

VILLAGE OF MANTUA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
February 20, 2024 @ 6:00 pm

Call to Order at 6 PM by Mayor Tammy Meyer

Pledge of Allegiance moment of silence for Frank Ruehr Sr. and Cathy Frances

Roll Call: Jaime Nosse, Marty Hura, Nina Schroeder, Steve Thorn, Kevin Malony

- ❖ Steve made a motion to excuse Chuck Peterson. Kevin second. All ayes.

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

Citizens: Lauren Weaver, Corey Turnbull, Chase Sedivy, Miranda Brothers, Amy Turos, Nancy Whaley, Paula Tubalkan

Mayor's Report

Tammy read her mayor's report. It is turned in and on file.

Tammy introduced Chase Sedivy. She requested a motion hire part-time Officer Chase Sedivy.

- ❖ Kevin made a motion to hire part-time officer Chase Sedivy. Marty second. All ayes

Tammy requested a motion to hire full-time Officer Jamey Hoffman.

- ❖ Nina made a motion to hire full-time Officer Jamey Hoffman. Steve second. All ayes.

Tammy requested a motion for approval, pending all necessary paperwork, for the Crestwood Pony Tail League Special Event form for April 1st thru July 29th.

- ❖ Nina made the motion to approve. Steve second. All ayes.

Tammy requested a motion for approval, pending all necessary paperwork, for the Mantua Wine and Chocolate Walk by the Sisterhood of St. Joe's Special Event form for Oct 5th.

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

Financial Reports

Maryann requested a motion to approve to return unused money back to the Delia-Thompson trust in the amount of \$3,176.00.

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

Maryann went over the financial reports.

- ❖ Kevin made the motion to approve. Nina second. All ayes.

Correspondence

Tammy went over correspondence from David Emmerson from the EPA pertaining to Mats Road Bridge, which is now classified as a dam. David will follow up with Tammy after he talks with the Army Corps of Engineers.

Tammy also went over correspondence from the Board of Elections pertaining to recruitment of election officials. Please see website for details.

Ryan is working on a grant with Major League Baseball to revamp our baseball fields. The DMRC has already pledged \$5000 towards this grant for matching funds.

Approval of previous Minutes

- ❖ Steve made a motion to approve the 1.16.2024 Public Hearing and Regular Council Meeting Minutes. Marty second. All ayes.

Committees

Steve Thorn reported for Service and Planning and Fire Board. At the Fire Board meeting the fire department is expecting delivery of a new fire engine worth \$975,000.00 in March. The fire department has also hired a new firefighter.

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

Kevin Maloney reported for Finance, Safety, and Landmarks.

Mayor Tammy Meyer reported for BZA (no meeting), and turned in the minutes for PCRB.

*Please refer to each committee's minutes if more information is needed.

Department Heads

Chief Urso was out on a call.

Village Administrator Ryan Klemm shared with council a spreadsheet of projects for 2024. This has been turned in and on file.

Tammy asked for approval to hire a new part-time service employee.

- ❖ Kevin and a motion to hire a new part-time service employee. Nina second. All ayes.

Citizens

Tina Long came to the meeting to see if anything was going to change for zoning, she would like it changed, and was disappointed it has not been done. Tammy explained that Tina should go to the Planning Commission meeting and express her concerns.

Nancy Whaley stated the chip and seal should be used for pot holes.

Tina Long thanked the village for the work on Sontag Lane.

Lauren Weaver want to the village to be aware of a maintenance code and health hazard at 4598 Prospect. Michele said that the house is currently in foreclosure.

Continuation of Department Heads

Chief Urso returned from his call.

Police Chief Joe Urso requested acceptance for a donation from Nico from Detailed Express of \$240.75 for window tint on the K-9 vehicle.

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

Chief Urso requested acceptance of a donation of \$500 to be used to decorate the front lawn of Village Hall at Christmas time.

- ❖ Steve made a motion to accept the donation. Marty second. All ayes.

Legislation

3rd Reading

ORD 2023-57 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. Tabled on 3rd reading.

- ❖ Nina made a motion to take legislation off the table. Steve second. All ayes.
- ❖ Nina made a motion to postpone indefinitely. Steve second. All ayes except Kevin voted nay.

2nd Reading

RES 2023-45 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PEARSON SURVEYING, LLC TO CONDUCT A SURVEY OF THE EASTERN PORTION OF MATS ROAD, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Tabled on 2nd reading.

- ❖ Nina made a motion to take legislation off the table. Kevin second. All ayes.
- ❖ Nina made a motion to postpone indefinitely. Steve second. All ayes.

ORD 2024-02 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 460.10 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA IN ORDER TO ELIMINATE CERTAIN INVASIVE SPECIES OF PLANTS FROM THE RECOMMENDED PLANT LISTS. 2nd reading. No discussion.

ORD 2024-03 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2005-29 REGARDING THE COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA HOUSING OFFICER. 2nd reading. No discussion.

1st Reading

RES 2024-06 A RESOLUTION RENEWING THE AUTHORITY OF THE MAYOR TO CONSULT WITH NORTH SHORE ENERGY AND ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS FOR THE SUPPLY OF NATURAL GAS AND GENERATED ELECTRICITY TO THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA MUNICIPAL FACILITIES. 1st reading. Tammy explained this was renewing an ordinance from 2015.

ORD 2024-07 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 121.03 OF THE MANTUA VILLAGE CODIFIED ORDINANCES CONCERNING COMPOSITION OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 1st reading. Marty asked if there was something wrong with the way the committees were set up before, and Tammy explained this was just adding the Processes Committee.

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

RES 2024-08 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF BLANKET CERTIFICATIONS FOR 2024 AND ESTABLISHING DOLLAR LIMITS FOR SUCH CERTIFICATIONS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 1st reading.

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

ORD 2024-09 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK RELATING TO CALCULATION OF OVERTIME COMPENSATION, AND ADDING AN EMPLOYEE FORM FOR DIRECT DEPOSIT AUTHORIZATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 1st reading.

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

ORD 2024-10 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN ADJUSTMENTS TO THE 2024 VILLAGE OF MANTUA APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 1st reading. Marty asked what this was for and Maryann explained that not enough money had been appropriated for the West Franklin Phase I project.

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

ORD 2024-11 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 145 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA. 1st reading.

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

RES 2024-12 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATIONS. 1st reading.

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

ORD 2024-13 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT A FRAGRANCE-FREE WORKPLACE POLICY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 1st reading. Marty asked about a fragrance-free workspace, and Tammy explained that an employee had a sensitivity, and she learned this was not the first employee with this issue. Kevin asked if it was part of the ADA, and Tammy said it was.

- ❖ Kevin made a motion to amend the legislation to use the substitute Exhibit A presented. Jaime second. All ayes.
- ❖ Kevin made a motion to suspend the rules. Steve second. All ayes.
- ❖ Steve made a motion to approve. Kevin second. All ayes.

ORD 2024-14 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY FOR THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 1st reading. No discussion.

ORD 2024-15 AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING AN IMMEDIATE MORATORIUM ON ADULT USE CANNABIS OPERATORS WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 1st reading.

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

ORD 2024-16 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A TREASURY INVESTMENT BOARD FOR THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA. 1st reading. Nina requested that the number 6 be written out as the word six and the semicolon changed to a comma. Michele recommended the following amendments: in 148.01(a) remove “117.17”, which is not related to Treasury Investment Boards, and 148.01(b) should only have members of the board as authorized in the Revised Code, as follows “The Treasury Investment Board shall consist of the Mayor, the Fiscal Officer and the Village Solicitor. The Board may seek input from a member of the Finance Committee and an independent investment advisor who shall have relevant knowledge in public funds investment management, and who shall have no conflict of interest in advising the Board.”. Kevin made a motion to amend legislation per Michele’s suggestions. Nina second. All ayes.

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

Any Other Business

Tammy requested to go into executive session to consider the employment of a public employee.
Tammy requested Michele be included in the meeting.

- ❖ Nina made a motion to go into executive session. Kevin second. Roll call vote to go into executive session at 6:47 PM. Kevin – aye, Marty – aye, Nina – aye, Jaime – aye, and Steve aye.
- ❖ Nina made a motion to come out of executive session. Steve second. Roll call vote to come out of executive session at 6:59 PM. Steve – aye, Jaime – aye, Nina – aye, Marty – aye, and Kevin – aye.

Tammy requested a motion for council to authorize Steve, Michele and herself to narrow down the field of applicants by three for prospective solicitors by way of interviews and evaluations and to present finds at the March council meeting.

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

Adjournment

- ❖ Nina made a motion to adjourn at 7 PM. Kevin second. All ayes.