

Township of Mantua
Committee Meeting
January 5, 2026 - Reorganization
Mantua Township Municipal Building
5:00 P.M.

On the above date at 5:00 p.m. the 2026 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 4, 2025, the General Election was held, and the certified results found the victors to be Mrs. Eileen Lukens and Mr. Jack Steen. Both will serve a three-year term on the Township Committee commencing today upon being sworn in.

Mrs. Lukens came forward to be sworn in. Administering the Oath of Office was Jim Jefferson, Deputy Director of the Gloucester County Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Snyder and his family came forward to be sworn in. Administering the Oath of Office was former Senate President Steve Sweeney.

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 2026. All were in favor. Committeewoman Lukens made a motion to nominate Robert Zimmerman for Mayor of the Township of Mantua for 2026, seconded by Committeeman Legge. 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 2026. Mrs. LeVine presented the Township Committee Resolution R-1-2026, appointing Robert Zimmerman as Mayor of the Township of Mantua for

the year 2026. Committeeman Legge made a motion to approve Resolution R-1-2026, 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 2026. The motion was made by Committeeman Legge, seconded by Committeeman Snyder. All were in favor. Committeeman Legge nominated Eileen Lukens 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 Committeeman Legge, seconded by Committeeman Snyder. All were in favor.

Mayor Zimmerman presented to the Township Committee Resolution R-2-2026, appointing Eileen Lukens as Deputy Mayor. Committeeman Legge made a motion to approve Resolution R-2-2026, seconded by Committeeman Snyder. All were in favor.

Deputy Mayor Lukens was administered the Oath of Office by Mayor Robert Zimmerman

Mayor Zimmerman congratulated everyone on their new appointments.

Introduction of Dignitaries: Senator John Burzichelli, Commissioner Director Frank DiMarco, Commissioner, Jim Jefferson, Deputy Director of the Gloucester County Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Matthew Wang, Commissioner, Surrogate Chila, Assemblywoman Simmons, Commissioner Tom Bianco, former Senate President Steve Sweeney

Mayor Zimmerman read Resolution R-3-2026 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-4-2026 THROUGH R-40-2026 WILL BE VOTED ON IN ONE MOTION

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

RESOLUTION R-4-2026: RESOLUTION DESIGNATING BRYSON & YATES AS THE ENGINEER FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR 2026

RESOLUTION R-5-2026: RESOLUTION APPOINTING AN AUDITOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA FOR THE YEAR 2026

RESOLUTION R-6-2026: RESOLUTION APPOINTING SHANNA MCCANN, ESQUIRE AS THE MUNICIPAL COURT PROSECUTOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA FOR THE YEAR 2026

RESOLUTION R-7-2026: RESOLUTION APPOINTING TRIAD ASSOCIATES AS AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA FOR THE YEAR 2026

RESOLUTION R-8-2026: RESOLUTION APPOINTING BROWN & CONNERY AS LABOR ATTORNEY FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA FOR THE YEAR 2026

RESOLUTION R-9-2026: RESOLUTION APPOINTING PARKER MCCAY AS BOND COUNSEL FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA FOR THE YEAR 2026

RESOLUTION R-10-2026: RESOLUTION APPOINTING HARDENBERG INSURANCE AS THE RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA FOR THE YEAR 2026

RESOLUTION R-11-2026: RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A SCHEDULE OF REGULAR MEETING DATES FOR THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA FOR THE YEAR 2026

RESOLUTION R-12-2026: RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING RATE OF PREPAYMENT FOR MEETING NOTICES

RESOLUTION R-13-2026: RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA FOR THE YEAR 2026

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

RESOLUTION R-15-2026: RESOLUTION NAMING THE OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION R-16-2026: RESOLUTION MAINTAINING PARTICIPATION IN GLOUCESTER/SALEM/CUMBERLAND COUNTY MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND

RESOLUTION R-17-2026: RESOLUTION CONTINUING MEMBERSHIP IN THE MUNICIPAL EXCESS LIABILITY JOINT INSURANCE FUND WITH THE GLOUCESTER/SALEM/CUMBERLAND COUNTY MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND

RESOLUTION R-18-2026: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1 IN THE TOWNSHIP

RESOLUTION R-19-2026: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AUTHORIZING SURPLUS UTILIZATION POLICY RESPECTING THE ACCOUNTING PRACTICES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA

RESOLUTION R-20-2026: RESOLUTION APPOINTING JENNICA BILECI AS THE PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA FOR THE YEAR 2026

RESOLUTION R-21-2026: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA APPOINTING A FUND COMMISSIONER FOR THE TRI-COUNTY JOINT INSURANCE FUND

RESOLUTION R-22-2026: RESOLUTION APPOINTING GARY MAREK ESQUIRE AS SPECIAL OPRA COUNSEL FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA

RESOLUTION R-23-2026: RESOLUTION APPOINTING COLLIERS ENGINEERING & DESIGN AS TOWNSHIP PLANNER FOR THE YEAR 2026

RESOLUTION R-24-2026: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA APPOINTING MEMBERS ON THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION R-25-2026: RESOLUTION APPOINTING GREGORY DEMICHELE, ESQUIRE AS PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA FOR THE YEAR 2026

RESOLUTION R-26-2026: RESOLUTION MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO SPECIFIC BOARDS AND COMMISSION POSITIONS AND CONFIRMING SUCH APPOINTMENTS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR 2026

RESOLUTION R-27-2026: RESOLUTION MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO SPECIFIC ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS AND CONFIRMING SUCH APPOINTMENTS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA FOR 2026

RESOLUTION R-28-2026: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA CONFIRMING MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS FOR THE YEAR 2026

RESOLUTION R-29-2026: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA ADOPTING THE 2026 TEMPORARY BUDGET

RESOLUTION R-30-2026: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA ADOPTING "ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER"

RESOLUTION R-31-2026: RESOLUTION APPOINTING ANCERO TO PERFORM IT SERVICES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA FOR THE YEAR 2026

RESOLUTION R-32-2026: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA TO PROVIDE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETINGS

RESOLUTION R-33-2026: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA ADOPTING A CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN

RESOLUTION R-34-2026: RESOLUTION APPOINTING ACACIA FINANCIAL GROUP AS THE FINANCIAL ADVISOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA FOR THE YEAR 2026

RESOLUTION R-35-2026: RESOLUTION APPOINTING HARDENBERG INSURANCE GROUP AS THE HEALTH INSURANCE BROKER FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA FOR THE YEAR 2026

RESOLUTION R-36-2026: RESOLUTION APPOINTING CLASS I, CLASS II, AND CLASS III OFFICERS FOR ONE YEAR TERM EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026

RESOLUTION R-37-2026: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA MAKI CERTAIN APPOINTMENTS TO THE MANTUA REGIONAL MUNICIPAL COURT

RESOLUTION R-38-2026: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE APPROVING A SHARED SERVICE WITH THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF PENSION PAYMENTS

RESOLUTION R-39-2026: RESOLUTION APPOINTING CONFLICT MUNICIPAL PROSECUTORS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA FOR THE YEAR 2026

RESOLUTION R-40-2026: RESOLUTION APPOINTING CONFLICT MUNICIPAL PUBLIC DEFENDERS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA FOR THE YEAR 2026

Deputy Mayor Lukens made a motion to adopt; it was second by Committeeman Legge. All were in favor.

Remarks from the Mayor

Mayor Zimmerman thanked everyone for coming out. Mayor Zimmerman then presented his State of the Township address and noted that he is looking forward to the many accomplishments that this committee will make. 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 Lukens and it was second by Committeeman Legge, 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-32-2026 that was approved today. He also reiterated that we will be following the decorum set forth in Resolution 32-2026.

No one wished to speak

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

Remarks from Committee

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

Committeeman Steen wished everyone a Happy New Year and congratulated everyone and noted he is looking forward to the new year.

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

Committeeman Legge also congratulated everyone and wished everyone a happy new year

Benediction

Deacon Peter Traum, Church of the Incarnation

Adjournment

Deputy Mayor Lukens made a motion to adopt, it was second by Committeeman Legge,

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela LeVine, Township Deputy Clerk