

Township of Mantua
Committee Meeting
August 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: Committeeman Layton - Absent, Committeeman Legge - Absent, 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 and a moment of silence.

Approval of Minutes:

July 8, 2024

Motion to approve: Deputy Mayor Scirrotto, 2nd Committeewoman Lukens,
Roll Call Vote: 3 yes votes.

Engineering Report:

Mr. Bryson noted that the NJDOT project for S. McCarthy paving has been completed and that the vendor is now working on closing out a punch list. Mr. Bryson also noted that the plans and specs for the project Monmouth Ave are 90% complete and he will be meeting with the administrator as well as Mr. deMers to get it ready to go out for bid. Deputy Mayor Scirrotto noted that they did a nice job on S. McCarthy. Mayor Zimmerman inquired about the added stop sign to Cape May Ave. Mr. Bryson noted that the NJDOT would prefer to put a Do Not Block the Intersection there and he will arrange a discussion with Mr. deMers to get this accomplished.

Department of Public Works Report:

Mr. deMers noted that the Community Center HVAC systems has been replaced and is now operational for the County and the seniors to use. Glenn went on to mention that the contractor that will be repairing the drive thru will also be looking at the front doors of the municipal building to be replaced as they are in need. Glenn also noted that the department continues to maintain trash/recycling and grass routes and that they are also working on the inlets and pipework for stormwater maintenance as well as the day to day resident concerns. 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 after that it will go back to once a month on the 4th Saturday of each month. Deputy Mayor Scirrotto asked Glenn to have the one bush that is left at McCarson Park to be removed to balance out the park. He noted that the county arborist

will do the seasonal flowers. Mayor Zimmerman inquired about the weeds and mulching at the park at which time Mr. deMers noted that the administrator had reached out to Scott Hellerman to get in touch with New Life Landscapers to service all the parks. Mr. deMers noted that the park is down a worker and the PW dept is filling in for the time but he will get in touch with Mr. Hellerman to follow up on this.

Police Department Report:

Captain Murphy noted that the resident on Tylers Mill Rd that was complaining about the speeding that they have been in contact with them and are collecting the necessary data and enforcing the speed limits on this road. Mayor Zimmerman inquired about the resident on Capital Dr. at which time Captain Murphy noted that they are continuing to enforce the speed limit and noted that there will not be speed bumps put into the road as the township doesn't do that.

Captain Murphy stated that the department has been communicating with the county engineer regarding Woodbury/Glassboro Road where the northbound lane ends at Timbercrest Dr. There was information sent detailing an idea to potentially move the merge for Glassboro Road's two lanes into one a little further southbound prior to the secondary entrance/exit for Target. Captain Murphy noted that after doing a crash analysis it revealed that we have only had six crashes and one minor injury in the last ten years in that area. We will continue to monitor the area.

Captain Murphy also noted that regarding Jackson and Jefferson at the blinking stop sign the county engineer is going to investigate roadway markers and have county public works see if any trimming may help the concern.

Bill discussed that the department is still working on plans for Police in the Park and that contributions and participants are trickling in. He went on to discuss that an officer was involved in a crash while assisting in investigating a motor vehicle complaint and that he was not seriously injured.

Additionally, he discussed that the canine unit raised a good amount of money during a recent golf outing and that the department is planning on adding one more canine to the unit too. It will be a single purpose scent dog.

The captain mentioned that Ptl. Wolfgruber made a large arrest regarding the theft of diesel fuel that was recently turned over to the Division of Criminal Justice. In addition, the department executed a search warrant and made an arrest at a residence in town who scammed a Washington Twp. resident out of about \$475,000.

Captain Murphy added that all officers are working on the new training required for them to maintain their policing license. A significant amount of new training is now required of officers in addition to the significant amount of training already required. He noted that there is no statewide process in place to train officers, so the department is left to figure it out. He noted that the county is working in conjunction with the Prosecutor's Office is very helpful, resulting in a coordinated plan to get Gloucester County officers trained with consistency between our departments.

Bill noted that SLEO 2 Glaser is performing well in his field training and noted that he is a good candidate to fill one of the previously approved positions.

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 2nd by Committeewoman Lukens. All were in Favor. 3 yes votes.

PUBLIC PORTION

No one wished to speak

Deputy Mayor Scirrotto made a motion to close to the public, it was 2nd by Committeewoman Lukens. All were in Favor. 3 yes votes.

ORDINANCE O-8 -2024: AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AMENDING CHAPTER 131-A "STORMWATER CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT" OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA

Deputy Mayor Scirrotto made a motion to approve, it was 2nd by Committeewoman Lukens. All were in Favor. 3 yes votes.

Solicitor Platt noted that this Ordinance will have to go before the Land Use Board prior to the committee adopting.

ORDINANCE O-9 -2024: AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AMENDING CHAPTER 143 "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC" ARTICLE XIII, SCHEDULES, §143-33 SCHEDULE II: PARKING PROHIBITED AT DURING CERTAIN HOURS OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA

Deputy Mayor Scirrotto made a motion to approve, it was 2nd by Committeewoman Lukens. All were in Favor. 3 yes votes.

RESOLUTION R-100-2024: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS RECONSTRUCTION OF WEST MERCER AVENUE

RESOLUTION R-101-2024: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH MARINO GENERAL CONSTRUCTION FOR CARPENTRY SERVICES AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING

RESOLUTION R-102-2024: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE EXTENDING THE TAX DUE DATE FOR THE THIRD QUARTER 2024 PROPERTY TAXES

RESOLUTION R-103-2024: A RESOLUTION OF THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AUTHORIZING A REFUND FOR A FOOD TRUCK VENDOR PERMIT FEE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$150.00

RESOLUTION R-104-2024: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF REMAINING PROFESSIONAL ESCROW FUNDS

RESOLUTION R-105-2024: A RESOLUTION FOR A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GLOUCESTER COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY AND MANTUA TOWNSHIP FOR THE USAGE OF A CERTAIN STAGE UNIT

RESOLUTION R-106-2024: RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RELEASE OF A MAINTENANCE BOND FILED BY BRUCE PAPANONE INC, FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS COUNTRY GARDENS PHASE 3B and PHASE 4B

RESOLUTION R-107-2024: RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RELEASE OF A PERFORMANCE BOND FILED BY 433 WOODBURY, LLC, FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS HEART TO HEART

RESOLUTION R-108-2024: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA ACCEPTING THE 2023 MUNICIPAL AUDIT REPORT AND AUTHORIZING THE SIGNING OF THE GROUP AFFIDAVIT FORM

RESOLUTION R-109-2024: A 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-110-2024: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA CANCELLING TAXES FOR TOTALLY DISABLED VETERANS

RESOLUTION R-111-2024: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA DEFERRING TAXES FOR AN ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE MEMBER

Motion to close was made by Deputy Mayor Scirrotto, seconded by Committeewoman Lukens. All in Favor. 3 yes votes.

Motion to authorize a consented agenda was made by Deputy Mayor Scirrotto, seconded by Committeewoman Lukens. All in Favor. 3 yes votes.

Motion to adopt Resolutions R-100-2024 through Resolution R-111-2024 was made by Deputy Mayor Scirrotto, seconded by Committeewoman Lukens. - All in Favor. 3 yes votes.

Remarks from the Township Administrator

No comments

Remarks from Township Committee:

Mayor Zimmerman wished Deputy Mayor Scirrotto a very Happy Birthday. He noted that Deputy Mayor Scirrotto has never missed a committee meeting in 33 years of being on the committee. The mayor reminded everyone that there is a senior dinner on August 27th at 6:00 pm at the community center and that Police Night Out is scheduled for September 19, 2024, from 5-8 pm at Chestnut Branch Park. In addition, mayor Zimmerman mentioned the October is Breast Cancer Awareness month and that this year, resident Ahsley Levinson will be hosting a weeklong event with Paint Mantua Pink. There will be an event at Chestnut branch Park on October 5, 2024, at 11:00 am where a proclamation will be presented to Ms. Levinson. The mayor also noted that the audit for the township has been completed and there were no findings. He thanked the administrator, CMFO as well as all the departments for their hard work. Mayor Zimmerman also mentioned that the township is working on a new website and noted that the current one is 10 years old. The new website will take approximately 2 months to get up and running and he is looking forward to making it more resident friendly for everyone. In closing the mayor noted that the tax bills have not been sent out yet, however they will be within the next two weeks. There is an option to contact the tax office and/or see what they are on the website if the residents choose.

Motion to approve the bills: Deputy Mayor Scirrotto, 2nd Committeewoman Lukens, Roll Call Vote: 3 yes votes.

Motion to adjourn: Deputy Mayor Scirrotto, 2nd Committeewoman Lukens

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela LeVine, Deputy Township Clerk