

Township of Mantua
Committee Workshop Meeting
August 18, 2014
Mantua Township Municipal Building
7:00 P.M

On the above date the Township Committee of the Township of Mantua held its Workshop Meeting in the Mantua Township Municipal Building, 401 Main Street, Mantua, New Jersey 08051.

Mayor Scirrotto called the meeting to order. The time was 7:00 p.m. Mayor Scirrotto asked everyone to rise for the Flag Salute and remain standing to observe a moment of silence.

Mayor Scirrotto delivered the Sunshine Notice as required by the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act.

Mayor Scirrotto called on Township Deputy Clerk Pamela LeVine to call roll. Present were Mr. Robert Zimmerman, Mr. Michael Silvanio, - Absent, Mayor Pete Scirrotto, Deputy Mayor Sharon Lawrence, Mr. John Legge, Mrs. Jennica Bileci, Township Administrator, Mr. Michael Angelini, Esq., Chief Rodney Sawyer, Michael Datz, Superintendent of Public Works

PRESENTATION: TRICO/JIF by Paul Forlenza, Deputy Executive Director.

Mr. Forlenza gave a brief presentation regarding Mantua's history in the TRICO JIF and their performance for the past five years. He also advised the role that each member plays in the JIF and the benefits of membership in the fund versus that of self-insurance.

ENGINEERING REPORT: Mr. Bryson was not in attendance.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Chief Sawyer advised that they have received the 2013 Safe & Secure Grant of \$60,000.00 and they have applied for the safe and secure grant for 2014 for the same amount. He explained that the grant off sets the cost of salaries for two officers. In addition they are currently using the \$5,500 DWI Patrol grant to set up patrolling. Chief Sawyer stated that department is just about done with the hiring process for two new officers and will hopefully have some names prior to the September meeting.

Mayor Scirrotto inquired about the noise ordinance regarding ATV's on private property. Chief Sawyer advised that if there is a complaint and it's on private property it is enforceable by the police department. In regards to abandoned vehicles, Chief Sawyer advised that the Sergeants have been on patrol to get these vehicles off the road. In addition, the vehicles that are for sale they have been more on top of as they can be, with the new hires it will become easier and more effective with the additional man power. Committeeman Zimmerman inquired as to the speeders on Atlantic Avenues. Chief Sawyer advised that after putting monitoring in place in that area that it doesn't seem to be as bad as it has been in the past. He will continue to patrol and use monitoring of this area.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Mr., Datz advised the Committee that the Community Center on Mercer & Trenton streets has just completed is sprucing up with painting, and redoing the flooring in the building. The Nutritional site was closed for a week and has

now reopened. The Place of Reflection lighting has been ordered and will be replaced and repaired by weeks end. The electrical box that was in the ground was completely covered in water and corroded. Mayor Scirrotto inquired about State Highway 45 and having it paved and how do we go about getting this accomplished. It appears that parts of the highway have already been done in both Woodbury and Mullica Hill but not in Mantua. Mr., Datz, advise that he would inquired from the state what needs to be done to get this taken care of since the Federal Transportation monies have not been re-appropriated. Mayor Scirrotto also complimented the public works department for getting all the brush up and the township is looking very nice with no more brush at the curbsides. In addition he mentioned that the signs that are being picked up by both public works and code enforcement is helping to keep the community looking nice. Committeeman Zimmerman let everyone know that the place of reflection with the 9/11 memorial is has been kept very nice over the past year and would ask that Mr. Datz ensure that the mulch is taken care of prior to this year's event as the County has agreed to pay for the mulch.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to approve July 21 2014: Deputy Mayor Lawrence, 2nd Committeeman Zimmerman. All in Favor: 4 yes votes, 1 abstention- Mr. Legge

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Motion to Open: Deputy Mayor Lawrence, 2nd Committeeman Zimmerman.
All were in favor.

Deb Baldassarre – 688 Main Street, Sewell, NJ 08080 – Ms. Baldassare advised the committee that she is currently looking into putting a modular on her property on Main Street and that after going through the construction office as to what would be needed, she was advised that there is a 1.5% COA fee. She was unaware that this even existed and she would like to know where it comes from and what it is used for. Administrator Bileci advised that this is a state mandated fees that goes into the COAH trust account. At the moment our trust account is frozen due to ongoing matters with the COAH. Ms. Baldassare stated that she does not agree with this law. Mayor Scirrotto advised her that he is as well not in favor of the COAH regulations.

Carol Rhodes – 106 Breakneck Road, Sewell, NJ – Mrs. Rhodes was inquiring as to the Light rail as she is working with the Federal Transit. She had various questions about the project and asked for assistance from the Township. Administrator Bileci advised that she would inquire with DRPA.

In addition Mrs. Rhodes inquired about the Clearview Tunnel and when will it be completed. Mr., Datz advised that it was originally supposed to be completed prior to school starting but with weather conditions and some permitting matters it might take a little longer. Mrs. Rhodes advised that she has seen cars going through the closed off road and was wondering if this was acceptable. Chief Sawyer advised that if the road I closed, it's closed to everyone.

Jim Slemp – 536 Mount Royal Road, Mantua, NJ – Mr. Slemp inquired about when the Jessup Mill Road Bridget would be completed. Mr. Datz stated that this is a County project and he was advised that they were still doing testing and going through the Permit Process. It was his understanding that it wouldn't be completed any time soon as the

county advised approximately 2 years. Mr. Datz said he would inquire and try to get an answer by the September meeting. In addition, Mr. Datz advised that there will be resurfacing done on Berkley/Harrison Roads to the Turnpike overpass and that a light will be installed at the corners of Berkley and Harrison Avenue. Mr. Slemp also asked if the Township removed the Mantua Township sign at the intersection of Main Street and Route 45. Mayor Scirrotto advised that it had been removed because it was in such disarray. Mr. Slemp then inquired as the Maple Ridge purchase and if the Steward Trust was the only monies that were used to purchase this property. Administrator Bileci advised that the only monies that were used was the \$250,000 grant. Regarding the Property Tax Relief (PTR/Blue Book), Mr. Slemp wanted to know what more the committee could do to get the word out about this program. He stated that he feels that many seniors are unaware of the program. Deputy Mayor Lawrence as well as Administrator Bileci advised Mr. Slemp that anyone who comes into the Clerk's office and who is of age is notified that this program exists. Administrator Bileci advised that she will look into further ways of notifying the senior of this program.

Motion to Close: Deputy Mayor Lawrence, 2nd Committeeman Zimmerman, All were in favor.

RESOLUTION R-118-2014: RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA APPROVING THE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AND FLAMINGO PARTNERS, LLC, REGARDING THE SATISFACTION OF MUNICIPAL LIENS AGAINST THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 125 MAIN STREET, MANTUA, NEW JERSEY

Motion: Deputy Mayor Lawrence, 2nd Committeeman Zimmerman. All in Favor: 4 yes votes

RESOLUTION R-121-2014: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF TEN (10) MOBILE DATA TERMINALS FOR THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT UNDER STATE CONTRACT NO. A-75583/ B27172 IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$15,325.76 FROM WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS & ELECTRONICS

Motion: Deputy Mayor Lawrence, 2nd Committeeman Zimmerman. All in Favor: 4 yes votes

RESOLUTION R-122-2014: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF THREE (3) DIGITAL VIDEO SYSTEMS AND TOWER SERVER FOR THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT UNDER STATE CONTRACT NO. A81311 IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$30,441.52 FROM MOBILE –VISION, INC.

Motion: Deputy Mayor Lawrence, 2nd Committeeman Zimmerman. All in Favor: 4 yes votes

RESOLUTION R-123-2014: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AUTHORIZING TAX AND PREMIUM REFUNDS

Motion: Deputy Mayor Lawrence, 2nd Committeeman Zimmerman. All in Favor: 4 yes votes

RESOLUTION R-124-2014: RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING MECHANICS LIEN ON REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA FOR VARIOUS PROPERTIES FOR MAINTENANCE WORK PERFORMED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA

Motion: Deputy Mayor Lawrence, 2nd Committeeman Zimmerman. All in Favor: 4 yes votes

RESOLUTION R-125-2014: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA APPROVING THE REFUNDING OF AN OVERPAYMENT OF A PET REGISTRATION FEE

Motion: Deputy Mayor Lawrence, 2nd Committeeman Zimmerman. All in Favor: 4 yes votes

RESOLUTION R-126-2014: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA SUPPORTING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A WORKPLACE WELLNESS PROGRAM THAT WILL UTILIZE A PROACTIVE APPROACH TO PROMOTE EMPLOYEE HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Motion: Deputy Mayor Lawrence, 2nd Committeeman Zimmerman. All in Favor: 4 yes votes

RESOLUTION R-127-2014: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AWARDING THE BID FOR THE RESURFACING AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS TO SOMERSET AVENUE

Motion: Deputy Mayor Lawrence, 2nd Committeeman Zimmerman. All in Favor: 4 yes votes

RESOLUTION R-128-2014: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AMENDING RESOLUTION #101-2014 TO CLARIFY THE FUNDING REQUEST OF \$956,000.00 FROM THE STATE GREEN ACRES FOR THE INVERSAND PROJECT KNOWN AS BLOCK 242, LOT 7 OF MANTUA

Motion: Deputy Mayor Lawrence, 2nd Committeeman Zimmerman. All in Favor: 4 yes votes

Remarks from the Township Committee:

Committeeman Legge wished everyone a safe and Happy Labor Day.

Committeeman Zimmerman advised that there will be no trash will be picked up on September 2, 2014 it will be picked up on Tuesday September 3, 2014 and it will be a bulk week. In addition, the Patriot Day Ceremony will be held September 11, 2014 at the Place of Reflection at Chestnut Branch Park at 8:30 a.m. and the next Senior Dinner is

scheduled for August 20, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. Committeeman Zimmerman advised everyone that Mantua Township resident Brenna Weick was crowned Miss Gloucester County 2015 this past weekend and that she will go to compete at the Miss New Jersey for her third time and try to bring the crown to Mantua Township.

Approval of the Bill List:

Deputy Mayor Lawrence made a motion to approve the bills; it was seconded by Committeeman Legge

All in Favor: 4 yes votes

Committeeman Legge made a motion to adjourn; it was seconded by Deputy Mayor Lawrence. All in Favor: 4 yes votes

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela LeVine, Deputy Clerk