

**FEBRUARY 23, 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. This meeting would have been held under the 2009 Meeting Schedule on February 16, 2009, but was rescheduled due to the observance of Presidents' Day.

Mayor Timothy W. Chell called the meeting to order. The time was 6:30 p.m. Mayor Chell asked for everyone to rise for the flag salute and remain standing for a moment of silence.

Mayor Chell then read aloud the Statement of the Presiding Officer: "This Rescheduled Meeting was called pursuant to the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meeting Act, *N.J.S.A.10:4-8*. 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 more than 48-hours in advance as required by law."

Mayor Chell called on Township Clerk Shawn Menzies to perform a roll call of present officials. Present were Committeeman Robert Zimmerman, Committeewoman Sharon Lawrence, Deputy Mayor Peter Scirrotto, Mayor Chell, Maria DeTitto, Esquire, Township Solicitor, Michael Datz, Township Administrator and Shawn G. Menzies, Township Clerk. Committeewoman Lorraine Beckett was absent.

Deputy Mayor Scirrotto made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of the Township Committee's February 2, 2009 Workshop Meeting, seconded by Committeeman Zimmerman. All were in favor. Mayor Chell abstained.

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to open the meeting to the public, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scirrotto. 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.

Under legislation, Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to adopt by Title Only Ordinance O-01-2009, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scirrotto.

**ORDINANCE O-01-2009**

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

**RE: AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET  
APPROPRIATION LIMITS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2009 AND TO  
ESTABLISH A CAP BANK PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A-4-45.14**

All members voted in the affirmative to a roll call vote to adopt by Title Only, 4-0.

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to adopt by Title Only Ordinance O-02-2009, seconded by Committeeman Zimmerman.

**ORDINANCE O-02-2009**  
**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**  
**OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA**  
**RE: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING NO PARKING ZONES**  
**ALONG COUNTY ROUTE 627 (JACKSON ROAD) AND COUNTY**  
**ROUTE 678 (MT. ROYAL ROAD) ALONG THE ENTIRE**  
**FRONTAGE OF BLOCK 146, LOTS 1 AND 1.01**

All members voted in the affirmative to adopt by Title Only, 4-0.

Deputy Mayor Scirrotto made a motion to approve Resolution R-47-2009, seconded by Committeewoman Lawrence.

**RESOLUTION R-47-2009**  
**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**  
**OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA**  
**RE: A RESOLUTION APPROVING FOR THE REFUNDING**  
**OF AN OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,000.85**  
**TO THE OWNERS OF BLOCK 146.09, LOT 3 OF THE OFFICIAL**  
**MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA**

All members were in favor.

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to approve Resolution R-48-2009, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scirrotto.

**RESOLUTION R-48-2009**  
**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**  
**OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA**  
**RE: A RESOLUTION APPROVING FOR THE REFUNDING**  
**OF AN OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$834.62**  
**TO THE OWNERS OF BLOCK 37, LOT 4, QUALIFIER C158**  
**OF THE OFFICIAL MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA**

All members were in favor.

Deputy Mayor Scirrotto made a motion to approve Resolution R-49-2009, seconded by Committeeman Zimmerman.

**RESOLUTION R-49-2009**  
**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**  
**OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA**  
**RE: A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING NEW JERSEY SENATE BILL**  
**S2356-“COUNTY TAX ASSESSMENT REFORM ACT OF 2009”**

All members were in favor.

Deputy Mayor Scirrotto made a motion to approve Resolution R-50-2009, seconded by Committeeman Zimmerman.

**RESOLUTION R-50-2009**  
**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**  
**OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA**  
**RE: A RESOLUTION APPROVING FOR THE REFUNDING**  
**OF AN OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES TO WELLS FARGO HOME MORTGAGE**  
**IN THE AMOUNT OF \$402.56 FOR BLOCK 102, LOT 10, OF THE OFFICIAL**  
**MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA**

All members were in favor.

Deputy Mayor Scirrotto made a motion to approve Resolution R-51-2009, seconded by Committeewoman Lawrence.

**RESOLUTION R-51-2009**  
**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**  
**OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA**  
**RE: A RESOLUTION APPROVING FOR THE REFUNDING**  
**OF AN OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES TO FIRST AMERICAN REAL ESTATE**  
**TAX SERVICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$864.17 TO THE OWNERS OF BLOCK**  
**104, LOT 1, OF THE OFFICIAL MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA**

All members were in favor.

Deputy Mayor Scirrotto made a motion to approve Resolution R-52-2009, seconded by Committeeman Zimmerman.

**RESOLUTION R-52-2009**  
**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**  
**OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA**  
**RE: A RESOLUTION APPROVING FOR THE REFUNDING OF AN**  
**OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES TO THE OWNERS OF BLOCK 198.01,**  
**LOT 47 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,179.72**

All members were in favor.

Deputy Mayor Scirrotto made a motion to approve Resolution R-53-2009, seconded by Committeeman Zimmerman.

**RESOLUTION R-53-2009**  
**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**  
**OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA**  
**RE: A RESOLUTION CANCELING TAXES FOR A TOTAL**  
**DISABLED VETERAN FOR BLOCK 242.03, LOT 10**  
**FOR TAX YEAR 2009 AND THE FIRST HALF OF 2010 AND**  
**REFUNDING \$2,000.50 IN TAXES PAID IN 2009**

All members were in favor.

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to approve Resolution R-54-2009, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scirrotto.

**RESOLUTION R-54-2009**  
**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**  
**OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA**  
**RE: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REFUNDING OF TAXES IN THE**  
**AMOUNT OF \$7,344.27 FOR BLOCK 37 LOTS 5 TO ROYAL OAKS**  
**APARTMENTS, CHESTNUT VALLEY, LIMITED**

All were in favor.

Deputy Mayor Scirrotto made a motion to approve Resolution R-55-2009, seconded by Committeewoman Lawrence.

**RESOLUTION R-55-2009**  
**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**  
**OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA**  
**RE: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CLOSED**  
**SESSION MEETING TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL AS IT PERTAINS TO THE**  
**POSITION OF TAX COLLECTOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA**

All were in favor.

Under Committee Reports, Committeeman Zimmerman reported he spoke with Mike Datz and Glenn Demers and next month they will explain to the Township Committee how the Recycling Bank program operates and its benefits.

Mayor Chell said when the new recycling system was introduced the Recycling Bank was discussed, as the numbers for the base line for the Township of Mantua for the previous year were low. He added since then the Township of Mantua's base line is very high it might be time to see if this program would be beneficial to the Township of Mantua.

Mr. Datz said the Recycling Bank has modified its system. The original offer was the Township of Mantua would have to pay about \$2.80 per household on a monthly basis to the Recycling Bank and then the Recycling Bank would distribute the coupons to the households. Mr. Datz said it did not seem to be a beneficial situation at the time but the Recycling Bank has since drastically lowered the figure to about \$0.30 cents per household, but if Mantua would fail to be at its base line the question remains would residents still get the coupons? Mr. Datz said the program would present a problem with having to explain to residents this situation.

Mayor Chell asked if a representative will be in next month for the presentation, to which Mr. Datz said no but one could be in attendance later next month at the Regular Meeting as he and Glenn will present it at the Workshop meeting next week.

Committeewoman Lawrence asked if the recyclables would still go to Omni Recycling and is there a potential the program would cost the Township of Mantua more money. Mr. Datz said the recyclables still go to Omni and the Township of Mantua would still be

charged the fees to dispose of the material. He added in regards to the Recycling Bank costing the Township of Mantua, it is not likely as long as the base line is met, which would be roughly about seven more pounds of recyclables per household a week. He added the concern would be that if the base line is not met, homeowners would be questioning why they did not get a coupon and the reason would be the Township of Mantua as whole did not meet its base line quota.

Mayor Chell said in regards to the 2009 Municipal Budget there is no new news from Trenton in regards to State Aid figures, but rumors around the State House say Governor Jon Corzine could cut 25 or 30 percent from all municipal aid across the board. Mayor Chell explained that if that was to occur, it would have an large impact on the local budget and be equal to about 7 cent increase to property owners and with the request by the Committee for department heads to reduce spending in their operating expenses by 10 percent, a six cent increase as it looks now, but until the State releases aid figures there is nothing final at this time and the budget can not be introduced.

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

Committeeman Zimmerman made a motion to enter into Closed Session, seconded by Committeewoman Lawrence. All were in favor. The time was 6:45 p.m.

At 7:15 p.m., Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to reopen the meeting, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scirrotto. All were in favor.

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Committeeman Zimmerman. All were in favor. The time was 7:17 p.m.