

## **January 1, 2009**

On the above date at 9:00 a.m. the 2009 Reorganization Meeting was held in the Mantua Township Municipal Building, 041 Main Street, Mantua, New Jersey 08051.

Present for the official start of the meeting were Committeewoman Sharon Lawrence, Committeeman Peter Scirrotto, Committeeman Robert Zimmerman, Committeewoman Lorraine Beckett, Township Administrator Michael Datz, Township Clerk Shawn Menzies and Solicitor Michael Angelini.

Township Clerk Shawn G. Menzies welcomed everyone and wished all a Happy New Year.

Mr. Menzies called the meeting to order. He asked for everyone to rise for the flag salute and remain standing for the Invocation offered by Senior Pastor Doug Baitinger, of the Mantua United Methodist Church. Boy Scout Troop 45 and Cub Scout Pack 45 presented the Colors and led the Flag Salute.

Mr. Menzies then read the Statement of the Presiding Officer: "Notice of this Reorganization Meeting was given in compliance with the New Jersey 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 Mantua Township Municipal Building."

Mr. Menzies stated that on November 4, 2008, the General Election was held and the certified results found the victor to be Timothy W. Chell, who received 4,507 votes. Mr. Chell will serve a three year term. Mr. Menzies noted that also on November 4, 2008, Robert Zimmerman received 4,231 votes, which he has been certified as the victor for an unexpired term. He has previously been sworn.

Mr. Menzies asked for Mr. Chell to please come forward to be sworn in. Administering the Oath of Office will be Eugene P. Chell, Esquire. Joining Mr. Chell was his wife, Jill and children, Alex and Grace. Committeeman Chell joined the standing Township Committee and was hereby officially recognized as being present for the meeting.

At this time Mr. Menzies opened the nominations for Mayor of the Township of Mantua for 2009. Committeeman Scirrotto made a motion to nominate Tim Chell for Mayor of the Township of Mantua for 2009, seconded by Committeewoman Lawrence. Mr. Menzies asked if there were any other nominations. As there were no other nominations, Mr. Menzies asked for motion to close the nominations, which was made by Committeeman Scirrotto, seconded by Committeeman Zimmerman.

Mr. Menzies stated a nomination has been made and seconded for Tim Chell for Mayor of the Township of Mantua for the year 2009. Mr. Menzies presented to the Township Committee Resolution R-1-2009, appointing Timothy W. Chell as Mayor of the Township of Mantua for the year 2009. Committeeman Scirrotto made a motion to approve Resolution R-1-2009, seconded by Committeewoman Lawrence. All were in favor.

Mayor Chell was sworn in by The Hon. Stephen Sweeney, Freeholder Director and State Senator. Mayor Chell thanked the Committee for the appointment, which is his ninth year as mayor.

Mayor Chell opened the nominations for Deputy Mayor of the Township of Mantua for 2009. Committeewoman Lawrence nominated Pete Scirrotto, seconded by Committeeman Zimmerman. All were in favor.

As no other nominations were brought forth, Mayor Chell asked for a motion to close the nominations, which was made by Committeewoman Beckett, seconded by Committeewoman Lawrence.

Mayor Chell presented Resolution R-2-2009, appointing Pete Scirrotto as the Deputy Mayor of the Township of Mantua for the year 2009. Committeewoman Lawrence made the motion, seconded by Committeeman Zimmerman. All were in favor.

The Oath of Office was administered to Deputy Mayor Scirrotto by The Hon. Stephen Sweeney, Freeholder Director and State Senator. Deputy Mayor Scirrotto's wife, Marge, joined him.

Mayor Chell presented to the Township Committee with Resolution R-3-2009 through R-22-2009, as they are consent agenda items and will be approved for in one motion, seconded and voted on. Mayor Chell said he will abstain on Resolution R-22-2009. Deputy Mayor Scirrotto made a motion to approve Resolutions R-03-2009 through R-22-2009, seconded by Committeewoman Lawrence. All members voted in the affirmative to a roll call vote, with Mayor Chell abstaining on Resolution R-22-2009.

**RESOLUTION R-3-2009**– Designating Solicitor for the Township of Mantua –  
Michael A. Angelini, Esquire

**RESOLUTION R-4-2009** – Designating Engineer for the Township of  
Mantua – Federici & Akin

**RESOLUTION R-5-2009** – Designating Auditor for the Township of  
Mantua – Bowman & Associates

**RESOLUTION R-6-2009**- Appointing Municipal Court Prosecutor for the  
Township of Mantua – Kelly Conroy, Esquire

**RESOLUTION R-7-2009** – Appointing Municipal Court Assigned Counsel  
for the Township of Mantua – Michael Silvanio, Esquire

**RESOLUTION R-7a-2009**- Appointing Labor Counsel for the Township of  
Mantua to handle Labor and Collective Bargaining Matters – Brown & Connery

**RESOLUTION R-8, 8a, 8b-2009**- Designating Risk Management  
Consultant for the Township of Mantua – Christopher J. Powell of Richard  
Hardenbergh Insurance Agency

**RESOLUTION R-9-2009**- Ratifying and Confirming Time for  
Reorganization Meeting – 9:00 a.m. on January 1, 2008.

**RESOLUTION R-10-2009**- Establishing the Meeting Dates for the  
Township of Mantua Committee

**RESOLUTION R-11-2009** – Pre-Payment for Meeting Notices for the Township  
of Mantua

**RESOLUTION R-12-2009**- Designating Official Newspaper

**RESOLUTION R-13-2009**- Rates of Interest on Delinquent Taxes for 2009  
for Township of Mantua

**RESOLUTION R-14-2009** – Naming Official Depository for the Township of  
Mantua – First Union National Bank, The Bank of Gloucester County,  
TD Bank, and Farmers National Bank of Mullica Hill

**RESOLUTION R-15-2009** – Resolution to Maintain Participation in the  
Municipal Joint Insurance Fund

**RESOLUTION R-16-2009** – Resolution to Continue Membership in the  
Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund

**RESOLUTION R-17-2009** – Resolution Authorizing Insurance Coverage  
for the Mantua Township Fire District No. 1

**RESOLUTION R-18-2009** – Resolution Making Appointments to Specific  
Administrative Positions for the Township of Mantua

**RESOLUTION R-19-2009** – Resolution Making Appointments to Certain  
Board and Commission Positions

**Mayoral Appointments** for year 2009

**RESOLUTION R-20-2009** – Resolution Confirming Mayoral Appointments

**RESOLUTION R-21-2009** – Resolution Appointing Corporal Richard Covolesky as  
Emergency Management Coordinator

**RESOLUTION R-22-2009**- Resolution Appointing a Municipal Court Judge-  
Nicholas T. Lacovara, Esquire, effective February 1, 2009

Deputy Mayor Scirrotto made a motion to approve Resolution R-23-2009, seconded by Committeeman Zimmerman. As previously noted, Mayor Chell abstained on Resolution R-22-2009.

**Resolution R-23-2009**- approving the temporary budget.  
All members voted in the affirmative to a roll call vote, 5-0.

Committeewoman Beckett made a motion to Approve Mayoral Assignments for 2009, seconded by Committeewoman Lawrence. All were in favor.

Mayor Chell thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and introduced present dignitaries, who included Sen. Sweeney, U.S. Representative Robert Andrews, Assemblymen John Burzichelli and Doug Fisher, Freeholder Joe Chila, Gloucester County Sheriff Carmen Morina, Freeholder Frank DiMarco, Freeholder Jean DuBois, Washington Township Mayor-Elect Matthew Lyons.

Congressman Andrews offered remarks, adding it is a pleasure to be at the event and that a meeting like this is a great way to start the New Year that we have the freedom to gather and govern. He added 2008 was a tough year and 2009 will also be tough, but with hard work things will get better when the Country comes together.

Mayor Chell offered remarks, thanking the residents for their support, having been elected to the Township Committee for the tenth time. He thanked the local Democrat organization and its chair, Howard Bruner for all of their help. Next, he thanked the members of the Township Committee who have supported him and have appointed him mayor for the ninth consecutive year. Mayor Chell thanked his family, as his position on the Township Committee takes away time he would be spending with them, and his father and mother for their support. Mayor Chell said the Committee in 2009 has a lot before them – the continued economic downturn, goals to preserve more open space and saving tax payers money through shared services. Other goals include in 2009 is to extend the bike path from Bellmead to the Chestnut Branch Park and to consolidate and share services like tax assessors at a county level and an across the board 10 percent decrease in departmental operating budgets in 2009.

It was at this time did Mayor Chell call upon Monsignor Peter Joyce to come forward to offer the Benediction.

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

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Committeewoman Beckett. All were in favor. The time was 9:30 a.m.