

Township of Mantua  
Committee Workshop Meeting  
May 5, 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 – Absent, Mayor Pete Scirrotto, Deputy Mayor Sharon Lawrence, Mrs. Jennica Bileci, Township Administrator, Michael Angelini, Esq., Mr. Jon Bryson, Engineer, Mr. Michael Datz, Superintendent Public Works, Chief Rodney Sawyer,

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion to approve April 20, 2015- Deputy Mayor Lawrence, 2<sup>nd</sup> Committeeman Zimmerman. All were in favor.

**ENGINEERING REPORT:**

Mr. Bryson advised the Committee that Tyler's Mill Road resurfacing will begin either the end of May and/or beginning June. In regards to Golf Club Road, the township has been approved for funding for resurfacing and this will be going out for bids within the next two weeks or so.

The Local Road Program began and it was found that there was a concrete issue that has put the job a bit behind the normal schedule should begin in about 2 weeks. Mayor Scirrotto asked if Mr. Bryson would ensure that the builder of the new home along Main Street, cleans up the walking path prior to being issued a CO and completion of this building. Mr. Bryson ensured that it would be taken care of once he was contacted.

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:**

Mr. Datz advised that this is bulk week and that they are down 3 drivers. Deputy Mayor Lawrence inquired if it would be beneficial to the township residents to move the spring leaf clean up to April and the extra bulk week to May. Mr. Datz agreed and said that for next year's calendar it would be that way.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

Chief Sawyer let the Committee know that the Safe and Secure Grant was issued on April 15<sup>th</sup> and he would be receiving the first of the detailed statements. In addition he let everyone know that the resurfacing on Blackwood/Barnesboro road will begin shortly and he has been advised that it would be a 5 day job weather permitting,. In addition, the new vehicle that they just purchased with funding has been received and that they will be suing forfeited monies to purchaser a new live scan machine. Lt. White has been out putting the speed signs up and they are receiving a lot of documentation from these signs. Committeeman Zimmerman thank the Chief for using the forfeited monies to purchase the live scan as budgets are tight and it was a good choice. Deputy Mayor Lawrence asked if the Chief would have the speed signs out in neighborhoods rather than on the major thoroughfares as there are children outside playing now that the weather has gotten nicer. Chief advised he would have that taken care of.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

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

Bob Woodward – 507 Lestershire, Sewell, and Mr. Woodward advised that he again has cleaned up the area along Atlantic Avenue and would like the brush to be picked up s. IN addition he let Mr. Datz and committee know that someone has cut down a very large tree and put it along side of the railroad tracks. That as well needs to be picked up.

Gary Spinner – 108 Weatherby Road, Mullica Hill,- Mr. Spinner was inquiring what the next steps are for his property since the last time he attended a meeting. Mayor Scirrotto advised that he has been out to the property several times when it has been raining and the water issues seems to be doing well. Mayor Scirrotto along with M r. Datz and Mr. Bryson advised that the pipe that is currently there is a corrugated pipe and that a smooth pipe in place of the existing one would alleviate any additional problems. They also advised that now that the corrugated piping has been cleaned out, until we are able to get there the Township will be keeping an eye on it.

Lorraine Beckett – 655 Helena Ave, Mantua – 4Mrs. Beckett asked that the Chief call her so that she can meet with him regarding a drug issue. Apparently there are drugs and a variety of other things going on in the area as she has been advised of this by parishioners of her Church. She also advised that there is a large problem on Shadow place where there are trailers driving down this street. She would like for the Police Department to better monitor this type of thing. Chief Sawyer advised that the police department does what they can however, they do rely on the residents to advised them o=when there are issues and/or matters of concern.

Donald Gehring – 106 Vermont Avenue, Mantua –Inquired from Chief Sawyer if Ponte's trucks were allowed to go through the backend of Taylor on to Route 45 and asked Mr. Datz about Taylor Avenue being repaired as it has a lot of pot holes. Chief Sawyer advised that he is currently going over the ordinances to see what can be done about this and Mr. Datz said that they would be out to take care of the pot holes. Mayor Scirrotto also advised Mr. Gehring that we would be able to supply some millings from our local road program.

Ken Defay – 456 Pitman Road, Sewell- Mr, Defay inquired about how many employees in the public works department are out and why. Administrator Bileci advised Mr., Defay that they are not going to discuss personnel matters in a public session. Mr. Defay heard that a truck was due to a malfunction he inquired if it was actually a malfunction or operator related. Mr. Datz advised that it was a malfunction of the truck. The truck is 2006 Mac Truck and that it might be totaled. Mr. Defay inquired about what kind of training do the public works employees receive in regards to the equipment. Mr., Datz advised that the manufacturers of all equipment give training/safety and in addition to that the Joint Insurance Fund required annual training. Mr., Defay asked why there are so many supervisors in the public works department at which time Mr. Datz advised there are only two. Mr., Defay asked who is responsible for working with the teamsters. Administrator Bileci advised him that it would be herself along with Mr. Datz. Mr. Defay inquired once again why the public works department couldn't work a 4 day work week. Mr. Datz advised that there isn't a way to get all the trash, bulk, recycling as well as green carts up with them working 4 days, The savings wouldn't be all that much.

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

RESOLUTION R-69-2015: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PURCHASE A LIVE SCAN FINGERPRINTING MACHINE TO BE PAID FOR WITH FORFEITED FUNDS FROM THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$18,365.00

Deputy Mayor Lawrence made a motion to approve Resolutions R-69-2015 seconded by Committeeman Zimmerman. All in favor.

RESOLUTION R-70-2014: A RESOLUTION APPROVING A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTA AND THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER FOR THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER USE OF THE CHESTNUT BRANCH PARK TO PROVIDE FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT

Deputy Mayor Lawrence made a motion to approve Resolutions R-70-2015 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 Zimmerman noted the great job that the Public Works Department is doing with being short staffed and many budgetary cuts, they really put their nose to the grindstone and work every day. They are providing a great service to the residents even during difficult time and they are quite diligent in their work and should be commended for a job well done.

Administrator Bileci that based on the recommendations of the Chief of Police, the Park Director as well as the Superintendent of Public Works the will be a meeting to further discuss the needs of the park and the direction it will be going in, In addition, there will

be a Spring Newsletter that will be going out to the residents of the Township by the end of the month of May.

Mayor Scirrotto wished everyone a Happy Mother's Day.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela LeVine, Deputy Clerk