

**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MINUTES**  
**April 30, 2020**  
**6:00 PM**

Mayor Clark called the meeting to order at 6:01pm asked for a moment of silence for the first responders and those suffering r lost to the current pandemic.

**ROLL CALL:** Ben Prescott, Paula Tubalkain, Dave Sluka, Marty Hura, and Scott Weaver.

**Other Village Personnel:** Mayor Linda Clark, Clerk- Treasurer, Jenny August; Village Solicitor, Michele Stuck, Village Administrator John Trew, Police Chief Joe Urso.

**Citizens Present:** Jason Wysong, Tammy Meyer, Matt Rosolowski, all candidates for the vacant Council seat.

**Legislation:**

**ORD. 2020-21** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2020-15 IN ORDER TO CORRECT THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE BASE SEWER RATE INCREASE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 1<sup>st</sup> Reading.

Michele explained that when Ordinance 2020-15 passed at the last Council meeting, the date should have been amended. This ordinance corrects the date.

- ❖ Motion to suspend the rules by Dave Sluka, seconded by Ben Prescott. All ayes on vote.
- ❖ Motion to approve by Dave Sluka, seconded by Marty Hura. All ayes on vote.

**Discussion:**

Mayor Clark said we have three residents that have submitted a letter of interest for Bob Gaglione's vacant Council seat. She said she would like Council to ask them any questions they would like starting with Ben.

- ❖ Ben asked them what they think the responsibility of Council is. Jason Wysong said it means being involved in the community I live in and make it a better place to live. Tammy Meyer said she thinks it is to listen to the constituents and pass ordinances to move the community forward. Matt Rosolowski said he thinks it is important that the Council itself is working together properly.
- ❖ Paula said as village residents what changes and improvements would they recommend or want to support and have Council move forward with. Jason said there are a lot of places to start. He would need more time t answer that. Tammy would like to work on ways to bring in more revenue to the village to keep it moving forward while keeping it small. Matt said he loves the culture and environment of the village and wouldn't want to change much, but there are things that need improvements. He would need time t think this over.
- ❖ Dave Sluka asked what the three biggest challenges that the village has to overcome at this time. Tammy said the infrastructure is the biggest issue. We have an aging community and do not have a lot of new people moving in. Bringing businesses to the downtown area. Matt said infrastructure was at the top of his list also. He thinks ways of generating money would be a good thing, and filling in the empty storefronts downtown. Jason said the water-sewer situation is number one on his list. Secondly, he was surprised to learn that we have so many rentals. He would like to attract families. Expansion of business would be the third thing he would like to see.
- ❖ Dave had a follow up question: What are the three greatest things about Mantua Village that we could leverage or should be improving. Jason said the Headwaters Trail is huge and maybe we can promote a possible future expansion with Garrettsville. Tammy agreed with

Jason, adding that river access brings something to our community. Matt said he would like to see more of a feature set along the trail.

- ❖ Scott Weaver asked what their stance is on the merger with the county that was put on hold by the referendum. Jason said he believes that doing a merge with the county is the route we need to take, but he feels the deal was more one sided and needed more negotiations. Tammy said she declined to comment because she did not read all of the legislation and was out of town when it was going on. Matt agreed with Tammy that he was not prepared to answer because he was not aware of the situation.
- ❖ Paula said when you serve on Council, you would be asked to serve on committees. She gave a brief outline of the committees and what they do. She asked them which committees they would be interested in serving on. Tammy said she would be interested in serving on the Finance committee. Matt would like to serve on Service and Finance. Jason said he would be open to serving on any.
- ❖ Dave said now that they know a little about Council, what are the three greatest qualities you would bring to Council and this village. Jason said he works well with other people. He is thorough and level headed. He has a vested interest since he has lived here for 20 years. Tammy has previous experience with ordinances, grant writing, and finances. Matt said he is a quick learner, and he knows his limitations and knows when to ask for help. He has dealt with a variety of personalities and he is likeable.
- ❖ Dave said, as long term residents, who would be best for a Council person, in respect to what category do you fit in and what is best for the village. Do you think it is best to be associated or best not to be associated with the big players? What category do you fit into? Jason said he doesn't know everyone and feels that it would be an advantage to know people. Tammy said it is great to know them but best not to be connected. Matt said he knows some and has met some but doesn't know any of them closely.
- ❖ Scott said that if you know the players, there are personal connections that can become stressed. Some hard decisions could affect relationships. He asked how they feel about that. Jason said that makes it tough, but you have to do what is right for the village as a whole. He has no ties to anyone. Tammy says her reputation of being level headed. Her acquaintances know she makes decisions based on knowledge. Matt said he will make decisions for the betterment of the greater good.
- ❖ Dave said when he came on Council, he had grand plans of making big changes. He found out quickly that things are very different than he had expected. We all want to make a positive difference but it is a hard road to go down. There are lots of commitments to this job. Matt said he knew that going in and he has no grand plans and just wants to do what is best. Tammy said she understands the commitment, and she waited until it was the right time to put the commitment in.

There were no more questions from Council. Council elected to go into executive session to discuss and possibly select a candidate.

- ❖ Motion to go into executive session for appointment of a public official by Ben Prescott, seconded by Dave Sluka. All ayes on vote.
- ❖ Motion to come out of executive session and resume Council by Ben Prescott, seconded by Marty Hura. All ayes on vote.

Jenny called the question for each Council person to declare their choice for the Council seat.

Ben- Jason Wysong.

Paula- Tammy Meyer.

Dave- Matt Rosolowski.

Scott- Matt Rosolowski.

Marty- Matt Rosolowski.

**Adjournment:**

Paula Tubalkain moved to adjourn at 7:00 pm with a second from Ben Prescott. All ayes on vote.

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Mayor Linda Clark

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Jenny August, Clerk-Treasurer