

FEBRUARY 2, 2009

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.

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 2009. 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, 2009."

Deputy Mayor Scirrotto called on Township Clerk Shawn Menzies to perform a roll call of present officials. Present were Committeeman Robert Zimmerman, Committeewoman Sharon Lawrence, Committeewoman Lorraine Beckett, Deputy Mayor Scirrotto, Maria Detitto, Esquire, Township Solicitor, and Shawn G. Menzies, Township Clerk. Also present were Police Chief Rodney Sawyer, and Jon Bryson, of Federici & Akin, the Township Engineer. Mayor Timothy W. Chell and Michael Datz, Township Administrator, were absent.

Deputy Mayor Scirrotto announced the Annual Debt Statement is now on file with the Office of the Township Clerk.

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of the Township Committee's January 19, 2009 meeting, seconded by Committeeman Zimmerman. All were in favor.

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to approve the Closed Session meeting minutes held January 19, 2009, seconded by Committeeman Zimmerman. All were in favor.

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to approve the Special Meeting minutes of the Township Committee's January 31, 2009 meeting, seconded by Committeeman Zimmerman. All were in favor.

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to approve the Closed Session meeting minutes held January 31, 2009, seconded by Committeeman Zimmerman. All were in favor.

Deputy Mayor Scirrotto announced that March 2009 is proclaimed as Women's History Month in the Township of Mantua and read aloud the proclamation.

For the Engineering Report, Mr. Bryson reported Royal Oaks Phase III-A is having its performance bond reduced and the maintenance bond posted. Next, he reported on the Evergreen Avenue reconstruction project and the base plans and existing conditions plans are complete.

Mr. Bryson reported the Local Road Program for 2008 contractor is to soon file a maintenance bond and then final payment will be approved.

For the Police Department Report, Chief Sawyer distributed the Year End 2008 Police Department Report to Township Committee members. Chief Sawyer explained the new speed and data collection signs, which its data is in the report for the last three months of 2008.

For the Public Works Report, Committeeman Zimmerman, on behalf of Mr. Datz, reported he is setting up a meeting between Mantua and Pitman to discuss how the recycling incentive program is run and see if this program is feasible for the Township of Mantua.

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

James Slemph, Mount Royal Road, said regarding the meeting Saturday in which the budget was discussed, he asked that the Committee not cut senior citizen-related events or trips, but rather cut back on bills being paid to send someone to a seminar or food reimbursements.

Mr. Slemph asked if the Township of Mantua could get the newspapers to publish information about the Property Tax Rebate seminars or put it on the park sign so more people know. Committeewoman Beckett said no one can force a newspaper to put an item on its front page, but she will see about getting it on the sign.

Mr. Slemph said the Township Committee should consider using Youth funds to pay for lighting at the park.

Donna Ward, 99 Candlewood Drive, asked the Chief to explain the collection of data from the speed signs, to which he explained the Township of Mantua purchased four speed signs and they clock the speed, records the speed, date and time.

Mrs. Ward asked how were the signs purchased, to which Chief Sawyer said by the general budget. She asked if that meant taxes, to which he said yes. She asked if they take pictures? Chief Sawyer said no.

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

Under the Legislation portion of the agenda, Deputy Mayor Scirrotto announced the Township Committee will vote by a consent agenda for the Resolutions under consideration tonight.

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to approve Resolution R-38-2009 through Resolution R-46-2009, seconded by Committeewoman Beckett.

RESOLUTION R-38-2009
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
RE: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REDUCTION OF A LETTER OF
CREDIT FILED BY COMMUNITY INVESTMENT STRATEGIES FOR
THE PROJECT KNOWN AS ROYAL OAKS PHASE III-A FROM THE
ESTABLISHED AMOUNT OF \$343,206.00 TO THE NEW REDUCED
AMOUNT OF \$42,900.75 AND SHALL SERVE AS THE MAINTENANCE
BOND FOR THIS PROJECT FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS

RESOLUTION R-39-2009
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
RE: A RESOLUTION APPROVING A SHARED SERVICE
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AND
THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER FOR THE PURPOSE OF
APPLYING FOR A PUBLIC ARCHIVES & RECORDS
INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT (PARIS) GRANT PROGRAM FOR 2009

RESOLUTION R-40-2009
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
RE: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2009 SAFETY CONTRACT
BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AND THE GLOUCESTER,
SALEM, CUMBERLAND COUNTIES MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE
FUND AND AUTHORIZING THE SIGNATURES OF THE MANTUA
TOWNSHIP SAFETY COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENTS
PARTICIPATING IN THE SAFETY INCENTIVE PROGRAM

RESOLUTION R-41-2009
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
RE: A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GRANT FROM THE HAZARDOUS
DISCHARGE SITE REMEDIATION FUND MUNICIPAL
PROGRAM THROUGH THE NEW JERSEY ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND THE DEPARTMENT
OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND APPOINTING
MANTUA AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE AND AUTHORIZING
USE OF GRANT FUNDS FOR SITE INVESTIGATION ACTIVITIES

RESOLUTION R-42-2009
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
RE: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING STATE GRANT
APPLICATION OR SITE INVESTIGATIONS (“SI”) AT
CERTAIN MANTUA PROPERTIES AND RETENTION OF
CONSULTANTS TO PERFORM SI WORK

RESOLUTION R-43-200
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
RE: A RESOLUTION EVIDENCING INTENT TO ACQUIRE REAL PROPERTY
BY VOLUNTARY CONVEYANCE, FOR THE PURPOSE OF
REDEVELOPMENT INCLUDING SITE INVESTIGATION ACTIVITIES,
IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER

RESOLUTION R-44-2009
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF
THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
RE: A RESOLUTION EVIDENCING INTENT TO REDEVELOP
SI PROPERTIES WITHIN THREE YEARS OF REMEDIATION,
PURSUANT TO A COMPREHENSIVE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN

RESOLUTION R-45-2009
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
RE: A RESOLUTION MAKING CERTAIN BUDGET TRANSFERS BETWEEN
APPROPRIATIONS RESERVES PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-59

RESOLUTION R-46-2009
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF
THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
RE: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE HIRING OF PAMELA LEVINE AS
THE ASSISTANT DEPUTY CLERK OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA

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

Committeewoman Beckett made a motion to approve a one-day liquor license filed by the Incarnation Knights of Columbus Council 6364 for an event to be held on March 14, 2009 at the Church Hall, seconded by Committeeman Zimmerman. All were in favor.

Under Committee Reports, Deputy Mayor Scirrotto announced free lead test kits are available in the Clerk's Office, that offices will be closed and no trash or recycling pick up on February 16, 2009 in observance of President's Day and that the next meeting of the Township Committee is February 23, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

Committeewoman Beckett announced the departure of Rocco Castranova as the Veterans Service Officer. She said he has helped hundreds and hundreds of veterans in the tri-state area. She asked a letter of thanks be drafted and sent.

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to pay all duly authorized bills, seconded by Committeeman Zimmerman. All were in favor.

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Committeeman Zimmerman. All were in favor. The time was 7:55 p.m.