

Township of Mantua
Committee Meeting
July 8, 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 - Absent, 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:

June 10, 2024

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

Roll Call Vote: 4 yes votes.

Engineering Report:

Mr. Bryson noted that the 2024 local road program for W. Monmouth had its survey and base plan completed. He also mentioned that the NJDOT project for S. McCarthy that the flat work is completed, and the milling and paving should begin this week.

Mayor Zimmerman mentioned the micro-resurfacing that was completed in Chapel Ridge, Crescent Hollow as well as Spring Valley. He noted that with no tax increase, the committee had to come up with new and innovative ways to get some of the roads in the township worked on. If we didn't use this new micro-resurfacing program, these roads may not have been completed for many years. The mayor also noted that Mr. deMers will be meeting with the contractor as we are approaching the one-year mark and that was part of the contract when the process began. In addition, the township engineer will be doing a walk through with Mr. deMers and the contractor for anything that might need addressing.

Department of Public Works Report:

Mr. deMers noted that the public works department continues to maintain trash/recycling and grass routes. In addition the department is trying to keep up with brush, although he noted that there hasn't been a brush crane out for the last 2 weeks due to vacations and call outs. He discussed that the department is also working on the mowing schedule as well as inlet and pipework for stormwater maintenance as well as the day to day resident concerns. Glenn made mention that he would like to commend the employees of the

department for working through extreme heat, and a holiday with minimal overtime to ensure that we stayed on schedule for the week. It was a total group effort and it is much appreciated. 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. Mayor Zimmerman advised Glenn that that department does a great job, in part due to a great leader. The department is a crucial part of the township and they should keep up the good work. Committeemna Legge noted that he too commends the department. He noted that when there is brush out it appears that once it is put out, the guys come immediately and pick it up. Great job done by all.

Police Department Report:

The Chief noted that the department has had several incidents in town however, through investigation, one of our vehicles was located in Camden and followed to Philadelphia by our detective bureau and they assisted in stopping the vehicle. There was an arrest of five of the six occupants after a chase, and the recovery of the vehicle. The Chief also mentioned that the department made a significant arrest at Kohl's of four individuals for a considerable amount of retail theft. In addition, he mentioned that a suspect from a robbery on May 13th at Sally's Beauty Supply has been identified, arrested, and sent to Salem County Jail. Mayor Zimmerman thanked the Chief and noted that a great job by the Detective Bureau Sergeant Detective Layton and Detective Kreiger.

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 Committeeman Legge. All were in Favor. 4 yes votes.

Gregg Shast – 39 Silvercreek Dr. – Mr. Shast inquired that moving forward if the police department as well as the committee would please put something out regarding the possession of fireworks. He noted that there had been fireworks around his home and that if something had gone wrong, he might have had a significant problem at his home. Mayor Zimmerman advised that he make a note to put something in the newsletter as well as continue to post items of interest on social media. Deputy Mayor Scirrotto noted that with several stores selling fireworks it makes it that much harder to control.

Courtney Bracken – 161 East. Sussex – Ms. Bracken wanted to thank the public works department as her son has a love for ALL trucks and each week the public works department on Wednesdays stops at her house and they take a few extra minutes so that her son can take photos and just look at the truck. In recent weeks, the driver even

allowed her son to come and sit in the truck and she is very grateful for all they do, and it should be noted.

Motion to close was made by Deputy Mayor Scirrotto, seconded by Committeeman Legge. All in Favor. 4 yes votes.

Motion to authorize a consented agenda was made by Deputy Mayor Scirrotto, seconded by Committeeman Legge. All in Favor. 4 yes votes.

RESOLUTION R-92-2024: A RESOLUTION RENEWING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AND MANTUA TOWNSHIP POLICE CHIEF DARREN WHITE

RESOLUTION R-93-2024: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA ENDORSING THE APPLICATION & SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT FOR MUNICIPAL AID FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR LOCAL AID FOR THE RESURFACING OF LINDEN AVENUE #00591

RESOLUTION R- 94-2024: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF REMAINING PROFESSIONAL ESCROW FUNDS

RESOLUTION R-95-2024: A RESOLUTION OF THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT A SELF-EXAMINATION OF THE BUDGET RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION R-96-2024: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AWARDDING A CONTRACT TO PROFESSOR GATSBYS HEATING AND COOLING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$42,574.00 FOR NEW HVAC UNITS AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER

RESOLUTION R-97-2024: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE APPROVING THE REDUCTION OF A CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FEE FOR THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 455 JEFFERSON ROAD, BLOCK 264, LOT 1.

RESOLUTION R-98-2024: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA REQUESTING THE APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE FOR CLICK IT OR TICKET AND APPROPRIATION (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87) OF THE SAME

RESOLUTION R-99-2024: RESOLUTION APPROVING THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET RECEIVED FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE CLEAN COMMUNITIES PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$42,363.44

Motion to adopt Resolutions R-92-2024 through Resolution R-99-2024 was made by Deputy Mayor Scirrotto, seconded by Committeeman Legge. Committeeman Layton Abstained from Resolution R-92-2024 - All in Favor. 3 yes votes.

Remarks from the Township Administrator

No comments

Remarks from Township Committee:

Committeeman Legge wished everyone a safe and happy summer.

Deputy Mayor Scirrotto thanked Glenn and the department for a job well done and that everyone should have a safe summer and try to stay cool with all the hot weather we've been having.

Mayor Zimmerman noted that there is a senior dinner at the community center on July 27th at 6:00 p.m. as well as a blood drive on 7/9 at the municipal building and if you want to donate you can go online to the Red Cross website to schedule an appointment. The mayor also mentioned that "Elvis" Lt Donahue's horse has passed away at the age of 30. Elvis has been to many events over the years, and we hope that the Lieutenant will have another horse that he will be showing. Mayor Zimmerman also mentioned that the township has been voted number 14 best ranked town in Gloucester County by Realtor.com and that South Jersey Magazine voted the township number 3 in Gloucester County and number 10 in South Jersey. He mentioned that this is a great place to live, and he wouldn't live anywhere else.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela LeVine, Deputy Township Clerk