

Township of Mantua
Agenda
Meeting March 7, 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 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 Deputy Mayor Robert Zimmerman, Mr. Michael Silvanio, Mayor Pete Scirrotto, Mrs. Jennica Bileci, Township Administrator, James Pierson, Esq., Mr. Jon Bryson Engineer, Mr. Michael Datz, Public Works Superintendent, Chief Sawyer

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to approve January 4, 2016 - Deputy Mayor Zimmerman, 2nd Committeeman Silvanio. All in favor

Motion to approve February 1, 2016 - Deputy Mayor Zimmerman, 2nd Committeeman Silvanio. All in favor

Presentation Honoring Sharon Lawrence for her Years of Service as a Member of the Township Committee and her Dedication to the Township of Mantua and Its Residents

Engineering Report

Mr. Bryson advised that now that the weather is starting to break the various companies will resume working in all areas such as County Gardens, Heritage Road as well as Golf Club Road. Mr., Bryson also advised that there was a recent bid opening for County Gardens Landscaping project. The lowest bidder was Colonial Land Design. Mayor Scirrotto asked what the status of the Driveway at the Ramano house is. Mr., Bryson advised that the water on the front law is from a rut and that they will be reseeding this area in order to stabilize it and restore it back to the way that it was prior to the winter months and the paving project.

Department of Public Works Report

Mr. Datz advised the committee that the public works department has disposed of approximately 6000 pounds of e-waste, and with this week being a bulk week that number will increase. The community center will be closed this week to the county lunch program in order to do a spring cleanup with stripping and waxing of the floors and paint touch ups. Mr. Datz also advised that fence in the park is just about completed. Mayor Scirrotto inquired as to whether it made sense to keep the vinyl fencing all around the park such as the entrance area. Mr. Datz advised that his only concern would be during

the winter months when the children are sledding that parents and other children would be sitting on it and this would probably cause the fence to break.

Police Department Report

Chief Sawyer advised the Committee that the Police Department in conjunction with the Fire Departments along with Cooper Trauma and the NJDHTS continue to hold their monthly child safety seat installation the 2nd Saturday of each month at the Sewell Fire house. In addition the Chief also advised the Police Department has been approved for a grant to purchase body worn cameras. He hasn't received the official documentation as that should be forthcoming. The Police Department has hired 3 SLEO I's which begin the academy this evening. These SLEO I's will be used for park patrol, community events, parades as well as the park during the winter months and the court on court days. Chief Sawyer advised that K-9 Bane and Ptl Kyle Riepen have gone onto scent training and should be completing that sometime in April. In addition the Chief advised that he has had a conversation with NJDOT regarding the Tylers Mill Road railroad crossing. NJDOT advised that this is on the 2016 Conrail list of things to do but no specific date and/or time frame as to when this will begin. They did however advise that it would take approximately 3 days of the road being closed. Chief Sawyer also spoke with the Gloucester County engineer Mr. Voltaggio regarding the intersection at Route 45 and Harrison Avenue. Mr. Voltaggio advised him that they would be looking into some proposals as this route is slated to be repaved sometime this spring/summer. Deputy Mayor Zimmerman inquired as to the status of parking on Mount Royal Road. Chief Sawyer advised that he had spoken again with the county who advised that since this road is in the Mantua Township jurisdiction that we would have to do an ordinance for the no-parking on this road. Deputy Mayor Zimmerman advised that he would like for this to get taken care of sooner than later as there is a safety issue and there have been complaints of people cutting through back yards to enter the community that runs alongside of the road. Chief Sawyer said he will get in touch with the County to get something in writing stating that we will be doing a new no parking ordinance for that stretch of Mount Royal Road.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

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

Jim Slemp – 536 Mount Royal Road: Mr. Slemp inquired as to when the street sweeper would be out as there appears to be a lot of glass on the Mount Royal Road near the Woodstream entrance. Mr. Slemp also inquired about the storage unit that is being sued by Historical and why it hasn't been emptied as of yet, Mayor Scirrotto advised that historical has been advised that they need to go through the items in the storage shed and clear out what can be tossed out and what is salvageable for them. Once that is completed they will be getting rid of this unit. Mr. Slemp also inquired that in the future for a budget workshop meeting that if there could be documents that the public could look at it would be most appreciated. Administrator Bileci advised that in the future they will put something together for the general public.

Ken Defay – 456 Pitman Road – Mr. Defay inquired about various items that were on the bill list and what they were for. In particular the Santini bill for pizzas to feed the volunteers that were at the Christmas tree lighting in December, 2015. Deputy Mayor Zimmerman advised Mr. Defay that there were over 1,000 people that attended this

event, most of them resident and it is one of the few events that the Township does that is enjoyed by everyone. Mr. Defay then inquired about all the trucks having the decals on them. Mayor Scirrotto advised that almost every truck does in fact have the decals and the rest will be completed shortly. Mr., Defay inquired as to how to change the way the township residents vote for the committee members. Why is it that the residents don't vote for the committee members including the Mayor? Administrator Bileci advised that it is not an easy thing to change that a charter study would have to be completed showing wrong doing or something of that nature and then a referendum would have to be put on the election ballot. Mrs. Bileci advised that it would have to be something that the township committee had done wrong, or that there was an insufficiency in something in order to have this changed. Mr. Defay asked for clarification on the generator that was spoken about during a prior meeting. Administrator Bileci advised him that that our portion for that generator would be somewhere around \$4,000 and that the entire cost of the generator is approximately \$48,000 that most of it would be paid for from FEMA funding. In addition, Mr. Defay inquired about Gloucester County help offset the cost of some of the items that need to be repaired at the park, Deputy Mayor Zimmerman advised that the county helped to preserve the park as "Open Space" and that is all they have done. Mr. Defay also inquired about the no profit building in the township, where Mr. Pierson advised Mr. Defay that these buildings are no profit as the state has mandated them to be. This is not something that the Township can change. Mayor Scirrotto advised Mr. Defay that although he doesn't see eye to eye on a lot of the ways that the town is handling things, this is a great town and it works. We realize that not everyone will agree with the way we conduct business but it's a great town and the committee does what it can to keep everyone happy.

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

RESOLUTION R-42-2016: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA ADOPTING AN EMERGENCY TEMPORARY BUDGET IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A.40A:4-20

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

RESOLUTION R-43-2016: RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2016 SAFETY CONTRACT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AND THE GLOUCESTER, SALEM, CUMBERLAND COUNTIES MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND AND AUTHORIZING THE SIGNATURES OF THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP SAFETY COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENTS PARTICIPATING IN THE SAFETY INCENTIVE PROGRAM

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

RESOLUTION R-44-2016: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSION'S "ONLINE PROGRAM

RESOLUTION R-45-2016: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AUTHORIZING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BY AND BETWEEN MANTUA TOWNSHIP, AND REDUS ONE, LLC ALSO KNOWN AS VILLAGE OF COUNTRY GARDENS

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

RESOLUTION R-46-2016: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AUTHORIZING TAX AND PREMIUM REFUNDS

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

RESOLUTION R-47-2016: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AUTHORIZING A VACANT PROPERTY REFUND

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

RESOLUTION R-48-2015: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING VALIC AS THE PLAN PROVIDER OF THE 457b DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN FOR THE YEAR 2016

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

RESOLUTION R-49-2016: RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RELEASE OF A PERFORMANCE BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$180,292.80 FILED BY SAL GIAMBRI HOME IMPROVEMENTS INC., FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS BLOCK 250 LOT 4.01 AND ACCEPTING A MAINTENANCE BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$22,536.60 TO BE HELD BY THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS

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

RESOLUTION R-50-2016: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RELEASE OF A PERFORMANCE BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$65,395.20 FILED BY COPERION K-TRON PITMAN INC. FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN BLOCK 249 LOT 3.01 AND ACCEPTING A MAINTENANCE BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,174.20 TO BE HELD BY THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS

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

RESOLUTION R-51-2016: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AWARDDING A BID IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$209,995.00 TO COLONIAL LAND DESIGN FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS COUNTRY GARDENS SUBDIVISION IMPROVEMENTS- LANDSCAPING

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

RESOLUTION R-52-2016: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A RETIREMENT AGREEMENT FOR MICHAEL DATZ

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

RESOLUTION R-53-2016: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AUTHORIZING THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PURCHASE THREE DESKTOP COMPUTERS TO BE PAID FOR WITH FORFEITED FUNDS FROM THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$3,125.00

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

RESOLUTION R-54-2016: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA AWARING A CONTRACT TO EUROFINIS QC INC. FOR THE 2016 SAMPLING, TESTING AND REPORTING OF THE MANTUA LANDFILL MONITORING WELL AND CHESTNUT BRANCH PARK POTABLE WELL SAMPLING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,625.00

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

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

Township Committee Remarks:

Deputy mayor Zimmerman advised everyone that the Senior Dinner is on March 16 at 6:00 pm at the Community Center, that the Rabies clinic and egg hunt are both on March 19, 2016 at the public works garage and at the park with a rain date for th egg hunt of March 20, 2016. Green carts will begin being picked up on March 28, 2016. And lastly that the calendars are in the mail and you should be receiving them shortly.

Mayor Scirrotto advised everyone that Mantua is the best town in the County and that we have great people as well as children. In fact we had a student who just received a great accomplishment at Clearview wrestling as he was no. 2 in the state. It's a great place to raise a family and we have great events for the township resident.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela LeVine, Deputy Clerk