

## **JUNE 1, 2009**

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.

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 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."

Mayor Chell 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 Pete Scirrotto, Mayor Chell, Maria Detitto, Esquire, Township Solicitor, Michael Datz, Township Administrator and Public Works Supervisor, Shawn G. Menzies, Township Clerk, Police Chief Rodney Sawyer, Jon Bryson, of Federici & Akin, the Township Engineer, and Glenn Demers, Assistant Public Works Supervisor.

Committeeman Zimmerman made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of the Township Committee's May 18, 2009 Regular Meeting, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scirrotto. All were in favor. Committeewoman Lawrence abstained.

Mayor Chell welcomed Bonnie Rick, of Hardenbergh Insurance Group, the Township of Mantua's Risk Consultant. She offered an overview of the company's and the Township of Mantua's role in the Gloucester, Salem, Cumberland County Joint Insurance Fund.

For the Engineering Report, Mr. Bryson reported on the Evergreen Avenue, which plans submitted to the Department of Transportation were amended and revised and is out to bid. The bid opening date is June 11, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.

Next, Mr. Bryson reported the Municipal Aid application for the Safe Routes to School is due June 12, 2009 and will be filed. Also, Transportation Enhancement grants have been filed for lighting along the bike path and for the extension of the bike path.

Finally, Mr. Bryson reported he is waiting for contracts to be signed and return from Jerry & Sons Excavating for the 2008 Community Development Block Grant for the reconstruction of Jessups Mill Road.

Mayor Chell asked Mr. Bryson if the drainage issue near the AMVETS building was corrected. Mr. Bryson reported the Lowes and Target developer had a contractor on site and repaired the drainage pipe and believes the problem has been corrected.

Mayor Chell asked Mr. Bryson if the project for Evergreen Avenue will start in mid-July. Mr. Bryson believes the project could be awarded at the June 15, 2009 meeting, start by mid-July and be completed before the school year starts.

Mayor Chell asked will Evergreen Avenue residents be notified. Mr. Bryson said the contractor will, at least 48 hours in advance, leave a informational fliers on the residential property.

Mayor Chell asked if curbing and aprons will be constructed or reconstructed on both sides. Mr. Bryson said a majority of the aprons will be reconstructed and about 90 percent of all curbs will be reconstructed.

For the Police Department Report, Chief Sawyer reported K-9 Cade is on duty and K-9 Rocky is being evaluated by the veterinarian for an unknown illness. The department's accreditation process is on time and a mock inspection will occur soon.

With the help of the Department of Public Works, the poles for the removable speed signs are in place throughout the Township of Mantua and the signs will be re-deployed.

Chief Sawyer said the department has completed its annual Click or Ticket and he should have the results for the next meeting.

Next, he reported the County is currently counting vehicles on Jackson Road at various four way intersections to decide which ones warrant traffic lights or four way stops.

Next, he reported the department is working with Clearview Regional to inform students to not deface traffic signs as it has become an ongoing issue when graduation approaches.

Chief Sawyer requested to have Sergeant Paul Coleman's replacement ready to go before Sgt. Coleman retires later this summer.

Chief Sawyer reported that Special Law Enforcement Officer I Bruce Shaw graduated from the Academy as the class's number one in fire arms and number one in academics and had perfect attendance and is to be sworn in as a SLEO II.

For the Public Works report, Glen Demers reported a new person has come aboard for the County's program to assist people to returning to the workforce.

Next, he reported the trash cans collected from all residents when the Township of Mantua converted to the new trash system filled 30 pallets and was shipped out to be recycled at a return of 10 cents per pound. The old yellow recycling cans are a return of 12 cents per pound.

Mayor Chell asked about the stock of the Township of Mantua's green vegetation carts. Mr. Demers said they have plenty, about a thousand for any residents free of charge.

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

Debbie Baldassarre, 688 Main Street, said she was informed the Township of Mantua closed the Barnsboro Fire House six months ago. Mayor Chell the Township Committee is not the governing body which oversees the fire companies as the Mantua Fire District No. 1 does and it was their decision.

She asked if it is known why. Mayor Chell said that question would best be brought to the Fire Commissioners, but it might have to do with consolidation and the economy.

Don Verhoorn, 186 Cheyenne Avenue, said Sabrina Sabatelli is doing an outstanding job in her role as Code Enforcement.

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

Under the legislation portion of the agenda, Committeeman Zimmerman made a motion to open for a public hearing Ordinance O-05-2009, seconded by Committeewoman Beckett. All were in favor.

As no one wished to speak on Ordinance O-05-2009, Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to close the public portion, seconded by Committeeman Zimmerman. All were in favor.

Committeeman Zimmerman made a motion to adopt Ordinance O-05-2009, seconded by Committeewoman Lawrence.

**ORDINANCE O-05-2009**

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

**RE: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 108 OF THE CODE  
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA, "ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES"**

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

Committeewoman Beckett made a motion to open for a public hearing Ordinance O-06-2009, seconded by Committeewoman Lawrence. All were in favor.

As no one wished to speak on Ordinance O-06-2009, Committeeman Zimmerman made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Committeewoman Lawrence. All were in favor.

Committeewoman Becket made a motion to adopt Ordinance O-06-2009, seconded by Committeeman Zimmerman.

**ORDINANCE O-06-2009**  
**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**  
**OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA**  
**RE: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 143 OF THE**  
**CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA, "VEHICLES AND**  
**TRAFFIC," SCHEDULE I-PARKING PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES."**

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

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to approve Resolution R-103-2009, seconded by Committeewoman Beckett.

**RESOLUTION R-103-2009**  
**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**  
**OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA**  
**RE: A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING A**  
**LIEN ON REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 13 HART LANE, BLOCK 277, LOT**  
**13 OF THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA FOR**  
**MAINTENANCE WORK PERFORMED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA**

All were in favor.

Committeewoman Beckett made a motion to approve Resolution R-104-2009, seconded by Committeeman Zimmerman.

**RESOLUTION R-104-2009**  
**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**  
**OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA**  
**RE: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUNDING OF**  
**TAXES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,907.62 TO THE OWNERS OF 11**  
**WOODMONT COURT FOR A DUPLICATE TAX PAYMENT**

All were in favor.

Deputy Mayor Scirrotto made a motion to approve Resolution R-105-2009, seconded by Committeeman Zimmerman.

**RESOLUTION R-105-2009**  
**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**  
**OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA**  
**RE: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUNDING OF**  
**TAXES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,073.33 TO THE OWNERS OF 644**  
**BISMARK AVENUE FOR A DUPLICATE TAX PAYMENT**

All were in favor.

Committeewoman Beckett made a motion to approve Resolution R-106-2009, seconded by Committeewoman Lawrence.

**RESOLUTION R-106-2009**  
**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**  
**OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA**  
**RE: A RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 3**  
**IN THE INCREASED AMOUNT OF \$488.00 FOR THE MANTUA**  
**TOWNSHIP SENIOR CENTER PHASE II PROJECT**

All were in favor.

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to approve Resolution R-107-2009, seconded by Committeewoman Beckett.

**RESOLUTION R-107-2009**  
**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**  
**OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA**  
**RE: A RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 4**  
**IN THE DECREASED AMOUNT OF \$600.00 FOR THE MANTUA**  
**TOWNSHIP SENIOR CENTER PHASE II PROJECT**

All were in favor.

Committeeman Zimmerman made a motion to approve Resolution R-109-2009, seconded by Committeewoman Lawrence.

**RESOLUTION R-108-2009**  
**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**  
**OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA**  
**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AUTHORIZING**  
**ENTRY INTO A CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE AND SALE OF**  
**FORMER HAUSMAN BUS SALES SITE LOCATED AT BLOCK 253.01,**  
**LOTS 38.01 AND 39 FROM SMITH LAND GROUP LLC**

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

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to approve Resolution R-109-2009, seconded by Committeeman Zimmerman.

**RESOLUTION R-109-2009**  
**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**  
**OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA**  
**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA NAMING MBI**  
**DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, INC. (“INGERMAN”) AS PROSPECTIVE**  
**AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPER FOR THE FORMER HAUSMAN BUS**  
**SALES SITE AT BLOCK 253.01, LOTS 38.01 AND 39 AND AUTHORIZING**  
**ENTRY INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH INGERMAN**  
All members voted in the affirmative to a roll call vote to approve, 5-0.

Under discussion, Mayor Chell reported the next step for the establishment of one (1) new plenary retail distribution license and one (1) new plenary retail consumption license, the Township of Mantua must go out to bid with a minimum price. Mayor Chell asked Mr. Menzies to contact other municipalities to see their minimum bids and accepted bid amounts.

Under Committee Reports, Committeeman Zimmerman said he attended the Memorial Day ceremony and it was very well done and the Township of Mantua did a nice job.

Committeewoman Lawrence said she attended the Blue Mass at the Incarnation Church and the Mantua Township Explorers did a great job.

Mr. Datz reported a meeting with Maria DeTitto and residents of Chapel Ridge subdivision is to occur on June 9 to further discuss the creation of its Homeowners Association.

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 adjourn the meeting, seconded by Committeewoman Beckett. All were in favor. The time was 8:17 p.m.