

# **Regular Meeting of the Mantua Village Council, September 21, 2004**

Mayor Hopkins opened the meeting at 7:00PM at the Parks Lodge, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: M. Hura, J. Rogers, W Hawkins, P. Campbell, and L. Schilling. Carolyn Hummel was absent. Motion to excuse C. Hummel was made by M. Hura and seconded by J. Rogers. All ayes on roll call.

Others Present: Clerk-Treasurer Betsy Woolf, Assistant Clerk Mary Pallone, Police Chief Harry Buchert, Solicitor David Benjamin, Village Administrator Ed Trego, Record Courier Reporter Tom Prusha, Rich Iafelice with CT Consultants, Portage County Commissioners Chris Smeiles and Maureen Frederick, Ohio State Representative Kathleen Chandler, Ohio State Senator Kim Zurz, and approximately 40 Village residents.

Approval of Minutes of August 17th, 2004. L. Schilling moved to bring to the floor. J. Rogers second. All ayes on roll call. M. Hura motioned to approve as submitted. J. Rogers second. All ayes on roll call.

Mayors Report: Proclamations & Certificates of Achievement were presented to the Crestwood A's Hot Stove Baseball Team for their outstanding record, and also to the Girls Baseball Team, the Batbusters for their achievements during the season. Rickilea Murphy was also presented with a sign, to be put up on SR 44 coming in to Mantua, on winning the 2004 World Soap Box Derby, Stock Car Division.

Village business included a meeting with Harold Huff, on Portage County & Turnpike sewer, trying to get more sewer connections. Met with Sy Thompson trying to get a CRA, allowing Village residents tax abatements, for home improvements or commercial use.

Opened the 31st Potato Festival and the dedications of the two new elementary schools, along with Pearl Campbell.

Clerks Report: B. Woolf gave the financial report for the month of August. There was no discussion and there were no questions.

Bills of Resolution, Addendum: A motion was made to bring to the floor, the bills of resolution and the addendum by L. Schilling and this was seconded by M. Hura. All ayes on roll call. Assistant Clerk M. Pallone had three corrections to be made to the bills. The first is to wages under Village Hall. The corrected amount should read \$34.32. The second correction is under Administrative Salaries and Benefits, and under wages that total should read \$5825.79 for Mayor, Clerk-Treasurer and Assistant Clerk. The third correction is under Sewer O&M; the total for Aqua Tech Environmental should be \$1455.00 and not the \$1134.00 reported. Motion made by M. Hura to accept the amended bills of resolution. A second made by J. Rogers. All ayes on roll call.

ORD 2004-11 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING CHAPTER 480 OF THE MANTUA ZONING CODE AND EXTERIOR MAINTENANCE CODE FOR THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA. This motion has been tabled. Motion made to move off the table made by J. Rogers and seconded by M. Hura. All ayes on roll call. The ordinance will be up for the second reading. J. Rogers stated this draft code has been in continuous development for over ten months and has been modified to reflect public input. The current draft of legislation has the backing of the planning and zoning members. The mayor noted that this legislation will go back to planning and then will be brought back for a final third reading in October. It then would have thirty days before it would take effect. There was no further discussion. A motion to pass on second reading was made by J. Rogers and seconded by M. Hura. All ayes on roll call.

ORD 2004-21 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PRIOR ORDINANCE NO. 2001-49 AND SECTION 165.22 OF MANTUA'S GENERAL EMPLOYMENT PROVISIONS TO ESTABLISH A POLICY CONCERNING FIREARMS AND OTHER WEAPONS ON MANTUA VILLAGE PROPERTY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. M. Hura made the motion to bring to the floor. J. Rogers second. All ayes on roll call.

ORD 2004-22 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 123.01 (a), OF THE MANTUA CODE OF ORDINANCES, TO REVISE WHERE LEGISLATION AND COUNCIL NOTICES ARE TO BE PUBLICLY POSTED, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 2nd Reading. M. Hura moved to bring to the floor. J. Rogers second. All ayes on roll call.

ORD 2004-24 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE DEFINITION OF 'OTHER COMPENSATION' UNDER SECTION 171.03 (1) OF THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA'S CODIFIED ORDINANCES CONCERNING THE IMPOSITION AND COLLECTION OF INCOME TAX, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 2nd Reading. M. Hura moved to bring to the floor. W. Hawkins second. All ayes on roll call.

ORD 2004-25 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE CONTRACT PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT AND EMPLOYMENT OF DAVID M. BENJAMIN AS VILLAGE SOLICITOR FOR THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA FOR THE PERIOD OF TIME SEPTEMBER 1, 2004 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2006, ESTABLISHING THE COMPENSATION TO BE PAID TO MR. BENJAMIN FOR THE SERVICES HE RENDERS AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE CLERK TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH MR. BENJAMIN AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, AS VILLAGE COUNCIL DESIRES TO IMPLEMENT THESE MODIFICATIONS AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY. 2nd Reading. L. Schilling made the motion to bring to floor. J. Rogers second. All ayes on roll call.

J. Rogers moved to accept all committee reports on file. W. Hawkins second. All ayes on roll call. Committee and financial reports are on file in the clerk's office.

Portage County Commissioners, Chris Smeiles, Chuck Keiper & Maureen Frederick, attended the meeting to sign the letter of intent to purchase 1.4 million gallons a day from Mantua Village for the outlying areas. The Mayor stated that we would test our wells to make sure we have plenty of water before we do anything. The first step is to sign letter of intent, the resolution has already been passed and the Prosecutor has already read it.

Rich Iafelice submitted his written report and noted that he covered some items for the service committee. Discussed in service, there is a need for the Village to upgrade legislation as it pertains to environmental controls for site development. They will be presented at future council meetings.

There are also some projects that are coming to closure. The Wastewater Treatment Plant, the booster station water line, the water sponsorship program, Rt 44 traffic work.

Village Administrator Ed Trego acknowledged Robin Patton with Ohio Edison, who attended the meeting. He noted that Ohio Edison has been extremely helpful with finishing the SR44 project. Ed added to Rich's comments, stating that he didn't think it would take much to get us on base with legislation concerning the storm sewer area. The booster station is running, they were having power surges, but seem to be within state parameters and will continue to work with the contractors, and to get the old station out before the weather gets bad. The Main Street project, the ODOT portion is coming to an end this week, they have to do a few adjustments. The service department will do some seeding and landscaping. There has been some feedback concerning the property in front of the old fire station. The question has been whether to leave the old asphalt or remove it; but he feels he needs a concensus for that from the property owners.

Chief Buchert stated that the safety committee meets this Sunday, at the police department at 9:00am. The Festival went well.

A motion to move in to executive session was made by L. Schilling and seconded by J. Rogers at 8:17pm. All ayes on roll call.

Council left executive session at 8:31pm with a motion to adjourn council made by L. Schilling and seconded by J. Rogers. All ayes on roll call.

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Mayor Claude E. Hopkins

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Clerk-Treasurer Betsy M. Woolf