

**Village of Mantua  
Regular Council Meeting  
January 16, 2007**

**Mayor Hopkins** called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the pledge of Allegiance.

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

**Others Present:** Clerk–Treasurer Betsy Woolf, Asst. Clerk Susan Skrovan, Police Chief Harry Buchert, Village Administrator Ed Trego, Village Solicitor David Benjamin, several residents and other guests.

**Minutes:** Motion by L. Schilling to bring the minutes from the Council meeting of December 19th, 2006 to the floor with a second from B. Prescott. All ayes on vote. There was no discussion. Motion to approve as submitted made by L. Schilling and seconded by W. Hawkins. All ayes on vote.

**Mayors Report:** Claude met with Roy Weber with Eaton Corp. At this time, any offers for their building are rumors.

Claude asked for a nomination for President of Council. L. Schilling made a motion to nominate Jim Rogers for President with a second from B. Prescott. All ayes on vote. Jim thanked everyone, said he would get with department heads and set up committees.

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

**Legislation:**

**RESOLUTION 2007-1. ADOPTION OF 2007 CALENDAR.** Motion to bring to the floor made by L. Schilling with a second from J. Rogers. All ayes on vote.

Wes thought before council moved into legislation, they were going to discuss the matter of members of council as far as Linda Schillings' position in accordance with ORC 731.12. Claude said that discussion on personnel and contracts would be in executive session. Jim stated, historically this occurs after legislation and before public comments. Wes tried to make a motion to sensor Linda Schilling as per section 731.12 and Marty interrupted by saying this will be discussed in executive session; there is another motion on the floor already.

Motion to approve the 2007 calendar made by M. Hura with a second from L. Schilling. All ayes on vote.

**ORDINANCE 2007-2. AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING RULES OF VILLAGE COUNCIL, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, AS COUNCIL WISHES TO PUT THESE RULES IN PLACE AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 1ST READING.**

Motion to bring to the floor made by L. Schilling with a second from M. Hura. All ayes on vote. Ed asked if there were any noted changes. No, these are carried over from last year. Motion to pass on 1st reading made by M. Hura with a second from B. Prescott. All ayes on vote. Motion to suspend the rules made by W. Hawkins with a second from M. Hura. All ayes on vote. Motion to pass on 3rd and final made by M. Hura with a second from L. Schilling. All ayes on vote.

**RESOLUTION 2007-03. A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE SCHOOL BOARD LEVIES CURRENTLY BEFORE THE CRESTWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT VOTERS.** Motion to bring to the floor made by L. Schilling with a second from J. Rogers. All ayes on vote. Jim commented that the Village is trying to forge a closer working relationship with other local governing entities. This resolution is an expression of support from this governing body to Crestwood Schools. Wes felt this body was assembled by the people, for the people. The people have spoken and their desire was for this not to pass. Jim felt council should demonstrate their leadership and express their opinion as a collective body that this is something they need. Giles commented the school system reflects the community. B. Prescott and W. Hawkins votes were no, M. Hura, L. Schilling, J. Rogers, G. Seith, voted yes.

**ORDINANCE 2007-04. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA, THE CRESTWOOD LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION, AND THE TRIPLE LADY'S AGENCY, INC. dba TL EXPRESS, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, THE VILLAGE CLERK-TREASURER AND THE HOUSING OFFICER TO ENTER INTO THIS AGREEMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, AS VILLAGE COUNCIL DESIRES TO AUTHORIZE THIS AGREEMENT AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY. 1st READING.** Motion to bring to the floor made by W. Hawkins with a second from B. Prescott. All ayes on vote. Jim wanted to correct a small error on the ordinance; it should be for 10 years, not 12 years. David Benjamin commented he believes that only appears in the agreement which he can modify; it does not appear in the legislation. Motion to pass on 1st reading made by L. Schilling with a second from B. Prescott. All ayes on vote. Motion to suspend the rules made by L. Schilling with a second from J. Rogers. All ayes on vote. Motion to pass on 3rd and final made by L. Schilling with a second from B. Prescott. All ayes on vote.

**ORDINANCE 2007-05. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING, ADDING TO, DELETING FROM, AND OTHERWISE MODIFYING, SECTION 135.01 OF MANTUA'S CODE OF ORDINANCES CONCERNING THE POSITION OF VILLAGE CLERK-TREASURER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, AS VILLAGE COUNCIL DESIRES TO APPROVE THIS LEGISLATION AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY, REVISING THE PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE VILLAGE CLERK-TREASURER POSITION PRIOR TO THE NEXT CANDIDATE FILING DATE. 1ST READING.** Motion to bring to the floor made by W. Hawkins with a second from B. Prescott. All ayes on vote. Claude felt there was more work to be done on this and would like to see it tabled for now. Motion to table made by J. Rogers with a second from B. Prescott. All ayes on vote. Wes asked what needs to be completed on it. Claude said just a few things need to be looked at to make sure it is 100 percent. Wes said any suggestions would be helpful.

**ORDINANCE 2007-06. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA AND THE PORTAGE COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER COMMISSION FOR THE TIME PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2007 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2007 TO PROVIDE INDIGENT DEFENDANTS CHARGED WITH "JAILABLE OFFENSES" DEFENSE COUNSEL, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE VILLAGE CLERK-TREASURER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT TO THIS EFFECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 1ST READING.** Motion to bring to the floor made by M. Hura with a second from B. Prescott. All ayes on vote. Jim asked if this was the same as last year. Yes. Motion to pass on 1st reading made by M. Hura with a second from L. Schilling. All ayes on vote. Motion to suspend the rules made by M. Hura with a second from L. Schilling. All ayes on vote. Motion to pass on 3rd and final made by M. Hura with a second from L. Schilling. All ayes on vote.

Motion to accept all committee reports on file by L. Schilling with a second from J. Rogers. All ayes on vote.

Public: Michelle Barnauskas with the Chamber of Commerce spoke on their upcoming meeting on Wednesday, Jan 17th on revitalization. The meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. The chamber will be meeting prior to that at 6:00 p.m. to put everything together and hopes everyone can attend. The meeting will be at the Mantua-Shalersville Fire Department.

Linda Clark commented the holiday wreaths looked really nice and asked that the one by her home be replaced if possible. She also asked whether there had been a water rate increase recently. Ed responded by saying no, there has been no recent increases and if you feel there is a problem with your bill, you can check it with Donna.

Linda also wanted to comment on her evergreens the Village severely trimmed back the Thursday before Christmas. One year ago, they had trimmed them back, and she felt the stop sign was visible without the severe trimming that occurred. Ed commented on the work. Linda Clark felt her trees had been butchered, two feet were supposed to be trimmed off when actually it was more like 7 or 8 feet. She was unhappy with how things were handled and felt that a call to them first to let them know would have been common courtesy. They also had a bush near the evergreens which did not obstruct any view, that was removed altogether. Comments were made by members of council. John Clark felt there were conflicting stories and that written work orders would probably help and should be considered. Ed commented that the Clarks' trees along Main Street still need trimmed and if a bush were removed, he would look into it.

Dave Woolf made comments toward Wesley regarding all the effort he is putting in on questioning the clerk's position and the Park Lodge. Maybe Wes and the rest of council should focus their efforts on finding a tenant for Eaton Corp. when they leave by year-end. Dave also commented on the finance meeting that Wes cancelled without notice or respect for others. Wes responded to Dave's concerns.

Norm Erickson apologized for being late and asked whether council acted on legislation regarding the community reinvestment. Council stated that it passed on emergency.

Chief Harry Buchert said Jan. 31st bids will be opened for the cruisers. In addition, the safety committee meeting will be cancelled. He asked about activity on the web page.

Ed Trego, Village Administrator, congratulated Jim Rogers for becoming council president. He announced they would be having a spring clean up this year. There was an FD problem; pump motor and controls, Square D is working to get a handle on it.

Council members also congratulated Jim on his appointment to council president. Betsy mentioned the wreath at the Fire Department had been purchased by the Fire Association. Ed, will look into the one missing by John & Linda Clark.

Motion to go into executive session for personnel/contracts at 7:32 p.m. made by J. Rogers with a second from B. Prescott. All ayes on vote. Motion to reconvene at 8:42 p.m. made by B. Prescott with a second from W. Hawkins. All ayes on vote. Claude asked if there was anything else to come before council.

Betsy asked if council packets could be placed in everyone's mailbox for pickup. Wes would be happy to receive any ordinances, reports, etc by email. All others agreed the mailboxes would be fine. Ben felt the rules of council will need to be changed.

Jim Rogers appointed Wes Hawkins and Ben Prescott to an ad hoc committee to evaluate the position of solicitor. He would ask they report to council by their next meeting. Jim also appointed Linda Schilling and himself to an ad hoc committee to look into the disposal of the old building. They will report by the next meeting.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. made by B. Prescott with a second by W. Hawkins. All ayes on vote.

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Mayor Claude E. Hopkins

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Clerk-Treasurer Betsy M. Woolf