

Council Meeting

November 15, 2022

Call to order at 6:30 PM by Mayor Linda Clark

Pledge of Allegiance, and a moment of silence for Betty Mishler and Mary Ann Berniscus

Roll Call: Steve Thorn, Heather Paisley, Nina Schroeder, Tammy Meyer, Marty Hura, Scott Weaver

Others present: Mayor Linda Clark, Solicitor Michele Stuck, Chief Joe Urso, Village Administrator Greg Thomas (via Zoom), Fiscal Officer Maryann Fabian, Village Engineer Gene Arters

Citizens present: Jodie Fiala, Kim Sumwalt, Jim Vasil, Brooklynn Meyer, Diane Smith, Wendy DiAlesandro, Lauren Weaver, Phil Rath, Finn Rath, Morgen Grubaugh, Beth Sluka, Dave Sluka, Stephanie Pietrocini, Anthony, Pietrocini, Debbie Boop, Larry Kaczmarek, Cory Turnbull, Jennifer Lintz, Anthony Vicich, Miranda Brothers, Bridget Rinehart, Stephanie Morhidge, Sam Paratore, Jennifer Martoncik, Wendy Davis, Faith Pietrocini

Mayors Report

Mayor Linda Clark has a Special Event Form, and insurance from Advance Rehab for the Turkey Trot on 11.24.2022. The insurance also covered all the events they had this summer.

- ❖ Scott made a motion to approve the Special Event Form. Tammy second. All ayes.

Steve requested this event go on our website.

Mayor Linda Clark introduced Kaczmarek Insurance. Debbie and Larry presented the insurance renewal for the Village employees. There is only a 2.2% increase this year.

- ❖ Heather made a motion to renew the policy. Tammy second. All ayes.

Citizens

Mayor Clark went around the room and asked all the citizens if they had any comments or questions. The following did.

Sam asked if any action was being taken from the last meeting. The Mayor said that at this time it serves no purpose to rehash the disruption that occurred at the last employee handbook workshop. We have an agenda to work through tonight, and it still is an open investigation.

Phil Rath, the representative from DMRC, asked any word on Phase IV. Mayor Clark said that we got partial funding, and we are going to get \$23,116. Gene said that we are \$2444 shy of the estimate of what we need. Phil said that the DMRC is starting their biggest fund raiser, which is the Friends Campaign. He asked if everyone got the minutes, and he thinks they are a month behind.

Dave Sluka asked how to get a copy of the complaint. Mayor Clark replied that once it becomes an actual complaint and not an open investigation.

Financial Reports

Maryann said that the financial reports had been reviewed in Finance. We have received a little over 100% of our estimated revenues, which means we under estimated the revenues the Village was to receive. The Village has spent 76% of the appropriations, which is good for this time of the year. She asked if anyone had any questions. None were asked.

- ❖ Tammy made a motion to approve the financial reports. Steve second. All ayes.

Approval of previous Minutes

- ❖ Scott made a motion to approve the minutes from the Special Council Minutes from 10.4.2022. Marty second. All ayes.
- ❖ Tammy made a motion to approve the minutes from the Council Workshop from 10.12.2022. Scott second. All ayes.
- ❖ Scott made a motion to approve the minutes from the Council Meeting on 10.18.2022. Heather second. All ayes.
- ❖ Tammy made a motion to approve the minutes from the Appropriation Workshop on 11.2.2022. Heather second. All ayes.
- ❖ Scott made a motion to approve the minutes from the Employee Handbook Workshop on 11.7.2022. Heather second. All ayes.
- ❖ Heather made a motion to approve the minutes from the Capital Planning Workshop on 11.8.2022. Scott second. All ayes.

Legislation:

ORD. 2022-04 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 159 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA AND DISSOLVING THE MANTUA VILLAGE HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION. Tabled on 2nd reading. No discussion.

ORD. 2022-50 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK. 2nd reading. Mayor Clark asked to leave this at second reading and schedule another workshop. Tammy asked if the Council would like to table this until after the New Year.

- ❖ Tammy made a motion to table Ord. 2022-50 at second reading. Heather second. All ayes.

ORD 2022-51 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO RUN THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 2nd reading. Mayor Clark requested another workshop to be scheduled. It was decided that the workshop would be December 7th at 6:30 p.m.

ORD 2022-53 AN ORDINANCE RETROACTIVELY AUTHORIZING AN ADVANCE FROM THE GENERAL FUND #1000 TO THE HEADWATERS TRAIL MILL STREET CONNECTOR FUND #4203, REPAYMENT OF THE ADVANCE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 1st reading. No discussion.

- ❖ Scott made a motion to suspend the rules. Marty second. All ayes.
- ❖ Scott made a motion to approve. Marty second. All ayes.

ORD 2022-54 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PAY SCALES AND POSITIONS OF FULL AND PART TIME EMPLOYEES OF THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA, REPEALING PRIOR INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 1st reading. Mayor Clark explained that we are removing the cleaning person and changing it to a contractual services person. We are also removing the interim training fiscal officer/village administrator position.

- ❖ Marty made a motion to suspend the rules. Scott second. All ayes.
- ❖ Steve made a motion to approve. Scott second. All ayes.

ORD 2022-55 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN ADJUSTMENTS TO THE 2022 APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 1st reading. No discussion.

- ❖ Steve made a motion to suspend the rules. Heather second. All ayes.
- ❖ Heather made a motion to approve. Marty second. All ayes.

RES 2022-56 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CT CONSULTANTS FOR THE PROVISION OF GENERAL ENGINEERING SERVICE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 1st reading. No discussion.

RES 2022-57 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH THE PORTAGE COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR DEFENSE OF INDIGENT PERSONS CHARGED WITH JAILABLE OFFENSES UNDER THE VILLAGE ORDINANCES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 1st reading. No discussion.

- ❖ Scott made a motion to suspend the rules. Marty second. All ayes.
- ❖ Marty made a motion to approve. Steve second. All ayes.

Department Heads and Village Engineer-

Police Chief Joe Urso summarized the Safety meeting. He also asked for approval for a donation of \$303.79 from the Halloween Bash, and donations to the Halloween event.

- ❖ Heather made a motion to approve the donation. Marty second. All ayes.

The Fill-a Cruiser date is tentatively December 10th, but this is subject to change.

Village Administrator Greg Thomas summarized what the Service Department has been doing. The report is on file. He also said that he hopes to have a place to put the leaf bags by the end of next week. The mayor explained to the residents if they do run out of leaf bags, that the contract the Village has with Kimble allows for them to take the leaf bags out on Friday with the trash, Kimble will take them.

Village Engineer Gene Arters from C.T. Consultants summarized his report that is on file. He read emails that were sent about Mats Road Bridge. Phil stated there is much work to be done yet, for example to get a hold of Portage County Engineers office about a road.

Committee

- ♦ Scott summarized the Service Meeting. The Planning Commission meetings are canceled until April, unless something comes up.
- ♦ Tammy summarized the Finance Meeting. She turned in the minutes from the PCRFP October meetings and the Portage County Vision Plan for 2022-2023. At the PCRFP meeting it was discussed if closing all of Beck Road was a good idea so it could be paved all at once. ODOT did not recommend that this happens. At the Fireboard meeting they are looking to hire one full time person, they have three candidates. They discussed the contract with dispatch, but they will be talking more in-depth next meeting.
- ♦ Nina summarized the meetings for Parks and said they lost day light to conduct a Shade Tree meeting.
- ♦ Mayor Linda Clark spoke for the Cemetery there are four trees that are going to be taken down that the Trust has approved to pay for. There was no meeting of Board of Zoning Appeals.
- ♦ Heather said nothing for Safety Committee. She discussed the memorial for fallen K-9.

Mayor Clark asked if there was anything else. Cory asked how the Village is paying for the investigation about the police department. The Mayor explained it is being paid out of the General Fund. Jennifer asked if the residents could vote on that. Mayor Clark

explained that it was a Council Investigation, and the council decides where the funds come from. Jennifer asked why the residents do not get to vote on this. Michele explained that the residents voted the people to Council, and that the Council decided to have a private investigator investigate.

Beth asked how to find out about the investigation, and Tammy replied she can do a records request.

Cory asked if there is an option to revisit how the investigation is paid for. Tammy explained that it is funded by the General Fund, and the Police Department is also funded by the General Fund.

Lauren asked if there were any parameters in places for retaliation against those that brought the complaint. It was agreed that the meetings are tense, and no one took this lightly.

Sam asked why Tammy did not handle the disturbance from the last meeting. Mayor explained that she misspoke when she said that it was Tammy's responsibility to handle disturbances, it should have been her. Mayor Clark said that she did the best that she could to get that meeting under control, being ignored from all parties at the time. She also said that is all we are going to say about that, and requested a motion to adjourn.

Adjournment

❖ Heather made a motion to adjourn at 8:05 PM. Marty second. All ayes.