

## **JUNE 9, 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 Pete 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 Sharon Lawrence, Deputy Mayor Peter Scirrotto, Michael Datz, Township Administrator & Supervisor of Public Works, Jeff Daniels, Esquire, Township Solicitor, and Shawn G. Menzies, Township Clerk. Also present for this Workshop were Jon Bryson, Township Engineer and Police Chief Graham Land. Mayor Tim Chell was absent.

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of the Township Committee's May 12, 2008 Workshop Meeting, seconded by Committeewoman Beckett. All were in favor.

It was at this time did deputy Mayor invite Laurie Heckert and her Third Grade class from Sewell School came forward to explain about their project which had the creation of a Mantua Township Business Phonebook and Directory. Copies were reviewed by the Committee and the Committee thanked the students and their teacher for all of their hard work on the creative project. Sewell School Principal Daniel McKee was also present.

For the Engineering Report, Jon Bryson reported that Metro Developers have requested and have been granted approval for a second round of performance bond reductions for the Lowes and Target projects.

Next, Mr. Bryson reported he is still waiting to hear from the Department of Transportation in regards to utilizing funds from the town's Tree Fund to pay for new trees to be planted near the Target and Lowes site.

Mr. Bryson said his office and Shawn Menzies, the Township Clerk, have started the grant procurement process under the SAGE program for DOT for the Evergreen Avenue grant. He added that funding for other projects are now available from the DOT and those applications are due June 20, 2008.

Several projects remain ongoing and proceeding as schedule, including the Target, Lowes, Main Street Self Storage, Country Gardens and Berkley Crossing, reported Mr. Bryson.

For his final Police Department Report, Chief Graham Land, whose was joined by Captain Rodney Sawyer, distributed the Year to Date-April and May 2008 Police Department Report.

Next, he reported that the department continues to undergo accreditation and more work will be coming through in the coming months and he expects full accreditation by 2009.

During a recent awards banquet, Officers Lawrence and Haggerty were awarded Distinguished Services honors, Officers Jeffrey Ferry and Richard Covolessky were honored with Unit Citations for work with the Mantua Township Police Explorers and he, Chief Land, received an Honorable Discharge as his retirement is near.

Next, he reported that a Police Clerk has reported she will leave her position citing family matters. Chief Land said she is a great employee and they are getting along fine at this point and would like to see what happens in the near future.

Mr. Datz said that if the employee leaves and comes back that under the Personnel Policy she would have to undergo the 90-day probation without insurance coverage.

Chief Land reported next that the new filing system in the police department is working well and asked for everyone to come and view it.

Captain Sawyer reported that the recent Click It Or Ticket campaign saw more than 300 summonses issued for driving without a seatbelt and other violations, one the most productive campaigns ever.

Deputy Mayor Scirrotto said he was recently in Woodbury and noticed new three-and four way stop sign and wondered what prevents Mantua from doing the same. Chief Land said the Township of Mantua could on local roads, but if they are not approved by the DOT then the Township of Mantua places itself in major liability if an accident should occur at the location. Chief Land said he will list streets where this could be effective and report back with DOT input.

Committeewoman Beckett said she noticed some streets did not have a speed limit sign, to which Captain Sawyer said they would check, but that when no sign appears the law states the speed limit is 25 MPH. She asked if a speed limit sign and a Watch Children sign could be posted on streets known to have high rates of speeders and children in play.

Chief Land said with the recent heat wave, places like the Senior Center and Community Center are open for those without air conditioning or need cool places on a temporary basis, but that the Township of Mantua can not put itself in a position to shelter. He added they would help anyone any time but can not assume care.

As it was his last meeting, Chief Land said it has been a pleasure working with the Township Committee and thanked them for the support and also that of former administrator Richard Subers, who always assisted when in need. He added the Township Committee has always had the best interests of the community in mind.

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

Carole Rhodes, Breakneck Road, said she had had a previous issue with the Gloucester County Times placing in no order public notices of ordinances and the newspaper has not contacted her back, but thought it was a good idea to have the ordinances placed on the Township Web site.

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

Deputy Mayor Scirrotto entertained a motion to Table Ordinance O-09-2008 and that a public hearing and final vote be held June 23, 2008. Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to table the ordinance, seconded by Committeewoman Beckett.

**ORDINANCE O-09-2008**  
**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP**  
**COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA**  
**RE: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE O-21-2006,**  
**THE “CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA,” CHAPTER 46**  
**AMENDING THE RANGE OF SALARIES OF OFFICERS AND**  
**EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA, IN THE**  
**COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

All members voted in the affirmative to a roll call vote to Table Ordinance O-09-2008, 3-0.

It was at this time did Deputy Mayor Scirrotto announce that Committeeman Walter F. Lenkowski has resigned from the Township Committee effective immediately. He then read aloud his resignation letter, adding that the Township Committee is thankful for the seven years Mr. Lenkowski has served on the Committee and he will be missed.

Under the legislation portion of the agenda, Committee Lawrence made a motion to open for a public hearing Ordinance O-07-2008, seconded by Committeewoman Beckett. All were in favor.

As no one wished to speak on O-07-2008, Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to close the public portion, seconded by Committeewoman Beckett. All were in favor.

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to adopt Ordinance O-07-2008, seconded by Committeewoman Beckett.

**ORDINANCE O-07-2008**  
**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**  
**OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA**  
**RE: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 143,**  
**SECTION 23, "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC" OF THE**  
**CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA**

All members voted in the affirmative to a roll call vote to adopt, 3 to 0.

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to open for a public hearing Ordinance O-08-2008, seconded by Committeewoman Beckett.

Donna Dorris said she received an anonymous letter, likely from a resident about music being played in her yard while children are in the pool and she wanted to know if it was in her right as long as it is played at a reasonable level between 7 a.m. and 11 p.m., to which Chief Land said yes she is.

Debbie, last name inaudible, asked what was being changed in the ordinance, to which the solicitor explained that recent court cases have resulted in new legislation and it deals with what is and what is not a noise violation and the Committee is fine tuning the ordinance on the books to reflect such.

As no one else wished to speak on Ordinance O-08-2008, Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Committeewoman Beckett.

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to adopt Ordinance O-08-2008, seconded by Committeewoman Beckett.

**ORDINANCE O-08-2008**  
**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**  
**OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA**  
**RE: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 112 OF THE**  
**CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA, "NOISE"**

All members voted in the affirmative to a roll call vote to adopt, 3 to 0.

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to adopt by Title Only Ordinance O-10-2008, seconded by Committeewoman Beckett.

**ORDINANCE O-10-2008**  
**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**  
**OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA**  
**RE: AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING PARKING ON COUNTY ROUTE 553A,**  
**MANTUA-BARNSBORO ROAD FROM BLOCK 148, LOT 7 TO BLOCK 160,**  
**LOT 10 OF THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA**

All members voted in the affirmative to a roll call vote to adopt by Title Only, 3 to 0.

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to adopt by Title Only Ordinance O-11-2008, seconded by Committeewoman Beckett.

**ORDINANCE O-11-2008**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA**

**RE: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP  
OF MANTUA TO PROVIDE FOR THE COLLECTION OF MOUNT LAUREL  
DEVELOPMENT FEES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REGULATIONS  
OF THE NEW JERSEY COUNCIL ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

All members voted in the affirmative to a roll call vote to adopt by Title Only, 3 to 0.

Deputy Mayor Scirrotto entertained a motion to approve Resolution R-99-2008 through R-109-2008 by consent. Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to approve Resolution R-99-2008 through Resolution R-109-2008, seconded by Committeewoman Lawrence, but Committeewoman Lawrence abstained on Resolution R-99-2008.

**RESOLUTION R-99-2008**

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

**RE: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF A  
CONTRACT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AND  
POLICE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION LOCAL NUMBER 122 ON  
BEHALF OF THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR  
THE TERM OF JANUARY 1, 2008 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2010**

**RESOLUTION R-100-2008**

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

**RE: A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE BOARD OF CHOSEN  
FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER AND THE NEW  
JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONDUCT A TRAFFIC  
STUDY ON MANTUA BOULEVARD FROM CENTER STREET TO THE  
RAILROAD OVERPASS TO ADDRESS CONCERNS OF EXCESS SPEEDING  
AND ILLEGAL MOTOR VEHICLE PASSING**

**RESOLUTION R -101-2008**

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

**RE: A RESOLUTION REFUNDING OVERPAID  
PROPERTY TAXES IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA**

**RESOLUTION R-102-2008**  
**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**  
**OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA**  
**RE: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT TO RENEW THE**  
**MEMBERSHIP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA TO THE GLOUCESTER,**  
**SALEM AND CUMBERLAND COUNTIES MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE**  
**FUND EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2009 THROUGH JANUARY 1, 2012**

**RESOLUTION R-103-2008**  
**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**  
**OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA**  
**RE: A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE APPLICATION FOR MUNICIPAL**  
**AID FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION,**  
**LOCAL MUNICIPAL AID PROGRAM FOR ROADWAY RECONSTRUCTION.**

**RESOLUTION R-104-2008**  
**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**  
**OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA**  
**RE: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REDUCTION OF A PERFORMANCE**  
**BOND FILED WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA BY METRO**  
**ACQUISITIONS GROUP FOR THE LOWES PROJECT BY**  
**\$2,622,561.24 TO REFLECT THE NEW BONDED AMOUNT OF \$3,998,282.76**

**RESOLUTION R-105-2008**  
**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**  
**OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA**  
**RE: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REDUCTION OF A PERFORMANCE**  
**BOND FILED WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA BY METRO**  
**ACQUISITIONS GROUP FOR THE TARGET PROJECT BY**  
**\$579,615.60 TO REFLECT THE NEW BONDED AMOUNT OF \$1,925,085.00**

**RESOLUTION R-106-2008**  
**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**  
**OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA**  
**RE: A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE NEW JERSEY**  
**COUNCIL ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING TO APPROVE THE**  
**DRAFT AMENDMENT TO THE TOWNSHIP'S AFFORDABLE**  
**HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FEE ORDINANCE**

**RESOLUTION R-107-2008**  
**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**  
**OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA**  
**RE: A RESOLUTION EXTENDING TIME FOR COMMUNITY INVESTMENT**  
**STRATEGIES (“CIS”) AS AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPER FOR**  
**BLOCK 253.01, LOTS 38.01 AND 39 WITHIN A DESIGNATED**  
**REDEVELOPMENT AREA TO ENTER INTO A DEVELOPMENT**  
**AGREEMENT, FINANCIAL AGREEMENTS AND RELATED PROJECT**  
**AGREEMENTS WITH THE TOWNSHIP AND SMITH**

**RESOLUTION R-108-2008**  
**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**  
**OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA**  
**RE: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CANCELLATION OF TAXES ON**  
**REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT BLOCK 54, LOT 4 & LOT 4 Q-FARM, ALSO**  
**KNOWN AS THE KAMMERER FARM, WHICH IS NOW PART OF THE**  
**TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA FARMLAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM**

All members voted in the affirmative to a roll call vote to approve Resolution R-99-2008 through Resolution R-109-2008, 3 to 0. Again, Committeewoman Lawrence abstained on Resolution R-99-2008.

Under Discussion, the first item pertained to a letter from the County to the Township of Mantua in regards to an application which has been made to operate a compost operation at the site of the Smith orchards. Mr. Menzies explained that approval for such must come from the County, but the municipality must be informed of the request to operate a compost operation and address any concerns it may have.

The second matter pertained to a request of the Board of Health to the Township Committee for legislation which would regulate the use of Motor Vehicles Used for Recreation. The solicitor noted current State motor vehicle codes along with the amended Noise Ordinance would likely regulate the use of recreational vehicles like All Terrain Vehicles or ATVs. She further noted that one aspect of the proposed ordinance from the Board of Health would place a restriction of mandating the operation of those types of vehicles be 300 feet from an adjacent property line, to which could be a violation of land rights and the Constitution.

Under Reports, Committeewoman Lawrence thanked Mr. Lenkowski for his many years of service and contribution to the community and he would be sadly missed.

Committeewoman Beckett also thanked Mr. Lenkowski for all his work and dedication to the residents of the Township of Mantua over the past seven years he has served. She further thanked all employees, volunteers, police explorers and police officers for assisting with the annual Community Day held June 7, which was and always has been a great success.

Deputy Mayor Scirrotto said while it was a very hot day, Community Day was again a wonderful event. He noted a young resident who ran an Alex's Lemonade Stand to help raise money to fight cancer and that this girl will be shaving her head so that her hair would be used as a wig for children undergoing cancer treatment and that her devotion and caring is outstanding.

Committeewoman Lawrence 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 Committeewoman Beckett. All were in favor. The time was 8:15 p.m.