

## **JANUARY 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 Peter 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, Committeeman Walter F. Lenkowski, Richard H. Subers, Township Administrator, Maria DeTitto, Esquire, Township Solicitor and Shawn G. Menzies, Township Clerk.

Mayor Timothy W. Chell was absent.

Committeewoman Beckett made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of the Township Committee's December 27, 2007 Regular Meeting, seconded by Committeewoman Lawrence. All were in favor. Committeeman Lenkowski abstained.

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of the Township Committee's Reorganization Meeting held on January 1, 2008, seconded by Committeewoman Beckett. All were in favor.

For the Police Department Report, Chief Graham Land distributed to all members present the 2007 Mantua Township Police Department final report.

Deputy Mayor Scirrotto asked the status of the traffic report on Mantua Boulevard, to which Chief Land said preliminary reports show that over a two week period approximately 80,000 vehicles were reported and now the speeds will be analyzed. Mr. Subers inquired about possible speed limit changes, to which Chief Land said he will be working with the State and Township Engineer Jon Bryson.

Committeewoman Beckett asked Michael Datz, Supervisor of Public Works, when the vegetation carts will be picked up, to which Mr. Datz reported vegetation carts will only be picked up during the first week in April through the last week of October.

Committeeman Lenkowski asked Mr. Datz if he had researched about using funds from the Tree Protection Ordinance and Trust to pay for diseased or dead tree removal and replacement. Solicitor DeTitto said as the author of the ordinance, the ordinance does not provide for such, but it will be further reviewed.

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to open the meeting to the public, seconded by Committeeman Lenkowski. All were in favor.

Glen Lore, 29 Chestnut Street, asked if the Township of Mantua had any plans for the old drive-through bank on Main Street?

Mr. Subers reported that violations have been issued and will continue to be to enforce code standards.

Mr. Menzies stated that the property owner faced a tax sale for delinquent taxes, but that was halted when the company filed for bankruptcy protection. Mr. Subers stated that that protection still allows for the town to issue code violations.

Next, Mr. Lore asked if any plans have been made for the 35 acres on Berkley Road known as the Kammerer farm, or if the Township of Mantua can lease the land to continue being farmed. Mr. Subers said a committee is in place to review such, but the Township of Mantua is allowed to lease the land for farming and no final plans have been made for the land.

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

Committeeman Lenkowski made a motion to adopt by Title Only 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, 4-0.

Committeeman Lenkowski made a motion to adopt by the Title Only Ordinance O-02-2008, seconded by Committeewoman Beckett.

**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, 4-0.

Committeeman Lenkowski made a motion to approve Resolution R-23-2008, seconded by Committeewoman Lawrence.

**RESOLUTION R-23-2008**  
**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**  
**OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA**  
**RE: A RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE APPROVAL OF THE**  
**PURCHASE OF A VEHICLE FOR THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP POLICE**  
**DEPARTMENT AND AWARDED THE PURCHASE TO THE LOWEST**  
**QUOTE TO HAMMONTON FORD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,800.00**

All were in favor.

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to approve Resolution R-24-2008, seconded by Committeewoman Beckett.

**RESOLUTION R-24-2008**  
**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**  
**OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA**  
**RE: A RESOLUTION APPOINTING SHAWN G. MENZIES AS**  
**THE PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER FOR THE**  
**TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA FOR THE YEAR 2008**

All members were in favor.

Committeeman Lenkowski made a motion to approve Resolution R-25-2008, seconded by Committeewoman Lawrence.

**RESOLUTION R-25-2008**  
**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**  
**OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA**  
**RE: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING**  
**CHANGE ORDER NOS. TWO THROUGH SEVEN FOR THE**  
**AS CUMBERLAND AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT**

All were in favor.

Committeewoman Beckett made a motion to approve Resolution R-26-2008, seconded by Committeewoman Lawrence.

**RESOLUTION R-26-2008**  
**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**  
**OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA**  
**RE: A RESOLUTION APPOINTING DONNA HART TO**  
**THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP RECREATION COMMITTEE AND**  
**ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF BETH FAUST**

All were in favor. Deputy Mayor Scirrotto requested a letter be sent to Beth Faust thanking her for her volunteerism.

Committeeman Lenkowski made a motion to approve Resolution R-27-2008, seconded by Committeewoman Beckett.

**RESOLUTION R-27-2008**  
**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 UNION NEGOTIATIONS**  
All were in favor.

Committeewoman Beckett made a motion to approve Resolution R-28-2008, seconded by Committeeman Lenkowski.

**RESOLUTION R-28-2008**  
**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**  
**OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA**  
**RE: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF A**  
**PERFORMANCE BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,670.00**  
**FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS OF THE OMNI RECYCLING FACILITY**  
**AND WAIVING THE ACCEPTANCE A MAINTENANCE BOND**  
All members were in favor.

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to approve a one-day liquor license/social affair, seconded by Committeewoman Beckett.

**ONE-DAY LIQUOR LICENSE/SOCIAL AFFAIR FILED BY IN THE**  
**VILLAGE SALON ON BEHALF OF RELAY FOR LIFE FOR AN EVENT**  
**TO BE HELD JAN. 19, 2008 IN THE INCARNATION CHURCH**  
All were in favor.

Under Committee Reports, Committeewoman Beckett said she received a thank you note from the Centre City School for the Township of Mantua Public Assistance Board in helping with various drives for the needy this past holiday season.

Committeewoman Lawrence said the Board of Health was informed of an incident in which home in Mantua tested positive for lead paint. The Board is working to see if it can distribute lead paint detection kits to anyone wishing to obtain one who could get a free kit anonymously. She will report back when the Board meets and discusses it further.

Deputy Mayor Scirrotto reported municipal offices will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day and there will be no trash or recycling pick up on Monday, January 21. Offices will reopen and pick ups will resume Tuesday, January 22, 2008.

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to approve the bill list and pay all duly authorized bills, seconded by Committeeman Lenkowski. All were in favor.

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to adjourn into Closed Session as approved by Resolution R-27-2008, seconded by Committeewoman Beckett. All were in favor. The time was 7:50 p.m.

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to reopen the meeting, seconded by Committeeman Lenkowski. All were in favor. The time was 8:07 p.m.

Committeeman Lenkowski made a motion to approve for the reimbursement of COBRA insurance coverage for a two month period for an employee of the Mantua Township Police Department, seconded by Committeewoman Beckett. A roll call vote resulted in three votes in favor (Scirrotto, Lenkowski and Beckett) and one against (Lawrence).

Committeewoman Beckett made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Committeeman Lenkowski. All were in favor. The time was 8:11 p.m.