

Township of Mantua
Reorganization Meeting
January 4, 2016
Mantua Township Municipal Building
5:00 P.M.

On the above date at 5:00 p.m. the 2016 Reorganization Meeting was held in the Mantua Township Municipal Building, 401 Main Street, Mantua, New Jersey 08051.

Township Deputy Clerk Pamela LeVine welcomed everyone and wished all a Happy New Year.

Mrs. LeVine called the meeting to order and asked for everyone to rise for the flag salute and remain standing for the Invocation offered by Deacon Peter Traum, Church of the Incarnation Church, Boy Scout Troop 45 presented the Colors and led the Flag Salute.

Mrs. LeVine then read the Statement of the Presiding Officer: "Notice of this Reorganization Meeting was given in compliance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, more than 48 hours in advance by providing a Notice of Reorganization Meeting to the South Jersey Times and Courier-Post newspapers, for publication in their public meeting notice columns. Notice was also posted more than 48 hours in advance on the bulletin board in the Mantua Township Municipal Building."

Mrs. LeVine performed a roll call. Present were Committeeman Pete Scirrotto, Committeeman Zimmerman, Committeeman Silvanio, Committeeman Legge, Mrs. Jennica Bileci, Township Administrator, and Michael Angelini, Esq.

Mrs. LeVine stated that on November 3, 2015, the General Election was held and the certified results found the victor to be Mr. Robert Zimmerman received 1,865 votes and Mr. Michael Silvanio received 1,764 votes each of them will serve a three-year term upon being sworn in today.

Joined by his family, Mr. Zimmerman was sworn in by the Honorable Stephen Sweeney, New Jersey Senate President.

Joined by his family, Mr. Silvanio was sworn in by the Honorable Stephen Sweeney, New Jersey Senate President.

At this time Mrs. LeVine opened the nominations for Mayor of the Township of Mantua for 2016. All were in favor. Committeeman Zimmerman made a motion to nominate Pete Scirrotto for Mayor of the Township of Mantua for 2016, seconded by Committeeman Legge. Mrs. LeVine asked if there were any other nominations. As there were no other nominations, Mrs. LeVine asked for motion to close the nominations. Committeeman Zimmerman made a motion to close the nominations, seconded by Committeeman Silvanio. All were in favor.

Mrs. LeVine stated a nomination has been made and seconded for Pete Scirrotto for Mayor of the Township of Mantua for the year 2016. Mrs. LeVine presented to the Township Committee Resolution R-1-2016, appointing Pete Scirrotto as Mayor of the Township of Mantua for the year 2016. Committeeman Zimmerman made a motion to approve Resolution R-1-2016, seconded by Committeeman Silvanio. All were in favor.

Mrs. LeVine announced the motion was adopted. The Oath of Office for Mayor Scirrotto was administered by The Hon. Stephen M. Sweeney, New Jersey Senate President.

Mayor Scirrotto opened the nominations for Deputy Mayor of the Township of Mantua for 2016. The motion was made by Committeeman Legge, seconded by Committeeman Silvanio. All were in favor. Committeeman Silvanio nominated Robert Zimmerman for Deputy Mayor, seconded by Committeeman Silvanio. All were in favor.

As no other nominations were brought forth, Mayor Scirrotto asked for a motion to close the nominations, which was made by Committeeman Legge, seconded by Committeeman Silvanio. All were in favor.

Mayor Scirrotto presented to the Township Committee Resolution R-2-2016, appointing Robert Zimmerman as Deputy Mayor. Committeeman Legge made a motion to approve Resolution R-2-2016, seconded by Committeeman Silvanio. All were in favor.

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman was administered the Oath of Office by the Honorable Stephen Sweeney, New Jersey Senate President.

Mayor Scirrotto called for a Roll Call vote to follow the consent agenda items listed as Resolution R-3-2016 to Resolution R-31-2016. Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to approve Resolutions R-3-2016 through R-31, 2016, seconded by Committeeman Silvanio.

Committeeman Silvanio stated that he would be recusing from Resolution R-6-2016.

ORDINANCE O-1-2016: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY PURSUANT TO REDEVELOPMENT PLAN

RESOLUTIONS R-3-2016 THROUGH R-31-2016 TO BE VOTED IN ONE MOTION

RESOLUTION R-3-2016: RESOLUTION APPOINTING ANGELINI, VINIAR & FREEDMAN AS THE SOLICITOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA FOR THE YEAR 2016

RESOLUTION R-4-2016: RESOLUTION DESIGNATING FEDERICI & AKIN, P.A. AS THE ENGINEER FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR 2016

RESOLUTION R-5-2016: RESOLUTION APPOINTING BOWMAN & COMPANY AS THE AUDITOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA FOR THE YEAR 2016

RESOLUTION R-6-2016: RESOLUTION APPOINTING KELLY CONROY, ESQUIRE AS THE MUNICIPAL COURT PROSECUTOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA FOR THE YEAR 2016

RESOLUTION R-7-2016: RESOLUTION APPOINTING LAWRENCE HUBERT, ESQUIRE AS PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA FOR THE YEAR 2016

RESOLUTION R-8-2016: RESOLUTION APPOINTING BROWN & CONNERY AS LABOR ATTORNEY FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA FOR THE YEAR 2016

RESOLUTION R-9-2016: RESOLUTION APPOINTING PARKER MCCAY AS BOND COUNSEL FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA FOR THE YEAR 2016

RESOLUTION R-10-2016: RESOLUTION APPOINTING HARDENBERG INSURANCE AS THE RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA FOR THE YEAR 2016

RESOLUTION R-11-2016: RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A SCHEDULE OF REGULAR MEETING DATES FOR THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA FOR THE YEAR 2016

RESOLUTION R-12-2016: RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING RATE OF PREPAYMENT FOR MEETING NOTICES

RESOLUTION R-13-2016: RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA FOR THE YEAR 2016

RESOLUTION R-14-2016: RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE RATE OF INTEREST TO BE CHARGED ON DELINQUENT TAXES AND OTHER CHARGES FOR THE YEAR 2016

RESOLUTION R-15-2016: RESOLUTION NAMING THE OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION R-16-2016: RESOLUTION MAINTAINING PARTICIPATION IN GLOUCESTER/SALEM/CUMBERLAND COUNTY MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND

RESOLUTION R-17-2016: RESOLUTION CONTINUING MEMBERSHIP IN THE MUNICIPAL EXCESS LIABILITY JOINT INSURANCE FUND WITH THE GLOUCESTER/SALEM/CUMBERLAND COUNTY MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND

RESOLUTION R-18-2016: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1 IN THE TOWNSHIP

RESOLUTION R-19-2016: RESOLUTION APPOINTING JOHN KOSYLO, ESQUIRE AS CONFLICT PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA FOR THE YEAR 2016

RESOLUTION R-20-2016: RESOLUTION APPOINTING JENNICA BILECI AS THE PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA FOR THE YEAR 2016

RESOLUTION R-21-2016: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA APPOINTING A FUND COMMISSIONER FOR THE TRI-COUNTY JOINT INSURANCE FUND

RESOLUTION R-22-2016: RESOLUTION APPOINTING PARKER MCCAY AS THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA FOR THE YEAR 2016

RESOLUTION R-23-2016: RESOLUTION APPOINTING REMINGTON & VERNICK AS TOWNSHIP PLANNER FOR THE YEAR 2016

RESOLUTION R-24-2016: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA APPOINTING ROBERT POTE AS A REGULAR MEMBER ON THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION R-25-2016: RESOLUTION MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO SPECIFIC BOARD AND COMMISSION POSITIONS AND CONFIRMING SUCH APPOINTMENTS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR 2016

RESOLUTION R-26-2016: RESOLUTION MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO SPECIFIC ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS AND CONFIRMING SUCH APPOINTMENTS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA FOR 2016

RESOLUTION R-27-2016: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA CONFIRMING MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS FOR THE YEAR 2016

RESOLUTION R-28-2016: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA ADOPTING THE 2016 TEMPORARY BUDGET

RESOLUTION R-29-2016: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA TO ENTER INTO A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST DEPTFORD FOR PAYROLL SERVICES

RESOLUTION R-30-2016: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA ADOPTING "ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER"

RESOLUTION R-31-2016: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA TO PROVIDE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Mayoral Assignments for Committee Persons for year 2016

Introduction of Dignitaries New Jersey Senate President Stephen Sweeney, Assemblywoman Patricia Egan, Deputy Freeholder Director Giuseppe "Joe" Chila, Freeholder Dan Christy, Freeholder Jefferson, Stephanie Salvatore, Superintendent of Elections, Clayton Mayor Tm Bianco

Senate President Sweeney, thanked everyone for inviting him back and that the Township of Mantua has an outstanding committee and that is due to the consistency that is in Mantua. May Scirrotto also commented that the reason that there is a tunnel at Clearview Regional High school is in part due to Senate President Sweeney who was able to push this project through and make a safe crossing for the children that attend the high school.

Assemblywoman Patricia Egan Jones wished everyone a Happy New Year and looks forward to working with the positive team here in Mantua and with the continuants. Congratulations to the committeemen. Assemblywoman advised everyone that she along with Assemblywoman Cruz-Peres and Assemblyman Barkley are all looking to be good friends with the people of Mantua Township. In addition Assemblywoman Egan congratulated everyone on the Fossil Park as not only is this putting Gloucester County on the map it is now international known.

Public Portion: Motion to open to the public: Deputy Mayor Zimmerman, 2nd Committeeman Silvanio. 3 yes votes

No one wished to speak.

Remarks from the Township Committee:

Mayor Scirrotto thanked Senate President Sweeney as always for coming and all that he does for Mantua Township. He also thanked him for the special needs school for children with Autism as this allows them to go to college, for working and helping with the Senior Citizens in Mantua and helping to remodel the senior center where we have senior dinners every month for over 100 seniors. Thank you for all that you do.

Mayor Scirrotto thanked his wife of 43 years as well as the Township committee for all the work that they do. It makes his job that much easier. IN addition Mayor Scirrotto thanked the Police, Fired Department, EMS as they work 365 days to keep us safe. As they have to work every holiday. In addition, Mayor Scirrotto asked that everyone please keep the family of Eli McC Carson in their prayers as he was a State Trooper who grew up in the township and who went to Clearview who was killed in the line of duty last week.

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman thanked Senate President Sweeney as he has always been a friend to Mantua Township and has always been a great allied and we have had great success. Thanked everyone for allowing him the opportunity to being elected for a third time even with his two health scares Deputy Mayor Zimmerman thanked the Democratic executive committee along with chairman Bruner. He advised that the year 2015 was a great year. We have a 67 % margin of the votes winning by 856 votes. These numbers exceeded his expectation. Deputy Mayor Zimmerman thanked Mayor Scirrotto as well as Committeemen Silvanio and Legge they truly are the best. I wanted to take this opportunity to wish for Deputy Mayor Lawrence the best of luck and thank her for the friendship. Deputy Mayor Zimmerman thanked the fact that his mother and father instilled great work ethics on him. Diane Britney and Ashely thank you for the sacrifices you made during my shiftwork, holidays, and 13 years on the school board as well as being a Township Committeemen. Deputy Mayor Zimmerman wished everyone a prosperous new year.

Committeeman Silvanio thanked his family and friends as it means a lot to him. He also wanted to thank the community for all the support the community has given him and the Township Committee. The 67 % margin and having faith in all of the committee to serve the Township. Committeeman thank his wife, son and daughter who was unable to be here tonight. Committeeman Silvanio also wished everyone a happy and healthy new year.

Committeeman Legge congratulated Committeeman Silvanio, Deputy Mayor Zimmerman as well as Mayor Scirrotto on their appointments. Committeeman Legge

stated that this is a good team and that proof was the result of the election. Committeeman Legge wished Former Deputy Mayor Lawrence the best of luck in her future endeavors. And wished everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Motion to Close: Deputy Mayor Zimmerman, 2nd Committeeman Silvanio. 3 yes votes

Benediction offered by Pastor Doug Baitinger, Mantua Methodist Church.

Adjournment: Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to adjourn; it was seconded by Committeeman Silvanio. All in Favor

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela LeVine, Deputy Clerk