

Township of Mantua
Committee Meeting
October 20, 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 - Absent, Mayor Zimmerman, Mrs. Jennica Bileci, Township Administrator, Mrs. Pamela LeVine, Deputy Clerk, Mr. Platt, Solicitor, Mr. Glenn deMers, Public Works Superintendent, Mr. Jon Bryson Engineer, Chief Darren White.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve September 8, 2025, Minutes: Committeewoman Lukens, 2nd by Committeeman Snyder. All were in Favor.

Mayor Zimmerman read a proclamation recognizing October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month and dedicating the proclamation to Ashley Levenson

Mayor Zimmerman presented proclamations honoring the Players & Coaching Staff of the Sewell Raildogs 10U & 12U Softball Teams

Engineering Report:

Mr. Bryson noted that the Chestnut Branch Park pickleball project went out for bid on October 8, 2025, and the lowest bid was awarded to Eosso Sports Construction.

Department of Public Works Report:

Mr. deMers noted that final preparations are being made for the beginning of the 2025 leaf season. We are ready and prepared when it begins October 27, 2025. Glenn mentioned that the last day for the public works department to pick up the green vegetative waste cart will be on October 24, 2025. As a reminder, Glenn noted that the the public works convenience center drop off has returned to the 4th Saturday of every month from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm.

Police Department Report:

The Chief mentioned that all residents should lock their car doors as there have been several vehicle burglaries over the past few weeks.

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, 2nd by Committeeman Snyder. All were in Favor.

Public Participation:

Deb Baldassare – 522 Main Street -Ms. Baldassare wanted to know what the status of the trash falling out of the trash truck was. Glenn, Supt. of public works, noted that he has spoken to the mechanics and they have a solution to correcting the issue and have discussed this with the drivers. In addition, Ms., Baldassare asked if the township would consider moving the green carts out another week as residents are still cutting their grass. Mr. deMers noted that anything that can go in your green cart can be placed at the curb and the leaf vacs will pick it up.

Wes Covely – 12 Meyers Creek - mentioned that the township had “trimmed back” some of the trees on his property without any notification. Solicitor Platt discussed that his property sits on an easement which is also a site triangle and that it understood that this is a public safety issue and that it is the understanding of the committee and township that nothing inappropriate was done. Moving forward maybe the township could come up with a plan to notify the residents if this is something that the township will be doing.

Jim Farmer – 211 W. Monmouth – Mr. Farmer wanted to thank both the committee and the police department for their help in removing abandoned cars/vehicles off the streets. In doing so, there were other areas that this helped including property maintenance and he wanted committee to know that he is thankful for the help.

Nick Salerno – 49 Linden Ave – wanted to note that he is a local builder in town and has bought properties from the township at an auction last year. It was his understanding that when he bought the properties, he would have to rehab, tear down and/or repair what was already there. It has come to his attention that there are other properties that were purchased at the auction that have not complied with this. Mr. Salerno noted that he is trying to clean up the areas where he purchased and make it better for the township. He would appreciate speaking with someone regarding this matter. Mayor Zimmerman advised Mr. Salerno to get in touch with the administrator to further discuss.

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

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

Resolution No. 113-2025 –128 -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 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.

The mayor asked for a motion to adopt a consented agenda; a motion was made by Committeewoman Lukens, 2nd by Committeeman Snyder. All were in Favor.

RESOLUTION R-113-2025: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AUTHORIZING AN ACCESS AGREEMENT WITH THE HELEN KRAMER LANDFILL SUPERFUND TRUST

RESOLUTION R-114-2025: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE APPOINTING DAVID MACGREGOR TO SERVE ON THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL COMMISSION

RESOLUTION R-115-2025: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE ENFORCING A HALLOWEEN CURFEW IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA COMMENCING OCTOBER 30, 2025, UNTIL OCTOBER 31, 2025, AND SETTING TIMES FOR TRICK-OR-TREATING FOR OCTOBER 31, 2025

RESOLUTION R-116-2025: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE ADOPTING THE UPDATED PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

RESOLUTION R-117-2025: 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-118-2025: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN ONLINE AUCTION WITH GOVDEALS FOR THE DISPOSAL OF MUNICIPAL PERSONAL PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE

RESOLUTION R-119-2025: A RESOLUTION OF THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AUTHORIZING TAX REFUNDS DUE TO VARIOUS OVERPAYMENTS

RESOLUTION R-120-2025: A 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-121-2025: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AWARDED A CONTRACT TO PROVIDE ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE 2025 WINTER FESTIVAL AT CHESTNUT BRANCH PARK

RESOLUTION R-122-2025: A RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONTRACT TO LISK LANDSCAPE INNOVATIONS FOR HOLIDAY LIGHTING INSTALLATION AT CHESTNUT BRANCH PARK & MCCARSON PARK

RESOLUTION R-123-2025: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF REMAINING PROFESSIONAL ESCROW FUNDS

RESOLUTION R-124-2025: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AND POLICE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION LOCAL NUMBER 122 ON BEHALF OF THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE TERM OF JANUARY 1, 2025 – DECEMBER 31, 2029

RESOLUTION R-125-2025: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AUTHORIZING A REFUND FOR A PAVILION RENTAL IN CHESTNUT BRANCH PARK

RESOLUTION R-126-2025: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AWARDED A BID IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$375,375.00 TO EOSSO SPORTS CONSTRUCTION FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS PICKELBALL COURTS AT CHESTNUT BRANCH PARK

RESOLUTION R-127-2025: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA APPOINTING A MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE FOR THE MANTUA REGIONAL MUNICIPAL COURT

RESOLUTION R-128-2025: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE APPOINTING A MUNICIPAL HOUSING LIAISON

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

Remarks from the Township Administrator

Mrs. Bileci noted that the municipality has completed the best practices inventory that is required through state statute. After reviewing with the Financial Officer, the township has a rating of 39.5. This means that the township will not lose any aide with this rating.

Remarks from Township Committee

Committeeman Steen wished Mr., Legge and his family well as he and his family have been dealing with a lot of personal matters.

Committeeman Snyder noted that we are coming into leaf season and wished the public works department an easy season.

Committeewoman Lukens noted that it is always nice to have the kids come to a meeting.

Mayor Zimmerman noted that resident Carol Rhodes came to the last meeting discussing her concerns for the 9-11 trail at Chestnut Branch Park. Mayor Zimmerman went out to walk the trail, and it is in very bad shape. Therefore, it was decided that the trails should be closed as it creates a large liability for the township. There are several large ruts, trees that are down and many holes. This all being said, the mayor noted that we have other parks in our township where the residents can walk trails including Ceres Park and Tall Pines State Park.

Approval of Bill List:

Motion to approve: Committeewoman Lukens, 2nd by Committeeman Snyder. All were in Favor.
Committeewoman Lukens made a motion to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Committeeman Snyder. All were in Favor.

Committeewoman Lukens made a motion to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Committeeman Snyder.
All were in Favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela LeVine, Township Deputy Clerk