

Township of Mantua
Committee Regular Meeting
May 5, 2014
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, Mr. John Legge, Mayor Pete Scirrotto, Mrs. Jennica Bileci, Township Administrator, Mr. Michael Angelini, Esq. Michael Datz, Superintendent of Public Works, Jon Bryson Engineer, Lieutenant Jeff Ferry

ENGINEERING REPORT:

Mr. Bryson advised that the CDBG Grant for Booty Mill Road has come in and they will be walking the road and marking it out with the contractor. This project should take approximately 3 days to complete. In addition they have started the preliminary plans to repair Somerset Drive, as well as started to work on the 2014 Road Program.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Lt. Ferry had no report at this time.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

Mr. Datz advised that the dead trees on Mantua Blvd at the Sewell Playground are in the process of being removed. As reported previously that there were structures in the pathways at Ceres Park, Mr. Datz advised that he was at the park and did not see any structures. Mr. Voltaggio from the County was at the meeting and advised that the County would be inspecting Ceres Park as well to review their portion of the park. The Township has been approved for a grant in the amount of \$180,000 to repair Golf Club Road and that the money should be available in a few months. Mr. Datz advised that we are currently in a Bulk week and it appears to extremely heavy this month so at this time the Public Works department is a bit behind. The department will start their weed and feed at the Chestnut Branch Park as well as at the municipal complex.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Committeeman Zimmerman made a motion to open the public portion, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lawrence. All were in favor.

Randy Karpinski – 10 Tallowood Court – Mrs. Karpinski inquired as to who is responsible for all the fields at Chestnut Branch Park, as well as who is responsible for seeding/fertilizing/stripping and maintaining them. Mr. Datz as well as Committeeman Legge advised that the Township is responsible for all of the above and that the Soccer group helps in some of these areas as that is their desire too. It is the responsibility of the Township to mow the fields as this would be a liability issue if someone else were to do it. Mrs. Karpinski asked if they would put grates over the drains as the rebar isn't large enough to keep a small child out of the drain area and that the Bathrooms at the park need to be kept up more as they were in a very poor state this past weekend.

James Slemp – Mt Royal Road – Mr. Slemp inquired as to why the township is bonding to purchase trash carts instead of using clean communities monies. Mrs. Bileci advised that the township doesn't bond the trash carts. Mr. Slemp also inquired what monies from the old capital would be used for the part, where Mrs. Bileci advised that there is approximately \$90,000 being used for park for playground equipment, a new roof on the pavilion and a few other items.

Committeeman Zimmerman made a motion to close, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Lawrence. All were in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to approve April 21, 2014: Committeeman Zimmerman, 2nd Committeeman Silvanio. All in Favor: 4 yes votes, Deputy Mayor Lawrence abstained.

ORDINANCE NO. 05-2014 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AMENDING CHAPTER 375 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA, "TOWING"

Public Hearing. Mayor Scirrotto read the Ordinance.

Motion to Open: Deputy Mayor Lawrence, 2nd Committeeman Zimmerman
Motion to Close: Committeeman Zimmerman, 2nd Committeeman Silvanio
Roll Call: 4 yes votes

ORDINANCE NO. 06-2014 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA , CHAPTER 82 FIXING AND ESTABLISHING SALARIES AND COMPENSATIONS OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA, IN THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE YEAR 2014

Public Hearing. Mayor Scirrotto read the Ordinance.

Motion to Open: Deputy Mayor Lawrence, 2nd Committeeman Zimmerman
Motion to Close: Committeeman Zimmerman, 2nd Committeeman Silvanio
Roll Call: 4 yes votes

ORDINANCE NO. 07-2014 BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS PIECES OF CAPITAL EQUIPMENT AND THE COMPLETION OF VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$1,000,000 THEREFORE; AUTHORIZING

THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$949,950; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING

Public Hearing. Mayor Scirrotto read the Ordinance.

Motion to Open: Deputy Mayor Lawrence, 2nd Committeeman Zimmerman
Motion to Close: Committeeman Zimmerman, 2nd Committeeman Silvanio
Roll Call: 4 yes votes

RESOLUTION R-75-2014 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AUTHORIZING TAX AND PREMIUM REFUNDS

Deputy Mayor Lawrence made a motion to adopt Resolutions R-75-2014, Seconded by Committeeman Zimmerman. All were in favor.

RESOLUTION R-76-2014 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AMENDING RESOLUTION R-26-2014 – APPOINTING THE JIF SAFETY COORDINATOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA

Deputy Mayor Lawrence made a motion to adopt Resolutions R-76-2014, Seconded by Committeeman Zimmerman. All were in favor.

RESOLUTION R-77-2014 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA APPOINTING A MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT

Deputy Mayor Lawrence made a motion to adopt Resolution R-77-2014, Seconded by Committeeman Silvanio. All were in favor.

RESOLUTION R-78-2014 A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA 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 adopt Resolution R-78-2014, Seconded by Committeeman Zimmerman. All were in favor.

RESOLUTION R-79-2014 A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA APPROVING THE REDUCTION OF A PERFORMANCE BOND TO A NEW AMOUNT OF \$136,722.96 FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS 599 MANTUA BOULEVARD (RELIANCE LLC)

Deputy Mayor Lawrence made a motion to adopt Resolution R-79-2014, Seconded by Committeeman Zimmerman. All were in favor.

RESOLUTION R-80-2014 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF CHAPTER 291-13, SECTION A, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA PROHIBITING ANIMALS TO BE HARBORED OR BROUGHT INTO THE CHESTNUT BRANCH PARK FOR A ONE-DAY COMMUNITY EVENT TO BE HELD MAY 10, 2014

Deputy Mayor Lawrence made a motion to adopt Resolution R-80-2014, Seconded by Committeeman Zimmerman. All were in favor.

RESOLUTION R-81-2014 A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA APPOINTING PAMELA LEVINE AS DEPUTY CLERK FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA

Deputy Mayor Lawrence made a motion to adopt Resolutions R-81-2014, Seconded by Committeeman Zimmerman. All were in favor.

Mayor Scirrotto asked for a motion to pay the bills.

Deputy Mayor Lawrence made a motion to pay the bills, Seconded by Committeeman Zimmerman. All were in favor.

REMARKS:

Committeeman Legge noted that the Environmental Commission would like to erect a shed for the materials and things of that nature and let the Committee know that the Boy Scouts would be willing to build it. They were planning on meeting in the near future to determine the cost for the materials at which time he would advise the committee. Committeeman Legge also advised everyone that there is an awards ceremony at the Lawson Cox VFW, Saturday April 27, 2014 to honor a variety of people who have made an impact in the township.

Committeeman Zimmerman reminded all that the Spring Bulk Pick up would begin on April 21, 2014 for the one week only and that the Bark in the Park/Community Yard Sale is Saturday May 10, 2014 at Chestnut Branch Park and that you can get an application in the clerk's office.

Mayor Scirrotto also noted that he had walked along Breakneck Road earlier in the week and advised everyone that he had collected numerous alcohol beverage bottles. He asked that if the Chief of Police would start ticketing for littering.

Mayor Scirrotto asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Committeeman Zimmerman. All were in favor. The time was 7:32 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela LeVine, Deputy Clerk