

SEPTEMBER 8, 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.

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.

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 Robert Zimmerman, Deputy Mayor Peter Scirrotto, Mayor Chell, August Knestaut, Esquire, Township Solicitor, Michael Datz, Township Administrator, and Shawn G. Menzies, Township Clerk. Also present for this Workshop were Jon Bryson, Township Engineer and Police Chief Rodney Sawyer

Deputy Mayor Scirrotto made a motion to approve the Township Committee's August 25, 2008 meeting minutes, seconded by Committeeman Zimmerman. All were in favor. Committeewomen Lawrence abstained.

Deputy Mayor Scirrotto made a motion to approve the minutes of the Township Committee's Closed Session meeting held August 25, 2008, seconded by Committeewoman Beckett. All were in favor. Committeewoman Lawrence abstained.

It was at this time Mayor Chell entered into the record and read aloud a letter he received from Ellen and Billy Gilbert about their son, Jason, who is serving in Iraq. Jason Gilbert is Staff Sergeant in the U.S. Air Force. The letter itself is made part of hereto and attached to these meeting minutes. Mayor Chell thanked Ellen and Billy Gilbert, who were in attendance, for their courageous son.

Deputy Mayor Scirrotto made a motion to approve Resolution R-147-2008, seconded by Committeewoman Beckett.

RESOLUTION R-147-2008
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
RE: A RESOLUTION PROMOTING POLICE OFFICERS RICHARD
COVOLESKY, JASON GERLE AND GREGORY SWEENEY TO THE RANK OF
CORPORAL WITHIN THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

The Oath of Office was administered to Corporals Covolesky, Gerle and Sweeney by Deputy Mayor Peter Scirrotto, Public Safety Director. Joining Corporal Covolesky was his father, Leonard, a retired Camden City officer, his mother, Norma, daughters Kayla and Madison and his wife, Lori. Joining Corporal Gerle was his girlfriend, Denise. Joining Corporal Sweeney was his wife, Sandy, his parents and other family members.

It was at this time did Michael Datz, Township Administrator, offer a report in regards to a newly implemented program involving the Mantua Township Explorers and assisting at the Chestnut Branch Park. Mr. Datz reported that since the start of this program on June 21 through August 22, members of the Explorers logged 790 hours at the park and generated 43 cases. He added this program contributed to lower acts of vandalism in the park and with the start of the school year Explorers will be in the park on Fridays and Saturdays and during events.

Mayor Chell said this is a tribute to the Explorers program for the Explorers to be the police department's eyes and ears at the park.

Committeewoman Beckett thanked the Explorers for all of their hard work during Recreation Committee events.

Chief Sawyer said the program and its members are very important to the community and they do so much work for the Township of Mantua. He added Corporals Covolesky, Gerle and Sweeney are hard workers, loyal and good police officers.

Deputy Mayor Scirrotto made a motion to approve a brief recess until 7:50 p.m., seconded by Committeeman Zimmerman. All were in favor. The time was 7:45 p.m.

At 7:50 p.m., Deputy Mayor Scirrotto made a motion to reopen the meeting, seconded by Committeeman Zimmerman. All were in favor.

For the Engineer's Report, Jon Bryson stated that he has solicited two quotes for the project to add tree buffering along Woodbury-Glassboro Road near the Route 55 entrance across from the Target and Lowes Project. The two quotes are \$11,990.00 from Exleys Landscaping and \$19,541.00 from Groffs.

Deputy Mayor Scirrotto made a motion to approve the quote filed by Exleys of \$11,990.00, seconded by Committeewoman Lawrence. All members voted in the affirmative to a roll call vote, 5-0.

Lastly, Mr. Bryson reported that the contracts have been signed for the 2008 Local Road Program, a preconstruction meeting is to be held this week with work to commence Monday, September 15, 2008.

Mayor Chell said he would like in 2009 for a review of a possible project under the Safe Routes to School program to link the Bellmead development on Main Street to the Chestnut Branch Park and to link up with the bikeway along Main Street to the J. Mason Tomlin School. He asked Mr. Bryson to provide aerials of the site at the next Workshop meeting.

Committeewoman Lawrence asked if there has been a set date for a grand opening of the Lowes and Target stores. Mr. Bryson said the date for the opening of the Target is listed as October 12 and Lowes is expected to open not long after. He added the other stores including Pet Smart and Steakout are a little behind schedule.

For his Police Department report, Chief Sawyer asked for permission to begin the advertising and hiring process for a new Police Department Clerk as a clerk has left. Mayor Chell and the Committee approved.

Mr. Datz reported that a Public Works employee is scheduled to undergo knee surgery and is to be out for several weeks and approval needs to be given for a Family Medical Leave Act for the employee, which was granted by the Township Committee.

Committeewoman Lawrence asked when the yard waste collection ends, to which Mr. Datz stated October 31. Committeewoman Beckett asked if a schedule for leaf collection is available, to which Mr. Datz stated leaves will be picked up the day before trash is picked up.

Deputy Mayor Scirrotto made a motion to open the meeting to the public, seconded by Committeeman Zimmerman. 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 Committeeman Zimmerman. All were in favor.

Deputy Mayor Scirrotto made a motion to adopt Ordinance O-14-2008 by Title Only, seconded by Committeewoman Beckett.

ORDINANCE O-14-2008
AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
RE: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 38, "POLICE DEPARTMENT"
OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA

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

Deputy Mayor Scirrotto made a motion to approve Resolution R-148-2008, seconded by Committeewoman Lawrence.

RESOLUTION R-148-2008
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
RE: A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CAPITAL
BUDGET OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA

All members vote in the affirmative to a roll call vote, 4-0. Committeeman Zimmerman abstained.

Deputy Mayor Scirrotto made a motion to adopt by Title Only Ordinance O-15-2008, seconded by Committeewoman Beckett.

ORDINANCE O-15-2008
AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
RE: A BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COMPLETETION OF
VARIOUS GENERAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION
OF VARIOUS PIECES OF CAPITAL EQUIPMENT IN AND FOR THE
TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW
JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$1,945,700.00 THEREFORE
AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR
BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA IN THE
AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$1,783,414.00; MAKING
CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING
CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING

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

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to approve Resolution R-149-2008, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scirrotto.

RESOLUTION R-149-2008
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
RE: A RESOLUTION AWARDDING A BID FOR POLICE
UNIFORMS TO RED THE UNIFORM TAILOR

All members were in favor.

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to approve Resolution R-150-2008, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scirrotto.

RESOLUTION R-150-2008
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
RE: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REFUNDING OF THE
OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$530.69
AND ADJUSTING AMOUNT OF TAXES DUE FOR
FIRST HALF OF YEAR 2009 REGARDING 426 MANTUA BLVD.

All members were in favor.

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to approve Resolution R-151-2008, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scirrotto.

RESOLUTION R-151-2008
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
RE: A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CHANGE IN TITLE, TEXT
OR AMOUNT OF APPROPRIATION IN THE BUDGET OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-85

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

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to approve Resolution R-152-2008, seconded by Committeewoman Beckett.

RESOLUTION R-152 -2008
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
RE: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A
PERFORMANCE BOND FOR THE INVERSAND MINING
OPERATION FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR

All members were in favor.

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to approve a Raffle License filed by Church of Incarnation for an event to be held on November 8, 2008, seconded by Committeewoman Beckett. All were in favor.

Under Committee reports, Committeeman Zimmerman thanked Township Clerk Shawn Menzies for his assistance with a resident's request to have street lights repaired on Main Street. He also stated he was happy to see Public Work's out repainting cross walks for the schools and parking stalls at the municipal complex and also cleaning the Welcome to Mantua signs in various locations in the community.

Mayor Chell said the recycling bins in the park are working out well. To which Mr. Datz said the program is working well at the park and it will be expanded soon to the Pitman Golf Course.

Deputy Mayor Scirrotto thanked Mayor Chell for all his hard work in striving to have preserved 50 acres of land adjacent to the Chestnut Branch Park.

Mayor Chell announced that the annual 9/11 Memorial Ceremony will be held on Patriot Day on Thursday, September 11, 2008 at the Chestnut Branch Park at the Place of Reflection at 8:30 a.m.

Mr. Datz requested approval for the payment of \$200.00 for the bagpiper for the 9/11 event. The motion to approve was made by Committeewoman Lawrence, seconded by Committeewoman Beckett. All were in favor.

Mr. Datz requested approval for Gayle Tschopp, Chief Financial Officer, to attend a conference from September 24 through September 27 in Atlantic City at a total cost of \$625.00. Deputy Mayor Scirrotto made a motion to approve, seconded by Committeewoman Beckett. All were in favor.

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

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Committeewoman Beckett. All were in favor. The time was 8:05 p.m.