

Township of Mantua
Committee Meeting – Special Meeting
February 9, 2026
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: Committeeman Steen, Committeeman Snyder, Committeeman Legge, Deputy Mayor Lukens - Absent, Mayor Zimmerman, Mrs. Jennica Bileci, Township Administrator, Mrs. Pamela LeVine, Deputy Township Clerk, Mr. Stuart Platt, Solicitor, Glenn deMers, Public Works Superintendent, Jon Bryson Engineer, Chief Darren White. Captain William Murphy

Mayor Zimmerman announced that pursuant to Resolution R-32-2025, there is a time limit of five (5) minutes per person

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve December 22, 2025 - Committeeman Legge, 2nd by Committeeman Snyder. All were in Favor. Roll Call: 4 yes votes

Motion to approve January 6, 2026 - Committeeman Legge, 2nd by Committeeman Snyder. All were in Favor. Roll Call: 4 yes votes

A proclamation was read by Mayor Zimmerman recognizing February as Hearth Month

Engineering Report:

Mr. Bryson noted that the CDBG grant for the Franklin Ave drainage project is going out for bid on February 26, 2026

Department of Public Works Report:

Mr. deMers discussed that it has been two weeks since the snow event and that the public works department continues to deal with the residual effects from the January 25, 2026 snow and ice storm. Additionally the department is opening intels for drainage due to the warmer weather that is impending. Glenn also noted the Bulk Trash week went well with no issues. Glenn added that the public works convenience center drop off has returned to the 4th Saturday of every month from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm.

Mayor Zimmerman thanked Glenn and the department for all the efforts during the unprevedned storm. He noted that they did a wonderful job in their efforts with working well over 24 hours handling concerns, questions and in some cases complaints. The mayor also noted that all issues were answered in a timely fashion and he appreciates all the hard work from the department.

Police Department Report:

Captain Murphy discussed that the department has completed the mandatory yearly reporting. He also noted that the 2026 training for the officers is beginning as well as the department has instilled breaker

shifts which have begun assisting squads. Captain Murphy also discussed that the 2026 drug and alcohol training schedule was received and will be going on the schedule. Captain Murphy discussed that there was a search warrant and communication data warrant on all devices belonging to the suspects of the sexual assault case that the department sent a press release out about last week. The evidence that was found supported the upgraded charges to first degree sex assault.

Mayor Zimmerman commented that at this evening's meeting, a resolution will be voted on appointing Captain Murphy as the office in Charge effective March 1, 2026 with the retirement of Chief White.

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

Public Participation:

Deb Baldassare – Main Street, Sewell – Ms. Baldassare inquired about having the committee meetings recorded and placed on the website for others to view that are unable to attend the meetings. In addition, she questioned if the spring clean up could be moved up before the last week of March. Ms. Baldassare also inquired about what to do with spam texting.

The mayor asked for a motion to close the public participation, a motion was made by Committeeman Legge, 2nd by Committeeman Snyder All were in Favor.

ORDINANCE O-1-2026: AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AMENDING, SUPPLEMENTING, AND REVISING CHAPTER 431, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA, ENTITLED "FEES"

Motion to approve: Committeeman Legge, 2nd by Committeeman Snyder. All were in Favor.
Roll Call: 4 yes votes

ORDINANCE O-2-2026: AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA VACATING, RELEASING AND EXTINGUISHING ANY AND ALL PUBLIC RIGHTS TO A 60-FOOT-WIDE RIGHT-OF-WAY WITHIN A PORTION OF THE STREET KNOWN AS COLUMBIA DRIVE, LOCATED BETWEEN BLOCK 250, LOT 4.01 AND BLOCK 250, LOTS 4.02, 4.03 AND 4.04 WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Motion to approve: Committeeman Legge, 2nd by Committeeman Snyder. All were in Favor.
Roll Call: 4 yes votes

ORDINANCE: O-3-2026:AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AMENDING, SUPPLEMENTING, AND REVISING CHAPTER 143, SCHEDULE I: PARKING PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES AND SCHEDULE III: STOPPING AND STANDING PROHIBITED

Motion to approve: Committeeman Legge, 2nd by Committeeman Snyder. All were in Favor.
Roll Call: 4 yes votes

ORDINANCE O-4-2026:AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AMENDING, SUPPLEMENTING, AND REVISING CHAPTER HOUSING STANDARDS

Motion to approve: Committeeman Legge, 2nd by Committeeman Snyder. All were in Favor.
Roll Call: 4 yes votes

ORDINANCE O-5-2026: AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING SECTION 230-71 "MANDATORY AFFORDABLE HOUSING SET ASIDE REQUIREMENTS"

Motion to approve: Committeeman Legge, 2nd by Committeeman Snyder. All were in Favor.
Roll Call: 4 yes votes

ORDINANCE O-6-2026: ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 230 "LAND DEVELOPMENT", ARTICLE IV "DISTRICT REGULATIONS" TO INCLUDE NEW SECTION 230-26.1 ENTITLED "AH-1 AFFORDABLE HOUSING DISTRICT"

Motion to approve: Committeeman Legge, 2nd by Committeeman Snyder. All were in Favor.
Roll Call: 4 yes votes

ORDINANCE O-7-2026: ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING SECTION 230-69 "AFFORDABLE HOUSING REQUIREMENTS"

Motion to approve: Committeeman Legge, 2nd by Committeeman Snyder. All were in Favor.
Roll Call: 4 yes votes

ORDINANCE O-8-2026: ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 98 "AFFORDABLE HOUSING REQUIREMENTS"

Motion to approve: Committeeman Legge, 2nd by Committeeman Snyder. All were in Favor.
Roll Call: 4 yes votes

Resolution No. 41-2026 – 65-2026 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 items unless a Township Committee member so requests. In this event, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in the normal sequence of the agenda.

Motion to authorize a consented agenda

Committeeman Legge, 2nd by Committeeman Snyder. All were in Favor. Roll Call: 4 yes votes

RESOLUTION R-41-2026: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AND ELECTRONIC RECYCLERS INTERNATIONAL, INC (ERI) FOR ELECTRONIC WASTE DISPOSAL

RESOLUTION R-42-2026: A RESOLUTION APPOINTING PARKER MCCAY AS THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA FOR THE YEAR 2026

RESOLUTION R-43-2026: A RESOLUTION APPOINTING PARKER MCCAY AS THE REDEVELOPMENT COUNSEL FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA FOR THE YEAR 2026

RESOLUTION R-44-2026: A RESOLUTION OF THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AUTHORIZING A REFUND FOR A SOLAR PROJECT FEE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$380.00

RESOLUTION R-45-2026: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF REMAINING PROFESSIONAL ESCROW FUNDS

RESOLUTION R-46-2026: A RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPOINTMENT TO SPECIFIC ADMINISTRATIVE POSITION AND CONFIRMING SUCH APPOINTMENTS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA FOR 2026

RESOLUTION R-47-2026: RESOLUTION FOR A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GLOUCESTER COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY AND MANTUA TOWNSHIP FOR THE USAGE OF A CERTAIN STAGE UNIT

RESOLUTION R-48-2026: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA TRANSFERRING ALL OVERPAYMENTS TO 2026

RESOLUTION R-49-2026: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA SUPPORTING THE APPLICATION FOR THE FY2026 LOCAL RECREATION IMPROVEMENT GRANT FUNDED BY THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

RESOLUTION R-50-2026: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA APPOINTING A MEMBER ON THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION R-51-2026: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA APPROVING A TAX COURT JUDGEMENT FOR THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 222 BRIDGETON PIKE, BLOCK 61.01, LOT 2.01

RESOLUTION R-52-2026: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA APPROVING A TAX COURT JUDGEMENT FOR THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 222 BRIDGETON PIKE, BLOCK 61.01, LOT 2.01 C0001

RESOLUTION R-53-2026: RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 14-2026 - ESTABLISHING THE RATE OF INTEREST TO BE CHARGED ON DELINQUENT TAXES AND OTHER CHARGES FOR THE YEAR 2026

RESOLUTION R-54-2026: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2026 SAFETY CONTRACT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AND THE GLOUCESTER, SALEM, CUMBERLAND COUNTIES MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND AND AUTHORIZING THE SIGNATURES OF THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP SAFETY COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENTS PARTICIPATING IN THE SAFETY INCENTIVE PROGRAM

RESOLUTION R-55-2026: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AMENDING RESOLUTION R-109-2025 TO CORRECT THE NAME OF THE GRANT TO GCSUD AND AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE MANTUA HARRISON MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT FOR 2025-2026

RESOLUTION R-56-2026: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AUTHORIZING A GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AND THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER FOR THE MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,000.00

RESOLUTION R-57 -2026: A 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-58-2026: A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A CLASS 1 SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER WITHIN THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION R-59-2026: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA ENDORSING THE HOMETOWN HEROES BANNER PROGRAM

RESOLUTION R-60-2026: RESOLUTION REQUESTING PERMISSION FOR THE DEDICATION BY RIDER FOR DONATIONS – HOMETOWN HEROS BANNER SPONSORSHIP REQUIRED BY NJSA 40A: 5-29

RESOLUTION R-61-2026: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AUTHORIZING A REFUND FOR A PAVILION RENTAL IN CHESTNUT BRANCH PARK

RESOLUTION R-62-2026: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CANCELLING TAXES FOR A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN FOR THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 228 LOT 7151 E. MORRIS AVE, MANTUA, FOR 4th QUARTER, 2025 AND 1ST AND SECOND QUARTER 2026 AND THEREAFTER

RESOLUTION R-63-2026: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA APPOINTING MELISSA GILDEIN AS THE DEPUTY CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA

RESOLUTION R-64-2026: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA APPOINTING AN OFFICER IN CHARGE FOR THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION R-65- 2026: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CLOSED SESSION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A 10:4-6 ET SEQ TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION IN THE MATTER OF KRISTA SHIELDS V. MANTUA TOWNSHIP ET AL

The meeting was closed to go into closed session at 6:35 pm

The meeting was reopened at 7:40 pm. Mayor Zimmerman noted that no action was taken in the closed session. Committeeman Legge, 2nd by Committeeman Snyder. All were in Favor. Roll Call: 4 yes votes

Motion to approve a consented agenda

Committeeman Legge, 2nd by Committeeman Snyder. All were in Favor. Roll Call: 4 yes votes

Remarks from the Township Administrator

No remarks

Remarks from Township Committee

Committeeman Steen thanked Chief White for his 25 years of service and wished him the best of luck.

Committeeman Snyder also wished Chief White a happy and healthy retirement.

Committeeman Legge also congratulated Chief White on his impending retirement. Additionally, he thanked committee for the hometown hearos banner program. Committeeman Snyder also noted that the historical committee is on board with this program as well.

Approval of Bill List:

Committeeman Legge made a motion to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Committeeman Snyder.

All were in Favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela LeVine, Township Deputy Clerk