

Township of Mantua
Committee Meeting
January 6, 2025 - Reorganization
Mantua Township Municipal Building
5:00 P.M.

On the above date at 5:00 p.m. the 2025 Reorganization Meeting was held in the Mantua Township Municipal Building, 401 Main Street, Mantua, New Jersey 08051.

Township Deputy Clerk Pamela LeVine welcomed everyone and wished all a Happy New Year.

Mrs. LeVine called the meeting to order and asked for everyone to rise for the flag salute and remain standing for the Invocation offered by Deacon Peter Traum, Church of the Incarnation.

Mrs. LeVine then read the Statement of the Presiding Officer: "Notice of this Reorganization Meeting was given in compliance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, more than 48 hours in advance by providing a Notice of Reorganization Meeting to the South Jersey Times and Courier-Post newspapers, for publication in their public meeting notice columns. Notice was also posted more than 48 hours in advance on the bulletin board in the Mantua Township Municipal Building."

On November 5, 2024, the General Election was held, and the certified results found the victors to be Mr. Robert Zimmerman with 4,850 votes and Mr. Jason Snyder with 4,470 votes. Both will serve a three-year term on the Township Committee commencing today upon being sworn in.

Mr. Zimmerman came forward to be sworn in. Administering the Oath of Office was Ashley Zimmerman, Esquire.

Mr. Snyder and his family came forward to be sworn in. Administering the Oath of Office was Senator John Burchichelli.

A roll call was conducted of the Township Committee.

At this time Mrs. LeVine opened the nominations for Mayor of the Township of Mantua for 2025. All were in favor. Committeeman Legge made a motion to nominate Robert Zimmerman for Mayor of the Township of Mantua for 2025, seconded by Committeewoman Lukens. Mrs. LeVine asked if there were any other nominations. As there were no other nominations, Mrs. LeVine asked for a motion to close the nominations. Committeeman Legge made a motion to close the nominations, seconded by Committeewoman Lukens. All were in favor.

Mrs. LeVine stated a nomination has been made and second for Robert Zimmerman for Mayor of the Township of Mantua for the year 2025. Mrs. LeVine presented the Township Committee Resolution R-1-2025, appointing Robert Zimmerman as Mayor of the Township of Mantua for

the year 2025. Committeeman Legge made a motion to approve Resolution R-1-2025, seconded by Committeewoman Lukens. All were in favor.

Mrs. LeVine announced the motion was adopted. The Oath of Office for Mayor Zimmerman was administered by Miss. Ashley Zimmerman, Esq.

Mayor Zimmerman opened the nominations for Deputy Mayor of the Township of Mantua for 2025. The motion was made by Committeewoman Lukens, seconded by Committeeman Snyder. All were in favor. Committeewoman Lukens nominated John Legge for Deputy Mayor, seconded by Committeeman Snyder. All were in favor.

As no other nominations were brought forth, Mayor Zimmerman asked for a motion to close the nominations, which was made by Committeewoman Lukens, seconded by Committeeman Snyder. All were in favor.

Mayor Zimmerman presented to the Township Committee Resolution R-2-2025, appointing John Legge as Deputy Mayor. Committeewoman Lukens made a motion to approve Resolution R-2-2025, seconded by Committeeman Snyder. All were in favor.

Deputy Mayor Legge was administered the Oath of Office by Patricia A. Legge, Esq., LMSW

Mayor Zimmerman congratulated everyone on their new appointments. Mayor Zimmerman asked Committeeman Snyder to say a few words. Committeeman Snyder thanked everyone for all their help as well as Mayor Zimmerman for being a great running mate as well as his knowledge and leadership. Committeeman Snyder noted that he is retired from the Cherry Hill police department and is currently working for Gloucester County. He also thanked all the people that he met along the way such as Carmel Marino, the Sheriff of Gloucester County, Dan Everly and all the bonds and connections that he has made throughout this process. Mr. Snyder also thanked all the department heads and the public works department for the great job that they do as well as all the Veterans that have served and/or are serving. He thanked his family for being here tonight and all their support. In closing he thanked his predecessors, Shawn Layton & Pete Scirrotto and understands that these are big shoes to fill and he will do his best to do that.

Introduction of Dignitaries: Commissioner Matt Wang, Senator John Burzichelli, Commissioner Director Frank DiMarco, Commissioner Denise DiCarlo, Commissioner Matthew Wang, Mayor Philbin of East Greenwich, George John of the Sheriff's Office, Tom Bianco, Mayor of Clayton, Former Committeeman Layton

Mayor Zimmerman read Resolution R-3-2025 appointing Stuart Platt as the solicitor for the Township of Mantua. Deputy Mayor Legge made a motion, it was seconded by Committeeman Legge, all were in favor.

MAYOR ZIMMERMAN NOTED THAT RESOLUTIONS R-4-2025 THROUGH R-43-2025 WILL BE VOTED ON IN ONE MOTION

Deputy Mayor Legge made a motion, it was second by Committeewoman Lukens, All were in favor.

RESOLUTION R-4-2025: RESOLUTION DESIGNATING BRYSON & YATES AS THE ENGINEER FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR 2025

RESOLUTION R-5-2025: RESOLUTION APPOINTING BOWMAN & COMPANY AS THE AUDITOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA FOR THE YEAR 2025

RESOLUTION R-7-2025: RESOLUTION APPOINTING TRIAD ASSOCIATES AS AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA FOR THE YEAR 2025

RESOLUTION R-8-2025: RESOLUTION APPOINTING BROWN & CONNERY AS LABOR ATTORNEY FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA FOR THE YEAR 2025

RESOLUTION R-9-2025: RESOLUTION APPOINTING PARKER MCCAY AS BOND COUNSEL FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA FOR THE YEAR 2025

RESOLUTION R-10-2025: RESOLUTION APPOINTING HARDENBERG INSURANCE AS THE RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA FOR THE YEAR 2025

RESOLUTION R-11-2025: RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A SCHEDULE OF REGULAR MEETING DATES FOR THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA FOR THE YEAR 2025

RESOLUTION R-12-2025: RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING RATE OF PREPAYMENT FOR MEETING NOTICES

RESOLUTION R-13-2025: RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA FOR THE YEAR 2025

RESOLUTION R-14-2025: RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE RATE OF INTEREST TO BE CHARGED ON DELINQUENT TAXES AND OTHER CHARGES FOR THE YEAR 2025

RESOLUTION R-15-2025: RESOLUTION NAMING THE OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION R-16-2025: RESOLUTION MAINTAINING PARTICIPATION IN GLOUCESTER/SALEM/CUMBERLAND COUNTY MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND

RESOLUTION R-17-2025: RESOLUTION CONTINUING MEMBERSHIP IN THE MUNICIPAL EXCESS LIABILITY JOINT INSURANCE FUND WITH THE

GLOUCESTER/SALEM/CUMBERLAND COUNTY MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND

RESOLUTION R-18-2025: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1 IN THE TOWNSHIP

RESOLUTION R-19-2025: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AUTHORIZING SURPLUS UTILIZATION POLICY RESPECTING THE ACCOUNTING PRACTICES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA

RESOLUTION R-20-2025: RESOLUTION APPOINTING JENNICA BILECI AS THE PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA FOR THE YEAR 2025

RESOLUTION R-21-2025: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA APPOINTING A FUND COMMISSIONER FOR THE TRI-COUNTY JOINT INSURANCE FUND

RESOLUTION R-22-2025: RESOLUTION APPOINTING PARKER MCCAY AS THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA FOR THE YEAR 2025

RESOLUTION R-23-2025: RESOLUTION APPOINTING COLLIERS ENGINEERING & DESIGN AS TOWNSHIP PLANNER FOR THE YEAR 2025

RESOLUTION R-24-2025: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA APPOINTING MEMBERS ON THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION R-25-2025: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA APPOINTING MEMBER ON THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION R-26-2025: RESOLUTION MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO SPECIFIC BOARD AND COMMISSION POSITIONS AND CONFIRMING SUCH APPOINTMENTS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR 2025

RESOLUTION R-27-2025: RESOLUTION MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO SPECIFIC ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS AND CONFIRMING SUCH APPOINTMENTS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA FOR 2025

RESOLUTION R-28-2025: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA CONFIRMING MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS FOR THE YEAR 2025

RESOLUTION R-29-2025: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA ADOPTING THE 2025 TEMPORARY BUDGET

RESOLUTION R-30-2025: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA ADOPTING "ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER"

RESOLUTION R-31-2025: RESOLUTION APPOINTING ANCERO TO PERFORM IT SERVICES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA FOR THE YEAR 2025

RESOLUTION R-32-2025: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA TO PROVIDE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETINGS

RESOLUTION R-33-2025: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA ADOPTING A CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN

RESOLUTION R-34-2025: RESOLUTION APPOINTING ACACIA FINANCIAL GROUP AS THE FINANCIAL ADVISOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA FOR THE YEAR 2025

RESOLUTION R-35-2025: RESOLUTION APPOINTING HARDENBERG INSURANCE GROUP AS THE HEALTH INSURANCE BROKER FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA FOR THE YEAR 2025

RESOLUTION R-36-2025: RESOLUTION APPOINTING CLASS I, CLASS II, AND CLASS III OFFICERS FOR A ONE YEAR TERM EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025

RESOLUTION R-37-2025: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA THROUGH THE MANTUA POLICE DEPARTMENT, TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY, LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT OFFICE, 1033 PROGRAM TO ENABLE THE MANTUA POLICE DEPARTMENT TO REQUEST AND ACQUIRE EXCESS DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EQUIPMENT FROM 1/1/2025 THROUGH 12/31/2025.

RESOLUTION R-38-2025: RESOLUTION APPOINTING PARKER MCCAY AS THE REDEVELOPMENT COUNSEL FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA FOR THE YEAR 2025

RESOLUTION R-39-2025: RESOLUTION APPOINTING GARY MAREK ESQUIRE AS SPECIAL OPRA COUNSEL FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA

RESOLUTION R-40-2025: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE APPROVING A SHARED SERVICE WITH THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF PENSION PAYMENTS

RESOLUTION R-41-2025: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE APPOINTING OFFICIAL TOWING COMPANIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 375, SECTION 8 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA

RESOLUTION R-42-2025: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA MAKING CERTAIN APPOINTMENTS TO THE MANTUA REGIONAL MUNICIPAL COURT

RESOLUTION R-43-2025: RESOLUTION APPOINTING GREGORY DEMICHELE, ESQUIRE AS PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA FOR THE YEAR 2025

Deputy Mayor Legge made a motion to adopt, it was second by Committeewoman Lukens, Committeeman Steen abstained from Resolutions R-42-2025, R-43-2025, Committeeman Snyder abstained from Resolutions R-10-2025, R-25-2025, R-35-2025

Remarks from the Mayor

Mayor Zimmerman thanked everyone for coming out with the bad weather that we had today. Mayor Zimmerman thanked everyone for appointing him mayor for the second year. He mentioned that he is humbled by all of this and noted that this is a new era with new leadership and is looking forward to the accomplishments that this new committee will make.

Mayor Zimmerman went on to note that he will continue to enhance communication and transparency. He asked for everyone to follow us on our website and other platforms such as the Mayors Message. The mayor went onto note that there are several areas worth mentioning. One is that Mantua township was voted by South Jersey Magazine as the #3 place to reside in Gloucester County and #10 in the state of New Jersey. He also mentioned they will be seeking another restaurant with a consumption license and are looking to revise a dormant liquor license and he noted that there is interest in a supermarket and restaurant recently therefore there will be follow up to this. The Edelman Fossil Park is scheduled to open in March 2025 and will be bring in revenue of \$623 thousand. The Fossil Park will also boost our economy with approx. 200,000 people expected in the first year. The mayor also noted that with the heal of senators Burzichelli, Simmons and Bailey the township was awarded a \$2.8 million grant to redo Bridgeton Pike & Harrison Ave with the new Wawa that is anticipated. He noted that this past year there were several laws throughout the town that had changed which included but not limited to, Chestnut Branch Park being a dog friendly park, homes that are on 1 acre or more are allowed to have chickens, and the township has implemented new laws about rental agreements prohibiting pop up rental properties as well as no private amenity rentals.

Mayor Zimmerman noted that for 2025, in April, there will be a new ordinance giving each homeowner one black, blue and green trash carts and anything additional will have a 1-time charge of \$75 for each additional cart. This will help offset the cost of purchasing these cars. The township will continue to offer free and cost-effective events and dinners for the seniors' citizens of the township. The mayor noted that this past Thanksgiving in conjunction with the Total Turf Experience, the township fed 50 senior citizens and anticipated doing several more for this upcoming year. The township held is 2nd Deck the House and noted that the Capati family was the winner overall. In addition, the township held its annual Winter Festival which was

sponsored by the recreation committee. And finally, the mayor mentioned that the 19-hole disc golf course has been completed and solely done by volunteers. The mayor also noted that for 2025 the township will be hosting a new website that is more user friendly with many new enhancements.

Mayor Zimmerman thanked the police department for doing a great job in eradicating crime within the township, the police in the park event that was a large event that we will be going forward with. He also thanked Glenn deMers and the public works department for all that they do to keep the town services moving along. He thanked all the other workforce within the municipal building, all the employees, department heads and he thanked them for their valiant efforts in all that they do.

The mayor also thanked his wife Diane and daughters Brittany and Ashley for all the time that they too have given and for allowing him to do what he does in representing the township.

Public Portion

Motion to Open Deputy Mayor Legge and it was second by Committeewoman Lukens, all were in favor.

Mayor Zimmerman noted that this is a ceremonial meeting, and he asked that everyone keep the comments regarding the agenda as noted in Resolution R-32-2025 that was approved today. He also reiterated that we will be following the decorum set forth in Resolution 32-2025.

A representative from Congressman Donald Norcross's office noted that the Congressman apologizes for not being able to be in attendance and that should anyone need anything, to please reach out.

Motion to Close the Public Portion - Deputy Mayor Legge made a motion, it was second by Committeewoman Lukens, all were in favor.

Remarks from Committee

Deputy Mayor Legge thanked the committee and is looking forward to fulfilling his responsibilities in his new role.

Committeeman Steen congratulated everyone and noted he is looking to get started on this new endeavor.

Committeeman Snyder congratulated everyone and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Committeewoman Lukens also congratulated everyone. She noted that this is an exciting new year and can't wait to see what 2025 has to offer.

Remarks from the Administrator

Mrs. Bileci congratulated everyone and noted that the new committee people should use her as a resource to help make the transition easier.

Remarks from Solicitor

Mr. Platt thanked the committee for the reappointment and congratulated the new committee members as well as wished everyone a happy new year.

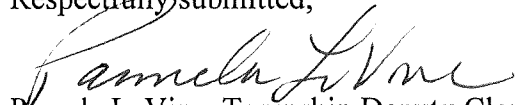
Benediction

Deacon Peter Traum, Church of the Incarnation

Adjournment

Deputy Mayor Legge made a motion; it was 2nd by Committeewoman Lukens. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela LeVine, Township Deputy Clerk