

VILLAGE OF MANTUA
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
February 17, 2026

Mayor Tammy Meyer called the Council Meeting to order at 6 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence for Ethelyn Fitzsimmons, Judge Mark Fankhauser, Lawrence “Larry” Fahl, and James Oster

Roll Call: Steve Thorn, Denise DiLellio, Chris Novotny, Marty Fergus, Zak Colegrove, Dave Sluka

Others Present: Mayor Tammy Meyer, Solicitor Bill Mason, Fiscal Officer Maryann Fabian, Lieutenant Rodney Terry

Citizens:

Ryan Klemm, Cody Hladun, Josh Palmer, Linda Clark, Tim Paisley, Roseanne Maloney, Kevin Maloney, Chris Untrauer, Patrick Untrauer, Beth Sluka, Terry Hronek, Jen Sobczak

Tammy introduced Chris Untrauer, who provided information regarding the Veterans’ Grave Marker Project and requested volunteers to assist with the initiative.

Mayor’s Report is turned in and on file

Tammy requested to reinstate Ryan Klemm as village administrator.

❖ Steve made the motion. Dave second. All ayes.

Ryan joined the meeting as the village administrator.

Financial Reports

Maryann reviewed the financial reports.

❖ Dave made a motion to approve the financial reports. Denise second. All ayes.

Correspondence

Tammy read a letter from the Mantua-Shalersville Fire District notifying the Village of the termination of the dispatch contract.

Approval of previous Minutes

Tammy requested an amendment to the January 20, 2026 meeting minutes to remove duplicated wording referencing Acting Chief Clemens.

❖ Steve made a motion to approve as amended. Denise second. All ayes.

Committees:

Steve reported for Planning.

Denise reported for Processes and DMRC.

Dave reported for Finance and Safety.

Chris reported for Fire and Service.

Marty reported for Landmarks.

Tammy reported for PCRCP.

Department Heads:

Lieutenant Rodney Terry reported for the police department.

Village Administrator Ryan Klemm reported for the service department.

Citizens

Kevin Maloney asked whether Officer Villanueva would be serving as the School Resource Officer (SRO).

Tammy responded that Officer Villanueva would not be and the search for an SRO is ongoing. Kevin also

asked what the Village's commitment is regarding maintaining dispatch services. Steve stated that Council has not yet made a final decision. He noted that with the loss of the dispatch contract, the Village is contributing significant funds toward dispatch operations and that he would like additional input from residents. Kevin asked whether the Village has contacted other municipalities about providing dispatch services. Tammy stated that outreach has been made but no agreements have resulted. Kevin also requested an update regarding the train station. Tammy stated that Charlie English has the contract but has not yet signed it. She added that the buildings contain stored materials that must be removed, which has delayed progress

Linda Clark asked Council to clarify the \$100,000 approved at the previous council meeting for driveway apron repairs associated with the PCWR water project. Tammy stated that the amount will be included in the calculations for the 2028 surcharge to Village residents.

Linda also raised a concern regarding the solicitor's contract. Bill Mason stated that the Village has traditionally entered into two-year contracts for the solicitor position. He explained that he and Tammy had initially structured the current contract for three years to extend slightly beyond Tammy's first term for continuity purposes. He stated that Ohio Constitution Title 13 permits villages to enter into a three-year contract, even though it differs from provisions in the Ohio Revised Code. However, out of an abundance of caution, the contract term is being revised.

Linda expressed support for the establishment of the Mats Road Bridge Fund.

Linda asked whether installation of fencing around the playground would result in the removal of any existing park fencing. Steve responded that no fencing will be removed.

Linda asked whether the police department currently provides 24/7 coverage. Lieutenant Terry responded that it does not at this time. Linda referenced her previous comment that officers had been driving fast between Hiram and Mantua and asked whether any action had been taken. Lieutenant Terry stated that he informed Acting Chief Clemens and was not aware of any subsequent action

Terry Hronek commented positively on the service department's snow removal efforts.

Tim Paisley stated that he had sent an email inquiring whether the Village would receive any benefits from the proposed data center project. Tammy responded that Shalersville has enacted a moratorium on data centers and that one will not be built.

Roseanne Maloney also commended the service department for its snow removal work.

Legislation:

ORD 2026-01 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 2nd reading.

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

ORD 2026-04 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK CHAPTERS 4 AND 5, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 1st reading. Tammy requested that the matter be referred back to the Processes Committee. Maryann stated that she has concerns regarding internal controls and fiscal oversight. She distributed a draft version of the uniform allowance proposal that incorporated those considerations.

RES 2026-05 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA TO ENTER INTO AN AMENDED AGREEMENT FOR DISPATCHING SERVICES TO THE VILLAGE OF HIRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 1st reading.

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

ORD 2026-06 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2025-14, REVISING THE TERM OF THE SOLICITOR TO JULY 1, 2025, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2027, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 1st reading.

RES 2026-07 A RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL REVENUE FUND FOR THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA TO RECEIVE AND DISBURSE FUNDS RELATED TO THE MATS ROAD BRIDGE PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 1st reading.

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

Any other business

Tammy stated that Tim Benner had contacted her regarding uncertainty about the Memorial Day Parade this year due to the age of participating veterans

Executive Session

Tammy requested a motion to enter executive session at 6:52 p.m. to discuss a pending and imminent court case.

- ❖ Steve made the motion. Denise second. Roll call vote: Steve – aye, Denise – aye, Marty – aye, Chris – aye, Zak – aye, Dave – aye.
- ❖ Dave made a motion to come out of executive order at 6:59 p.m. Zak second. Roll call vote: Steve – aye, Denise – aye, Marty – aye, Chris – aye, Zak – aye, Dave – aye.

Adjournment

- ❖ Steve made a motion to adjourn at 7:00 p.m. Marty second. All ayes.