

SEPTEMBER 20, 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 Scirroto, Mayor Chell, Michael Datz, Township Administrator, and Marie DeTitto, Esquire, Solicitor. Also Committeewoman Lorraine Beckett and Shawn Menzies, Township Clerk, were absent due to illness.

Committeeman Zimmerman made a motion to approve the minutes of the Township Committee's rescheduled meeting time for August 16, 2010, seconded by Committeewoman Lawrence. All were in favor.

Mayor Chell said a proclamation honoring the 2010 13 Year Old Babe Ruth Baseball Team on its 2010 New Jersey State Championship will be presented at a future date.

Mayor Chell read aloud a proclamation proclaiming September 2010 as Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month in the Township of Mantua.

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

Debbie Sutton, 108 Weatherby Road, asked if the bill list can have an asterisk listed where funds are being paid out of an escrow account and not a public fund account. Mr. Datz explained the escrow accounts are designated with a short listing of digits and a number in front of it and it is two to six numbers listed. Mrs. Sutton asked if further action can take place to differentiate between the two. Mayor Chell said they look into it and if it is something which can be easily done it will be.

Mrs. Sutton asked about the increase pay for police officer and what is the normal average? Mayor Chell said any increases is from the agreed upon contract between the Township of Mantua and the PBA which is good until 2011 and was agreed upon three years ago. Chief Sawyer who was present reported the increase was four percent for the first year and three percent increase for the last three years.

Mrs. Sutton said with so many people out of work, is a raise the right thing to do. Mayor Chell said if he could sit down with the PBA and see a lower increase he would. Mrs. Sutton asked if they could renegotiate, Mayor Chell said they have and the police department offered some concessions and the Township of Mantua will sit down again next year and seek give backs.

Mrs. Sutton asked what is involved in the steps for police officers, testing, skills, or a time frame? Mayor Chell explained the steps are for years of service. Committeeman Zimmerman said the contract approved here is the same as all other towns. Mayor Chell said eight employees were laid off this year, and all non-contractual employees did not receive a raise and those with contracts worked with the Township of Mantua to offer concessions.

Jim Slemph, 536 Mount Royal Road, wanted to clarify that steps are for a year of service and could not all be completed in a single year, to which Mayor Chell said yes.

Mr. Slemph said in regards to the completion of the improvements to Breakneck Road, he feels it is not wide enough to allow walkers and bikers from passing on the road especially at the top of the hill in front of the Ballinger farm. Mayor Chell said when he recently rode down Breakneck Road he was flabbergasted at the great job with the improvements and the road has been widened tremendously. He added it might not be perfect but it is greatly better than before. Deputy Mayor Scirrotto added the road was two feet wide on the shoulder it was even more cluttered because of soil erosion and encroachment of vegetation, but after it was cleared away an additional two feet, for a total of four feet is present.

Mr. Slemph said he is worried about the kids as well traveling on the roadway as he heard there was already an accident on the road. Mayor Chell said on Back-To School Night the Superintendent was rear-ended by a student and that drivers have a lot to learn and Breakneck Road is something to be watched.

Mr. Slemph asked if copies of the proclamation for Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month could also be sent to the high school nurse to assist in better educating the students.

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

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to open for a public hearing on Ordinance O-14-2010, seconded by Committeeman Zimmerman. All were in favor.

As no one wished to speak on Ordinance O-14-2010, Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Committeeman Zimmerman. All were in favor.

Committeeman Zimmerman made a motion to adopt Ordinance O-14-2010, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scirrotto.

ORDINANCE O-14-2010
AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
RE: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 82, "SALARIES"
OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA

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

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to open for a public hearing on Ordinance O-15-2010, seconded by Committeeman Zimmerman. All were in favor.

As no one wished to speak on Ordinance O-15-2010, Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Committeeman Zimmerman. All were in favor.

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to adopt Ordinance O-15-2010, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scirrotto.

ORDINANCE O-15-2010
AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
RE: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 62 OF THE CODE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA, "BUILDING CONSTRUCTION"

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

Deputy Mayor Scirrotto made a motion to adopt by Title Only Ordinance O-16-2010, seconded by Committeewoman Lawrence.

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 by Title Only, 4-0.

Committeeman Zimmerman made a motion to approve Resolution R-150-2010, seconded by Committeewoman Lawrence .

RESOLUTION R-150-2010
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
RE: A RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 IN THE
DECREASED CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$4,886.00 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
2009 LOCAL ROAD PROGRAM BY R.E. PIERSON CONSTRUCTION

All were in favor.

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to approve Resolution R-151-2010, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scirrotto.

RESOLUTION R-151-2010
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
RE: A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ENDORSING A PROPOSAL
FOR ADDITIONAL NJ TRANSIT BUS STOPS ALONG WOODBURY-
GLASSBORO ROAD IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA

All were in favor.

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to approve Resolution R-152-2010, seconded by Committeeman Zimmerman.

RESOLUTION R-152-2010
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
RE: A RESOLUTION ENDORSING AN APPLICATION FILED BY JOSEPH
AND DONNA CALTABIANO TO ENTER INTO A FARMLAND
PRESERVATION DEVELOPMENT EASEMENT ON LANDS
LOCATED AT BLOCK 2, LOTS 6 AND 10 TOTALING 68.82 ACRES
LOCATED ON COHAWKIN ROAD IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AND
SUPPORTING THE APPROVAL OF ACQUISITION OF
FARMLAND PRESERVATION DEVELOPMENT EASEMENTS

All were in favor.

Deputy Mayor Scirrotto made a motion to approve Resolution R-153-2010, seconded by Committeewoman Lawrence.

RESOLUTION R-153-2010
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
RE: A RESOLUTION ENDORSING AN APPLICATION FILED BY GARY
PROWE TO ENTER INTO A FARMLAND PRESERVATION DEVELOPMENT
EASEMENT ON LANDS LOCATED AT BLOCK 265 LOT 9.02 LOCATED IN
THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA

All were in favor.

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to approve Resolution R-154-2010, seconded by Committeeman Zimmerman.

RESOLUTION R-154-2010
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
RE: A RESOLUTION ENDORSING AN APPLICATION FILED BY STILL RUN
PROPERTIES LLC. TO ENTER INTO A FARMLAND PRESERVATION
DEVELOPMENT EASEMENT ON LANDS LOCATED AT BLOCK 2 LOTS 3, 4,
5 AND 9 LOCATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA

All were in favor.

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to approve Resolution R-155-2010, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scirrotto.

RESOLUTION R-155-2010
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
RE: A RESOLUTION EXEMPTING FROM PROPERTY TAXES
BLOCK 86, LOT 2, 42 MAIN STREET, THE MANTUA
TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY AND CANCELING
TAXES FOR THE THIRD AND FOURTH QUARTER TAXES OF 2010
IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$23,562.65 AND THE FIRST AND SECOND
QUARTER TAXES OF 2011 IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$11,781.33

All were in favor.

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to approve Resolution R-156-2010, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scirrotto.

RESOLUTION R-156-2010
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
RE: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR
THE PROJECT KNOWN AS THE SCHAUB ROAD CULVERT REPAIR
BY NERI CONSTRUCTION IN THE DECREASED AMOUNT OF
\$3,075.00 FOR A NEW CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$23,825.00

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

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to approve Resolution R-157-2010, seconded by Committeeman Zimmerman.

RESOLUTION R-157-2010
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
RE: A RESOLUTION REFUNDING \$1,600.00 FOR A TAX
PREMIUM FOR 366 LANSING DRIVE TO US BANK

All were in favor.

Committeeman Zimmerman made a motion to approve Resolution R-158-2010, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scirrotto.

RESOLUTION R-158-2010
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
RE: A RESOLUTION APPROVING A COOPERATIVE PURCHASING
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AND THE COUNTY
OF GLOUCESTER FOR THE PURCHASE OF GAS AND DIESEL FUEL

All were in favor.

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to approve Resolution R-159-2010, seconded by Committeeman Zimmerman.

RESOLUTION R-159-2010
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
RE: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REQUEST TO REDUCE THE
PERFORMANCE BOND FILED BY MATSUI NURSERY FOR ITS PROJECT
LOCATED BLOCK 170, LOT 5 ON MANTUA BOULEVARD TO A NEW
BONDED AMOUNT OF \$268,144.74

All were in favor.

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to approve Resolution R-160-2010, seconded by Committeeman Zimmerman.

RESOLUTION R-160-2010
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
RE: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR A U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION AGENCY BROWNFIELD CLEANUP GRANT

All were in favor.

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to approve Resolution R-161-2010, seconded by Committeeman Zimmerman.

RESOLUTION R-161-2010
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
RE: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PREPARATION
AND SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY
LOCAL FINANCE BOARD PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:2-51 ET SEQ.

All were in favor.

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to approve Resolution R-162-2010, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scirrotto.

RESOLUTION R-162-2010
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
RE: A RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONTRACT TO FURNISH FIREWORK
EXHIBITIONS IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AS EXTRAORDINARY
UNSPECIFIED SERVICES PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A 40A:11-5.1

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

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to approve Resolution R-163-2010, seconded by Committeeman Zimmerman.

RESOLUTION R-163-2010
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
RE: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REQUEST TO RELEASE
THE CASH PERFORMANCE BOND FILED BY T-MOBILE FOR ITS
PROJECT LOCATED BLOCK 273, LOT 2.03, 855 BRIDGETON PIKE, AND
ACCEPT THE POSTING OF A MAINTENANCE BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$2,453.25 FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS

All were in favor.

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to approve Resolution R-164-2010, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scirrotto.

RESOLUTION R-164-2010
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
RE: A RESOLUTION REFUNDING \$100.00 FOR A TAX
PREMIUM FOR 14 OAKTON DRIVE TO US BANK

All were in favor.

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to approve Resolution R-165-2010, seconded by Committeeman Zimmerman.

RESOLUTION R-165-2010
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
RE: A RESOLUTION AWARDED A BID FOR THE
DEMOLITION OF BUILDINGS ON VARIOUS PROPERTIES
OWNED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA TO FRANCHI
DEMOLITION IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$56,500.00

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

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to approve Resolution R-166-2010, seconded by Committeeman Zimmerman.

RESOLUTION R-166-2010
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
RE: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE HIRING OF
PAUL PORCH IN THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
WORKS EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 21, 2010

All were in favor.

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to approve Resolution R-167-2010, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scirrotto.

RESOLUTION R-167-2010
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
RE: A RESOLUTION AWARDED A BID TO ADS INC. FOR THE
THE PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS FOR THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP
POLICE DEPARTMENT IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$28,672.00

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

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to approve Resolution R-168-2010, seconded by Committeeman Zimmerman.

RESOLUTION R-168-2010
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 AN EMPLOYEE AND A
REQUEST FOR LEAVE UNDER THE FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE ACT

All were in favor.

Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to approve a Raffle License for Incarnation Alters and Rosary for an event to be held on November 6, 2010 at the church hall, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scirrotto. All were in favor.

Under discussion, Mayor Chell reported that it was previously approved to place the bi-annual newsletter on the web site instead of printing and mailing to save tax dollars. He asked all Committee members to remind the boards or commissions to have something for the newsletter as soon as possible.

Under Committee Reports, Committeeman Zimmerman wanted to remind everyone about Community Day set for Saturday, October 9 from 3:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. with a rain date of Sunday October 10. He added the recreation committee and police department have been working on this matter really hard and it looks to be great event.

Deputy Mayor asked if a letter of thanks could be sent to the County for the great improvements on Breakneck Road, Mayor Chell agreed.

Mr. Datz said he received quotes for rides for Community Day and the lowest was from Circus Time for \$6,765.00, which was under what was budgeted at \$9,000.00. Deputy Mayor Scirrotto made a motion to approve, seconded by Committeeman Zimmerman. All were in favor.

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

At this time Mayor announced the Committee would enter into Closed Session and could return to conduct business. Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to enter into closed session, seconded by Committeeman Zimmerman. All were in favor. The time was 7:55 p.m.

The meeting was called back to order to adjourn the closed session at 8:15 p.m. following a motion made by Committeewoman Lawrence, 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 8:17 p.m.