

Township of Mantua
September 21, 2015
Workshop Meeting
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, Mayor Pete Scirrotto, Deputy Mayor Sharon Lawrence, Mrs. Jennica Bileci, Township Administrator, Michael Angeline, Esq., Mike Datz, Superintendent of Public Works, Jon Bryson, Engineer, Absent, Chief Rodney Sawyer

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to approve August 20, 2015- Deputy Mayor Lawrence, 2nd Committeeman Zimmerman. Committeeman Legge Abstained. 4 in favor, 1 absention.

Motion to approve September 15, 2015 - Deputy Mayor Lawrence, 2nd Committeeman Zimmerman. Committeeman Legge Abstained. 4 in favor. 1 abstention.

Public Works Report:

Mr. Datz reported that the paving on Golf Club Road has been completed and that there is only a small punch list of items to conclude this project. He advised that he is waiting to hear back from the State in regards to the Heritage Road project. Mayor Scirrotto inquired if this project could get done prior to the end of the year? Mr. Datz advised that he would have the engineer contact the State to see if he could give them a push to get an answer on funding so that the job can go out for bid. Mr. Datz advised that all trash, recycling and vegetative waster is all caught up for the last week and they were trying to catch up on Monday's route. In addition, he advised that they are still picking up brush from the June 23rd storm. Regarding trucks, the Township will be renting a truck for 30 days until the two new trucks come in that were ordered. This would eliminate a lot of the issues that the department is currently experiencing.

Police Department Report:

Chief Sawyer advised that Phase II of the Place of Reflection was completed in time for this year's 9/11 ceremony and wanted to thank everyone involved as well as the private donors that gave of their time and product to make this happen. In addition, the Chief let everyone know that they are still conducting child safety seat installations. The Police Department is still in the hiring process of a SLEO II as well as the Department was donated a K-9 which is currently at the academy with its handler and is due to graduate in December. This past week the Department held a DWI check point and he will report

back with the results. Committeeman Silvanio asked if the results from this checkpoint could be placed on the website to let people know that his was also paid for by a grant. Mayor Scirrotto advised the Chief that there is a large limb hanging from a tree on Breakneck Road and asked if he would please get in touch with the County to see about getting that limb down prior to hurting someone. Committeeman Legge inquired about the data from the electrical speed sign. Chief Sawyer told the Committee that the information is good as it allows the Police Department to know where they need better enforcement around the town.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

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

Joseph Giamarello – 407 Heritage Road – Mr. Giamarello asked the Committee for a special dispensation to allow sewer lines to be run down Harrison Avenue. He has several properties there and the water level is so high and the properties are so small that it doesn't allow for septic to be on the ground. He advised that he had already contacted the County Board of Health and they agreed that the water level is too high. Mayor Scirrotto advised that the Township would pass the information along to the M.U.A. as that would be the department to handle something like this.

Carl Heimerl – 26 Florida Avenue – He advised the Committee that he is upset about the way the trash/recycling and vegetative waste carts have been picked up. He told the Committee that it doesn't matter what day his trash is supposed to be picked up it hasn't been on the proper schedule for quite some time. He advised that he now has to take his household trash to the curbside instead of the side of his home as it has to be left at the curbside because he doesn't know when it will be picked up. He has to cut his lawn around when the grass carts are emptied and not when it is convenient for him. Mayor Scirrotto advised him that there are two new trucks coming within the next 30 days and that will give us 5 automated trucks and allow us to be more on time with the trash/recycling and vegetative waste carts getting picked up. We were also picking up brush from the storm still so we are definitely aware of the matter and doing whatever we can to rectify it.

Linda McAdams – 2 Arsen Court – She advised the Committee that there is a drainage issue between the Kohls and Planet fitness shopping centers that is impacting their pumping station as well as some homeowner's property. Ms. McAdams advised that there was a beaver problem that has since been corrected however, the DOT has been out there and they advised that there is so much sediment in the pipe that the water cannot get through. She is asking that the Township advise the owners of the property that they need to maintain these pipes so that the water doesn't infringe on the pumping station as well as the homes. M., Datz advised that he would see who owns the property. Mayor Scirrotto advised that we could send a letter to them advising them to maintain it.

Randy Karpinski – 10 Tallowood Court – Ms. Karpinski advised the Committee that she is upset about the way the fields at the Chestnut Branch Park looks. This is a highly traffic area during the sporting season and there should be something that the township can do to repair these fields. In addition she advised that there are dogs in the park when it is a no animal park as well as people smoking when it is a no smoking park. Committeeman Zimmerman advised that they have been in contact with the Pitman Golf Course head maintenance person. They have come to the park and have given us his

recommendations as to how to repair the fields, of which they have taken that under advisement and will be working to improve the fields. As for the animals and the smoking we currently have a park ranger there on a part time basis who is making strides in keeping the rules of the park. Committeeman Silvanio asked the Chief about putting some explorers in the park. Chief Sawyer advised that these are students that are in school and that the program is has only a handful of explorers at this time.

Ms. Karpinski also wanted to let Committee know that the Public Works department has done a stellar job with picking up the trash/recycling and vegetative waste carts due to all the debris from the 6/23 storm. Ms. Karpinski inquired if the Township had a garage to store the trucks in that would alleviate some of the weathering that they are taking. Mayor Scirrotto advised that there was funding to build such a building but in light of the age and wear and tear of the trucks, these monies were used to purchase the two new trucks we are getting. Also she wanted to thank the committee for allowing the 6th graders to come to the 9/11 ceremony. It was definitely a learning experience for them. The vocal ensemble sounded great, the new addition is wonderful and it is a testament to the Township with all that they do in remembering this day.

Lorraine Beckett – 655 Helena Ave – Wanted to take this opportunity to let committee know that she has received a lot of calls from the seniors in town and that the public works department has done a great job in removing the debris from the 6/23 storm. Everyone should be commended for their hard work.

Ken Defay – 456 Pitman Road – He inquired as to why we are now going to be picking up tree stumps when we have never done this in the past. Mayor Scirrotto advised that we are doing this as it could potentially become a safety issue. We will only be doing this with stumps and large items from the storm as FEMA will be giving us back 75% of the cost. Mr. DeFay inquired as to how we are able to purchase these two new trucks. Mr., Datz advised that the reason we are able to purchase these trucks is from the insurance monies that we are getting for the truck that went down in April as well as through a Federal Contract. Mr. Defay then inquired about the Fire District and why they need a mechanic. Administrator Bileci advised that the Fire District is a separate entity. They have a separate budget and hold separate Commissioner Meetings. Mr., Defay then asked why the Infrared Heater is out of a shed or building being exposed to all the weather elements and how long could it sustain that. Mr, Datz advised him that the machine would be fine in the weather and that it would be properly maintained that is required of it.

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

ORDINANCE 0-7-2015: BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS PIECES OF CAPITAL EQUIPMENT FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$700,000, THEREFORE, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY, IN THE 665,000 MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING

Motion to Open to the Public - Deputy Mayor Lawrence, 2nd Committeeman Zimmerman.

Motion to Close to the Public- Deputy Mayor Lawrence, 2nd Committeeman Zimmerman.

There was no public participation.

Motion to Adopt Committeeman Legge, 2nd Committeeman Zimmerman.

All were in favor.

ORDINANCE O-8-2015: AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AMENDING CHAPTER 63 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA, "PERSONNEL POLICIES"

Motion to Open to the Public - Deputy Mayor Lawrence, 2nd Committeeman Zimmerman.

There was no public participation.

Motion to Close to the Public - Deputy Mayor Lawrence, 2nd Committeeman Zimmerman.

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

ORDINANCE O-9-2015: AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AMENDING ARTICLE XIII SCHEDULES 143-32 SCHEDULE I: PARKING PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA

Motion to Open to the Public - Deputy Mayor Lawrence, 2nd Committeeman Zimmerman.

There was no public participation.

Motion to Close to the Public - Deputy Mayor Lawrence, 2nd Committeeman Zimmerman.

Motion to Adopt Committeeman Legge, 2nd Committeeman Zimmerman.
All were in favor.

RESOLUTION R-106-2015: TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AUTHORIZING TAX AND PREMIUM REFUNDS

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

RESOLUTION R-107-2015: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A VETERAN'S DEDUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$250.00 TO JOSEPH MCDONNELL FOR THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 643 SANTA FE DRIVE, BLOCK 15, LOT 4, FOR THE YEAR 2015

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

RESOLUTION R-108-2015: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA REQUESTING THE APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE FOR 2014 HOLIDAY DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER GRANT AND APPROPRIATION (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87) OF THE SAME

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

RESOLUTION R-109-2015: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA REQUESTING THE APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE FOR CLICK IT OR TICKET AND APPROPRIATION (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87) OF THE SAME

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

RESOLUTION R-110-2015: RESOLUTION CANCELLING INTEREST FOR BLOCK 251.12 LOT 4 KNOWN ON THE TAX MAP AS 7 ROSEWOOD LANE DUE TO A CLERICAL ERROR

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

RESOLUTION R-111-2015: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA APPROVING THE HIRING OF JACQUELINE CAVALLARO TO THE POLICE CLERK POSITION IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA

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

RESOLUTION R-112-2015: RESOLUTION A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA APPROVING THE ASSIGNMENT OF THE AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF BLOCK 242, LOT 7 TO ROWAN UNIVERSITY

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

Mayor Sciroto asked Mrs. Bruner to say a few words regarding this acquisition. Mrs. Bruner thanked the Committee as well as everyone else that has been involved in this long process. Mrs. Bruner also let everyone know that Rowan will now be taking the lead on this site and that Mantua is very happy to be a part of it. Mrs. Bruner then deferred to Dr. Lacovara.

Dr. Lacovara advised that he has now joined the faculty at Rowan University and is very excited to be a part of this growing area. He also advised that every kid that normally would have taken a school trip to areas in Philadelphia, will now be taking a trip to the new fossil park. He continued with stating that this is not only good for the community

but for the future education of our children. This fossil park will be a major part of the S.T.E.M. program that is currently offered through Rowan and it can only get bigger and better.

RESOLUTION R-113-2015: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS 2014 LOCAL ROAD PROGRAM IN THE INCREASED AMOUNT CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$7,816.50

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

RESOLUTION R-114-2015: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AUTHORIZING THE LAND USE BOARD TO CONDUCT A PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE WHETHER CERTAIN LOTS IN BLOCKS 260, 261 AND 261.01 ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA QUALIFY AS AN AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT

Motion to move: Deputy Mayor Lawrence, 2nd Committeeman Zimmerman,
All were 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 wanted to comment on what the Chief of Police as well as Ms. Karpinski said regarding the 9/11 ceremony. His daughter is a 6th grader and has started to ask questions, thus sparking an interest in what occurred on that day. Committeeman Legge also wanted to say that being a Rowan Alumni as well as a Mantua resident, he is most happy with the development of the Inversand site with Rowan University.

Committeeman Silvanio thanked the Clearview vocal ensemble for a beautiful performance at the 9/11 ceremony. He commented that the community support was wonderful. He stated that it is a day that we should not forget and it was also a great idea to include the students who otherwise wouldn't be aware of exactly what this day means.

Deputy Mayor Lawrence wanted to take this opportunity to thank Michelle Bruner for her tenaciousness in forging forward with the Inversand/Rowan acquisition. She has worked on this since 2008 and would not give up because she saw something there. She applauded her for her efforts with this project. .

Committeeman Zimmerman thanked everyone involved in the 9/11 new addition. It's gratifying to see the fruits of everyone's labor in our community. Committeeman Zimmerman also reminded everyone that there is a senior dinner October 28, 2015 and that it is imperative that you call in to get a reservation. This past dinner we had over 120 people with only 100 reservations. We want to make sure that we have enough for

everyone so please tell all your friends and neighbors that they need to make a reservation.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela LeVine, Deputy Clerk