

Township of Mantua
Committee Workshop Meeting
October 6, 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, Mayor Pete Scirrotto, Deputy Mayor Sharon Lawrence, Mr. John Legge, Mrs. Jennica Bileci, Township Administrator, Mr. Michael Angelini, Esq., Chief Rodney Sawyer, Michael Datz, Superintendent of Public Works, Jon Bryson, Engineer

SWEARING IN CEREMONY: Swearing in of Patrol Officer, 9th Class Officer Cody Mroz

PROCLAMATIONS: Designating and Memorializing September 18, 2014 as International Pitt Hopkins Syndrome Day in the Township of Mantua

A five minute recess was taken. The meeting resumed at 7:25 p.m.

ENGINEERING REPORT: Mr. Bryson advised that the Golf Club Road project has been completed. In regards to the streets and roads program, he advised that the Somerset Road project has begun and should be completed by the end of this week weather permitting. Tyler's Mill Road specifications have been completed and will be prepared to advertise for bids.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Chief Sawyer thanked the Committee for allowing him to hire officer Mroz. He advised that the new officer ranked at the top of the hiring process and he will be an asset to the department. Chief Sawyer further discussed that they are still working on the second officer hiring process. In addition he advised the Committee that the new server is up and running smoothly, as well as the newly installed lights in the parking lot added a sense of security in light of the recent activity in another municipality. The Chief discussed with Committee the new speed signs that are larger and have added capabilities with reporting information that can be accessed through a program on any computer. Chief Sawyer advised that he is waiting to hear back from JMT Engineering regarding the work that is to be done on Tylers Mill Road. He advised that the Harrison/Berkley Roads is behind schedule due to some electrical matters, however the county Engineer Mr. Voltaggio advised that they should be milling the road next week. He advised that Lambs Road is complete except for striping crosswalks and Jessup Mill, the County will be receiving bids in November..

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Mr. Datz advised the Committee that at the current time there are multiple trucks down. He advised that one truck is in the process of being refurbished. The other truck was planned and the others were down due to one needing brakes and the other needed a cylinder. The Mayor asked would it be beneficial to purchase a new vehicle of just to repair the ones that we have. Mr. Datz advised that the trucks only last about 12 – 15 years and that the trucks have hard mileage on them due to the start and stopping of the trucks. Mayor Scirrotto also noted that the repair work that was done on Heritage Road with the new machine looks great. Mr. Datz advised that the department is doing a great job with learning the machine and the process of implementing. Deputy Mayor Lawrence inquired as to if any other towns have asked for a shared service. Mr. Datz said that at the initial showing of the machine several towns inquired about it for example Paulsboro, East Greenwich, Wenonah as well as others. The manufacturer advised that separate crews can charge up to \$2500.00 per day for the use of this machine. Mr. Datz told the committee that he and the Administrator have had conversation about charging \$1200.00 per day and that money would offset the cost of the machine. Committeeman Legge advised that we should determine the appropriate cost of the service to make sure that it covers all expenses with the machine.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to approve September 15, 2014: Deputy Mayor Lawrence, 2nd Committeeman Zimmerman. All in Favor: 5 yes votes

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

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

No one wished to speak.

Motion to close: Deputy Mayor Lawrence, 2nd Committeeman Zimmerman.

ORDINANCE O-10-2014- AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AMENDING CHAPTER 302: “PROPERTY MAINTENANCE” OF THE CODE TO PROVIDE FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF VACANT AND ABANDONED PROPERTIES AND TO ESTABLISH A REGISTRATION FEE FOR SUCH PROPERTIES

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

There was no public participation.

Motion to Close to the Public: Deputy Mayor Lawrence, 2nd Committeeman Zimmerman. All were in favor.

Motion to Adopt: Deputy Mayor Lawrence, 2nd Committeeman Zimmerman.
All were in favor.

ORDINANCE O-11-2014-AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AMENDING CHAPTER 302: "PROPERTY MAINTENANCE" OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE REGARDING THE CARE, MAINTENANCE, SECURITY, AND UPKEEP OF VACANT AND ABANDONED RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES WHICH ARE SUBJECT TO FORECLOSURE

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

There was no public participation.

Motion to Close to the Public: Deputy Mayor Lawrence, 2nd Committeeman Zimmerman. All were in favor.

Motion to Adopt: Deputy Mayor Lawrence, 2nd Committeeman Zimmerman. All were in favor

RESOLUTION R-139-2014: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AUTHORIZING TAX AND PREMIUM REFUNDS

Motion: Deputy Mayor Lawrence, 2nd Committeeman Zimmerman. All in Favor: 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION R-140-2014 - RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FINDINGS OF THE CALENDAR YEAR 2014 BEST PRACTICES INVENTORY PROCEDURES

Motion: Deputy Mayor Lawrence, 2nd Committeeman Zimmerman. All in Favor: 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION R-141-2014 -RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AWARDING A CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,500.00 TO DAVE MORTON MASONRY, LLC FOR THE CURBING AND SIDEWALKS INSTALLATION ON MORRIS AVENUE TO MCNALLY AVENUE, SEWELL, NJ 08080

Motion: Deputy Mayor Lawrence, 2nd Committeeman Zimmerman. All in Favor: 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION R-142-2014-RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AWARDING A CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,300.00 TO DGM ELECTRIC FOR LIGHTING ON THE WALKING TRAILS OF CHESTNUT BRANCH PARK

Motion: Deputy Mayor Lawrence, 2nd Committeeman Zimmerman. All in Favor: 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION R-143-2014-RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA APPROVING THE REFUNDING OF A DUPLICATE PAYMENT FOR A FIRE INSPECTION

Motion: Deputy Mayor Lawrence, 2nd Committeeman Zimmerman. All in Favor: 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION R- 144-2014 RESOLUTION ENFORCING A HALLOWEEN CURFEW IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA COMMENCING OCTOBER 30, 2014 UNTIL OCTOBER 31, 2014

Motion: Deputy Mayor Lawrence, 2nd Committeeman Zimmerman. All in Favor: 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION R-145-2014-RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RELEASE OF A MAINTENANCE BOND FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS MATSUI NURSERY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$115,075.97

Motion: Deputy Mayor Lawrence, 2nd Committeeman Zimmerman. All in Favor: 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION R-146-2014- RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE APPOINTING THOMAS LEONARD TO SERVE ON THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP MANTUA TOWNSHIP VETERANS COMMISSION

Motion: Deputy Mayor Lawrence, 2nd Committeeman Zimmerman. All in Favor: 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION R-147-2014-RESOLUTION APPOINTING SARAH POWELL AS THE DEPUTY COURT ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA

Motion: Deputy Mayor Lawrence, 2nd Committeeman Zimmerman. All in Favor: 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION R-148-2014-RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AWARDING A CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,970.40 TO AAA STATE OF PLAY FOR PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AT CHESTNUT BRANCH PARK

Motion: Deputy Mayor Lawrence, 2nd Committeeman Zimmerman. All in Favor: 5 yes votes

Remarks from the Township Committee:

Deputy Mayor Lawrence told everyone that the Fossil Dig that was held on September 27, 2014 was a huge success. There were around 1,200 people that came through and donations were made along with T-shirt sales.

Committeeman Legge reminded everyone that there will be a Veterans Day ceremony here at the municipal Building on November 11, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. He let everyone know that the guest speaker would be Freeholder Wilson as he himself is a veteran.

Committeeman Zimmerman advised that the Mayors award that is normally presented at Mantua Community Day will be presented on October 20, 2014 as the recipient is away at school. He also noted that the next senior dinner is on October 29th and to call the clerk's office to make a reservation.

Approval of the Bill List:

Deputy Mayor Lawrence made a motion to approve the bills; it was seconded by Committeeman Legge. All in Favor: 5 yes votes

Deputy Mayor Lawrence made a motion to adjourn; it was seconded by Committeeman Zimmerman. All in Favor: 5 yes votes

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela LeVine, Deputy Clerk