

## **AUGUST 11, 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.

Mayor Timothy W. Chell called the meeting to order. The time was 7:30 p.m.

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

Mayor Chell 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."

Mayor Chell called on Township Clerk Shawn Menzies to perform a roll call of present officials. Present were Committeewoman Lorraine Beckett, Committeewoman Sharon Lawrence, Committeeman Robert Zimmerman, Deputy Mayor Peter Scirrotto, Mayor Chell, August Knestaut, Esquire, Township Solicitor, and Shawn G. Menzies, Township Clerk. Also present for this Workshop were Jon Bryson, Township Engineer and Police Chief Rodney Sawyer  
Township Administrator Michael Datz was absent.

Committeeman Zimmerman made a motion to approve the Township Committee's July 28, 2008 meeting minutes, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scirrotto. All were in favor. Committeewomen Beckett and Lawrence abstained.

Committeewoman Lawrence read aloud proclamations honoring Erin Kane and Brigid Burgin who recently were awarded the Girl Scouts Gold Award, the highest award in the Girl Scouts. Erin Kane was present, but Brigid Burgin could not attend.

Mayor Chell made a motion to recess for two minutes, seconded by Committeeman Zimmerman. All were in favor. The time was 7:38 p.m.

Mayor Chell made a motion at 7:40 p.m. to return to the meeting, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scirrotto. All were in favor.

For the Engineer's Report, Jon Bryson stated he expects the permit to be approved by the state Department of Transportation for the planting of trees along Mantua Boulevard to better buffer the Sheffield Walk development from the Lowes and Target project. Next, Mr. Bryson reported that he is awaiting the sign-off of the bid package by the Township Solicitor for the 2008 Local Road Program. Mr. Knestaut stated he signed-off today and a letter was mailed out. Mr. Bryson said a pre-construction meeting will be held with R.E. Pierson and the work will start soon thereafter.

Finally, Mr. Bryson reported that the Lowes project is nearing completion and they will be requesting a temporary certification of occupancy so they can stock the store. Target is also moving forward. An October grand opening is expected for both sites.

Mayor Chell said the developers deserve a lot of credit for working with the Timbercrest Homeowners Association on getting a sidewalk down Woodbury-Glassboro Road.

Mr. Bryson also stated that some adjustments to the 2008 Local Road Project will have to be made for the realignment of Cape May Avenue and Bergen Avenue pertaining to utilities.

For the Police Report, Chief Sawyer said the National Night Out event earlier this month was a great success and it was because of the hard work of Captain Ed Powell and the department including Patrolman Kyle Riepen. There were, however, two arrests made. One was for disorderly conduct and for a person found with alcohol.

Chief Sawyer reported that an arrest has been made in connection with several items being stolen from two homes in town which the story was in the newspaper recently and the investigation continues.

Chief Sawyer reported that approximately 1,500 hot dogs were served as were 1,600 hamburgers at the National Night Out which about 4,500 people attended and was the most attended National Night Out to date.

For the Public Works Report, Glenn deMures, reported the Neighborhood Watch signs have come in and they will start to be posted. Also, the department did not receive any calls pertaining to the bad storm which occurred on Sunday, August 10, 2008.

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

Don Verhoorn, 186 Cheyenne Avenue, asked why does the Board of Education, Economic Development, Environmental Commission and the Township Committee meet at around the same time each month as it is hard for the public to attend any or all of those meetings. Mayor Chell explained that with the wide use of e-mail, most people who would normally come to a meeting to pose a question or a concern now do so via e-mail. He added that different boards meet when its membership's schedules allow them to do so.

Mr. Verhoorn asked if next year could they work to hold meetings at different times and dates.

James Slemper, Mount Royal Road, asked why the Township is spending about \$1,000.00 per sign to announce land has been preserved as one sign could be used and moved to a new site. Mayor Chell said the Township of Mantua purchases the signs and is reimbursed by the County of Gloucester.

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

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to approve Resolution R-133-2008, seconded by Committeeman Zimmerman.

**RESOLUTION R-133-2008**

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

**RE: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CLOSED SESSION  
MEETING TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL AS IT PERTAINS TO  
THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT**

All were in favor.

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to approve Resolution R-134-2008, seconded by Committeewoman Beckett.

**RESOLUTION R-134-2008**

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

**RE: A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING A  
MECHANICS LIEN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$57.84 ON REAL PROPERTY  
LOCATED AT 49 THACKERY COURT, BLOCK 196.01, LOT 10 OF THE  
OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA FOR  
MAINTENANCE WORK PERFORMED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA**

All were in favor.

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to approve Resolution R-135-2008, seconded by Committeewoman Beckett.

**RESOLUTION R-135-2008**

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

**RE: A RESOLUTION CANCELING THE THIRD AND FOURTH  
QUARTER TAXES ON REAL PROPERTY IN THE TOWNSHIP OF  
MANTUA LOCATED AT BLOCK 37, LOT 7, 396 JACKSON ROAD,  
OWNED BY CHESTNUT VALLEY AND GRIFFIN CONSTRUCTION  
AND REFUNDING TAXES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,270.81 AS ORDERED  
BY THE GLOUCESTER COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION**

All were in favor.

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to approve Resolution R-136-2008, seconded by Committeeman Zimmerman.

**RESOLUTION R-136-2008**  
**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**  
**OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA**  
**RE: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THIRD QUARTER**  
**TAXES TO BE EXTENDED UNTIL SEPTEMBER 10, 2008**

All were in favor.

Deputy Mayor Scirrotto made a motion to approve Resolution R-137-2008, seconded by Committeeman Zimmerman.

**RESOLUTION R-137-2008**  
**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**  
**OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA**  
**RE: A RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 FOR THE**  
**CHESTNUT BRANCH PARK PATH IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT O**  
**DECREASE THE CONTRACT PRICE FOR THE PROJECT BY \$7,880.80**

All members voted in the affirmative to a roll call vote to approve, 5-0.

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to approve Resolution R-138-2008, seconded by Committeewoman Beckett.

**RESOLUTION R-138-2008**  
**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**  
**OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA**  
**RE: A RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 10**  
**FOR THE CUMBERLAND AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION**  
**PROJECT IN THE INCREASED AMOUNT OF \$20,026.50**

All members voted in the affirmative to a roll call vote to approve, 5-0.

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to approve Resolution R-139-2008, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scirrotto.

**RESOLUTION R-139-2008**  
**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**  
**OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA**  
**RE: A RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 11**  
**FOR THE CUMBERLAND AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION**  
**PROJECT IN THE REDUCED AMOUNT OF \$7,465.25**

All members voted in the affirmative to a roll call vote to approve, 5-0.

Under Committee reports, Committeewoman Beckett announced that the movie Grease will be shown at the park on August 20 at dusk.

Committeewoman Lawrence announced that a reptile show will also be held at the park on August 14 at 10:30 a.m.

Deputy Mayor Scirrotto thanked Chief Sawyer, the department and all volunteers who assisted in making the National Night Out event a success. Next, he reported that the County Board of Chosen Freeholders are set to assist the Township of Mantua in making Mantua Boulevard no passing and that is a good job by all who worked hard to pursue this important issue. Lastly, Deputy Mayor Scirrotto reported that in October work will commence on reconstructing the railroad crossing on Center Street and installing railroad gate.

Mayor Chell announced that the annual 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony will take place at the Place of Reflection in the park on September 11, 2008 at 8:30 a.m. and Mantua will be the host of the County event.

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

It was at this time did Deputy Mayor Scirrotto make a motion to enter into Closed Session, seconded by Committeewoman Lawrence. All were in favor. The time was 8:05p.m.

Deputy Mayor Scirrotto made a motion to return to the meeting in open at 8:40 p.m., seconded by Mayor Chell. All were in favor.

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Committeewoman Beckett. All were in favor. The time was 8:41 p.m.