

VILLAGE OF MANTUA
PUBLIC HEARING AND COUNCIL MEETING
November, 18 2025

Mayor Tammy Meyer called the public hearing to order at 6 p.m. that pertains to ORD 2025-32 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO OPERATE THE VILLAGE DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Roll Call: Steve Thorn, Denise DiLellio, David Sluka, Chris Novotny, Dawn King

Others Present: Mayor Tammy Meyer, Solicitor Bill Mason, Administrative Assistant Rachel Sullivan

Citizens: Jacqueline Rooth, Sandy Hershberger, Linda Clark, Tim Paisley, Kevin Maloney, Roseanne Maloney, Scott Garcher, Jaimie Harper, Robert Gaglione, Suzanne Gaglione, Nathan Clyde, Kristin Clyde, Chuck Peterson, Ron Overbarger, Miranda Brothers, Jeff Koehn, Paula Tubalkain, Toomas Tubalkain, Riley Meyer, Zachary Colegrove, Tom (last name illegible), Jen Sobczak, Joe Urso, Darlene Urso, Joe Urso, Andrea Selvaggio, Eric Davis, Lisa Surgeon, Will Lane, Katerine Bempton, Jan Thorn, Ellie Stamm, Diane Smith, Adrianna Klepper, Lori Dunkin, Jon Harmon, Eduard Manu, Tom DiLellio

Tammy asked if there were any questions or comments for the public hearing. Denise wanted clarification on what it was about before proceeding.

- ❖ Steve made a motion to adjourn the public hearing at 6:00 p.m.. Dave second. All ayes.

Tammy called to order the Regular Council Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

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Marty Fergus was interviewed as a potential council member. Marty was asked questions and was interviewed.

- ❖ Dawn made the motion to appoint Marty. Dave second. All ayes.

Mayor's Report is turned in and on file.

Tammy addressed the roadwork and paving.

Tammy asked to get a motion to accept donations from the Lions Club of ten to fifteen watering cans.

- ❖ Dave made the motion to approve. Denise second. All ayes.

Tammy asked to get a motion to approve DMRC Christmas Committee decorating the mini park for Christmas.

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

Financial Reports provided by Maryann were read on Maryann's behalf by Rachel. The village has received 91.7% of projected revenue, and spent 76.9% of the current appropriations.

Rachel asked for approval to pay Walter Drane \$5,701.66 for the 2025 recodification. Rachel asked for a motion for approval in writing the check.

- ❖ Dave made the motion to approve. Dawn second. All ayes. Rachel asked for a motion to approve the health insurance renewal.
- ❖ Dawn made the motion to approve. Dave second. All ayes. Tammy asked for a motion to approve the financial reports.
- ❖ Steve made the motion to approve. Dave second. All ayes.

Approval of minutes.

10/6/2025 Employee Handbook Workshop

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

10/15/25 Budget 2026 Workshop

- ❖ Dave made the motion to approve the minutes. Chris second. All ayes.

10/21/25 Council Meeting

- ❖ Dave made the motion to approve the minutes. Dawn second. All ayes.

Committees:

- Dawn King reported for DMRC.
- Steve Thorn reported for Fire Board.
- Denise DiLellio reported for Processes.
- David Sluka reported for Finance.

Department Heads:

Tammy Meyer reported as the acting police chief and acting village administrator.

Citizens:

Chuck Peterson expressed he was not at the last council meeting as he was turned away. He is saddened about Chief Urso. Expressed his displeasure with the mayor and council.

Andrea Selvaggio spoke on the Potato Festival and asked for an update on any movement on the Village getting electricity for this event. Tammy expressed the need for grants for this.

Linda Clark asked if Rachel should ask for approval from council for the bills for PD as Maryann would ask for a motion to approve those. However, Tammy and Bill Mason advised we need to approve the appropriation first. Linda advised council should have been made aware and approved the hiring of Chief Clemens. Linda asked if we received bids and quotes for the park bathrooms from companies and Rachel advised she is not sure how many but believes we got at least more than one quote. And the bathrooms are at a stand still until necessary permits are achieved. Linda advised legal council is up to 2 years and Denise and Dawn should refrain from voting in regards to projects within DMRC.

Kevin Maloney feels releasing Chief Joe Urso was not in the best interest of the Village of Mantua as the community was made less safe. He asked Mayor Meyer to resign her positions as he received eighty signatures on a petition asking for her resignation.

Ron Overberger expressed his disappointment in not getting another quote other than Harner for the bathrooms.

A resident did not want to supply his name and address due to 1st amendment rights. He expressed his displeasure with council.

Tom Tubalkain stated the next DMRC meeting is being relocated to the Lodge.

Ellie Stamm thanked the council for their time.

Paula Tubalkain stated the .5% of income tax increase was supposed to guarantee us 24/7 coverage and unfortunately under the leadership of Chief Urso did not take place.

Katherine Bempton thanked council and was impressed at the end of Chief Urso's hearing not all votes were the same and expressed how she loved living here.

Tim Paisley wants to ensure the police department is not being dissolved and wants to know how we are filling the gaps of open police positions. Tim spoke on saving money and how being a village so small if we need a zoning inspector, service department director and village administrator. Tammy explained that Rachel is the administrative assistant part time and zoning inspector and the village administrator we hire will be part time. We hired two police officers.

Jaimie Harper expressed her concerns on the two officers being hired, and one that is being hired was not qualified enough to hire during Chief Urso's watch but now they are qualified. Tammy expressed her resume was sent to the school board and they chose her. Jaimie then asked reasoning of why people were leaving employment.

Jeff (resident) asked on traffic cameras and if there is an excess of speeding to need cameras. Tammy advised we only ticket 11% of the people pulled over for speeding and this would be a source of revenue from people breaking the law and it would still be at officer's discretion to ticket.

Will Lane asked if there would be a pursue of charges on misuse of leads from BCI or OSP. Tammy advised when she spoke to Chief Urso, he advised it was not a violation.

Lisa Surgeon expressed concerns of speeding and how she miss Chief Urso's presence. Lisa spoke on the speeding cameras. She explained how she does not see why we are fighting and how Chief Urso is a good police officer.

Jen Sobczak does not feel Chief Clemens is responding to her.

Zachary Colegrove expressed his concern for the village having growing pains at the moment and needs some changes going forward. He spoke on people breaking the law and how once someone finds out they can, others may follow and how he wants to look towards the future.

Jon Harmon is against the cameras. He also appreciated how Chief Urso handled issues and is against the decision of the Village not having him.

Lori Dunkin is for keeping the police in the village and for Chief Urso.

Roseanne Maloney expressed how she heard a rumor that Chief Clemens is quitting. Tammy advised that was not true.

Adrianna Klepper questioned how the two new hires are going to take their refresher course and why other officers were not hired so we would not have to pay for that course. Tammy advised that is a Chief Clemens question. Dawn wanted to know how we can communicate this to Chief Clemens.

Legislation:

3rd Reading

ORD 2025-32 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO OPERATE THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 3rd reading.

- ❖ Chris made the motion to approve. Dave second. All ayes except Dawn was a no.

1st Reading

RES 2025-39 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE PORTAGE COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR THE DELIVERY OF LEGAL SERVICES TO INDIGENT CITIZENS OF MANTUA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 1st reading.

- ❖ Steve made the motion to suspend. Denise second. All ayes
- ❖ Dave made the motion to approve. Chris second. All ayes.

1st Reading

RES 2025-40 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE OHIO GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 1st reading.

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

1st Reading

RES 2025-41 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CHAGRIN RIVER WATERSHED PARTNERS TO ASSIST WITH THE MATS ROAD BRIDGE REMOVAL PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 1st reading.

- ❖ Dave made the motion to suspend. Denise second. All ayes.
- ❖ Dave made the motion to approve. Dawn second. All ayes.

1st Reading

ORD 2025-42 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE RECODIFICATION, EDITING AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AS PARTS OF THE VARIOUS COMPONENT CODES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF MANTUA, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

1st reading.

- ❖ Steve made the motion to suspend. Dave second. All ayes.
- ❖ Dave made the motion to approve. Denise second. All ayes.

1st Reading

ORD 2025-43 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK RELATING TO PARTICIPATION IN THE VILLAGE HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 1st reading.

- ❖ Denise made the motion to suspend. Chris second. All ayes.
- ❖ Dave made the motion to approve. Marty second. All ayes.

1st Reading

ORD 2025-44 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN ADJUSTMENTS TO THE 2025 APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 1st reading.

- ❖ Dawn made the motion to suspend. Dave second. All ayes.
- ❖ Dave made the motion to approve. Dawn second. All ayes.

Any Other Business:

Executive Session:

Motion to consider the appointment, employment dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee or official.

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

Roll call vote: Dave - yes, Chris - yes, Steve - yes, Marty - yes, Dawn - yes, Denise - yes

Executive Session started at 7:19 p.m.

Executive Session ended at 7:54 p.m.

Roll call vote: Dawn - yes, Marty - yes, Dave - yes, Chris - yes, Denise - yes, Steve - yes

Adjournment

- ❖ Dawn made a motion to adjourn at 7:56 p.m. Dave second. All ayes.