roots. She stated

that he was threatening her.

Mayor Zimmerman advised her that she can reach out to the Administrator to set up follow up meeting.

The Mayor asked for a motion to close the public participation.

Motion to close was made by Committeeman John Legge and seconded by Deputy Mayor Scirrotto. All in Favor.

ORDINANCE 0-1-2024:AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY PROVIDING FOR THE RE-NAMING OF BLOCK 142, LOT 7 FROM FOSSIL PARK WAY TO MILLION MOSASAUR WAY

Motion to Introduce: Deputy Mayor Scirrotto, 2nd Committeeman Legge
All in Favor: 5 yes votes

ORDINANCE 0-2-2024: AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AMENDING CHAPTER 291 “ANIMALS” OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA

Motion to Introduce: Deputy Mayor Scirrotto, 2nd Committeeman Legge
All in Favor: 5 yes votes

Solicitor Platt asked Ms. Bileci when the Ordinances will on the agenda for Adoption and she responded March 11th.

RESOLUTION R-41-2024: A RESOLUTION PROMOTING LIEUTENANT WILLIAM MURPHY TO THE RANK OF POLICE CAPTAIN WITHIN THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

Motion: Deputy Mayor Scirrotto, 2nd Committeeman John Legge
Roll Call: 5 yes votes

Swearing In Ceremony: Captain William Murphy

Mayor Zimmerman swore in Captain William Murphy.

Deputy Mayor Scirrotto made a motion to authorize a consented agenda Resolutions R-42-2024 through Resolutions R-51-2024, it was 2nd by Committeeman Legge. All were in favor.

RESOLUTION R-42-2024: AUTHORIZING AFFORDABLE HOUSING DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE LOAN REPAYMENT AGREEMENTS WITH

PROSPECTIVE PURCHASER/OWNERS OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS
LOCATED IN MANTUA TOWNSHIP

RESOLUTION R-43-2024: RESOLUTION APPOINTING GREGORY
DEMICHELE AS PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA FOR
THE YEAR 2024

RESOLUTION R-44-2024: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA RE-
APPOINTING MUNICIPAL COURT ADMINISTRATORS FOR THE MANTUA
JOINT MUNICIPAL COURT

RESOLUTION R-45-2024: 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-46-2024: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
MANTUA APPROVING A SHARED SERVICE FOR THE USAGE OF THE
MANTUA TOWNSHIP DEICER STORAGE FACILITY FOR THE YEAR 2024

RESOLUTION R-47-2024: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
AMENDING RESOLUTION 203-2023 TO CORRECT THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF
THE PURCHASE AGREEMENT

RESOLUTION R-48-2024: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA APPOINTING SHAWNEQUA CARVALHO TO
THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF HEALTH COMMISSION

RESOLUTION R-49-2024: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
CANCELLING TAXES FOR A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN WALTER J.
WERTZ FOR 141 COTTAGE GATE CIRCLE, SEWELL, NJ KNOWN AS BLOCK
242.03 LOT 69 FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER, 2023 AS WELL AS FIRST AND
SECOND QUARTERS 2024 AND THERE AFTER.

RESOLUTION R-50-2024: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
AUTHORIZING TAX REFUNDS

RESOLUTION R-51-2024: 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

Motion to adopt Resolutions R 42-2024 through R-51-2024
Deputy Mayor Scirrotto made a motion to authorize a consented agenda Resolutions R-
42-2024 through Resolutions R-51-2024, it was 2nd by Committeeman Legge.

Roll Call: 5 yes votes.

Mayor Zimmerman read the Resolution.

RESOLUTION R-52-2024: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CLOSED SESSION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA TO DISCUSS SALE OF PROPERTY PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A 10:4-12 (8)

Motion to adopt Resolution R 52-2024 : Deputy Mayor Scirrotto, 2nd Committeeman Layton.

Roll Call: 5 yes votes

Remarks from Township Committee:

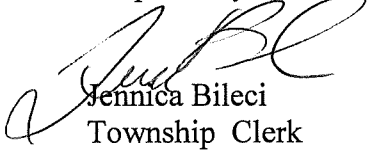
Committeeman John Legge stated that he does accept the minutes from January 4, 2024.

Deputy Mayor Scirrotto stated that he was very happy for Captain Murphy.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,


Jennica Bileci
Township Clerk