

JUNE 16, 2008

On the above date the Township Committee of the Township of Mantua held a Special Meeting in the Mantua Township Municipal Building, 401 Main Street, Mantua, New Jersey 08051.

Mayor Timothy W. Chell called the meeting to order. The time was 4:00 p.m.

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

Mayor Chell read the Statement of the Presiding Officer: This Special Meeting was called pursuant to the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meeting Act, *N.J.S.A. 10:4-8 (d)*, Notice of this meeting was transmitted to the Gloucester County Times and the Courier-Post newspapers at least 48-hours in advance. In addition, copies of the notice were posted on the bulletin board in the Mantua Township Municipal Building and filed in the office of the Township Clerk.

Mayor Chell called on Township Clerk Shawn Menzies to perform a Roll Call of present officers and officials. Present were Committeewoman Lorraine Beckett, Committeewoman Sharon Lawrence, Deputy Mayor Pete Scirrotto, Mayor Chell, Township Administrator Michael Datz and Township Clerk Shawn Menzies.

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to open the meeting to the public, seconded by Committeewoman Beckett. 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.

Mayor Chell said the reason for the Special Meeting today is to choose a new member of the Township Committee as Walter F. Lenkowski submitted on June 9, 2008 his resignation. He added everyone is indebted to Mr. Lenkowski for his service to the residents of Mantua Township and he always put Mantua Township first. Mayor Chell said he would be missed. He further reflected on Mr. Lenkowski's hard work and dedication which went into constructing the 9/11 Memorial in the Chestnut Branch Park not long after he was seriously injured at his job. The memorial is now the official 9/11 Memorial of Gloucester County.

Next, Mayor Chell read aloud a letter submitted by the Mantua Township Democratic Executive Committee, which included three names for replacement consideration- Robert Zimmerman, 55 Thackery Court, Heather Pool, 380 Cottage gate Circle and Thomas Gregg, 642 Helena Avenue. He then thanked the Executive Committee for the three candidates which he called outstanding candidates who have all served on the local board of education.

Mayor Chell announced his support for Robert Zimmerman, which he cited Mr. Zimmerman's membership to the school board and his administrative experience in the Pitman Police Department to replace Mr. Lenkowski on the Township Committee. Deputy Mayor Scirrotto also supported Mr. Zimmerman as did Committeewomen Lawrence and Beckett.

It was at this time did Mayor Chell present to the Township Committee Resolution R-110-2008 for consideration.

Committeeman Scirrotto made a motion to approve Resolution R-110-2008, seconded by Committeewoman Lawrence.

RESOLUTION R-110-2008

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

**RE: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE APPOINTING
ROBERT ZIMMERMAN TO AN UNEXPIRED TERM ON THE MANTUA
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A 40A:16.5**

All members voted in the affirmative to a roll call vote to approve, 4-0.

Mayor Chell called Committeeman Zimmerman up to be administered the Oath of Office. Joining Committeeman Zimmerman was his wife, Diane and his two children Ashley and Brittany.

Mayor Chell welcomed Committeeman Zimmerman.

Mr. Zimmerman thanked the Township Committee for his opportunity to serve the residents of the Township of Mantua. He added it was a difficult decision to resign from the Mantua Board of Education and he will do his best.

Deputy Mayor Scirrotto made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Committeewoman Beckett. All were in favor. The time was 4:25 p.m.