

MARCH 16, 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.

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 Lorraine Beckett, Deputy Mayor Peter Scirrotto, Mayor Chell, James Pierson, Esquire, Township Solicitor, Michael Datz, Township Administrator and Shawn G. Menzies, Township Clerk. Mayor Chell announced Committeewoman Sharon Lawrence was sick and will not be attending the meeting tonight.

Deputy Mayor Scirrotto made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from February, 23, 2009, seconded by Committeeman Zimmerman. All were in favor. Committeewoman Beckett abstained.

Deputy Mayor Scirrotto made a motion to approve the Closed Session meeting minutes from February 23, 2009, seconded by Committeeman Zimmerman. All were in favor. Committeewoman Becket abstained.

It was at this time did Deputy Mayor Scirrotto present a proclamation to James Cromley and Margaret Morton for their many years of service on the Mantua Township Environmental Commission.

Next, Deputy Mayor Scirrotto presented a proclamation to Robert Calloway, Eagle Scout.

Mayor Chell welcomed Powell Stevenson and representatives from Save-A-Friend, a support organization from Mantua and Harrison townships whose goal it is to help local students stay away from drugs and alcohol.

Mr. Stevenson explained the goals of the organization and discussed a recent meeting with local and regional school officials and the Mantua Township Police Department, and Harrison and Mantua township committee members. He said the progress of the group has been good and they want to take it County-wide.

Charlotte Andrews, whose son, Shawn overdosed and passed away, also described the importance of the group and asked if the group's sign could be posted and asked if the Committee could do anything to help it would be appreciated. The Committee responded it would do what it can to help.

For the Engineer's Report, Mr. Jon Bryson discussed first the status of the Evergreen Avenue road project, which the plans are 50 percent complete. Then he discussed the Community Development Block Grant for \$25,000.00 for Jessups Mill Road, which approval has been given to go out to bid.

For the Police Department Report, Chief Rodney Sawyer distributed the March 2009 report to the Township Committee, noting a spike in motor vehicle accidents and summons being issued on various roads in the municipality. Next, he discussed an upcoming mock inspection for the police department's certification for accreditation. He then discussed a speed sign which was knocked down and superficially damaged, but that it still works.

For the Public Works Report, Mr. Datz discussed the Recycle Bank and how it works. Mr. Datz said at this time being the market for recycling is not what it was a year ago it would not be beneficial, financially, for the Township of Mantua to enter into a recycling bank and also considering it would be a five year contract. Mr. Datz also reported that old tables and chairs which are not in good condition and in storage would be better served being dismantled, the metal recycled and the other material thrown away. Mayor Chell asked Committeewoman Beckett to see if any organization would like the tables and chairs before they are dismantled and to make sure they are in good working shape.

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

Don Verhoorn, 186 Cheyenne Avenue, asked the Committee when it goes through the legislative portion of the agenda to offer a summation of the ordinances and resolutions, which the Committee did offer. Mr. Verhoorn then asked if it the Township of Mantua consider auctioning off the old tables and chairs. Mayor Chell said the Committee will take it under advisement, but the tables and chairs are old and not in good working condition and could pose a safety risk.

Debbie Baldasarre, 688 Main Street, asked if Mantua Township has an ordinance for snow removal, to which Mayor Chell said yes it does and snow must be removed from sidewalks 24 hours after the snow stops falling. Mrs. Baldasarre said she is concerned that after the last snow fall kids were still having to walk through snow to get to a bus stop.

Malcolm Dawson, of Berry Lane, asked if the Township Committee has taken a stance either for or against the Clearview Regional School District's referendum for the solar panels. Mayor Chell said no one from the district has reached out to the Township Committee, but he would like to invite representatives from the district to offer a presentation.

John Anselmo, 90 Candlewood Drive, said he is having trouble with a neighbor and kids who he said were out well after curfew and consuming alcohol. He added he has called police but it still is occurring. He listed several dates in which he had problems. Mayor Chell asked him to provide that information to the Chief Sawyer and that this matter will be taken care of.

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

Under the legislative portion of the agenda Deputy Mayor Scirrotto made a motion to open for a public hearing Ordinance O-01-2009, seconded by Committeewoman Beckett. All were in favor.

As no one wished to speak on Ordinance O-01-2009 Committeewoman Beckett 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-01-2009, seconded by Committeeman Zimmerman.

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, 4-0.

Committeeman Zimmerman made a motion to open to the public for a hearing Ordinance O-02-2009, seconded by Committeewoman Beckett.

Jessie MacGregor asked exactly where the No Parking would be placed? Mayor Chell said that any time a project is going near a County Road like the Acme project it must get County approval and that the County usually wants no parking along that road near the project.

As no one else wished to speak Committeewoman Beckett made a motion to close the public hearing seconded by Committeeman Zimmerman. All were in favor.

Committeewoman Beckett made a motion to adopt Ordinance O-02-2009, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scirrotto.

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 a roll call vote to adopt, 4-0.

Deputy Mayor Scirrotto made a motion to approve Resolution R-57-2009, seconded by Committeeman Zimmerman.

RESOLUTION R-57-2009
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
RE: A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AND THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER FOR THE
MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE DRUG AND ALCOHOL SERVICES FOR THE
PERIOD COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2009 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2009
AND ACCEPTING THE CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$17,977.00

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

Deputy Mayor Scirrotto made a motion to approve Resolution R-58-2009, seconded by Committeeman Zimmerman.

RESOLUTION R-58-2009
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
RE: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF JAMES
GALLAGHER AS THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP CONSTRUCTION OFFICIAL
FOR A FOUR YEAR TERM IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 5:23-4.4

All were in favor.

Deputy Mayor Scirrotto made a motion to approve Resolution R-59-2009, seconded by Committeewoman Beckett.

RESOLUTION R-59-2009
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
RE: A RESOLUTION AWARDDING A BID IN THE AMOUNT
OF \$71,000.00 TO NEWPORT CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION,
5032 MARLTON PIKE, PENNSAUKEN, NEW JERSEY 08109
FOR THE SENIOR CENTER PHASE II PROJECT AND
AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF THE CONTRACT

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

Committeeman Zimmerman made a motion to approve Resolution R-60-2009, seconded by Committeewoman Beckett.

RESOLUTION R-60 -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 THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP TAX COLLECTOR

All members were in favor.

Mayor Chell stated that Resolutions R-61 and R-62 will be heard at the completion of the Closed Session meeting.

Deputy Mayor Scirrotto made a motion to approve Resolution R-63-2009, seconded by Committeewoman Beckett.

RESOLUTION R-63-2009
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
RE: A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT AWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000.00

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

Deputy Mayor Scirrotto made a motion to approve Resolution R-64-2009, seconded by Committeeman Zimmerman.

RESOLUTION R-64-2009
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
RE: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE LOWEST BID FOR THE
ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION OF TWO MATERIAL
TRANSPORT SYSTEMS FOR THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP PUBLIC
WORKS DEPARTMENT TO AUTOMATED WASTE EQUIPMENT
COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$115,525.00 AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR
AND TOWNSHIP CLERK TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT

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

Deputy Mayor Scirrotto made a motion to approve Resolution R-65-2009, seconded by Committeeman Zimmerman.

RESOLUTION R-65-2009
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
RE: A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN EMERGENCY TEMPORARY
BUDGET IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40a:4-20.

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

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

Committeewoman Beckett said she and volunteers with the AARP are still performing free tax preparation to anyone who would like the service. It is on Thursday nights and to call the Clerk's Office to make an appointment.

Mayor Chell said the annual Free Rabies Clinic will be held on Saturday, March 21, 2009 at the public works garage from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Deputy Mayor Scirrotto made a motion to enter into Closed Session, seconded by Committeeman Zimmerman. All were in favor. The time was 8:30 p.m.

At 8:45 p.m. Committeeman Zimmerman made a motion to reopen the meeting, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scirrotto. All were in favor.

Committeeman Zimmerman made a motion to approve Resolution R-61-2009, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scirrotto.

RESOLUTION R-61-2009
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
RE: A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF
LOIS DEMURE AS TAX COLLECTOR OF THE TOWNSHIP
OF MANTUA EFFECTIVE MARCH 16, 2009

All were in favor.

Committeeman Zimmerman made a motion to approve Resolution R-62-2009, seconded by Committeewoman Beckett.

RESOLUTION R-62 -2009
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
RE: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE HIRING OF ALICE KELLMYER AS
THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP TAX COLLECTOR TO COMPLETE THE
CURRENT FOUR YEAR TERM WITH AN ANNUAL SALARY OF \$52,000.00

All were in favor.

Committeeman Zimmerman made a motion to approve a Family Medical Leave Act for an employee, seconded by Committeewoman Beckett. All were in favor.

Deputy Mayor Scirrotto made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Committeewoman Beckett. All were in favor. The time was 8:55 p.m.