

**Village of Mantua
Regular Council Meeting
April 17, 2007**

Mayor Hopkins called the regular council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and lead the pledge of Allegiance. Claude asked for a moment of silence for the victims of Virginia Tech. Harry also asked for a moment of silence for the passing of Harry Davis Sr.

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, Rich lafelice & Brian Rogers with C.T. Consultants, Tom Aldrich.

Minutes: Motion by L. Schilling to bring the Council meeting minutes of March 20, 2007 to the floor with a second from B. Prescott. All ayes on vote. Motion to approve as submitted made by L. Schilling with a second from B. Prescott. All ayes on vote.

Mayors Report: The President ordered flags at half-staff for the massacre at Virginia Tech University. Claude attended the Portage County Health Department dinner. They are working with Mr. Carlton of TL Express to try and place a doctor in his establishment. There was an excellent turnout for the Four Corners meeting recently held at the fire station. Claude plans on setting up another meeting for July. Claude and Jim Rogers met with Harold Huff to discuss various projects including interest in Aurora Meadows septic problems. He also met with Congressman Steve LaTourette. They discussed help for the Village including grant money for a bridge across to our Industrial Park. Lawmakers are working on a Cop Improvement Act of 2007 designed to allow communities to utilize police/dispatch services on a temporary basis, the government would pay 75% of their wages and benefits. There is a Portage Park District meeting on Thursday, April 26 at the fire department for anyone wishing to attend.

A generous individual living just outside the Village stepped up to help with the park committee's plans to re-shingle pavilion #1. Glenn Talmon donated \$1,100.00 to help cover the cost of materials; then, following a conversation with Betsy, he turned around and donated another \$1,000 for a much-needed overhang at the new administration building for the side entrance. The Village owes Glenn Talmon a debt of gratitude for his generosity. Ed Trego asked Linda Schilling whether the Potato Festival has decided on a parade Marshall for this year's event. Linda said she does not have one yet.

The Mayor read a Proclamation for Arbor Day set for Friday, April 27, 2007. Shade Tree committee members' will pass out seedlings for planting on Arbor Day.

Finance Report: Clerk-Treasurer, Betsy Woolf gave the financial report for March 31st. The permanent appropriations for the year are certified and will be entered into the system, which will change these figures.

Bills of Resolution: Motion to bring the bills of resolution with addendum to the floor made by L. Schilling with a second from J. Rogers. All ayes on vote. There was no discussion. Motion to approve as submitted made by L. Schilling with a second from J. Rogers. All ayes on vote.

Mayor Claude Hopkins read a Proclamation to David Benjamin for his dedicated service to the Village and proclaimed April 17th of each year as David Benjamin Day. David thanked

everyone and said it has been a privilege to work with the Village.

Executive Session: Motion to go into executive session at 7:12 pm for personnel & contracts by J. Rogers with a second from L. Schilling. All ayes on vote. Motion to reconvene into regular session at 7:38 p.m. by J. Rogers with a second from B. Prescott. All ayes on vote.

Legislation:

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. TABLED AT 1ST READING. There was no motion to bring legislation off the table, it remains tabled.

ORDINANCE 2007-10. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT IN WHICH COUNCIL MEMBER LINDA SCHILLING WILL PROVIDE VARIOUS SERVICES TO THE VILLAGE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, AS VILLAGE COUNCIL DESIRES TO INSURE THE CONTINUATION OF THESE SERVICES WITH THE SMALLEST POSSIBLE DISRUPTION. TABLED AT 1ST READING. There was no motion to bring legislation off the table, it remains tabled.

ORDINANCE 2007-14. AN ORDINANCE RETAINING THOMAS REITZ, ATTORNEY AT LAW, AS SOLICITOR FOR THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA, OHIO, AND SETTING HIS COMPENSATION FOR THE PERIOD FROM MAY 1, 2007 TO APRIL 30, 2009, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 1ST READING. Motion to bring to the floor made by L. Schilling with a second from W. Hawkins. All ayes on vote. 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 B. Prescott with a second from J. Rogers. All ayes on vote. Motion to pass on 3rd and final made by B. Prescott with a second from J. Rogers. All ayes on vote.

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

Chief Harry Buchert had nothing tonight.

Ed Trego, Village Administrator, announced the American Legion Post 193 from Mantua will put on a Four Chaplin's service this Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m. at the Aurora Masonic Temple on West Pioneer Trail located off S.R. 43 just passed the fire station. The service usually lasts 30-45 minutes. Ed also reported his discussion with Tom Aldrich regarding the property he has for sale. He is checking on easements that may be on the property.

Rich Iafelice congratulated David Benjamin on his retirement and wished him well.

Linda Schilling asked Claude when they could begin planting at the new government building. Claude said as soon as weather permits; he does have hosta plants. Linda said most of the perennials would be coming from her own yard. Her and husband Donald, plan to volunteer their time. Linda also questioned the use of the council meeting room for other meetings. She thought when the building was first renovated; the decision was not to allow any other types of meetings except for council and committees. Betsy said the Chamber of Commerce did hold an open house; however, that was planned last year. Betsy was not aware of any other meetings held upstairs. Linda had no specific instances.

Marty attended the Tree City USA ceremony and received our annual tree for planting.

David thanked everyone for the sentiment; he still has legal work to finish for the Village.

Public: There were no comments.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. made by B. Prescott with a second by J. Rogers. All ayes on vote.

Mayor Claude E. Hopkins

Clerk-Treasurer Betsy M. Woolf