

**Village of Mantua  
Regular Council Meeting  
May 17, 2011**

Mayor Hawkins called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. & led the pledge of Allegiance. There was a moment of silence for the passing of Tom Bowersox's father, George Bowersox.

**Roll Call:** Donna Hawkins, Linda Clark, Linda Schilling, Marty Hura, Ben Prescott, Roger Hawkins, Giles Seith.

**Others Present:** Clerk-Treasurer Jenny August, Asst.-Clerk Susan Skrovan, Village Solicitor Michele Stuck, Police Chief Harry Buchert, Village Administrator, Anthony Fiorilli III, Brian Rogers, Assistant Engineer with C.T. Consultants.

**Public:** Rick Frato with Edward Jones Investments, Mr. Breyley, Chris Cobb.

**Minutes:** Motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of April 19, 2011 made by L. Schilling with a second from L. Clark. All ayes on vote.

**Mayors Report:** Mayor Hawkins attended the Mantua Village Garden Club's Arbor Day memorial dedication. They honored Camille Brady and Mrs. Bujak, Shalersville Trustee Denny Bujak's mother. Village Solicitor, Michele Stuck, and she met with Portage County's Chief Building Official, Bob Wrentmore regarding executing an agreement between the Village and County, which would authorize the County to perform building inspections and approve plans on behalf of the Village. Legislation tonight is 2011-36. On April 29, the Mayor hosted the Cuyahoga River Water Trail Task Force meeting.

Donna attended the Downtown Mantua Revitalization Committee meeting on May 9. She also met with Todd Peetz, Director of Portage County Regional Planning to go over a study that has just been completed which should help the Village obtain CDBG funding.

On May 9, she was honored along with Mayor Lou Bertrand as a Community Hero and several others during a school assembly. Anyone can be a hero and make a difference.

Donna spoke with Phil Rath, owner of Compass Packaging; they are still moving forward on the Eaton facility and working out the details with their consulting firm.

Lastly, Donna thanked the American Legion Post 193 for the American flags that grace our Main Street.

The Mayor introduced Chris Cobb. Mr. Cobb asked to address Council with regard to fireworks. Hiram will not be able to host the July 4 fireworks this year due to construction work and they asked the Crestwood High School to host the event. Hiram Village, in the past, provided the police and fire coverage. This event draws approximately 4-5,000 people. The Crestwood School Board has conditionally said, maybe. The Fire Department would oversee the permits. For security and traffic flow, they would need 3-5 officers. Chris also indicated that Hiram might be able to supply two officers; he will be attending their next meeting of June 13 to verify. Regarding insurance coverage, the company they have used in the past is Pyrotechniqua, which is out of Pennsylvania; they carry a \$10 million dollar bond for the event and \$4 million per incident. They would also be able to add whoever needed to be on their insurance plan. One of the areas that were discussed was the woods behind the stadium or the practice field. He would prefer an area more open and viewable by all. There are all sorts of safety rules that apply to this kind of event. The

company that puts it on has 3-4 people. The event would be on Saturday, July 2, it is cost prohibited to do this on July 4. Chris said they would need security from 7 to 11 p.m. or 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. The Mayor asked Mr. Cobb who would bear the cost of insurance. Chris said that would be the fireworks company and again, they would add people on the rider as necessary. Donna asked to clarify the cost of the fireworks would be through the Hiram Community Trust. Chris said yes, they have three principal support groups. Mayor Hawkins said she has spoken with Hiram's Mayor, Lou Bertrand who indicated it may be possible to get a couple of officers here; he would have to run it through their Council. Harry said this could possibly be overtime for the Village of Mantua and that you will be paying for all officers.

Chris said they charge for officers for the fireworks at \$20.00 per hour. Harry said should something unexpected come in, they could have overtime; his department will do everything to try and avoid it. Chris asked Harry if he could estimate what the overtime charge would be. Chief Buchert estimated \$700 - \$1,000 for the cost of officers. Chris said they have not paid for security in the past, however, if it means the difference between having or not having them. Linda Schilling said if our officers are out there, we have to pay them. Council discussed concession stands. Linda Schilling asked Mr. Cobb if it works this year, would he be willing to keep it here the following years, or would it be taken back to Hiram. Chris said he does not care where it is. The Mayor asked him if he would be required to take it back to Hiram since it is the Hiram Community Trust that pays for it. He did not believe so, since one of the covenants is for Crestwood. Linda Schilling said she would have no problem with this at all and if it is planned and we do this, she would like to see Mantua keep it here.

Motion to allow the Hiram Community Trust people to move forward with the fireworks at the Crestwood High School made by L. Schilling with a second from B. Prescott. All ayes on vote.

Giles and Harry both felt the Fire District Association would not have any problem with it as long as you follow ORC. Our Village will need a copy of the insurance, with the Village of Mantua named as an additional insurer. The Mayor understands that Chris now has to go to the School Board and see if they will give their permission to do this; should they for some reason not allow it, could something like this be held at the Village Park. Council felt there would definitely be a parking problem. Chris felt the School Board would allow this because it is a win for them as well. Marty said if the school does not go along with it, Chris could check with St. Joseph's, they have a huge area up there.

**Finance Report:** Jenny gave her financial report as of April 30, 2011. Our audit is finished. The management letter is being finalized and preparations are being made for the post audit meeting with Council on June 7. Our office has been implementing many of the things recommended by the auditor and Council will see additional bookkeeping legislation tonight. These recommendations should lower our costs on future audits.

Our Time Warner TV channel is no longer in working order. We have music, but no data and no screen. Time Warner has informed us they are not responsible for the equipment, and it was estimated that the replacement costs to update would be around \$3,000.

Our checkbook balance at the end of April: \$ 484,497.00  
Revenues for April: \$ 224,162.00  
Expenses for April including payroll: \$ 108,987.00

The Cash Summary report shows that no adjustments were made. Reconciliation of the Water-Sewer department receipts and the UAN receipts matched. Reconciliation of the Municipal Income Tax receipts is not yet available. Jenny is still processing the final returns

that came April 18. The April Bank Reconciliation had no adjusting factors. The Comparison of Revenues v Budget report shows we are right on target. The Comparison of Disbursements v Encumbrances shows we are only slightly over on overall spending than where we should be.

Council approved payments last month for payroll and operating expenses, which covered checks #38202 through #38289.

Motion to approve the financial reports: bank reconciliation, fund status, water/sewer reconciliation, revenue & expenses reports, cash summary report, comparison of budget & actual receipts report, comparison of disbursements/encumbrances report made by L. Schilling with a second from B. Prescott. All ayes on vote.

**Bills of Resolution:** Motion to approve Bills of Resolution with addendum for April including C.T. made by L. Schilling with a second from L. Clark. B. Prescott abstained, all other ayes on vote.

Motion to approve Bills of Resolution with addendum for April omitting C.T. made by L. Schilling with a second from M. Hura. All ayes on vote.

**Legislation:**

**RESOLUTION 2011-19: A RESOLUTION DECLARING VOID AND TERMINATING THE JUNE 16, 2003 LEASE WITH THE MANTUA POTATO FESTIVAL FOR THE OLD WATER PLANT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 3rd READING.** Motion to approve made by L. Clark with a second from B. Prescott. R. Hawkins voted no, L. Schilling abstained, all other ayes on vote.

**RESOLUTION 2011-20: A RESOLUTION FORGIVING THE MANTUA POTATO FESTIVAL OF ANY CHARGES FOR UTILITIES, WHICH MAY BE CLAIMED TO HAVE ACCRUED UNDER THE VOIDED LEASE RELATING TO THE OLD WATER PLANT AT BUCHERT PARK, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 3rd READING.** Motion to approve made by M. Hura with a second from B. Prescott. Roger asked how much Council is forgiving in utilities. Marty said we are following procedure; we never billed them. Roger asked whether we have an amount. Marty said the Village never billed them any amount. Giles said there is no way to separate the utilities out to get an amount; three buildings are connected by utilities. Roger felt whenever you are forgiving an amount of money, you should know what that amount is, whether everyone agrees with it or not. Roger added that the contract with the Potato Festival does state that they would be responsible for paying the utilities. Michele clarified it has never been a valid contract because statutory procedure was never followed to begin with, which voids that contract. The amounts are not enforceable, whatever the amounts may be. Roger said he plans to turn in a records request for the costs of utilities during that period. Jenny said if Roger turns in his records request, she would not be able to give him an accurate figure. We have the Lions Club; we have the basketball courts and the Boy Scout building; all that is tied into the same electric meter as the old pump house. Linda Clark felt Roger was just going to waste the Clerk-Treasurer's time to research something from 2003. Linda Clark called to question. R. Hawkins voted no, L. Schilling abstained, all other ayes on vote.

**ORDINANCE 2011-26: AN ORDINANCE ENACTING CHAPTER 157 OF THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA CODIFIED ORDINANCES RELATING TO PERSONAL INFORMATION COLLECTION AND PROTECTION POLICIES. 2nd READING.** Linda Clark asked if there was something to clean up on this ordinance. The Mayor said we could do that in committee.

**RESOLUTION 2011-32: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CLERK-TREASURER TO RETURN FUNDS TO THE GENERAL FUND WHICH HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN ADVANCED TO THE GLACIAL ESKER TRAIL FUND AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Motion to suspend the rules made by L. Clark with a second from L. Schilling. All ayes on vote. Motion to approve made by L. Clark with a second from B. Prescott. All ayes on vote.

**ORDINANCE 2011-33: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CLERK-TREASURER TO PERFORM A FUND BALANCE ADJUSTMENT TO ACCOUNT FOR THE CEMETERY ENDOWMENT TRUST FUND 4951 AND TO AUTHORIZE THE INVESTMENT OF SAID ENDOWMENT IN A CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT IN ORDER TO CORRECT AN ACCOUNTING ERROR IN THE CEMETERY ENDOWMENT FUND AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Motion to suspend the rules made by L. Clark with a second from L. Schilling. All ayes on vote. Motion to approve made by L. Schilling with a second from M. Hura. All ayes on vote.

**ORDINANCE 2011-34: AN ORDINANCE TO REFLECT THE CURRENT SALARIES AND WAGES OF ALL CURRENT FULL TIME AND PART TIME EMPLOYEES OF THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA, REPEALING ALL PRIOR INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Motion to suspend the rules made by L. Schilling with a second from B. Prescott. All ayes on vote. Motion to approve made by L. Schilling with a second from B. Prescott. Linda Clark asked Council to look under the auxiliary patrolman, Al Gilbert, he is listed as \$10.00 per year and he is almost done with his training. Michele said Council can either pass it the way it is and then retroactively approve his pay next month or you can amend this to say until training is completed, then X amount per hour. We need to amend this to say, auxiliary patrolman Al Gilbert until training completed, then \$12.14 pay. Linda Clark also said we need to remove the Wastewater Operator of Record 2 at \$2,000 per month since we have not hired anyone at this time. This legislation reflects just what people are currently being paid. Mayor Hawkins noted another item to look at, where it says, auxiliary patrolman new hire until training is completed, that person does not exist. Harry said that language is consistent with the language for the auxiliary officers that you just passed. Linda Clark said so if we remove that, it will not affect anything. We also need to add Lisa Takacs and John Vechery to the list. Sue brought up that her rate of pay listed here was not accurate.

Motion to change Al Gilbert's to say, "until training is completed and then moves to \$12.14 per hour", for part-time cleaning person add Lisa Takacs' name, remove Wastewater Operator of Record 2, correct Sue Skrovan, Assistant Clerk's rate of pay from \$11.03 to \$11.33, under Zoning Inspector add John Vechery and remove "auxiliary patrolman new hire until training is completed" made by B. Prescott with a second from L. Schilling. All ayes on vote. Motion to approve as amended made by L. Schilling with a second from B. Prescott. All ayes on vote.

**ORDINANCE 2011-35: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 133.02(d) AND ENACTING CHAPTER 139.03 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA ESTABLISHING FOR DEPARTMENT HEADS A POLICY FOR ROUTINE AND NON-ROUTINE TRANSACTIONS. 1st READING.** Motion to suspend the rules made by L. Schilling with a second from B. Prescott. All ayes on vote. Motion to approve made by L. Schilling with a second from B. Prescott. All ayes on vote.

**ORDINANCE 2011-36: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A REQUEST TO THE OHIO BOARD OF BUILDING STANDARDS TO CERTIFY THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA FOR ENFORCEMENT OF THE RESIDENTIAL CODE OF OHIO WITH THE CONDITION THAT THE PORTAGE COUNTY RESIDENTIAL BUILDING DEPARTMENT EXERCISE**

**ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY AND ACCEPT AND APPROVE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS, AND MAKE INSPECTIONS, AND AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR SUCH ENFORCEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA AND PORTAGE COUNTY RESIDENTIAL BUILDING DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Motion to suspend the rules made by L. Schilling with a second from L. Clark. All ayes on vote. Motion to approve made by L. Schilling with a second from B. Prescott. Village Administrator, Anthony Fiorilli III, asked who would have the authority in our Commercial/Business Districts. Michele said the County is already the authority for our Commercial/Business; this was overlooked in 2006 and should have been done then. Mayor Hawkins added that nothing changes and there is no cost to us. Giles said this is what they have been doing all along. Donna said yes. Anthony asked the Mayor if there has been anything created with the County that when they issue permits in our area, we receive a percentage of that on a semi-annual basis. Donna said that was discussed with the building official, however, it would have to go through the Commissioners. He is hopeful that one day that will go through. All ayes on vote.

**RESOLUTION 2011-37: A RESOLUTION GRANTING CONSENT TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO COMMENCE A PROJECT THAT IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN CONSTRUCTION IN FISCAL YEAR 2013. 1st READING.**

**ORDINANCE 2011-38: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING A PERMANENT BUDGET FOR 2012 FOR THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA, AFTER PUBLICATION AND PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE 5705.30, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 1st READING.** Jenny went over how she put the numbers together. She knows the department heads are working on their budgets; these numbers can certainly be amended. It must be down to the County by July 15th or sooner.

**ORDINANCE 2011-39: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA TO ADVERTISE FOR THE SALE OF A 1983 C-70 CHEVY TRUCK WITH WATER TANK, VIN #1GBM701B90V132160, WITH A MINIMUM BID OF \$3,000.00, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Motion to suspend the rules made by L. Schilling with a second from B. Prescott. All ayes on vote. Motion to approve made by B. Prescott with a second from L. Clark. All ayes on vote.

**ORDINANCE 2011-40: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA TO ADVERTISE FOR THE SALE OF A 1993 FREIGHTLINER VAC TRUCK, VIN #1FV7DOY92R4850527, WITH A MINIMUM BID OF \$3,800.00, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Motion to suspend the rules made by B. Prescott with a second from L. Clark. All ayes on vote. Motion to approve made by B. Prescott with a second from L. Clark. All ayes on vote.

**ORDINANCE 2011-41: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA TO ADVERTISE FOR THE SALE OF A 1993 GM ENCLOSED TRAILER MOUNTED GENERATOR WITH 4.3L V6 DIESEL ENGINE, WITH A MINIMUM BID OF \$3,300.00, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Motion to suspend the rules made by B. Prescott with a second from L. Schilling. All ayes on vote. Motion to approve made by L. Schilling with a second from L. Clark. All ayes on vote.

**ORDINANCE 2011-42: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA TO ADVERTISE FOR THE SALE OF A 1993 WOODS D 080-2 BRUSH HOG, WITH A MINIMUM BID OF \$1,200.00, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Motion to suspend the rules made by L. Schilling with a second from L. Clark. All ayes on vote. Motion to approve made by B. Prescott with a second from L. Schilling. All ayes on vote.

**RESOLUTION 2011-43: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CLERK-TREASURER OF THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA TO CREATE A THEN AND NOW PURCHASE ORDER TO PAY THE TREASURER OF STATE'S OFFICE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Motion to suspend the rules made by B. Prescott with a second from L. Clark. All ayes on vote. Motion to approve made by L. Schilling with a second from L. Clark. Giles asked do we have to pay them. Mayor Hawkins said the irony is this is a "Then and Now". Jenny said everyone had a good time with this at Finance. Jenny explained that when she would receive the auditor's monthly bill, she would create a purchase order. The Auditor told her that was incorrect; she should create a purchase order when the auditor's office first gave her their estimate, before they even started. All ayes on vote.

**ORDINANCE 2011-44: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE POLICY THAT ALL FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE FOR THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA TO BE DIRECTED TO THE CLERK-TREASURER'S OFFICE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Motion to suspend the rules made by L. Schilling with a second from B. Prescott. All ayes on vote. Motion to approve made by L. Schilling with a second from L. Clark. All ayes on vote.

**ORDINANCE 2011-45: AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE 1996-23, WHICH WAS ENACTED TO ESTABLISH A SEWER RATE SYSTEM FOR SEWER USERS OF THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Motion to suspend the rules made by L. Schilling with a second from B. Prescott. All ayes on vote. Motion to approve made by L. Schilling with a second from L. Clark. Jenny explained the original legislation in 1996 was supposed to cover our debt payment for the sewer plant, which was built seven years later. It is outdated and causes a lot of extra work for Donna Maynard. This way all the money goes into water and sewer operating instead of splitting it out all the time. The Mayor said the auditor recommended it as well. All ayes on vote.

**RESOLUTION 2011-46: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA CHIEF OF POLICE TO SEEK AN ADMINISTRATIVE SEARCH WARRANT FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 10735 ELM STREET IN THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA, AND AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE CLERK-TREASURER TO OBTAIN A TITLE SEARCH ON SAID PROPERTY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Motion to suspend the rules made by L. Schilling with a second from L. Clark. All ayes on vote. Motion to approve made by L. Schilling with a second from L. Clark. Mr. Breyley who owns the house is trying to do two things, however, the weather has not cooperated. First, he has a neighbor who is interested in the lot without the house. Second, he had an engineer come and look at it; he said it can be rebuilt; however, he would need some time. He would like to bring the house back. Unfortunately, he let the insurance lapse so it will take him 4-5 months. The roof would be done right away. He is just asking for time. Mayor Hawkins stated that the ordinance before Council tonight authorizes Portage County and the Fire Department to enter the property to determine whether the structure could be rebuilt. Michele said there are many steps the Village would have to go through to spend public money to do anything on his property. This is only a preliminary step to get the report from the Fire Department and Building Inspector. Michele added that by way of getting this inspection done, as opposed to getting an administrative search warrant through the courts, Mr. Breyley has the option to consent to have the Village do that inspection. Council asked Mr. Breyley to review the documents while they continued with their meeting.

**Committee Reports:** Police Chief, Harry Buchert reported the next Safety meeting is May 19 at 6:30 a.m. He will be taking vacation from May 24-30. The Memorial Day parade is Monday May 30 at 9:30 a.m. The last day of school is June 9. The Soap Box Derby is June 18.

Village Administrator, Anthony Fiorilli III had nothing to report for tonight. Linda Schilling asked him about the work at the mausoleum. Anthony spoke with both companies; one that

gave us an estimate last year and the second one he contacted out of Peninsula. Both companies are stating the materials are no longer available, they do not make that type of marble, it is all granite. He would suggest taking a couple door fronts from vaults within the mausoleum that have not been used, having them re-carved to replace the ones that were damaged and replacing the ones we use with granite. The grates in the floor will be in by the holiday weekend.

Linda Clark asked Anthony about the leaf bags and asked him to reconsider having them available to residents. Jenny does have money set aside for leaf bags. Her concern is if we leave it up to our residents, what happens when they put their leaves in green bags. When they are in clear bags, we know what we are picking up. Anthony said if they were not in clear bags, he would not pick them up. In addition, if there were money put aside in a fund for bags, Anthony would like to know where it is because he believes there are other priorities than leaf bags. They plan to discuss this further at the Service meeting.

Brian Rogers, with C.T. Consultants, had nothing to add.

**Shade Tree:** Linda Clark reported the Arbor Day presentation went well. Isabella Soboro won the prize. We are checking into trees at the cemetery to work on replacing some of them with donated trees.

**Finance:** Linda Clark reported hoping all goes well with the audit. There was much cleaned up through legislation tonight. They are still looking at ways to save money.

**Service:** Linda Schilling announced they meet the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 a.m.

**Parks:** Marty reported that he talked with Dick Krzys; they are having their meeting tonight. They will volunteer to put the observation decks back together whether it can be an eagle project or not. Some of the balusters can be reused, the railings cannot.

**Planning:** Mayor Hawkins reported the Commission gave site plan approval to Robert Bradley for new construction of a duplex unit on Prospect Street.

**BZA:** Roger had nothing to report.

**Safety:** Giles reported the crosswalk at our street light is becoming an issue; it gives only 30 seconds to cross before the light changes. The Chief is going to try to reset it.

The Fire Board is conducting interviews for additional part time people. Linda Clark said she understands that the Chamber of Commerce meetings would no longer be held in the conference room at the fire station. Giles said it is a training room and that fire station was designed for external security, not internal security. He explained that because of the inability to have that training room locked off from the rest of the department, it becomes an issue with all of the pharmaceuticals that are stored in the building. Homeland Security was also concerned with individuals having access to the radio system.

**New or Other Business:** Mr. Breyley has reviewed the ordinance. He would like an inspection of the property and will bring in a dumpster to start cleaning out. Giles said he would need a demolition permit to start the process. The outside work Mr. Breyley plans to have done by late summer/fall.

Council President, Ben Prescott, wanted to bring up personal use of Village equipment. Section 7.4 & 7.5 prohibits personal use of equipment. Anthony asked Ben with regard to Village cell phones, if he calls another Verizon customer, there is no charge for that call, is that a legal or illegal use. Ben said he was not concerned with that, his concern was with a

large fax sent out on Village equipment. Chief Buchert stated that was paid for, it was .06 cents, a memo has been distributed to all employees to remind them of our policy. Linda Clark said that would apply to elected officials as well. Ben agreed.

Council went back to Resolution 2011-46. Michele said Mr. Breyley has executed consent for the Police Chief to arrange with Bob Wrentmore, Portage County Building Inspector, and a representative from the Fire Department to conduct an inspection and give a report. Therefore, at least half of 2011-46 is unnecessary; Section 1 and perhaps even Section 2 at this point. It would be up to Council to decide whether to vote this whole thing down and see what happens by next month whether to move forward with a title search. Michele said it either has to be amended and passed or failed in its entirety. Linda Clark asked Michele if she would like Council to make a motion to strike out Section 1. Michele said Council could do that if they want to authorize the Clerk-Treasurer to spend \$300.00 for a title search. Otherwise, you can fail the whole thing and bring it back up in a month. The Mayor asked if there was any disadvantage to wait another month to do the title search. Michele said it would just put us a month behind for putting out our notices for a public hearing because we have to have the title search first. We will have the reports at the next Council meeting and he will have a better idea what he is doing. If at that point, he is not doing it, then we can do some other legislation. Ben called to question. All nays on vote.

Roger had a question for the Chief, could the police tape be moved back behind the sidewalks at the burned house. Harry said no, not with the condition of the house and the wind that we have had. Michele asked if there was anything better than the yellow tape, like orange snow fence, maybe the service garage has some. More discussion. Council decided to leave the tape up until that one corner of the property is done.

**Public:** There were no comments from the public.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m. made by G. Seith with a second from M. Hura. All ayes on vote.

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Mayor Donna Hawkins

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Clerk-Treasurer Jenny August