

APRIL 14, 2008

On the above date, the Township Committee of the Township of Mantua held its monthly Workshop Meeting in the Mantua Township Municipal Building, 401 Main Street, Mantua, NJ 08051.

Deputy Mayor Pete Scirrotto called the meeting to order. The time was 7:30 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Scirrotto asked for everyone to rise for the flag salute and remain standing for a moment of silence.

Deputy Mayor Scirrotto then read aloud the Statement of the Presiding Officer: "As required by the New Jersey Open Public Meeting Act, adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by adopting a schedule of regular meetings for the year 2008. The schedule was posted on the bulletin board of the Municipal Building and mailed to the Gloucester County Times and Courier-Post newspapers on January 2, 2008."

Deputy Mayor Scirrotto called on Township Clerk Shawn Menzies to perform a roll call of present officials. Present were Committeewoman Lorraine Beckett, Committeewoman Sharon Lawrence, Deputy Mayor Peter Scirrotto, Michael Datz, Township Administrator & Supervisor of Public Works, Maria DeTitto, Esquire, Township Solicitor, and Shawn G. Menzies, Township Clerk. Also present for this Workshop were Jon Bryson, Township Engineer and Police Chief Graham Land. It was noted that Committeewoman Beckett participated in the meeting via telephone.

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to approve the March 24, 2008 Regular meeting minutes, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scirrotto. All were in favor.

Deputy Mayor Scirrotto requested that the presentation of the Proclamation designating June 2008 as Myasthenia Gravis Month in the Township of Mantua be tabled and read at the Committee's next meeting on April 24, 2008. Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to table the reading of the proclamation, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scirrotto. All were in favor.

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to open the meeting to the public, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scirrotto. All were in favor.

As no one wished to speak, Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to close the public portion, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scirrotto. All were in favor.

Deputy Mayor Scirrotto made a motion to table the listed Closed Session Resolution, R-77-2008 until the April 28, 2008 meeting, seconded by Committeewoman Lawrence. All were in favor.

It was at this time did Deputy Mayor Scirrotto call for a consent agenda for Resolution R-78-2008 through R-86-2008 to be read and voted upon in one vote by roll call vote.

Committeewoman Lawrence made the motion to approve Resolution R-78-2008 through Resolutions R-86-2008, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scirrotto. All members voted in the affirmative to a roll call vote, 3-0.

RESOLUTION R-78-2008

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA**

RE: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) 2008 MARKED FORD CROWN VICTORIA POLICE VEHICLES UNDER A STATE CONTRACT TO WINNER FORD, CHERRY HILL, NEW JERSEY AT A PRICE OF \$21,457.00 PER VEHICLE

RESOLUTION R-79-2008

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA**

RE: A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE SUBMISSION OF THE 2007 RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

RESOLUTION R-80-2008

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA**

RE: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF THE MAINTENANCE BOND, NO. 6708700-2002, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,325.00 FILED BY THE BANK FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS MAIN STREET INVESTMENTS, 195 CENTER STREET, BLOCK 220 LOTS 1 & 2

RESOLUTION R-81-2008

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA**

RE: A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION R-58-2008, CORRECTING THE AMOUNT OF THE BOND REDUCTION PREVIOUSLY APPROVED FOR METRO ACQUISITION FOR THE TARGET PROJECT

RESOLUTION R-82-2008

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA**

RE: A RESOLUTION APPROVING PARTICIPATING WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR A SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY, GRANT IDENTIFIER NO. P-4285 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$57,690.00

RESOLUTION R-83-2008
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
RE: A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THAT A COPY OF THE 2008
MUNICIPAL BUDGET HAS BEEN PLACED IN THE
GLOUCESTER COUNTY LIBRARY, MULLICA HILL BRANCH IN
HARRISON TOWNSHIP IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A 40A:4

RESOLUTION R-84-2008
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
RE: A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT OF THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER'S
REGIONAL ECONOMIC PLANNING PROGRAM, PHASE II

RESOLUTION R-852008
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A REQUEST
FOR QUALIFICATIONS AND PROPOSALS ("RFQ/RFP") FOR THE
ACQUISITION AND NON-RESIDENTIAL REDEVELOPMENT
OF THE STRUTHERS-DUNN PROPERTY, LOCATED WITHIN
THE ROUTE 55 REDEVELOPMENT AREA AND COVERED BY THE
RELATED REDEVELOPMENT PLAN

RESOLUTION R -86-2008
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
RE: A RESOLUTION REFUNDING OVERPAID TAXES
ON PROPERTIES IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
FOR BLOCK 274, LOT 1 OF THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to approve a one-day liquor license/ social affair permit filed by the Holy Child Knights of Columbus Council 3532 for an event to be held on May 10, 2008 at the Sewell Fire Hall, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scirrotto. All were in favor.

Chief Graham Land reported he has investigated and found a need to replace the filing system in the police department. He stated the department has about 17,000 files and growing which can not be purged under law. Chief Land said he has received three quotes for a Rolling High Density filing system, Bellia for \$6,857.86, Executive at \$8,200.63 and O'Brien at \$10,593.05.

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to approve the purchase for Bellia as the lowest quote, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scirrotto. All members were in favor following a roll call vote, 3-0.

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to pay all duly authorized bills, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scirrotto. All were in favor.

For the Engineering Report, Jon Bryson, first discussed the Evergreen Avenue project to which the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection issued a letter dated March 25, 2008 indicating the Township of Mantua will receive a grant totaling \$126,000.00 upon the submission of the State Aid agreements and applications, which is being undertaken and will be submitted by Mr. Bryson.

Next, Mr. Bryson reported that the NJDOT has issued a letter reporting that funding is available for Municipal Aid for Bikeways, Centers of Place, Historic Bridges and Safe Streets to Transit programs, to which application are due before June 20, 2008.

Lastly, Mr. Bryson reported that a meeting was held between him and Mr. Datz to discuss the 2008 Local Road Program, to which Mr. Bryson is currently preparing the design plans for the roads selected to be included.

Deputy Mayor Scirrotto asked Mr. Bryson the status of the road widening on Mount Royal Road at the traffic light nearest the Wawa store on Route 45? Mr. Bryson said that matter is likely to have been undertaken by Consulting Engineer Services and he would contact them to check on the status.

Deputy Mayor Scirrotto asked for the status on Cumberland Avenue reconstruction project, to which Mr. Datz reported that the top coating was poured today and some seeding and punch list items were still pending.

Committeewoman Lawrence asked Mr. Bryson the status of the club house in the Country Gardens development. He reported that the foundation has been poured. Committeewoman Lawrence said she recalls, as a member of the planning board, that a certain number of units were to be built and the club house would be built before total completion of the project. Mr. Bryson said he will review the matter and report back.

For the Police Department Report, Chief Land distributed the police department report from January through March 2008. He further reported that the he is working on the request by the Mayor and Township Committee to purchase a hybrid vehicle for the Police Department.

Deputy Mayor Scirrotto asked Chief Land if the passing lanes could be halted on Mantua Boulevard, to which Chief Land said speed limits and the passing are overseen by the State even though it's a County Road. He said he will contact the State about the matter.

For the Department of Public Works report, Mr. Datz updated the Committee on the abandoned bank on Main Street, to which he reported Sabrina Sabatelli was in contact with the owners who informed her they will better maintain the property and expect the site to be sold sometime in the next five months.

Next, Mr. Datz reported that demolition permits could soon be pulled for the brick building located on Main Street adjacent to Kiddie Korral day care.

Lastly, Mr. Datz reported that summonses were issued to Delonis property on Main Street and Berkley Crossings for code violations discovered.

Chief Land asked Mr. Datz if a completion date has been set for the bridge on Main Street near Tylers Mill road, to which Mr. Datz said the work is behind schedule and it could continue through October.

Deputy Mayor Scirrotto asked the status on the lights at the park and little league fields, to which Mr. Datz reported fabrication for the lights will start soon and it could be completed within a month.

Mr. Datz said public works has worked on the athletic fields and repairs requested have been performed except for the request to pour new concrete in the dugouts, which was not able to be performed due to costs at this time.

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scirrotto. All were in favor. The time was 8:05 p.m.