

**Village of Mantua
Budget Hearing & Council Meeting
July 8th, 2006**

Marty Hura called the hearing to order at 8:30 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Marty Hura, Wesley Hawkins, Ben Prescott, Jim Rogers, Linda Schilling, Giles Seith.

M. Hura asked if there were any questions from the audience or council members regarding the budget.

A motion to adjourn the budget hearing at 8:35 a.m. was made by L. Schilling and seconded by Jim Rogers. All ayes on roll call.

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Roll Call: Marty Hura, Wesley Hawkins, Ben Prescott, Jim Rogers, Linda Schilling, Giles Seith. Mayor Claude Hopkins was unable to attend and is presently in the hospital.

Others Present: Clerk–Treasurer Betsy Woolf, Police Chief Harry Buchert, Rich Iafelice with CT Consultants and Village Solicitor David Benjamin

Minutes: A motion was made by L. Schilling to bring the minutes from the Council meeting of June 20, 2006 to the floor. Seconded by W. Hawkins. All ayes on roll call. There was no discussion. A motion to approve as submitted was made by L. Schilling and seconded by B. Prescott. All ayes on roll call.

Bills of Resolution: A motion to bring the bills of resolution to the floor was made by W. Hawkins with a second from B. Prescott. All ayes on roll call. There was no discussion. A motion to approve as submitted was made by L. Schilling and seconded by W. Hawkins. All ayes on roll call.

Legislation:

ORDINANCE 2005-10 AN ORDINANCE (As Amended) ACCEPTING THE DEDICATION OF THE WATER/SANITARY SEWER HARDWARE OFFERED BY THE CRESTWOOD LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION AS A PART OF THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA WATER/SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM, ACCEPTANCE OF THIS DEDICATION IS CONDITIONED ON RECEIPT OF A COPY OF THE CERTIFICATE OF CONTRACT COMPLETION APPROVED BY THE CRESTWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD, THE DATE OF WHICH ACCEPTANCE SHALL BE PART OF THE ONE YEAR WARRANTY GUARANTEE PERIOD AS FOR THE PROJECTS GENERAL CONDITION SECTION 11.3.1 AND DECLARED AN EMERGENCY. Remains tabled at 2nd reading.

ORDINANCE 2006-19 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING A PERMANENT BUDGET FOR 2007 FOR THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 3rd Reading. Motion to bring to the floor made by W. Hawkins with a second from B. Prescott. All ayes on roll call. Motion to approve was made by L. Schilling and seconded by B. Prescott. All ayes on vote.

RESOLUTION 2006-21 A RESOLUTION DEDICATING THE NEW MANTUA VILLAGE GOVERNMENT CENTER TO THE DILIGENT EFFORTS AND HARD WORK UNSELFISHLY RENDERED BY MAYOR CLAUDE HOPKINS OVER HIS MANY YEARS OF COMMITMENT TO THE VILLAGE AUTHORIZING THE PLACEMENT OF A PLAQUE

AT THE NEW GOVERNMENT CENTER COMMEMORATING HIS DEDICATION AND FURTHER ESPECIALLY RECOGNIZING AND THANKING MICHAEL R. MCCAULEY FOR HIS GENEROUS EFFORTS AS WELL. Motion to approve was made by L. Schilling with a second from J. Rogers. All ayes on vote.

RESOLUTION 2006-22 A RESOLUTION RADIFING CERTAIN FUND TRANSERS AND ADVANCES BY THE CLERK-TREASURER MADE AT THE END OF JUNE IN ORDER TO MAKE PAYMENTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Motion to bring to the floor made by W. Hawkins with a second by L. Schilling. All ayes on roll call. B. Woolf explained this was the payment for the building that needed to be transferred from general to bond retirement and also general being low right now, a transfer of \$40,000 from administrative building to general but by the end of July when income tax receipts come in, this will be advanced back. Motion to approve was made by L. Schilling with a second from W. Hawkins. All ayes on vote.

Rich lafelice with CT Consultants commented on a meeting that Claude Hopkins and he attended with Harold Huff regarding Aurora Meadows. The Health Department has ordered a solution to the failing septic systems in that development. It is approximately 5 miles to Mantua Corners. The Health Department inquired about the village's capacity. The development has about 80 homes. They discussed potential routes including the railroad right of way. The County is beginning an evaluation on how best to provide sewer service to that development. The Village would like to see a plan from the County before committing themselves. Mr. Huff does not think the City of Aurora is interested given their own development occurring within their city. They are being pressed by the Ohio EPA to correct the problem. The County would have to re-negotiate the present contract they already have with the Village for Mantua Corners and Limeridge Turnpike. More discussion followed. Additionally, Rich reported that Brian Rogers is working on the trail project and it is going very well. They have submitted the remainder of the storm sewer for the Gregory property to Issue I, Ohio Public Works, waiting to hear back.

Police Chief Harry Buchert reported his department is still waiting on the new patrol cars. He reminded everyone open house for the new village administration building is tomorrow.

David Benjamin commented regarding the lawsuit with Enertech Electric. At the August meeting, council should anticipate a resolution directing him on the Village's behalf to proceed to defend and prosecute claims against Enertech. David will forward a memo to everyone requesting a sit down meeting to review a list of items he is compiling. The meeting should take place wherever the documents are stored. Should any council members desire to be there, David will make sure they know when it is. B. Prescott asked if there was any chance of a settlement. Through his conversations with this group, the law firm is based in Cleveland, but the lawyer is coming out of their Columbus office. They are asking for \$25,000, he wonders how these lawyers are going to generate enough money to justify the work he plans to put on them and at the same time, face claims for delay. In February, the conversations were between client and client, with no lawyers involved, a tentative resolution was agreed upon. Now, that has become unacceptable with no explanation. David will be working toward a resolution. He was asked to serve on council's behalf in the event Mayor Claude Hopkins is not ready to go, to run the program tomorrow. He will be happy to do that.

Motion to adjourn at 8:55 a.m. was made by L. Schilling and seconded by J. Rogers. All ayes on roll call.

Mayor Claude E. Hopkins

Clerk-Treasurer Betsy M. Woolf