

JANUARY 28, 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. Mantua Township Police Explorers Post 329 presented the colors and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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, August Knestaut, Esquire, Township Solicitor and Shawn G. Menzies, Township Clerk.

Deputy Mayor Scirrotto made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of the Township Committee's January 14, 2008 Workshop Meeting, seconded by Committeeman Lenkowski. All were in favor. Mayor Chell abstained.

Deputy Mayor Scirrotto made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of the Township Committee's Closed Session Meeting held on January 14, 2008, seconded by Committeewoman Beckett. All were in favor. Mayor Chell abstained.

Mayor Chell welcomed Fred Buhler of the Mantua Home Depot and Fran West, of the Mantua-based JFM Inspections. Both gentlemen were on-hand for an information session with residents about radon, as January 2008 has been proclaimed as Radon Action & Awareness Month in the Township of Mantua.

It was at this time did Mayor Chell call for a motion to approve Resolution R-29-2008. Deputy Mayor Scirrotto made a motion to approve Resolution R-29-2008, seconded by Committeeman Lenkowski.

RESOLUTION R-29-2008
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
RE: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PROMOTION OF
RODNEY J. SAWYER TO THE RANK CAPTAIN WITHIN
THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

All members were in favor. Committeewoman Lawrence abstained.

Deputy Mayor & Public Safety Director Scirrotto administered the Oath of Office to Captain Rodney J. Sawyer.

Mayor Chell said the choice for Captain was tough, but the Committee felt strong about the choice of Captain Sawyer. He went on to thank Chief Graham Land for his leadership and also for his important role played in the construction of the Police Administration and Municipal Court building. Mayor Chell called for a brier recess.

As the meeting was brought back to order, Committeewoman Beckett 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, Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to close the public portion, seconded by Committeewoman Beckett. All were in favor.

Under the legislation portion of the agenda, Deputy Mayor Scirrotto made a motion to adopt by Title Only 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, 5-0.

Committeeman Lenkowski made a motion to approve Resolution R-30-2008, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scirrotto.

RESOLUTION R- 30 -2008
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
RE: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SALE OF A
MANTUA TOWNSHIP TRASH TRUCK TO THE BOROUGH
OF PAULSBORO IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,000.00

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

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to approve Resolution R-31-2008, seconded by Committeewoman Beckett.

RESOLUTION R- 31 -2008
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
RE: A RESOLUTION APPROVING ENTRY INTO AN AGREEMENT
OF SALE FOR THE PURCHASE OF BLOCK 54, LOT 4 IN THE
TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AND AUTHORIZING THE
SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS NECESSARY FOR CLOSING

All members were in favor.

Committeewoman Beckett made a motion to approve Resolution R-32-2008, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scirrotto.

RESOLUTION R-32-2008
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
RE: A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MICHAEL ANDREAS TO THE MANTUA
TOWNSHIP VETERANS COMMISSION TO A THREE-YEAR TERM

All were in favor.

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to approve Resolution R-33-2008, seconded by Committeewoman Beckett.

RESOLUTION R- 33 -2008
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
RE: A RESOLUTION APPOINTING OFFICIAL
TOWERS FOR THE YEAR 2008 IN ACCORDANCE WITH
CHAPTER 139 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA: TMT
TYLER MILL TOWING, L.J. WURST & SONS AND MARSHALL'S TOWING

All members were in favor.

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to approve Resolution R-34-2008, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scirrotto.

RESOLUTION R-34-2008
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
RE: A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL GOVERNMENT
SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GLOUCESTER
COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY AND THE TOWNSHIP OF
MANTUA FOR THE MUNICIPALITY'S RENTAL FROM THE
AUTHORITY OF AN ORGANIC RESOURCE PROCESSOR AND A
FRONT-END LOADER AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT

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

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to approve Resolution R-35-2008, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scirrotto.

RESOLUTION R-35-2008
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
RE: A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PROHIBITION OF
CERTAIN LEFT TURN TRAFFIC MOVEMENTS AT UNSIGNALIZED
DRIVEWAYS FOR THE "FOX PLAZA" SHOPPING CENTER

All were in favor.

Deputy Mayor Scirrotto made a motion to approve a one-day liquor license/social affair filed by Lawson-Cox VFW Post 7679 for an event at the Post on February 23, 2008, seconded by Committeewoman Lawrence. All were in favor.

Deputy Mayor Scirrotto made a motion to approve a one-day liquor license/social affair filed by the Incarnation Knights of Columbus Council 6364 for an event to be held at the church hall on March 15, 2008, seconded by Committeewoman Lawrence. All were in favor.

Under Committee Reports, Committeewoman Beckett announced anyone wishing to have assistance preparing their state or federal tax forms can do by calling the Office of Township Clerk to make an appointment as representatives from AARP will join with local volunteers on these sessions on Thursday nights beginning February 7, 2008 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Mayor Chell announced that this evening was the first meeting of the newly created Mantua Township Open Space Advisory Committee, which has been charged with reviewing and recommending the future use of two-recently acquired open space parcels in the Township- the Kadin and Kemmerer properties

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

Deputy Mayor Scirrotto made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Committeewoman Beckett. All were in favor. The time was 8:00 p.m.