

OCTOBER 18, 2010

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 2010. 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 5, 2010."

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 Scirrotto, Mayor Chell, Michael Datz, Township Administrator, Marie DeTitto, Esquire, Solicitor, and Shawn Menzies, Township Clerk.

Committeeman Zimmerman made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of the Township Committee's October 4, 2010 Workshop Meeting, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scirrotto. All were in favor.

Mayor Chell read aloud a proclamation Proclaiming October 2010 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in the Township of Mantua.

Joined by Mayor Chell, Deputy Mayor Scirrotto read aloud a proclamation honoring William Good as the 2010 Mantua Township Mayor's Award recipient. Joining Mr. Good was his wife, Thelma.

Deputy Mayor Scirrotto said it was Mr. Good who got him involved in the community and in public service and that he looks up to him and is thankful for all he has done and continues to do for Mantua Township. Mayor Chell said Mr. Good is someone who always has put the best interest of the Township of Mantua first and he is thankful of him.

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

Mr. Good asked if there were any available positions on the Mantua Township Historical Commission, to which Deputy Mayor Scirrotto said once a position opens up they will immediately contact him.

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.

Committeewoman Beckett made a motion to open for a public hearing Ordinance O-16-2010, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scirrotto. All were in favor.

As no one wished to speak on Ordinance O-16-2010, Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to close, seconded by Committeeman Zimmerman. All were in favor.

Prior to a final vote, Mayor Chell explained that if the legislation is adopted the Township of Mantua would save approximately \$20,000.00 per year with the refinancing of the bonds.

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to approve Ordinance O-16-2010, seconded by Committeewoman Beckett.

ORDINANCE O-16-2010
AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
RE: A REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE FOR THE REFUNDING OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA'S OUTSTANDING CALLABLE GENERAL
OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2002, DATED MAY 15, 2002; AUTHORIZING
THE ISSUANCE OF UP TO \$2,975,000.00 FOR THE REFUNDING BONDS OF
THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA, TO FINANCE THE COSTS THEREOF;
MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS IN
CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED
ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING

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

Committeewoman Beckett made a motion to approve Resolution R-174-2010, seconded by Committeewoman Lawrence.

RESOLUTION R-174 -2010
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
RE: A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE 2009
MUNICIPAL AUDIT CORRECTION ACTION PLAN

All were in favor.

Mayor Chell thanked Gayle Tschopp, Chief Financial Officer, and everyone associated with the 2010 audit.

Committeeman Zimmerman made a motion to approve Resolution R-175-2010, seconded by Committeewoman Lawrence.

RESOLUTION R-175-2010
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
RE: A RESOLUTION REFUNDING \$382.39 TO US BANK-
CUST/SASS MUNI V DTR FOR A TAX PREMIUM REFUND
FOR 92 HUMMING BIRD WAY, BLOCK 242.02, LOT 77

All were in favor.

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to approve Resolution R-176-2010, seconded by Committeeman Zimmerman.

RESOLUTION R-176-2010
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
RE: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUNDING OF
AN OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES FOR 402 REDBUD LANE,
BLOCK 56.01, LOT 16 IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$1,080.34

All were in favor.

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to approve Resolution R-177-2010, seconded by Committeewoman Beckett.

RESOLUTION R-177-2010
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
RE: A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF AMANDA BUCK
FROM THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP RECREATION COMMISSION

All were in favor.

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to approve Resolution R-178-2010, seconded by Committeewoman Beckett.

RESOLUTION R-178-2010
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
RE: A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING NEW JERSEY SENATE BILL S2345, TO
PROVIDE TAX RELIEF TO MIDDLE-CLASS SENIOR CITIZENS AND
RETIRES BY REMOVING CERTAIN INCOME TAX LIMITS ON INCOME

All were in favor.

Committeewoman Beckett made a motion to approve Resolution R-179-2010, seconded by Committeeman Zimmerman.

RESOLUTION R- 179 -2010
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
RE: A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN EMERGENCY
APPROPRIATION FOR STREETS AND ROADS AND
SANITATION AND PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-48

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

Deputy Mayor Scirrotto made a motion to approve Resolution R-180-2010, seconded by Committeewoman Lawrence.

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
RE: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A
CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) 2011 CHEVROLET TAHOE
4X4 VEHICLES FOR THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT IN
THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$57,854.20 UNDER A STATE OF NEW JERSEY
PURCHASING CONTRACT NO. A73849 FROM DAY CHEVROLET

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

Mayor Chell explained the 2010 Municipal Budget allocated funds for the purchase of one police vehicle, to which the second vehicle purchased in this legislation is coming from the insurance company for a totaled vehicle.

Committeewoman Beckett made a motion to approve an Instant Raffle License for the Lawson-Cox VFW Post 7679 for a period of one year term to expire October 1, 2011, seconded by Committeewoman Lawrence. All were in favor.

Mr. Datz reported he and the Township Solicitor have reviewed a proposed contract with a firm called Next Era Energy, which negotiates with electric companies to obtain lower rates. He explained this would be a three-year contract which has the ability to save \$25,000.00 by lowering what town is being charged per kilowatt from .1132 to .0966. Mayor Chell said he would like him to check into further and see if there could be a term less than three years. Mr. Datz said the firm explained to him that they are looking into the feasibility of biomass plants in the region. Mayor Chell said he is just concerned over that if during the duration of the term of the contract the industry declines and the town loses money and there would be lower rates available but the Township of Mantua is locked in a contract.

Mr. Datz said he will review and check into other firms and contracts and report back.

Under Committee reports, Committeewoman Lawrence thanked the Recreation Committee on a great job, along with the police department, on the October 9 Community Day event, that in these economic times the Township of Mantua is glad to be able to offer community events for the entire family.

Committeewoman Beckett also thanked the Recreation Committee. She also reported that at 11 a.m. on November 11, 2010 the annual Mantua Township Veterans Day ceremony will take place at the Veterans Plaza in front of the Municipal Building to which two local veterans will be honored. Committeewoman Beckett also asked if anyone knows of any families in need of help for the upcoming holidays to get her the information.

Committeeman Zimmerman also thanked the Recreation Committee, thanking Regina DeWitt and Kathy Shryock for all their hard work.

Deputy Mayor Scirrotto wanted to thank the Recreation Committee and all local volunteer for all the hard work they do.

Mayor Chell announced work has begun the 2011 municipal budget. In 2010, eight employees were laid off and concessions were sought and received by the local union and its membership. He also announced 2011, with expected decreased state aid and possible lower revenue, it will again a difficult budget. Mayor Chell said the public will continued to be advised on the 2011 budget with power point meetings to budget meetings and that he hopes things look up.

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

Mayor Chell announced that the General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 2, 2010 with polls opening at 6:00 a.m. and closing at 8:00 p.m.

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