

JANUARY 1, 2008

On the above date the Township of Committee of the Township of Mantua held its Reorganization Meeting in the municipal building. The time was 10:30 a.m.

Township Clerk Shawn Menzies wished everyone a good morning and Happy New Year and called the meeting to order.

Mr. Menzies asked everyone to rise for the flag salute. Cub Scout Pack 45 presented the colors and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Menzies asked for everyone to remain standing for the Invocation offered by The Rev. Karl Kraft, of the Mantua United Methodist Church.

Mr. Menzies then read the Statement of the Presiding Officer: "Notice of this Reorganization Meeting was given in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, more than 48 hours in advance by providing a Notice of Reorganization Meeting to the Gloucester County Times and Courier Post Newspapers, for Publication in their public meeting notice columns. Notice was also posted more than 48 hours in advance on the bulletin board in the lobby of the Mantua Township Municipal Building."

Mr. Menzies next reported the results of election. The victors of the General Election held on November 6, 2007 were Peter Scirrotto and Sharon Lawrence, Incumbents.

Mr. Menzies asked Mrs. Lawrence to come forward to be administered the Oath of Office by Michael A. Aimino Jr., Esquire.

Mr. Menzies asked Mr. Scirrotto to come forward to be administered the Oath of Office by The Hon. Stephen M. Sweeney, New Jersey State Senator and Freeholder Director.

After Committee members Scirrotto and Lawrence took their seats to start serving their three-year terms on the Township Committee, Mr. Menzies opened the nomination for Mayor of the Township Committee for 2008. Committeeman Scirrotto nominated Committeeman Timothy W. Chell for Mayor, seconded by Committeewoman Lawrence. All were in favor. As no other nominations were offered, Committeeman Walter Lenkowski closed the nominations, seconded by Committeewoman Lawrence. All were in favor.

For the Committee's approval, Mr. Menzies presented Resolution R-1-2008, appointing Committeeman Timothy W. Chell to serve as Mayor for the year 2008. Committeeman Scirrotto made the motion, seconded by Committeewoman Lawrence. All were in favor.

Mayor Chell was administered the Oath of Office by his father, Eugene Chell, Esquire. Mayor Chell thanked the Committee for reappointing him as mayor, his eighth consecutive year as such.

Mayor Chell called for a nomination for Deputy Mayor. Committeewoman Beckett nominated Committeeman Scirrotto, seconded by Committeewoman Lawrence. All were in favor.

As no other nominations were offered, Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to close the nominations, seconded by Committeewoman Beckett. All were in favor. Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to approve Resolution R-2-2008, seconded by Committeewoman Beckett to appoint Committeeman Scirrotto as Deputy Mayor. All were in favor.

Committeeman Scirrotto was administered the Oath of Office by The Hon. John Burzichelli, New Jersey Assemblyman and Mayor of Paulsboro.

It was at this time did Mayor Chell call for a motion and a second to approve Resolution R-3-2008 through Resolutions R-21-2008 via Consent Agenda.

Deputy Mayor Scirrotto made a motion to approve Resolution R-3-2008 through Resolution R-21-2008, seconded by Committeewoman Beckett. All members voted in the affirmative to a roll call vote, 5-0.

- RESOLUTION R-3-2008** – Designating Solicitor for Township of Mantua – Michael A. Angelini, Esquire
- RESOLUTION R-4-2008** – Designating Engineer for the Township of Mantua – Federici and Akin
- RESOLUTION R-5-2008** – Designating Auditor for the Township of Mantua – Bowman Associates
- RESOLUTION R-6-2008**- Appointing Municipal Court Prosecutor for Township of Mantua – Kelly Conroy, Esquire
- RESOLUTION R-7-2008** – Appointing Municipal Court Assigned Counsel for Township of Mantua – Michael Silvanio, Esquire
- RESOLUTION R-7a-2008**- Appointing Labor Counsel for the Township of Mantua to handle Labor and Collective Bargaining Matters – Brown and Connery
- RESOLUTION R-8, 8a, 8b-2008**- Designating Risk Management Consultant for the Township of Mantua – Christopher J. Powell of Richard Hardenbergh Insurance Agency
- RESOLUTION R-9-2008**- Ratifying and Confirming Time for Reorganization Meeting – 10:30 a.m. on January 1, 2008.
- RESOLUTION R-10-2008**- Establishing the Meeting Dates for the Township of Mantua Committee
- RESOLUTION R-11-2008** – Pre-Payment for Meeting Notices for Township of Mantua
- RESOLUTION R-12-2008**- Designating Official Newspapers
- RESOLUTION R-13-2008**- Rates of Interest on Delinquent Taxes for 2008 for Township of Mantua
- RESOLUTION R-14-2008** – Naming Official Depository for the Township of Mantua – First Union National Bank, The Bank of Gloucester County, Commerce Bank and Farmers National Bank of Mullica Hill

RESOLUTION R-15-2008 – Resolution to Maintain Participation in the Municipal Joint Insurance Fund

RESOLUTION R-16-2008 – Resolution to Continue Membership in the Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund

RESOLUTION R-17-2008 – Resolution Authorizing Insurance Coverage for Fire Companies and Ambulance Associations

RESOLUTION R-18-2008 – Resolution Making Appointments to Specific Administrative Positions for the Township of Mantua

RESOLUTION R-19-2008 – Resolution Making Appointments to Certain Board and Commission Positions

Mayoral Appointments for year 2008

RESOLUTION R-20-2008 – Resolution Confirming Mayoral Appointments

RESOLUTION R-21-2008 – Resolution Creating an Open Space Advisory Commission

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to approve **Resolution R-22-2008**, seconded by Committeewoman Beckett, which approves the Temporary Budget. All members voted in the affirmative to a roll call vote, 5-0.

Mayor Chell then announced the Assignments for Committee members for the year 2008.

Mayor Chell then asked for Deputy Mayor Scirrotto, Committeewoman Lawrence and U.S. Representative Robert Andrews for remarks.

Committeewoman Lawrence thanked her family, residents and the Committee for allowing her to serve.

Deputy Mayor Scirrotto also thanked his family, residents and the Committee and the read from a poem about how someone can be a good person.

U.S. Representative Andrews was asked by Mayor Chell to offer remarks. Congressman Andrews pointed out that in a matter of 20 minutes the governing body conducted business to help those less fortunate, children and residents by passing laws and making appointments to better their lives and this is what America is all about.

Mayor Chell then recognized and introduced dignitaries in attendance, which included Sen. Sweeney, Assemblyman Burzichelli, Assemblyman Doug Fisher, Freeholders Joe Chila, Joseph Brigandi, Frank DiMarco, Freeholder-Elect Jean DuBois, Sheriff Carmel Morina, former Deptford Mayor William Bain and Congressman Andrews. Mayor Chell thanked each of them for attending.

It was at this time did Monsignor Peter Joyce of the Incarnation Church offer the Benediction.

Deputy Mayor Scirrotto made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Committeewoman Lawrence. All were in favor. The time was 11:20 a.m.