

Township of Mantua  
Committee Workshop Meeting  
February 2, 2015  
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, Mayor Pete Scirrotto, Deputy Mayor Sharon Lawrence, Mr. John Legge, Mrs. Jennica Bileci, Township Administrator, Mr. Michael Angelini, Esq., Chief Rodney Sawyer, Glen deMers, Assistant Superintendent of Public Works

**PROCLAMATIONS:**

Proclamation Honoring Mantua Township Elementary Schools participants in the poster contest "What Mantua Means to Me"

Committeeman Zimmerman and Silvanio presented the proclamation to the elementary students who participated in the contest.

Proclamation Designating February 2015 as American Heart month in the Township of Mantua

Committeeman Zimmerman read this Proclamation and gave a brief explanation of the importance of taking care of your heart and his personal journey with his heart condition.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion to approve January 5, 2015 minutes - Deputy Mayor Lawrence, 2<sup>nd</sup> Committeeman Zimmerman. All in Favor: 5 yes votes,

**ENGINEERING REPORT:** Mr. Bryson advised that there were a few bond reduction requests; Reliance LLC, Cedar Grove Park as well as New Jersey's Got Talent and that all were reviewed and there was no objection to these bonds being reduced and/or refunded. Capital road program regarding Tyler Mill Road all contracts have been executed and we they are awaiting the weather to break. Jon advised that the local road program as well all contracts have been executed and they are awaiting the weather to allow them to start the project.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:** Chief Sawyer advised that the police department is applying for a Safe and Secure grant in the amount of \$60,000. This grant would help offset the costs of two police officers' salaries. In addition the chief advised that the

department is partnering with Cooper Trauma at the end of February to have one Saturday a month for child safety seat installation. He will be looking into also partnering with the Sewell Fire house in order to use their facility for inside installations should the need arise. The new speed signs that have been placed around the Township have been very helpful and has deterred and/or slowed down some of the speeding that was occurring, Chief Sawyer stated that these signs have given the department a lot of important data that the department can use in keeping the road safer. Chief Sawyer also advised that due to the broad scope of social media that the Township is now using i.e.: Facebook, Nixle, the Township website they are able to get the word out about a variety of things and particularly the snow events that we have just had. The signs allowed for the residents to know that they must remove their cars from the streets in order to allow the Public Works department to clear the roads as well as allow for emergency personnel to get through should the need arise.

### **PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:**

Mr. deMers advised that the last two snow events that we had turned out to be less than what was predicted. That being said, these events became “salt” events. Treating the areas that could become hazardous due to the temperature drop. For these last two events, (1/26, 1/27) Mr. deMers advised that the total cost including salt usage, man power and fuel cost the Township approx. \$10,398.00. Mr. deMers also advised that for the closing up of the leaf/grass and brush season the total collected for this year far exceeded prior years. This was in part due to machinery working and being repaired in a more timely manner as well as allowing man power to work.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

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

County Engineer Vince Voltaggio gave the Committee an update on the Jessup Mill Road Bridge. Demolition has been completed and the stack block walls are about half way up. They are anticipating weather permitting that the walls should be up by the end of the week, and that th

### **Gary Spinner -108 Weatherby Road**

The owners of 108 Weatherby Road, Mullica Hill, NJ 08062 Gary & Courtney came to discuss the flooding of their property due to the storm water runoff. He was inquiring if the township would be able to repair Weatherby Road so that this doesn't continue to happen as the flooding is encroaching on their property that appears will do structural damage if this continues.

Mayor Scirrotto advised the homeowner that the Township has been out to that area as it has been a problem before with the prior homeowner. In addition, the Administrator as well as the Township Engineer advised that the estimate just to begin the work that needed to be done would cost in excess of \$50,000. That the Township did not have the funding to do this work. Committeeman Legge asked why the Township couldn't just repair the pipe in the area that leads to the homeowner's home. Mr. Bryson added that the size of the pipe could be a problem and in order to fix the problem the entire road (Weatherby) would have to be dug up and the pipe would have to be replaced. In addition, this piping is not a straight pipe and there are turns in it making the job that more costly.

Deputy Mayor Lawrence inquired as to if the Township could berm up the road in order to redirect and/or delay the water encroaching on the property. Mr. Bryson added that he would take a look at it. The homeowner asked who is responsible for this matter. Solicitor Angelini asked if there were prior discussion from the prior homeowner and that maybe there was failure to disclose some of this information. Mayor Scirrotto asked that Mr. Bryson go out and look at the matter and see what could be done if anything at this time. Mayor Scirrotto advised the homeowner that he would personally get in touch with them after he receives the information from the Township Engineer,

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

RESOLUTION R-32-2015: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AUTHORIZING TAX AND PREMIUM REFUNDS

Motion: Deputy Mayor Lawrence, 2<sup>nd</sup> Committeeman Zimmerman. All were in Favor

RESOLUTION R-33-2015: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AMENDING RESOLUTION 142-2014 TO CORRECT THE CONTRACT AMOUNT FROM \$9,300 TO \$14,855 TO DGM ELECTRIC FOR LIGHTING ON THE WALKING TRAILS AT CHESTNUT BRANCH PARK

Motion: Deputy Mayor Lawrence, 2<sup>nd</sup> Committeeman Zimmerman. All were in Favor

RESOLUTION R-34-2015: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA APPOINTING RICHARD MASCIULLI AND LOIS VARALLI TO SERVE ON THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP LAND USE BOARD

Motion: Deputy Mayor Lawrence, 2<sup>nd</sup> Committeeman Zimmerman. All were in Favor

RESOLUTION R-35-2015: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA TO MAKE CERTAIN BUDGET TRANSFERS BETWEEN APPROPRIATION RESERVES PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A.40A:4-58

Motion: Deputy Mayor Lawrence, 2<sup>nd</sup> Committeeman Zimmerman. All were in Favor

RESOLUTION R-36-2015: RESOLUTION MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO SPECIFIC ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS AND CONFIRMING SUCH APPOINTMENTS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA FOR 2015

Motion: Deputy Mayor Lawrence, 2<sup>nd</sup> Committeeman Zimmerman. All were in Favor

RESOLUTION R-37-2015: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA APPROVING THE REDUCTION OF A PERFORMANCE CASH BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,515.88 FILED BY NEW JERSEY'S GOT TALENT FOR ITS PROJECT AT 675 BRIDGETON PIKE

Motion: Deputy Mayor Lawrence, 2<sup>nd</sup> Committeeman Zimmerman. All were in Favor

RESOLUTION R-38-2015: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA APPROVING THE RELEASE OF A PERFORMANCE BOND IN THE ORIGINAL AMOUNT OF \$455,743.20 FILED BY RELIANCE LLC FOR ITS PROJECT AT BLOCK 172 LOTS 7.01 & 7.03

Motion: Deputy Mayor Lawrence, 2<sup>nd</sup> Committeeman Zimmerman. All were in Favor

RESOLUTION R-39-2015: RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RELEASE OF A MAINTENANCE BOND FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS CEDAR GROVE MOBILE HOME PARK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,815.28

Motion: Deputy Mayor Lawrence, 2<sup>nd</sup> Committeeman Zimmerman. All were in Favor

RESOLUTION R-40 -2015: A RESOLUTION APPROVING A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AND THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER FOR THE USE OF THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER FOR IT'S NUTRITION SITE

Motion: Deputy Mayor Lawrence, 2<sup>nd</sup> Committeeman Zimmerman. All were in Favor

RESOLUTION R-41-2015: RESOLUTION APPROVING PARTICIPATING WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR A SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY, GRANT IDENTIFIER NO. P-6382-15 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60,000.00

Motion: Deputy Mayor Lawrence, 2<sup>nd</sup> Committeeman Zimmerman. All were in Favor

RESOLUTION R-42-2015: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE MANTUA HARRISON MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016

Motion: Deputy Mayor Lawrence, 2<sup>nd</sup> Committeeman Zimmerman. All were in Favor

### **Remarks from the Township Committee:**

Committeeman Silvanio advised that the Historical Commission is considering doing an essay contest. Committeeman Silvanio will advise the date and information at a later date as he is in communication with Terry Labree Curriculum Advisor of the Mantua Township Schools.

Administrator Bileci advised that the next two weeks the Township will begin working on the 2015 budget. She is requesting short and long term goals from each department as well as new and innovative way to improving operations in the respective departments.

### **Approval of the Bill List:**

Deputy Mayor Lawrence made a motion to approve the bills; it was seconded by Committeeman Zimmerman. All were in Favor

Deputy Mayor Lawrence made a motion to adjourn; it was seconded by Committeeman Zimmerman. All were in Favor

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela LeVine, Deputy Clerk