

Township of Mantua
Committee Meeting
March 11, 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, Jon Bryson, Engineer, Chief White

Approval of Minutes:

February 12, 2024

February 12, - Closed Session

February 28, 2024 – Committeewoman Lukens, Committeeman Legge Abstained

Roll Call Vote: 5 yes votes.

A safety presentation by Joe Henry of Hardenburg Insurance on Accident Investigations was given to the township.

Engineering Report:

Mr. Bryson stated that there was a pre-construction meeting, and the contractor will be starting W. Warren's project as well as the blanket paving at the same time next week.

Department of Public Works Report:

Mr. deMers noted that Tire Amnesty as well as green cart pick up will be the week of March 18, 2024. He also mentioned that the department will preparing to regrade the Sewell Raildogs/Baseball parking lot. Mr. deMers mentioned that the department is assisting the GCUA in the clearing of trees and debris from Chestnut Branch Creek. Deputy Mayor Scirrotto inquired if we would be able to pick up tires any other time of the year. Mr. deMers advised that we're not allowed to hold on to tires. The department only has tires that have been replaced on the fleet and they are picked up regularly.

Police Department Report:

Chief White noted that the new SLEO 2 has started the academy and anticipate him graduating sometime in June. The Chief also noted that the department picked up the two cars they order in 2022. Chief White also noted that they have toured the new fossil museum to discuss any safety concerns and mentioned that it is very impressive. Chief White also provided information regarding scams specifically targeting seniors in the community and that they can find a variety of recent scams by going to FTC.gov.

Mayor Zimmerman mentioned that the township will be hosting Dr. Lacovara in April in anticipation of the museum opening sometime in the summer. He also commended the Police department on the number of calls and incidents they have been dealing with and that the department only has 6 cases still pending since January.

Mayor Zimmerman noted that the public portion will be for current agenda items only. Should time permit, he will open it up to the general public.

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.

Carol Rhodes – Breakneck Road

Mrs. Rhodes noted that the area of the welcome sign located at the Telford Inn is blocking the view of oncoming traffic and would like to see it moved. Mayor Zimmerman asked the Chief to reach out and see what can be done.

Tony Alveario – Woodbury

Mr. Alveario noted that for Resolution R-187-2023 he would like the results reflected in the minutes.

Charles Hughes – Woodbury, New Jersey

Mr. Hughes spoke regarding a ride share program that he would like to see happen in Gloucester County. He has reached out to the county Commissioners as this would employ people within the county and help many people who are unable to get jobs due to a lack of transportation.

Bill Wilkinson - Mantua

Mr. Wilkinson noted that April 8, 2024, will be the first Monday in Mantua event. He noted that this is the third season that this event will happen, and it is well attended. It is a family outing and the local restaurants and stores all benefit from this. This event is held every Monday at the Cube Smart parking lot from 5:00 to dusk.

Gregg Shast – Mantua

Mr. Shast noted that he is speaking regarding Ordinance O-3-2024 and the process that will be used. He noted that both methane gas and hydrogen sulfide is toxic. He noted that there will need to be tanks for storage as well as transport and will be going through our town. Mr. Shast feels this is not a wise decision and errors could occur. He is asking the committee to please reconsider approving this ordinance.

The mayor asked for a motion to close public participation.

Motion to close was made by Deputy Mayor Scirrotto. 2nd by Committeeman John Legge
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 Open to the Public: Deputy Mayor Scirrotto, 2nd Committeeman Legge

No one wished to speak.

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

Motion to Adopt: 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

Mayor Zimmerman discussed the rules and regulations as well as the expectations of this Ordinance. He also mentioned should anyone see a violator; they should speak with the person and/or contact the non-emergency number of the Police Department 856-589-0911. The mayor also noted that the committee does reserve the right to rescind the ordinance if the rules are not being followed.

Motion to Open to the Public: Deputy Mayor Scirrotto, 2nd Committeeman Legge

No one wished to speak.

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

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

All in Favor: 5 yes votes

ORDINANCE 0-3-2024: AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ADOPTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE ROUTE 322 ROWAN WEST CAMPUS REGIONAL REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS BLOCK 261, LOTS 1, 2, 3, 3.01, 4, 4.01, 6, 7.01, 7.02, 8, 9, 9.02, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14.01, 16.01, 17.01, 18, 18.01, 18.02, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 AND 25 ON THE TAX MAPS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA.

Motion to Open to the Public: Deputy Mayor Scirrotto, 2nd Committeeman Legge

No one wished to speak.

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

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

All in Favor: 5 yes votes

ORDINANCE 0-4-2024: AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AMENDING CHAPTER 230 “LAND DEVELOPMENT” OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA

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

All in Favor: 5 yes votes

Resolution No. 53-2024 – 61-2024 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.

Motion to authorize Consent Agenda:

Deputy Mayor Scirrotto authorized a consent agenda, 2nd Committeeman Legge

All in Favor: 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION R-53-2024: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF INTEREST FOR VARIOUS 2024 1ST QUARTER TAXES

RESOLUTION R-54-2024: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF COMMITTEE AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE PRICING AGREEMENT WITH OMNIA PARTNERS FORMERLY COOPERATIVE PURCHASE ALLIANCE

RESOLUTION R-55-2024: RESOLUTION APPROVING AN EMERGENCY TEMPORARY BUDGET PRIOR TO ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET

RESOLUTION R-56-2024: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AND ELECTRONIC RECYCLERS INTERNATIONAL, INC (ERI) FOR ELECTRONIC WASTE DISPOSAL

RESOLUTION R-57-2024: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AUTHORIZING TAX REFUNDS

RESOLUTION R-58-2024: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE RENEWING A CONTRACT TO NEW LIFE LANDSCAPING FOR LAWN MAINTENANCE SERVICES

RESOLUTION R-59-2024: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CANCELLING TAXES FOR A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN FOR THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 196.01 LOT 1 48 CENTER STREET, MANTUA, FOR 4th QUARTER, 2023 AND 1ST AND SECOND QUARTER 2024 AND THEREAFTER

RESOLUTION R- 60-2024: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA CONFIRMING BIDS AT PUBLIC LAND SALE ON MARCH 6, 2024

RESOLUTION R-61-2024: 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. 24-0810, SUBAWARD PERIOD 4/15/24 - 4/14/25, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$32,400.00

RESOLUTION R-62-2024: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A QUITCLAIM DEED RELEASING UNIT FROM AFFORDABILITY CONTROLS FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT BLOCK 61, LOT 1C1420 ON THE TAX MAPS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, COMMONLY KNOWN AS 1420 TRISTRAM CIRCLE, MANTUA, NEW JERSEY

Deputy Mayor Scirrotto made a motion to adopt consented agenda Resolutions R-53-2024 through Resolutions R-62-2024, it was 2nd by Committeeman Legge.

Roll Call: 5 yes votes.

Remarks from Township Administrator:

Mrs. Bileci noted that she has met with all the departments regarding budget needs for the next year and that the capital meetings will begin. The introduction to the budget is scheduled to be on the April 8, 2024, meeting. Mrs. Bileci also noted that the township just had their last land sale and it brought in \$100,000 for the township. These are properties that were on the in-rem foreclosure list.

Remarks from Township Committee:

Committeeman Layton noted that he met with Glenn at the Historical Building to go over some repairs and work that needs to be done at this facility.

Committeeman Legge stated that the Community Awards will be held at the VFW on April 27, 2024, for those that can make it.

Committeewoman Lukens noted that she was in Egg Harbor Township where that town does not pick up recycling as they do not have enough employees and how our residents are very appreciative of the services that we provide.

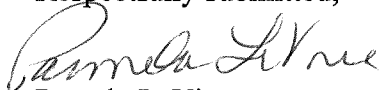
Deputy Mayor Scirrotto stated that Easter is early this year and wished everyone a happy easter.

Mayor Zimmerman noted that there was an article in NJ.com about the 9 hottest New Jersey counties in the country and that Gloucester County came in at number 14.

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

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