

Township of Mantua  
Committee Meeting  
March 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 - Absent, Deputy Mayor Legge – Absent, Mayor Zimmerman, Mrs. Jennica Bileci, Township Administrator, Mrs. Pamela LeVine, Deputy Township Clerk, Mr. Justin Strausser, Solicitor, Mr. Glenn deMers, Public Works Superintendent, Mr. Jon Bryson, Engineer, Chief Darren White

Mayor Zimmerman asked for a moment of silence for the families of Lisa Kammerer, Mr. Falcon and Officer Donahue's father.

**Approval of Minutes:**

February 10, 2025

Mayor Zimmerman asked for a motion to open to the public, a motion was made by Committeeman Snyder, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Committeeman Steen. All were in Favor.

**Proclamation recognizing March as Colorectal Cancer Month**

Mayor Zimmerman presented a proclamation to the family of Patricia Peterson

**Engineering Report:**

Mr. Bryson noted that Think Pavers will begin work on the reconstruction of Monmouth Ave the second week of April. Mr. Bryson also noted that the repair work for McCarthy Ave will be going out for bid at the end of March

**Department of Public Works Report:**

Mr. deMers mentioned that the department has received the new rear loader, as well as their new roll-off trucks. All vehicles have been titled and registered and are available at this time. He also noted that the GCIA has advised that they will not be hosting their Tire Amnesty due to budgetary cuts. The township will be moving forward with this service at this time and will revisit it for next year.

Mayor Zimmerman noted that as a general reminder that all buildings and vehicles are a smoke free environment within the township. He noted that there will be no more warnings and that there will be consequences for violators. Mr. deMers noted that the public works department will be having a meeting tomorrow with a sign-in sheet as confirmation that this matter was discussed with his department.

**Police Department Report:**

Chief White discussed that a few officers have completed the rescue task force training along with officers from Glassboro as the two towns are the first models in the state. The chief also noted that he has completed his capital budget requests.

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

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**Public Participation:**

Bill Robinson – 130 Horseshoe Dr. inquired about the Tractor Supply, new Wawa and the traffic that this will bring in on Route 45. Administrator Bileci advised Mr. Robinson that most of these issues are handled by the Land Use Board. Engineer Bryson also noted that the DOT has discussed their own changes to Route 45 and that any changes would take some time for the DOT to do.

Mayor Zimmerman noted that the township has been awarded \$650,000 for that intersection.

Josie Ladd – 124 Carriage Hill Circle discussed that proper screening for all cancers should be done for prevention and is happy that this is something that is being discussed. She also inquired if the township would consider videotaping the meetings in the future.

Bill Wilkinson – Reminded everyone that beginning April 14, 2025, that Mondays in Mantua at the public storage parking lot will be starting up. This is a great way to spend an evening and support local businesses.

Mayor Zimmerman asked for a motion to close to the public, a motion was made by Committeeman Snyder, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Committeeman Steen. All were in Favor.

Mayor Zimmerman asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance O-1-2025, a motion was made by Committeeman Snyder, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Committeeman Steen. A roll call was had and 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. 56-2025 through No. 61-2025 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, Committeeman Snyder made a motion to authorize a consented agenda, it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Committeeman Steen. All were in favor.

RESOLUTION R-56-2025: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA APPROVING A REVISED CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS RECONSTRUCTION OF BERGEN AVENUE

RESOLUTION R-57-2025: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA APPROVING A REVISED CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS RECONSTRUCTION OF SOUTH MCCARTHY AVENUE

RESOLUTION R-58-2025: A 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-59-2025: RESOLUTION APPROVING AN EMERGENCY TEMPORARY BUDGET PRIOR TO ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET

RESOLUTION R-60-2025: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE RENEWING A CONTRACT TO NEW LIFE LANDSCAPING FOR LAWN MAINTENANCE SERVICES

RESOLUTION R-61-2025: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT TO PROVIDE FLEET MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA

Mayor Zimmerman asked for a motion to adopt the consented agenda, a motion was made by Committeeman Snyder, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Committeeman Steen. All were in favor.

**Remarks from Township Committee:**

Committeeman Steen thanked the public works department for the great job they did with the February 12, 2025, snowstorm. He also thanked the police department for handling a deer situation in Wenonah that had a good outcome for both people and animals.

Committeeman Snyder also thanked the public works department for all their hard work and dedication during the February 12, 2025, snowstorm. The roads looked great. He also noted heartfelt sympathy to the police department on the loss of K-9 Zuke.

Mayor Zimmerman also noted what a great job the public works department did with the snowstorm. He made mention that he had posted something on social media and asked the residents to comment. The census was 310 “likes/loves” and 1 sad face. He noted that since Glenn has become the Supt. of the department there have been nothing but accolades for the department and that is due to a great leader. Thank you, Glenn.

The mayor also mentioned that due to the high cost of electricity happening at this time, the township will be making some adjustments to the lights at the park. The township feels the strain as well as the residents and it is necessary to make these changes.

**Remarks from the Township Administrator:**

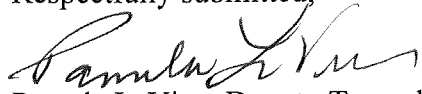
Administrator Bileci noted that the park irrigation system has been gone over and is moving forward to getting the park ready for the spring/summer season. There will be a lot of new things going on at the park and we look forward to seeing that.

**Motion to approve the bills:**

Committeeman Snyder made a motion to approve the bills, it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Committeeman Steen. All were in favor.

Motion to adjourn: Committeeman Snyder made a motion to open to the public, it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Committeeman Steen. All were in Favor. 3 yes votes.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Pamela LeVine".

Pamela LeVine, Deputy Township Clerk