

Township of Mantua  
Committee Meeting  
May 18, 2015  
Mantua Township Municipal Building  
7:00 P.M

On the above date the Township Committee of the Township of Mantua held its Regular 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, Mr. Legge, Mayor Pete Scirrotto, Deputy Mayor Sharon Lawrence, Mrs. Jennica Bileci, Township Administrator, James Pierson, Esq., Mrs. Tschopp, Mr. Michael Welding, Chief Rodney Sawyer

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion to approve May 4, 2015 April 20, 2015- Deputy Mayor Lawrence, 2<sup>nd</sup> Committeeman Zimmerman. 4 in favor, Committeeman Legge abstained.

Proclamation recognizing June 4th as "TOURETTE SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY" was read by Committeeman Zimmerman.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

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

Karen Landy – 35 Bergen Avenue, Sewell, NJ – Ms. Landy asked the committee if there could be someone sent to look at her street Bergen Avenue. The road has very large ruts in it and needs to be repaired. It has gotten extremely bad over the years and even though the public works department has patched these holes, it really is in need of repair. You can't even drive on one side of the road due to the holes. Mayor Scirrotto advised that the township has reinstated the local road program and has started work on the some of the worse roads within the township. He advised that he will look into it and see if Bergen Ave is on the list for the next round of local roads to be repaired.

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

At this time, Administrator Bileci presented the Budget power point presentation. (The power point presentation is attached).

**Public Hearing – Budget 2015:**

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

Robert Hale – 432 Tylers Mill Road, Sewell – Mr. Hales inquired as to why we were paying out the surplus money. Mr. Welding advised that surplus is a revenue not an expense. He also asked why we were paying the Fire district monies on page 7 of the budget and CFO Tschopp advised that they pay us for a shared service fee. He also asked if the Township was using the MUA surplus as a revenue and Adminsitrator Bileci advised that the Township was and they reduced the amount by \$50,000.00. He commented that he feels it should go back to the rate payers.

Elaine Barbuto – 29 Hollybrook, Sewell, NJ – Mrs. Barbuto asked about a line item on the budget that pertains to the celebration of event and why their were extra monies in that line item that weren't spent. (15A) Mrs. Tschopp advised that this was the Community Day line item and that the event had to be cancelled due to weather therefore there were remaining monies in the line item.

Ken Defay – 456 Pitman Road, Sewell, NJ – Mr. Defay inquired about the Fire Commission's equipment and whether they are gas or diesel. Mrs. Tschopp advised him that they are diesel and that the line item that is in the budget is based on the cost that has been expended previously. Mr. Defay also inquired as to why the Commissioners of the Fire District are not present at the Committee meetings. Mrs. Bileci advised him that they have their own meeting that are open to the public that Mr. Defay can attend. Mr. Defay asked if the Township would be purchasing new trash trucks. He was advised that they might have to depending on an open claim on one of the trucks at this time.

Motion to close to the public for the public hearing of the budget: Deputy Mayor Lawrence, 2<sup>nd</sup> Committeeman Zimmerman

All in favor.

**RESOLUTION R-71-2015: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AUTHORIZING THE BUDGET TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY**

Deputy Mayor Lawrence made a motion to approve Resolutions R-71-2015 seconded by Committeeman Zimmerman. All in favor.

**RESOLUTION R-56-2015: RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2015 MUNICIPAL BUDGET FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA. Public Hearing - (Inside the Budget)**

Deputy Mayor Lawrence made a motion to approve Resolutions R-56-2015 seconded by Committeeman Zimmerman. All in favor.

**RESOLUTION R-72-2015: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AUTHORIZING TAX AND PREMIUM REFUNDS**

Deputy Mayor Lawrence made a motion to approve Resolutions R-72-2015 seconded by Committeeman Zimmerman. All in favor.

**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

**Township Committee Remarks:**

Committeeman Legge reminded everyone about the upcoming Memorial Day parade and wished everyone a happy and safe holiday.

Committeeman Silvanio advised that Mantua was listed in the South Jersey Magazine as one of the top 15 municipalities in New Jersey.

Deputy Mayor Lawrence thanked Administrator Bileci as well as Mrs. Tschopp for a great presentation regarding the upcoming budget. She also commended all the departments for keeping their budgets tight and as low as possible in order to have as little effect on the residents as possible.

Committeeman Zimmerman thanked everyone for working very hard on the budget. In addition, he advised that it's a tough job sitting on the Committee to try and provide at a minimum the best services possible and to keep costs down with cutting staff to the bare bone. We all should be very proud of the Police Department, Public Works as well as all the departments for doing all that can with reduced staffing and funding.

Chief Sawyer advised everyone that the parade route for the Memorial Day parade will be longer this year. He also wanted to let everyone know that there was the National Police week which raises money for the families of fallen police officers. It is a 300 mile ride and we should all be proud of the officers that accomplished this ride.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela LeVine, Deputy Clerk