

Township of Mantua
Reorganization Meeting
January 5, 2015
Mantua Township Municipal Building
5:00 P.M.

On the above date at 5:00 p.m. the 2015 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 Pastor Frances Reynolds, of the Mantua United Methodist 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 Committeewoman Sharon Lawrence, Committeeman Pete Scirrotto, Committeeman Zimmerman, Committeeman Silvanio, Mrs. Jennica Bileci, Township Administrator, and James Pierson, Esq.

Mrs. LeVine stated that on November 4, 2014, the General Election was held and the certified results found the victor to be Mr. Legge who received 1,973 votes. Mr. Legge will serve a three-year term upon being sworn in today.

Joined by his family, Mr. Legge was sworn in by Committeeman Pete Scirrotto.

At this time Mrs. LeVine opened the nominations for Mayor of the Township of Mantua for 2015. All were in favor. Committeeman Zimmerman made a motion to nominate Pete Scirrotto for Mayor of the Township of Mantua for 2015, seconded by Committeewoman Lawrence. 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 Committeewoman Lawrence. 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 2015. Mrs. LeVine presented to the Township Committee Resolution R-1-2014, appointing Pete Scirrotto as Mayor of the Township of Mantua for the year 2015. Committeewoman Lawrence made a motion to approve Resolution R-1-2014, seconded by Committeeman Zimmerman. 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 2014. The motion was made by Committeeman Zimmerman, seconded by Committeeman Silvanio. All were in favor. Committeeman Zimmerman nominated Sharon Lawrence 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 Zimmerman, seconded by Committeeman Silvanio. All were in favor.

Mayor Scirrotto presented to the Township Committee Resolution R-2-2014, appointing Sharon Lawrence as Deputy Mayor. Committeeman Zimmerman made a motion to approve Resolution R-2-2014, seconded by Committeeman Silvanio. All were in favor.

Deputy Mayor Lawrence was administered the Oath of Office by Mary Fay, Esquire.

Mayor Scirrotto called for a Roll Call vote to follow the consent agenda items listed as Resolution R-3-2014 to Resolution R-29-2014. Deputy Mayor Lawrence made a motion to approve Resolutions R-3-2015 through R-31, 2015, seconded by Committeeman Zimmerman.

Committeeman Silvanio stated that he would be recusing from Resolution R-6-2015.

RESOLUTION R-3-2015: RESOLUTION APPOINTING ANGELINI, VINIAR & FREEDMAN AS THE SOLICITOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA FOR THE YEAR 2015

RESOLUTION R-4-2015: RESOLUTION DESIGNATING FEDERICI & AKIN, P.A. AS THE ENGINEER FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR 2015

RESOLUTION R-5-2015: RESOLUTION APPOINTING BOWMAN & COMPANY AS THE AUDITOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA FOR THE YEAR 2015

RESOLUTION R-6-2015: RESOLUTION APPOINTING KELLY CONROY, ESQUIRE AS THE MUNICIPAL COURT PROSECUTOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA FOR THE YEAR 2015

RESOLUTION R-7-2015: RESOLUTION APPOINTING SETH HASBROUCK, ESQUIRE AS PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA FOR THE YEAR 2015

RESOLUTION R-8-2015: RESOLUTION APPOINTING BROWN & CONNERY AS LABOR ATTORNEY FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA FOR THE YEAR 2015

RESOLUTION R-9-2015: RESOLUTION APPOINTING PARKER MCCAY AS BOND COUNSEL FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA FOR THE YEAR 2015

RESOLUTION R-10-2015: RESOLUTION APPOINTING HARDENBERG INSURANCE AS THE RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA FOR THE YEAR 2015

RESOLUTION R-11-2015: RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A SCHEDULE OF REGULAR MEETING DATES FOR THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA FOR THE YEAR 2015

RESOLUTION R-12-2015: RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING RATE OF PREPAYMENT FOR MEETING NOTICES

RESOLUTION R-13-2015: RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA FOR THE YEAR 2015

RESOLUTION R-14-2015: RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE RATE OF INTEREST TO BE CHARGED ON DELINQUENT TAXES AND OTHER CHARGES FOR THE YEAR 2015

RESOLUTION R-15-2015: RESOLUTION NAMING THE OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION R-16-2015: RESOLUTION MAINTAINING PARTICIPATION IN GLOUCESTER/SALEM/CUMBERLAND COUNTY MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND

RESOLUTION R-17-2015: RESOLUTION CONTINUING MEMBERSHIP IN THE MUNICIPAL EXCESS LIABILITY JOINT INSURANCE FUND WITH THE GLOUCESTER/SALEM/CUMBERLAND COUNTY MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND

RESOLUTION R-18-2015: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1 IN THE TOWNSHIP

RESOLUTION R-19-2015: RESOLUTION APPOINTING JOHN KOSYLO, ESQUIRE AS CONFLICT PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA FOR THE YEAR 2015

RESOLUTION R-20-2015: RESOLUTION APPOINTING JENNICA BILECI AS THE PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA FOR THE YEAR 2015

RESOLUTION R-21-2015: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA APPOINTING A FUND COMMISSIONER FOR THE TRI-COUNTY JOINT INSURANCE FUND

RESOLUTION R-22-2015: RESOLUTION APPOINTING PARKER MCCAY AS THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA FOR THE YEAR 2015

RESOLUTION R-23-2015: RESOLUTION APPOINTING ADAMS, REHMANN & HEGGAN AS TOWNSHIP PLANNER FOR THE YEAR 2015

RESOLUTION R-24-2015: RESOLUTION APPOINTING ACACIA FINANCIAL GROUP AS THE FINANCIAL ADVISOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA FOR THE YEAR 2015

RESOLUTION R-25-2015: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA APPOINTING THOMAS GREGG AS A REGULAR MEMBER ON THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION R-26-2015: 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 2015

RESOLUTION R-27-2015: RESOLUTION MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO SPECIFIC ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS AND CONFIRMING SUCH APPOINTMENTS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA FOR 2015

RESOLUTION R-28-2015: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA CONFIRMING MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS FOR THE YEAR 2015

RESOLUTION R-29-2015: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA ADOPTING THE 2015 TEMPORARY BUDGET

RESOLUTION R-30-2015: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA ADOPTING "ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER"

RESOLUTION R-31-2015: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF ALICE KELLMYER AS THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP TAX COLLECTOR IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A 40A:9-141

Mayor Scirrotto thanked everyone for coming as well as Senate President Sweeney for swearing him in., Mayor Scirrotto advised everyone that the Township of Mantua has done some great things this past year and will continue to forge forward in 2015. To recap what was done in 2014, the Township Committee authorized a \$500,000 road program to address deteriorating roads within the township. There were two new ordinances adopted regarding abandoned and foreclosed properties. The Committee also established a campaign again littering within the Township as violators will know now that there is a zero tolerance for littering.

There was s settlement for the old bank on main street with included settling up the back taxes and for the building to be restored and maintained.. The Township Committee along with all the departments were able to balance a budget under the 2 percent cap as well as regenerate a surplus due to the managing of certain line items and decreased in spending.

The Township invested in a Infrared Pavement Heater which will help with the Public Works department repair pot holes in a more timely manner, we've continued to make

improvements to Chestnut Branch Park such as adding lighting to the existing path on Main Street, added security cameras, upgrades were made to the playground and as previously stated were an integral part of the Clearview Pedestrian Tunnel with the help of Senate President Sweeney.

For the upcoming 2015 year, the Township will be working with business owners to improve business opportunities and growth within the Township.

We will be utilizing newsletters to better communicate with the residents. In addition we will be looking at all ideas to increase efficiency, reduce costs and maximize savings. We will be working without neighboring towns and school districts to have shared service opportunities that will save the township money.

Introduction of Dignitaries: New Jersey Senate President Stephen Sweeney, Deputy Freeholder Director Giuseppe “Joe” Chila, Freeholder Heather Simmons, Freeholder Frank DiMarco, Freeholder Dan Christy, County Administrator Chad Bruner, Sheriff Carmel Morina, Stephanie Salvatore, Superintendent of Elections, Former Mayor Bill Bain, Former Freeholder Jean DuBois, 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.

Freeholder Chila, wished everyone a Happy New Year, congratulated Committeeman Legge and let everyone know that there are great things happening in this county and if there is anything that anyone needs, please contact the Freeholder.

Freeholder Simmons advised that is an absolute please to work with the Mantua Township committee and that we are all neighbors and fi rends working for the better of Gloucester County

Freeholder DiMarco wished everyone a Happy New Year as well as congratulated Committeeman Legge.

Freeholder Christy congratulated to Township Committee as advised he is looking forward to working with this group of people again and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Sherriff Marino congratulated everyone as well as wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Public Participation:

Motion to open to the public: Deputy Mayor Lawrence, 2nd Committeeman Zimmerman. 5 yes votes

No one wished to speak.

Motion to Close: Deputy Mayor Lawrence, 2nd Committeeman Zimmerman. 5 yes votes

Remarks from the Township Committee:

Committeeman Legge thanked everyone for their support especially Chairman Brunner and the executive committee and the rest of the Township Committee for allowing him three more years. In addition he thanked his wife and family for all their support as well.

Committeeman Silvanio congratulated Committeeman Legge on another three year term as well as both the Mayor and Deputy Mayor. Committeeman Silvanio thanked them for their time and service and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Deputy Mayor Lawrence thanked everyone for allowing her the opportunity to serve the Township in which she lives in. She stated that Mantua is making great strides on all avenues and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Committeeman Zimmerman wished everyone a happy new year. He advised that Mantua Township is a very unique township in that this committee works very cooperatively, as well as cohesively together. That they all have faith and trust in each other even if they don't always agree. He advised that it is a great pleasure to work with the members of this committee and congratulate everyone.

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 in Favor

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela LeVine, Deputy Clerk