

FEBRUARY 25, 2008

On the above date, the Township Committee of the Township of Mantua held its monthly Regular 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 Walter F. Lenkowski, Deputy Mayor Peter Scirrotto, Mayor Chell, Richard H. Subers, Township Administrator, Jeff Daniels, Esquire, Township Solicitor and Shawn G. Menzies, Township Clerk.

Committeeman Lenkowski made a motion to approve the Committee's February 11, 2008 Workshop Meeting minutes, seconded by Committeewoman Beckett. All were in favor.

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to approve the Township Committee's Closed Session meeting, held on February 11, 2008, seconded by Committeewoman Beckett. All were in favor.

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

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

Under the legislation portion of the agenda, Deputy Mayor Scirrotto made a motion to open for a public hearing Ordinance O-01-2008, seconded by Committeewoman Lawrence. All were in favor.

James Slemph, of Mount Royal Road, asked for a clarification on Ordinance O-02-2008 as to whether it applies to pedestrians in any way or only motor vehicles. Mayor Chell responded that the ordinance pertains to motor vehicles only.

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

Deputy Mayor Scirrotto made a motion to adopt Ordinance O-01-2008, seconded by Committeewoman Lawrence.

ORDINANCE O- 01 -2008
AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
RE: AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE STOPPING OR STANDING ALONG
A PORTION OF ROUTE N.J. 45 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA

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

Deputy Mayor Scirrotto made a motion to open for a public hearing Ordinance O-02-2008, seconded by Committeewoman Beckett. All were in favor.

As no one wished to address the Township Committee on Ordinance O-02-2008, Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Committeeman Lenkowski. All were in favor.

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to adopt Ordinance O-02-2008, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scirrotto.

ORDINANCE O-02-2008
AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
RE: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
MANTUA, CHAPTER 62, "BUILDING CONSTRUCTION," SECTION 2, "FEES"

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

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to open for a public hearing Ordinance O-03-2008, seconded by Committeewoman Lawrence. All were in favor.

As no one wished to address the Township Committee on Ordinance O-03-2008, Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scirrotto. All were in favor.

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to adopt Ordinance O-03-2008, seconded by Committeewoman Lawrence.

ORDINANCE O-03 - 2008
AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
RE: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP
OF MANTUA, CHAPTER 308, "RECORDS,
PUBLIC ACCESS TO, FORMERLY CHAPTER 40

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

Committeeman Lenkowski made a motion to approve Resolution R-44-2008, seconded by Committeewoman Lawrence.

RESOLUTION R-44-2008

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

**RE: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TERMINATION OF AN
INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
AND THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
FOR THE POSITION OF TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR**

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

Deputy Mayor Scirrotto made a motion to approve Resolution R-45-2008, seconded by Committeewoman Lawrence.

RESOLUTION R-45-2008

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

**RE: A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MICHAEL DATZ AS THE
ADMINISTRATOR OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA**

All were in favor.

Mayor Chell thanked Mr. Subers for his many years of work as the Township Administrator. Mayor Chell next administered the Oath of Office to Michael Datz.

Deputy Mayor Scirrotto made a motion to approve Resolution R-46-2008, seconded by Committeewoman Beckett.

RESOLUTION 46-2008

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

**RE: A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL
SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF
GLOUCESTER AND TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA FOR THE JOINT
PRESENTATION OF FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT SERIES**

All were in favor.

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to approve Resolution R-47-2008, seconded by Committeeman Lenkowski.

RESOLUTION R-47-2008
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
RE: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
TO ENTER INTO AND OBTAIN A GRANT FROM THE COUNTY OF
GLOUCESTER DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,
DIVISION OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOR
THE PROGRAM YEAR 2008 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK
GRANT MUNICIPAL PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF
AN APPLICATION SEEKING GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$25,000.00 FOR THE JESSUP'S MILL ROAD RESURFACING PROJECT

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

Deputy Mayor Scirrotto made a motion to approve Resolution R-48-2008, seconded by Committeewoman Beckett.

RESOLUTION R -48 -2008
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
RE: A RESOLUTION REFUNDING OVERPAID TAXES
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$950.00 FOR BLOCK 32, LOT 17 OF THE
OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA

All were in favor.

Committeeman Lenkowski made a motion to approve Resolution R-49-2008, seconded by Committeewoman Beckett.

RESOLUTION R-49-2008
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
RE: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2008 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

All members were in favor.

Deputy Mayor Scirrotto made a motion to approve Resolution R-50-2008, seconded by Committeeman Lenkowski.

RESOLUTION R-50-2008
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
RE: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AWARD OF A BID TO COASTAL
ELECTRIC FOR THE ELECTRICAL LIGHTING AT THE CHESTNUT
BRANCH PARK AND LITTLE LEAGUE FIELDS IN THE TOTAL
AMOUNT OF \$106,314.00 AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR
AND TOWNSHIP CLERK TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT

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

Committeeman Lenkowski made a motion to approve Resolution R-51-2008, seconded by Committeewoman Beckett.

RESOLUTION R-51-2008
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
RE: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF A PERFORMANCE
BOND FILED BY THE BANK, NO. SO40187, ON BEHALF OF THE
SOUTH JERSEY TECHNOLOGY PARK AT ROWAN UNIVERSITY IN
THE AMOUNT OF \$955,555.20 AND ACCEPTING A MAINTENANCE
BOND, NO. SO40187 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$209,116.00

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

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to approve Resolution R-52-2008, seconded by Committeewoman Beckett.

RESOLUTION R -52-2008
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
RE: A RESOLUTION NAMING THE OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES
FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA, COUNTY OF
GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

All were in favor.

Committeeman Lenkowski made a motion to approve Resolution R-53-2008, seconded by Committeewoman Beckett.

RESOLUTION R-53-2008
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
RE: A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN EMERGENCY
TEMPORARY BUDGET FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA

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

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to approve a one-day liquor license/social affair filed by the VFW Post 7679 for an event to be held on March 29, 2008, seconded by Committeewoman Beckett. All were in favor.

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to approve a one-day liquor license/social affair filed by the Rotary Club for an event to be held at the Pitman Golf Course on April 12, 2008, seconded by Committeewoman Beckett. All were in favor.

Under Committee Reports, Mayor Chell congratulated Mr. Datz for his appointment to Township Administrator and again thanked Mr. Subers, as did all members fo the Township Committee.

Committeewoman Beckett also announced that anyone with assistance or has questions about the recently approved Federal Government Economic Stimulus rebate program can stop in the Clerk's Office between 6 and 8 p.m. on Thursday nights for assistance.

Under New Business, the Township Committee scheduled to hold its Budget Workshop. Mayor Chell asked for a motion for a five minute recess which was made by Deputy Mayor Scirrotto, seconded by Committeeman Lenkowski. All were in favor.

Committeeman Lenkowski made a motion to reopen the meeting following the brief, five minute recess, seconded by Committeewoman Lawrence. All were in favor.

Mr. Subers distributed to each member of the Township Committee a copy of a draft budget. Mr. Subers reported that the CAP laws of 2007 have not changed except for new items which can be included in the cap and also some waivers for items. A possible 5.8 cents tax increase could be expected in the 2008 budget, he further stated. He then discussed the surplus could go lower, but would be replenished back to a health limit in 2009 when new construction of commercial property is added to the assessment. Mr. Subers said aside form contractual agreements, salaries would increase 3.5 percent.

Mr. Subers continued with his report, discussing that within the proposed, draft budget includes two vehicles for construction and the possibility of three for the police department. He added the reserve for uncollected taxes in 2007 was \$200,000 and in 2008 is expected to increase.

Under capital items, Mr. Subers reported that trash bins would need to be purchased, a time clock for the public works and municipal building and municipal furnishings, filing systems. Funds from a previously adopted bond ordinance remain and would be used for the purchase of a new leaf collection truck. Three Mobile Data Terminals for police department vehicles also are being requested.

Mayor Chell and Chief Graham Land have been discussing the purchase of at least four speed signs which are removable, costing about \$4,000.00 each. Chief Land also said he and Mayor Chell have discussed the purchase of a Hybrid vehicle for the police department, which likely would be used by the Detectives.

Mr. Datz reported that there is a \$21,050 capital equipment request, which includes tools for the fleet service, a scanner for vehicles for fleet service, a new tire machine, hydraulic hose and a new tractor with bagger.

Mayor Chell asked Mr. Datz to research programs dealing with electronic recycling, for computers and similar items.

Mayor Chell asked for the Committee to review the draft budget.

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

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scirrotto. All were in favor. The time was 8:49 p.m.