

Township of Mantua  
Committee Meeting  
June 10, 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: 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, Captain Murphy

Mayor Zimmerman asked everyone to stand for the pledge as well as a moment of silence.

**Approval of Minutes:**

May 13, 2024

Motion to approve: Deputy Mayor Scirrotto, 2<sup>nd</sup> Committeeman Legge,

Roll Call Vote: 5 yes votes.

Mayor Zimmerman read a proclamation that was presented Recognizing Local Artist Jose "Busta" Bustamante for Winning the SEI and Philadelphia Phillies Mural Contest

**Engineering Report:**

Mr. Bryson noted that the NJDOT project of S. McCarthy had a pre-construction meeting, and the contractor is ready to begin the project. The DOT approved all the preconstruction documents this morning so the contractor should begin work shortly. Mr. Bryson also mentioned the NJDOT has put out the application for fiscal year 2025 for municipal aid. He noted that he will reach out to both Glenn and Jennica to go over this as this application is due to the state by July 1, 2024. Administrator Bileci inquired if the contractor will re-notice the residents on S. McCarthy. Mr. Bryson responded with it was his understanding that this would be happening.

**Department of Public Works Report:**

Mr. deMers noted that the department continues to maintain trash/recycling and grass routes as well as keeping up with brush. Glenn went on to state that the department is also working on the mowing schedule as well as inlet and pipework for stormwater maintenance in addition to the day to day resident concerns. Mr. deMers noted that the township has received their clean communities grant in the amount of \$42,363.44. In closing Glenn noted that the Public Works Convenience Center drop off is now open each Saturday of the month between 10-2 p.m. from Memorial Day through to Labor Day.

**Police Department Report:**

Captain Murphy mentioned that there has been an unusual number of identity thefts in town stemming from the Sewell Post Office and that our detectives are currently working with the prosecutor's office as well as the postal inspector to resolve this issue. Captain Murphy also mentioned that the robbery suspect from Sally's Beauty Supply has been arrested and is in Salem County Jail.

The captain noted that the department is down to only three candidates for two open positions. The next step is the oral boards and that one member of the police administration, detective bureau, and patrol will be participating in this section. Currently, the interviews are scheduled for this upcoming Friday.

Captain Murphy discussed that Josh Cummings, one of the former municipal interns started as a class 1 after graduating from the class 1 academy. He is doing well and in a variety of areas. He is under the guidance of Corporal Jesse Bair presently.

The captain noted that Det. Krieger is attending the motorcycle training academy in Philadelphia. He noted that by having this training this will help decrease liability when utilizing the bike and allow us to use the motorcycle for something other than parades.

Mayor Zimmerman noted the monthly activity done by the police department as well as congratulated Josh Cummings for his completion of the SLEO I course. He also mentioned that Josh will have a dual role within the township as he also works with the digital media and the website for the township.

Mayor Zimmerman noted that he received a letter from a Wenonah resident regarding what a great job Lt Hayes did regarding a certain matter and thought it is nice to receive letters that commend our police department.

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. Mayor Zimmerman noted that he will be continuing to permit the public to speak on agenda items only first and should time allow, he will hear other public comments/questions.

**Public Participation:**

Mayor Zimmerman reminded the public that this portion of the meeting is for agenda items only and that should someone wish to speak, it should be related to items that are on this agenda. Should time permit, the public will be able to speak on any other items with the public portion being limited to 30 minutes.

Deputy Mayor Scirrotto made a motion to open to the public, it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Committeeman Legge. All were in Favor. 5 yes votes.

No one wished to speak.

Motion to close was made by Deputy Mayor Scirrotto, seconded by Committeeman Legge. All in Favor. 5 yes votes.

ORDINANCE O-5-2024: AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK

Motion to open to the public: Deputy Mayor Scirrotto, 2<sup>nd</sup> Committeeman Legge, Committeeman Legge, Roll Call Vote: 5 yes votes.

Motion to close to the public: Deputy Mayor Scirrotto, 2<sup>nd</sup> Committeeman Legge, Committeeman Legge, Roll Call Vote: 5 yes votes.

No one wished to speak.

Motion to adopt: Deputy Mayor Scirrotto, 2<sup>nd</sup> Committeeman Legge, Committeeman Legge, Roll Call Vote: 5 yes votes.

ORDINANCE O-6-2024: 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 2024

Motion to open to the public: Deputy Mayor Scirrotto, 2<sup>nd</sup> Committeeman Legge, Committeeman Legge, Roll Call Vote: 5 yes votes.

Motion to close to the public: Deputy Mayor Scirrotto, 2<sup>nd</sup> Committeeman Legge, Committeeman Legge, Roll Call Vote: 5 yes votes.

No one wished to speak.

Motion to adopt: Deputy Mayor Scirrotto, 2<sup>nd</sup> Committeeman Legge, Committeeman Layton abstained, Roll Call Vote: 4 yes votes.

ORDINANCE O-7-2024: AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$1,053,175 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND AND \$121,825 FROM GRANT FUNDS FOR THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS PIECES OF CAPITAL EQUIPMENT AND COMPLETION OF VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Motion to open to the public: Deputy Mayor Scirrotto, 2<sup>nd</sup> Committeeman Legge, Committeeman Legge, Roll Call Vote: 5 yes votes.

Motion to close to the public: Deputy Mayor Scirrotto, 2<sup>nd</sup> Committeeman Legge, Committeeman Legge, Roll Call Vote: 5 yes votes.

No one wished to speak

Motion to adopt: Deputy Mayor Scirrotto, 2<sup>nd</sup> Committeeman Legge, Committeeman Legge, Roll Call Vote: 5 yes votes.

Administrator Bileci presented the 2024 budget to the committee and the public.

Mayor Zimmerman thanked the administrator and the finance department as well as the auditors for working so hard on this budget. The mayor noted that the bottom line is that the municipal tax is only 20% of the tax bill. The township has done their due diligence and does more with less to tighten our belts. Last year was a hardship when the County did the revaluation of the township and this was kept in consideration in working on this year's budget.

Mayor Zimmerman noted that Resolution R-72-2024 and Resolution R-85-2024 would not be part of the consented agenda and would be voted on separately.

RESOLUTION R-72-2024: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA INTRODUCING THE 2024 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Motion to approve: Deputy Mayor Scirrotto, 2<sup>nd</sup> Committeeman Legge  
Roll Call Vote: 5 yes votes.

RESOLUTION R-85-2024: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AUTHORIZING THE BUDGET TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY

Motion to approve: Deputy Mayor Scirrotto, 2<sup>nd</sup> Committeeman Legge  
Roll Call Vote: 5 yes votes.

Motion to approve a consent agenda, Resolution R-86-2024 – Resolution R-91-2024:  
Deputy Mayor Scirrotto, 2<sup>nd</sup> Committeeman Legge  
Roll Call Vote: 5 yes votes.

RESOLUTION R-86-2024: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FEE WAIVER FOR THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP V.F.W POST 7679

RESOLUTION R-87-2024: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REFUND OF A PET LICENSE REGISTRATION FEE IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$10.00 TO SHERRY SAUL, 886 MANTUA BLVD., SEWELL, NEW JERSEY 08051

RESOLUTION R-88-2024: A RESOLUTION OF THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AUTHORIZING A CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FEE (PERMIT #202400042) BE REFUNDED FOR THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 2 E. MAPLE AVE, WENONAH, NJ IN THE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60.00

RESOLUTION R-89-2024: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A RELEASE OF LIEN TO REMOVE AFFORDABILITY CONTROLS FROM THE MANUFACTURED DWELLING LOCATED AT BLOCK 56, LOT 18.04, SUB-LOT 255 ON THE TAX MAPS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, COMMONLY KNOWN AS 255 TONY CIRCLE, MANTUA, NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION R-90-2024: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA TO ACCEPT A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CD-23-PF4) FROM THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$75,000.00 FOR

THE PROJECT KNOWN AS STORM SEWER IMPROVEMENTS ON BERKELY ROAD AND FRANKLIN AVE.

RESOLUTION R-91-2024: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF LIQUOR LICENSES FOR THE 2024-2025 LICENSING TERM

**Remarks from the Township Administrator**

No comments

**Remarks from Township Committee:**

Committeeman Layton thanked the administrator and the finance department for a job well done on the budget.

Committeewoman Lukens also thanked everyone for their hard work on the budget. She also wished all the fathers a Happy Father's Day.

Committeeman Legge also thanked everyone for their hard work on the budget as well as all the departments. In addition, Committeeman Legge noted that the county will be paving Mantua Blvd at night and that residents will be allowed to pass through while the project is going on. He asked that something be put on the website as well.

Deputy Mayor Scirrotto also thanked everyone. He noted that Michael Welding is a fixture in this town, and he'll never retire. He also wished everyone a happy Father's Day.

Mayor Zimmerman mentioned that last week was the school's Big Night Out event and there was a big turnout. Kudos to the school for hosting this event that seems to grow each year. He too wished everyone a happy Father's Day.

Motion to approve the bills: Deputy Mayor Scirrotto, 2<sup>nd</sup> Committeeman Legge,  
Roll Call Vote: 4 yes votes.

Motion to adjourn: Deputy Mayor Scirrotto, 2<sup>nd</sup> Committeeman Legge

Respectfully submitted,

  
Pamela LeVine, Deputy Township Clerk