

Township of Mantua
Committee Meeting
February 10, 2025
Mantua Township Municipal Building
600 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: Mr. Steen, Mr. Snyder, Mrs. Lukens, Deputy Mayor Legge – Absent, Mayor. Zimmerman, Mrs. Jennica Bileci, Township Administrator, Mrs. Pamela LeVine, Deputy Township Clerk, Mr. Stuart Platt, Solicitor, Mr. Glenn deMers, Public Works Superintendent, Mr. Jon Bryson, Engineer - Absent, Chief Darren White

Approval of Minutes:

December 16, 2024

January 6, 2025 – Reorganization

January 15, 2025

January 28, 2025

Proclamation recognizing February as Heart Month

Mayor Zimmerman noted that a former employee George Crew has just gone through some heart issues, and he will be presenting him with this proclamation at a later date.

Proclamation Recognizing Shawn Layton for his service to the Township of Mantua

Mayor Zimmerman presented Mr. Layton with a proclamation and a plaque for all his years of service to Mantua Township. He wished him well.

Engineering Report:

Mr. Bryson noted that the Reconstruction of Monmouth Ave's drawing has been completed, and he will be reaching out to the Administrator and to the Supt of Public Works to schedule a reconstruction meeting

Mr. Bryson also noted that the NJDOT project for McCarthy Ave. has been approved and is ready to go out for bid.

Department of Public Works Report:

Mr. deMers mentioned that the public works department has been through several ice/snow events and has continued to manage the day-to-day services for the township including the bulk pickups. He also noted that the convenience center will be open on February 22, 2025, from 10-2.

Police Department Report:

Chief White discussed that the detective bureau is working on closing out some cases. He also noted that the department has two new candidates that have started in the police academy today. He also reminded everyone to please lock doors to your vehicles.

Pursuant to Resolution R-32-2024, there is a time limit of five (5) minutes per person

Mayor Zimmerman asked for a motion to open to the public, a motion was made by Committeewoman Lukens, 2nd by Committeeman Snyder. All were in Favor.

Public Participation:

No one wished to speak

Mayor Zimmerman asked for a motion to close to the public, a motion was made by Committeewoman Lukens, 2nd by Committeeman Snyder. All were in Favor.

Mayor Zimmerman asked for a motion to adopt the first reading of Ordinance O-1-2025, a motion was made by Committeewoman Lukens, 2nd by Committeeman Snyder. All were in Favor.

ORDINANCE O-1 -2025:AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AMENDING, SUPPLEMENTING, AND REVISING CHAPTER 338, ARTICLE II OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA, ENTITLED “GARBAGE COLLECTION”

Resolution No. 46-2025 through No. 54-2025 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 matters unless a Township Committee member requests. In this event, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in the normal sequence of the agenda.

Mayor Zimmerman asked for a motion to adopt a consented agenda, Committeewoman Lukens made a motion to authorize a consented agenda, it was 2nd by Committeeman Snyder. All were in favor.

RESOLUTION R-46-2025: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AND ELECTRONIC RECYCLERS INTERNATIONAL, INC (ERI) FOR ELECTRONIC WASTE DISPOSAL

RESOLUTION R-47-2025: A RESOLUTION APPROVING A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AND THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER FOR THE USE OF THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER FOR IT’S NUTRITION SITE

RESOLUTION R-48-2025: RESOLUTION APPOINTING SHANNA MCCANN, ESQUIRE AS THE MUNICIPAL COURT PROSECUTOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA FOR THE YEAR 2025

RESOLUTION R-49-2025: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA CANCELING TAXES FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT BLOCK 261, LOT 7

RESOLUTION R-50-2025: 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

RESOLUTION R-51-2025: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA APPROVING THE HIRING OF JOSHUA CUMMINGS TO THE RANK OF PATROL OFFICER WITH THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION R-52-2025: RESOLUTION APPOINTING BRENDEN HIATT AS A

SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER CLASS II WITHIN THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION R-53-2025: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AWARDING A CONTRACT TO O2 DIGITAL CREATIVE AGENCY FOR THE TOWNSHIP'S WEBSITE REDESIGN PROJECT

RESOLUTION R- 54-2025: RESOLUTION APPOINTING ADDITIONAL ALTERNATE MUNICIPAL PROSECUTORS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA FOR THE YEAR 2025

Mayor Zimmerman asked for a motion to adopt the consented agenda, a motion was made by Committeewoman Lukens, 2nd by Committeeman Snyder. Committeeman Steen abstained from Resolutions R-48-2025 as well as resolution R-54-2025, All were in favor.

Remarks from Township Committee:

Committeeman Steen noted the great win for the Philadelphia Eagles. It was a great game and moral booster to everyone.

Committeeman Snyder echoed what Committeeman Steen has said and is sure that there are some very time people out there.

Committeewoman Lukens as well noted it was a great thing to see the Philadelphia Eagles win the super bowl.

Mayor Zimmerman noted that he wore his eagle jersey as Mr. Platt is a longtime Bills fan. He noted that it was an exciting game.

Remarks from the Township Administrator:

Administrator Bileci noted that at this evenings meeting it was approved for 02 Digital which is our new website company. In addition, she noted that with the impending storm for Tuesday/Wednesday that the Chief and the Supt. of public works will be keeping her updated.

Motion to approve the bills:

Committeewoman Lukens made a motion to approve the bills, it was 2nd by Committeeman Snyder. All were in favor.

Motion to adjourn: Committeewoman Lukens made a motion to open to the public, it was 2nd by Committeeman Layton. All were in Favor. 3 yes votes.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela LeVine, Deputy Township Clerk