

**Township of Mantua**  
**Minutes**  
**Meeting June 20, 2016**  
**Mantua Township Municipal Building**  
**6:00 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 6:00 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 Deputy Mayor Robert Zimmerman, Mr. Michael Silvanio, Mr. Legge - Absent, Mayor Pete Scirrotto, Mrs. Jennica Bileci, Township Administrator, James Pierson Esq. Chief Sawyer

Proclamation: Recognizing the Essay Winners for the Historical Commission Writing Contest was presented by Mayor Scirrotto and Committeewoman Lukens

Proclamation: Proclamation recognizing June 4th as "Tourette Syndrome Awareness Day" was presented by Deputy Mayor Zimmerman

**Approval of Minutes:**            June 20, 2016

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to close to the public, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Committeeman Silvanio, Committeewoman Lukens Abstained.

**Public Participation:**

Bruce Cocchi – 47 Monroe Ave – Asked the Committee what can be done to correct the situation at Route 45 and Mount Royal Road. Mayor Scirrotto advised that the Assemblywoman that is here with us tonight would be looking into it. The County, Township as well as the Chief of Police have all met with the DOT to have this corrected. The state is still considering what can be done. In addition, he inquired as to what can be done about the people cutting through the Wawa at that same intersection. It's a danger to the residents that live around there. Lastly, he'd like to know what can be done to stop the drivers that are cutting through is development. Chief Sawyer advised that they will have a better presence out there and will put the speed signs up to get some sort of the amount of traffic that is going through there.

Dominic Scardino – 222 Burlington Avenue – Inquired about when and if Fairview Drive would be getting paved. Mr. Scardino advised that he drives this road in order to go back to his street where he lives. This road has been a problem for several years and nothing seems to be getting done. Administrator Bileci advised that they are aware that this street is a problem, however it is very costly to repave this road as the

curbing is quite expensive. Administrator Bileci also advised that they will review the road and inquire if we can include some patching repairs in effort to address the concerns.

Ken Defay – 456 Pitman Road – Mr. Defay inquired about the bonded matters that were on this current agent. Administrator Bileci advised that the down payment was part of the budget and that when one bond comes off another one gets added thus allowing the township to get the necessary funding that they are requiring to do certain improvements. Mr. Defay inquired about why the Township needs a new recycling truck at all. Administrator Bileci advised that they are in need of one in order to pick up during the bulk week items such as white goods cardboard amongst other things. In addition, Mr. Defay asked why Deptford Township isn't taking on any responsibility for the new Tall Pines area. Mayor Scirrotto advised that that was a decision that they made. This is the first State park and Mantua Township had something to do with this happening. There were several parties involved, multiple townships, the County as well as the State including the Friends of Maple Ridge who raised \$140,000. In addition the Mayor advised that there will be less homes in the area and more open space.

Mayor Scirrotto also advised Mr. Defay that the super box has been emptied and will be removed sometime this week.

Assemblywoman Patrician Egan-Jones thanked everyone for allowing her to come to the meeting and advised all that she was here to look into the problem at Route 45 and Mount Royal Road. She will do what she can to have the state relook at this area as well as do whatever it takes to have them reconsider funding of Mantua road programs.

ORDINANCE O-6-2016: FIRST READING - 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 \$854,000 THEREFOR; 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 \$761,900; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to open to the public, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Committeeman Silvanio. All were in favor.

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to close to the public, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Committeeman Legge. All were in favor

ORDINANCE O-7-2016: FIRST READING - BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COMPLETION OF VARIOUS RECREATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$70,000 THEREFOR; 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 \$66,500; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to open to the public, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Committeeman Silvanio. All were in favor.

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to close to the public, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Committeeman Legge. All were in favor

ORDINANCE O-8-2016: FIRST READING - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$18,200 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS PIECES OF CAPITAL EQUIPMENT AND THE COMPLETION OF VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to open to the public, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Committeeman Silvanio. All were in favor.

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to close to the public, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Committeeman Legge. All were in favor

RESOLUTION R-80-2016: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF LIQUOR LICENSES FOR THE 2016-2017 LICENSING TERM

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Committeeman Silvanio. All were in favor.

RESOLUTION R-81-2016: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CLOSED SESSION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA TO DISCUSS LITIGATION INVOLVING JOSEPH GRACIANO V. MANTUA TOWNSHIP

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Committeeman Silvanio. All were in favor.

**Township Committee Remarks:**

Committeewoman Lukens advised everyone that the Mantua school board has agreed to go full time with kindergarten in Mantua Township and that she attended the 6<sup>th</sup> grade commencement ceremonies. It was very well attended, and that the ceremony was held for the first time at Clearview Regional High School.

Committeeman Silvanio thanked the historical committee for cleaning out the storage box as well as all the hard work that was done with the children from J. Mason Tomlin that entered the essay contest. A lot of hours were put forth in reviewing these essays. All were wonderful.

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman congratulated resident Brenna Wieck on her being the new Miss New Jersey. Brenna will now go onto complete in the Miss America Pageant and we wish her luck.

Mayor Scirrotto along with Deputy Mayor Zimmerman and Committeewoman Lukens all attended the ribbon cutting for the first State Park in Gloucester County. This is a great thing for the county as it preserves the land and will not allow additional homes and/or building to be erected on this site.

**Approval of the Bill List:**

Deputy Mayor Zimmerman made a motion to approve the bills; it was seconded by Committeeman Silvanio. All were in Favor

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

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela LeVine, Deputy Clerk