

VILLAGE OF MANTUA
COUNCIL MEETING
May 21, 2024

Call to Order at 6 pm by Mayor Tammy Meyer

Pledge of Allegiance – moment of silence for Jerry Carlton

Roll Call: Chuck Peterson, Kevin Maloney, Marty Hura, Nina Schroeder, Jaime Nosse, Steve Thorn

Others present: Mayor Tammy Meyer, Solicitor Michele Stuck, Fiscal Officer Maryann Fabian, Police Chief Joe Urso, Village Administrator Ryan Klemm

Citizens present: Linda Clark, William Mason, Jan Thorn, Miranda Brothers, Vickie Wilcox, Corey Turnbull, Cookie Vanek

Tammy introduced William Mason to the Council, and welcomed him to the village.

She gave the floor to Chuck Peterson, as he requested to address council.

Chuck requested a motion to excuse him for June and July to give him time for missionary work. Michele reminded everyone that no other council member can be absent because you need 5 council members to suspend the rules.

- ❖ Kevin made the motion to excuse Chuck from village meetings for the month of June and July. Steve second. All ayes.

The Mayor's report is turned in and on file.

Tammy requested a motion to accept the special event form for the Triple Trail Fest, June 1st. Tammy said she has all the documentation.

- ❖ Steve made the motion. Marty second. All ayes.

Tammy requested a motion to be able to send letters of appreciation to Buckeye Partners and Portage County Hazmat Team for help with the hazmat spill in the Cuyahoga River.

- ❖ Kevin made the motion to have Tammy send the letters. Chuck second. All ayes.

Maryann asked for a motion to pay Michael Diehl his last paycheck with \$109.20 deducted for a sweatshirt he did not return to the Village.

- ❖ Steve made the motion. Marty second. All ayes.

Maryann reviewed the April Financial Reports. Chuck expressed concern about the 2025 budget and the fact Tammy and Maryann went over the budget to balance it before the 5.15.2025 Budget Workshop. Maryann explained that the Council has the opportunity to change any and all numbers before the budget is sent to the County, at all the budget workshops, and at council meetings. This would be the first reading of the budget tonight.

Maryann asked if anyone had any questions about the April Financial Reports, and there were none.

- ❖ Nina made a motion to approve the April Financial Reports. Steve second. All ayes except for Chuck, who voted nay.

Tammy read correspondence from the following people:

Thank you note from the Crestwood High School Leadership Retreat.

Thank you note from the City of Aurora for the assistance of the MSFD in a recent fire.

Approval of previous minutes

- ❖ Kevin made a motion to approve 4.16.2024 Public Hearing and Council Meeting minutes. Steve second. All ayes.

- ❖ Steve made a motion to approve the 5.7.2024 Special Council Meeting minutes. Marty second. All ayes.

- ❖ Chuck made a motion to approve the 5.15.2024 Budget 2025 Workshop minutes. Kevin second. All ayes.

Committees

Jaime Nosse reported for the DMRC, and Processes Committee.

Steve Thorn reported for Service, Planning, and Fire Board.

Nina Schroeder reported for Parks, Shade Tree, and Cemetery.

Kevin Maloney reported for Finance, Safety, and Landmarks Commission.

Mayor Tammy Meyer reported for BZA, PCRB, and Records Commission.

Maryann Fabian reported for Treasury Board.

Department Heads

Police Chief Joe Urso reported on his department.

Village Administrator Ryan Klemm reported on his department.

Chuck said that he had a call from a village resident that when the service department was doing brush pickup the workers did not have gloves, ear or eye protection. Ryan said they had ear protection on and he would address the rest.

Citizens

Linda Clark asked if the village has implemented an investment with Star Ohio, she asked how much did we invest? Tammy explained nothing has been invested yet and that Star Ohio was coming to the next Treasury Board meeting. Linda asked if the fund had been put on the legislation for the 2025 budget. Maryann said she corrected it, and the correct version is in the packet tonight. Linda asked Jaime who filled the open board member seat at the DMRC. Jaime believes it was Ken Parker.

Vickie asked Ryan when the floor would be complete in the dispatch area. Ryan said it depended on the weather, but he was hoping it would be next week.

Legislation

ORD 2024-14 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY FOR THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 3rd reading. Nina said that at the Processes Committee they would like to amend this legislation.

❖ Nina made a motion to table the legislation. Chuck second. All ayes.

ORD 2024-18 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 955.02 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA RELATING TO CEMETERY FEES. 2nd reading. Nina stated there needed to be changes before the next Council meeting.

ORD 2024-19 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 155 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA REGARDING THE RECORDS COMMISSION. 2nd reading. No discussion.

ORD 2024-20 AN ORDINANCE ENACTING CHAPTER 490 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA RELATING TO SHORT-TERM RESIDENTIAL RENTALS. 2nd reading. The public hearing will be before the next Council meeting.

ORD 2024-24 AN ORDINANCE NAMING WILLIAM MASON, ATTORNEY AT LAW, AS SOLICITOR FOR THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA AND FIXING HIS COMPENSATION FOR THE PERIOD OF JUNE 1, 2024 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 1st reading.

❖ Steve made a motion to suspend the rules. Kevin second. All ayes.

❖ Kevin made a motion to approve. Steve second. All ayes.

ORD 2024-25 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING A PERMANENT BUDGET FOR 2025

FOR THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA, AFTER PUBLICATION AND PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE 5705.30. 1st reading. This will go three readings with the Public Hearing on 7.16.2024. In response to Chuck's previous statements about the 2025 budget Michele read the following from the Ohio Village Officers' Handbook. "Preparation of the tax budget - To assist in the preparation of the tax budget, the head of each department, board, commission, and district authority entitled to participate in any appropriation or revenue of the village shall file with the mayor, before the forty fifth day prior to the date on which the tax budget must be adopted, an estimate of contemplated revenues and expenditures for the ensuing year, in such form as is prescribed by the village council or by the Auditor of State. (Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.28(C)(1))."

ORD 2024-26 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN ADJUSTMENTS TO THE 2024 VILLAGE OF MANTUA APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 1st reading. Maryann explained the General Fund additional appropriation is to write the check for the new police vehicle. The amount is \$32,997, which is the amount of the loan the village took for this vehicle. The estimated revenue will be increase by this number, so it will not hurt the bottom line. State Highway and Permissive were previously appropriated, but unfortunately the accounts were switched, this is simply rectifying that error. The additional \$10,769.08 appropriated to the Cemetery Special Fund 2031 was needed to be able to use \$5769.08 from the 2024 request and \$5000 from the 2023 request that we received. The estimated revenue will increase by the additional amount of the 2024 request the village received.

- ❖ Kevin made a motion to suspend the rules. Jaime second. All ayes.
- ❖ Steve made a motion to approve. Kevin second. All ayes.

Any Other Business

Chief Urso asked Tammy to make sure he receives all of the paperwork needed for the Triple Trail Fest.

Executive Session

Tammy requested a motion to go into executive session to discuss pending litigation at 6:52 pm.

- ❖ Steve made the motion. Kevin second. All ayes.

Roll call vote: Kevin – aye, Marty – aye, Steve – aye, Jaime – aye, Chuck – aye, Nina – aye.

- ❖ Steve made a motion to come out of executive session at 7:12 pm. Marty second.

Roll call vote: Chuck – aye, Steve – aye, Kevin – aye, Nina – aye, Jaime – aye, Marty – aye.

Michele asked for a motion to authorize the solicitor to resolve In re Terry Morris, Case number 24-CV-05 the general provisions of the resolution being that the petitioner shall be permitted to hire a contractor of their choosing at their cost and liability to conduct the disinterment and reinternment which shall be overseen by the petitioners and their attorney. Cemetery grounds will be restored to the prework condition and the petitioners shall indemnify the village for harm to any other graves release the village and its employees from all liability related to the operation.

- ❖ Kevin made the motion. Chuck second. All ayes.

Linda Clark requested to ask a question. Tammy said they had already been thru any other business.

Adjournment

- ❖ Steve made a motion to adjourn at 7:14 pm. Marty second. All ayes except Chuck who voted nay.