

Township of Mantua  
Committee Meeting  
July 14, 2025  
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 a 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, Mayor Zimmerman, Mrs. Jennica Bileci, Township Administrator, Mr. Platt, Solicitor, Mr. Glenn deMers, Public Works Superintendent. Mr. Jon Bryson- absent Engineer. Chief Darren White.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion to approve June 9, 2025 Minutes: Deputy Mayor Legge, 2<sup>nd</sup> Committeewoman Lukens  
All were in Favor.

**Engineering Report:**

Mr. Bryson was not in attendance at the meeting.

**Department of Public Works Report:**

Mr. deMers relayed to the Township Committee that his Department is in the process of hiring a Class 2 laborer to fill the vacancy in the Department. He stated that the Township has received a large volume of resumes and applications.

**Police Department Report:**

Chief White relayed that Ancero has replaced all their planned computers for the PD. He also commented on the arrest that Ptl. Glaser and Hiatt had for 3.7 ounces of methamphetamine. Chief White stated that there have also been a lot of other arrests utilizing the canines, some for theft, and, or course, shoplifting.

**Public Participation:**

Mayor Zimmerman announced that pursuant to Resolution R-32-2025, 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Deputy Mayor Legge.  
All were in Favor.

**Laurie Morgan – 217 Capital Dr.**

Ms. Morgan provided the Township Committee with pictures of the view of her backyard to show the clearing and proximity of the wall of the new Tractor Supply project that is being developed. She was concerned that the developer cleared too many trees and asked how she can make sure that the buffer being proposed will be adhered to and how she can get an inventory of the trees that are part of the buffer.

Mayor Zimmerman deferred to Deputy Mayor Legge and Committeewoman Lukens as liaisons to the Land Use Board. Deputy Mayor Legge referenced that he remembers that the Land Use Board required a double buffer but would need to review the approvals and plans.

Mayor Zimmerman advised Ms. Morgan that the Township Administrator would review the file and plans and get back to her.

**Mr. Chew- 213 Capital Dr.**

Mr. Chew approached the Township Committee voicing his concern with the Tractor Supply project specifically with the placement of the fencing that is located behind his property, and the type of fencing that will be erected and who will maintain the area in between.

Mayor Zimmerman advised him that the Township Administrator would investigate this and get back to him.

The mayor asked for a motion to close the public participation, a motion was made by Committeewoman Lukens Deputy Mayor Legge, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Committeewoman Lukens.  
All were in Favor.

**Proclamation:**

Mayor Zimmerman and the Township Committee presented a Proclamation to Sid Mark for 50 years of service with the Mantua Township Fire District.

Deputy Gloucester County Commissioner Jim Jefferson also presented a Proclamation to Mr. Marks on behalf of Gloucester County.

At this time, Mayor Zimmerman stated that the governing body would be moving to Resolution 86-2025. Mayor Zimmerman read the Resolution and asked Chief White to provide an overview of the background of the individuals who will be sworn in as new police officers within the Township of Mantua.

RESOLUTION R-86-2025: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA APPROVING THE HIRING OF BRENDEN HIATT TO THE RANK OF PATROL OFFICER WITH THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

Motion to approve: Deputy Mayor Legge, 2<sup>nd</sup> Committeeman Snyder  
Roll Call: 5 yes votes

Mayor Zimmerman swore Patrolman Brenden Hiatt as a police officer in the Township of Mantua. Mayor Zimmerman indicated that Patrolman Joshua Cummings was approved as a patrolman prior to the start of the police academy but did not receive a formal swearing in ceremony.

Mayor Zimmerman asked Officer Cummings and his family to come forward as he swore into office patrolman Joshua Cummings.

ORDINANCE 4-2025: BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COMPLETION OF VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS PIECES OF CAPITAL EQUIPMENT IN AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$1,876,000 THEREFOR; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$1,559,000; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING

Mayor Zimmerman read the Ordinance.

Motion to approve Ordinance 4-2025 on First Reading: Deputy Mayor Legge. 2<sup>nd</sup> Committeewoman Lukens  
Roll Call: 5 yes votes

Mayor Zimmerman asked for a motion to authorize the consented agenda, a motion was made by Committeewoman Lukens, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Deputy Mayor Legge. All were in favor.

RESOLUTION R-87- 2025: RESOLUTION 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 – PHASE 2 #00416

RESOLUTION R-88-2025: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WHIRL CONSTRUCTION FOR THE FOR THE POURED IN PLACE PLAYGROUND SURFACING PROJECT AT CHESTNUT BRANCH PARK THROUGH THE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF NJ (ESCNJ) COOPERATIVE CONTRACTS # ESCNJ 24/25-03

RESOLUTION R-89-2025: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF COMPUTERS AND INSTALLATION WITH ANCERO IN THE AMOUNT OF \$48,370.00

RESOLUTION R-90-2025: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AUTHORIZING THE IMPOSITION OF A LIEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 217 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA

RESOLUTION R-91-2025: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING AN EXTENSION OF THE TIME WITHIN WHICH REDEVELOPER SHALL COMMENCE CONSTRUCTION OF THE REDEVELOPMENT OF BLOCK 242 LOTS 1.01 AND 2 PURSUANT TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR THE INVERSAND COMPANY/BRANCH ROAD PARTNERS REDEVELOPMENT AREA WITH ANCIENT ORANGE, LLC

RESOLUTION R-92-2025: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA CANCEL TAXES FOR TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN

RESOLUTION R-93-2025: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA ACCEPTING THE 2024 MUNICIPAL AUDIT REPORT AND AUTHORIZING THE SIGNING OF THE GROUP AFFIDAVIT FORM

RESOLUTION R-94-2025: 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 \$42,016.67

RESOLUTION R-95-2025: 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-96-2025: RESOLUTION ADJUSTING THE PUBLIC BIDDING THRESHOLD EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

RESOLUTION R-97-2025: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE APPOINTING PAMELA LEVINE AS TOWNSHIP REGISTRAR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA

RESOLUTION R-98-2025: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF (1) ODB ROLL OFF TRUCK MOUNTED SELF-CONTAINED VACUUM DEBRIS COLLECTOR FROM W.E.TIMMERMAN CO UTILIZING A NATIONAL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT WITH SOURCEWELL

Deputy Mayor Legge made a Motion to adopt Resolutions R-87-2025 through R-98-2025, 2<sup>nd</sup> Committeewoman Lukens.  
All in Favor

**Approval of Bill List:**

Motion to approve: Committeewoman Lukens, 2<sup>nd</sup> Deputy Mayor Legge  
All were in favor.

Committeewoman Lukens made a motion to adjourn the meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Deputy Mayor Legge.  
All were in Favor.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Jessica Bileci, Township Clerk