

Council Meeting

April 18, 2023

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

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Others present: Mayor Linda Clark, Solicitor Michele Stuck, Chief Joe Urso, Fiscal Officer Maryann Fabian, Village Administrator Ryan Klemm

Citizens present: Sue Steinberg, Wendi Porter, Ron Porter, Corey Turnbull, Lauren Weaver, Brooklynn Meyer, Riley Meyer, Faith Pietrocini, Morgan Grubaugh, Miranda Brothers, Jennifer Lintz, Makayla Lintz, Stacey Turner, Same Paratore, Wendy Davis, Kevin Brown, Mike Buctirck, Nancy Whaley, Roy Peck

Mayor's Report

Mayor Clark requested a motion to approve the W Franklin Phase II work authorization to prepare OPWC Round 38 application for rehabilitation of roadway and storm sewers not to exceed \$5000.

❖ Scott made the motion. Heather second. All ayes.

Mayor Clark looked into the electric aggregate and said that the price of delivery of the electricity would not be affected until 2025.

She said that Dean Olson had been in contact with her about the Soapbox Derby and there are two companies, one in Shalersville Township, and one in Mantua Township that said they would donate the material to pave a coating on High Street from Herald to past Park Street.

Citizens

Sam complained about a pontoon boat on State Route 44 across from his business location. He also complained about the sidewalk at his sub shop and a tree that he feels will upheave the sidewalk. The mayor reminded him that the village would be dealing with the sidewalks in the spring, and they have started a list at this point.

Sue, the DMRC representative, said that the DMRC is having money making events. The DMRC is one of the sponsors for the Triple Trail Fest, and she is excited about the Facade on the Eastside of Main Street to get done.

Miranda read a prepared letter, and at the 5-minute mark Jennifer read the remainder of the letter. The letter expressed how Miranda feels she was treated by Council, how hard she has work for Mantua Village and what she has given up personally for the village. She feels that the decisions that have been made have ruined her reputation and has made the village look foolish to other surrounding communities.

Jennifer also read a prepared letter she had written that talked of Chief Urso's integrity, and was a good boss he was. She felt it was not right that the police department was not interviewed for the investigation.

Roy thanked the mayor for protecting his electric bill.

Kevin had suggested that Council be restructured, and Mike alluded to if you are going to call the police for help, then we should just let them do their jobs.

Financial Reports

Maryann read a summary she had prepared for the council meeting. She asked if anyone had any questions. Chief Urso would like on the VISA bill the line items that states Lowe's be changed to the correct vender, Walmart.

- ❖ Tammy made a motion to approve as amended the financial reports. Marty second. All ayes.

Correspondence

Maryann received a letter from the Ohio Department of Public Safety stating that the audit Shalersville Township had done, that corrections would be coming and they will notify us in writing of these corrections.

Approval of previous Minutes

Tammy requested that Eric Hummel's last name be corrected on the 3.21.2023 minutes.

- ❖ Heather made a motion to approve the 3.21.2023 minutes as amended. Scott second. All ayes.
- ❖ Steve made a motion to approve the Budget 2024 Workshop minutes. Marty second. All ayes.

Legislation:

ORD. 2022-50 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK. Mayor Clark requested a motion for this to come off of the table.

- ❖ Tammy made the motion. Marty second. All ayes.
- It was decided to try to have a workshop 5.10.2023 at 6:30 PM, if Elena could make the meeting.
- ❖ Scott made a motion to put back on the table. Marty second. All ayes.

RES. 2023-09 A RESOLUTION SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA THE QUESTION OF RENEWAL OF THE 3.85 MILL TAX LEVY FOR THE GENERAL CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION, RESURFACING AND REPAIR OF STREETS, ROADS AND BRIDGES WITHIN THE VILLAGE, PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTIONS 5705.19(G) AND 5705.191. 2nd reading. No discussion.

ORD. 2023-13 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING A PERMANENT BUDGET FOR 2024 FOR THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA, AFTER PUBLICATION AND PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE 5705.30. 2nd reading. No discussion

ORD 2023-14 AN ORDINANCE NAMING MICHELE STUCK, ATTORNEY AT LAW, AS SOLICITOR FOR THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA AND FIXING HER COMPENSATION FOR THE PERIOD OF MAY 1, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 1st reading.

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

ORD 2023-15 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING TEMPORARY AND PERMANENT EASEMENTS FOR STORM DRAINAGE PURPOSES FROM SCOTT MISHLER AND BETSY WOOLF AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 1st reading.

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

ORD 2023-16 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A CHAIN OF COMMAND POLICY FOR PATROL OFFICER MIRANDA BROTHERS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 1st reading.

Chief Urso felt the word "respectively" should be added to the last sentence of the second paragraph. Nina had felt that it was asinine to confer with an ordinance when they have not discussed what the outcome of investigation. There was much discussion about Eric Dunn's letter.

- ❖ Steve made a motion to amend the letter the mayor wrote to have the word "respectively" added to the last sentence of the second paragraph. Marty second. Roll call vote: Nina-nay, Tammy-nay, Heather-aye, Scott-nay, Steve-aye, Marty-aye. Mayor broke the vote with an aye vote.
- ❖ Heather made a motion to suspend the rules. Marty second. Roll call vote: Heather-aye, Steve-aye, Scott-nay, Tammy-nay, Marty-nay, Nina-nay. Not enough support to suspend the rules.

Department Heads and Village Engineer-

Police Chief Joe Urso summarized the Safety meeting and said that the Lutheran Church/PD Easter Egg hunt this year was well attended.

Village Administrator, Ryann Klemm had his report turned in and on file. Nina asked Ryan, what his assessment was coming into the village, and Ryan replied that he had only been here a few days, and it was too early to give assessments.

Village Engineer Gene Arters, C.T. Consultants, report is turned in and on file. No questions.

Committees

Steve Thorn summarized the meeting for Finance.

Scott Weaver summarized the Planning and Service meetings. Scott had asked what does Council want to do with the antique bench that was donated. It was decided to donate it to the Mantua Historical Society.

❖ Scott made a motion to donate the bench to the Mantua Historical Society. Heather second. All ayes.

Tammy Meyer was absent from PCRP meeting. For Fireboard they swore in 2 new hires and the 2023 Healthcare renewal is 5.1.2023.

Nina Schroeder summarized the Parks and Shade Tree meeting.

Mayor Clark reported for the Cemetery the amount that the Thompson Trust had approved, although no check has been received. There is a BZA hearing scheduled for 5.2.2023 at 7 PM.

Steve Thorn for Safety said the Chief had covered the Safety meeting already.

Note: All committee minutes are online at mantuavillage.com

Executive Session

❖ Nina made a motion to go into executive session at 7:34 PM to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee or official. Scott second. Roll Call vote: Heather-aye, Nina-aye, Tammy-aye, Scott-aye, Steve-aye, Marty-aye.

❖ Scott made a motion to come out of executive session at 9:14 PM. Marty second. Roll Call vote: Scott-aye, Steve-aye, Marty-aye, Heather-aye, Nina-aye, Tammy-aye.

Adjournment

❖ Scott made a motion to adjourn at 9:14 PM. Tammy second. All ayes.