

VILLAGE OF MANTUA
COUNCIL MEETING
April 21, 2026

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Steve Thorn, Denise DiLellio, David Sluka, Chris Novotny, Zachary Colegrove, Marty Fergus

Others Present: Mayor Tammy Meyer, Solicitor Mark Schneider, Lieutenant Rodney Terry, Village

Administrator Ryan Klemm, Administrative Assistant Rachel Sullivan

Citizens: Linda Clark, Jen Sobczak, Cookie Vanek, David Frato, Terry Hronek, Dean Olsen (arrived late around 6:35 p.m.)

Mayor's Report is turned in and on file.

Tammy requested retroactive approval of Officer Ben Gribik as full time officer as of April 10th.

❖ Zak made the motion. Denise second. All ayes

Tammy requested approval of special event of Art on the Hill for July 11th pending all necessary paperwork.

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

Tammy requested approval to hold the following 4 races on the Headwaters Trail: Cinco de Mayo 5k on May 5th, Glow Run August 7th, Bike & Brew October 4th and Turkey Trot November 26th.

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

Tammy requested approval of Crestwood Cavaliers 4H Club to use the Martin S. Hura Park Lodge for the 2nd Tuesday each month from April-August.

❖ Dave made the motion to approve. Zak second. All ayes.

Tammy requested approval of The League of Women Voters of Northern Portage County to use the Martin S. Hura Park Lodge for occasional monthly meetings.

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

Upcoming Events coming up are April 23rd Paint Party hosted by the Rotary, April 24th Farmers and Makers Market and Business Sidewalk Sale, April 25th Business Sidewalk Sale, May 13th Downtown Mantua Clean-up and that evening is the Tax Budget meeting following Finance and May 30th is Spring Clean-up.

Financial Reports

Rachel reviewed Maryann's financial reports on her behalf.

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

Rachel requested approval to send payment to TAC Computer in the amount of \$4,091.70 for CAD/RMS software support covering the months of October, November 2025 and January through March 2026. This is a retroactive payment previously approved by the Finance Chair and the Mayor.

❖ Zak made the motion. Denise second. All ayes.

Rachel requested approval to send payment to Chagrin River Watershed Partners, Inc. in the amount of \$12,916.46 for the Mantua Failing Bridge Removal and Streambank Stabilization H2Ohio project, covering services for the first quarter of 2026.

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

Rachel requested approval to write a check to Elemental for the new salt shed not to exceed \$32,000.

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

Correspondence:

Tammy had stated she received an email on April 8th in regards to data centers. At this time, we are not actively considering discussing data centers because we do not have the land available. Tammy passed out American Red Cross information to Council as they are looking for volunteers.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Village of Mantua Organizational Meeting January 5, 2026

- ❖ Dave made a motion to approve the January 5, 2026 minutes. Zak second. All ayes.

Village of Mantua March 17, 2026 Council Meeting

- ❖ Dave made a motion to approve the March 17, 2026 minutes. Denise second. All ayes.

Scoring Committee Meeting Mantua Failing Bridge Removal & Streambank Stabilization Meeting March 25, 2026

- ❖ Dave made a motion to approve the March 25, 2026 minutes. Marty second. All ayes.

Village of Mantua Special Meeting Agenda April 7, 2026

- ❖ Dave made the motion to approve the April 7, 2026 Agenda. Marty second. All ayes.

Committees:

Steve reported for Planning.

Denise reported for Processes and DMRC.

Dave reported for Safety.

Chris reported for Service.

Marty reported for Landmarks and Parks.

Zak reported for the logo project at Crestwood Schools.

Tammy reported for PCRP.

Department Heads:

Lieutenant Rodney Terry reported for the police department.

Tammy asked for a motion to approve to put the K-9 police vehicle on GovDeals to sell.

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

Village Administrator Ryan Klemm reported for the service department.

Citizens:

Cookie Vanek expressed gratitude for everyone in what they do.

David Frato stated he needed a business card for an assignment for his professor.

Terry Hronek stated everyone is doing a great job.

Linda Clark discussed the solicitor's contract and noted that Home Rule is addressed in Title 18 of the Ohio Constitution, not Title 13. However, she emphasized that, as a statutory village without a charter, the Village must follow state law. She encouraged council members to conduct their own research rather than relying solely on information presented to them. Linda then inquired about the legislation passed on April 7, and the mayor clarified that it pertained to the Mats Road Bridge. She also stated that, since the salt shed project fell under the \$75,000 threshold, competitive bidding was not required, but asked whether multiple quotes had been obtained. She was informed that three quotes were secured through Sourcewell.

Dean Olsen addressed the council regarding the Soap Box Derby building, questioning why it is being condemned. He suggested prioritizing stabilization of the riverbank and noted that grant funding may be available for such work. Dean expressed a desire to preserve the building and mentioned that the Army Corps of Engineers could provide guidance. It was noted that funds have already been allocated for the building's

removal and that the path will need to be relocated. Dean proposed moving the building; however, it was stated that there is insufficient space on Village property to accommodate relocation.

Legislation:

ORD 2026-04 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK CHAPTERS 4 AND 5, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. This was tabled on the 2nd reading and will be tabled because it is going to finance next month.

ORDINANCE 2026-09 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 351.14 SNOW PARKING OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. This was the 2nd reading it will go into 3rd reading next month.

RESOLUTION 2026-14 A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE PORTAGE COUNTY 2026 HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE. 1st reading.

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

RESOLUTION 2026-16 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICPATION IN THE ODOT ROAD SALT CONTRACTS AWARDED IN 2026, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 1st reading.

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

ORDINANCE 2026-17 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A TRANSFER FROM THE GENERAL FUND #1000 TO THE CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND #4901. THE STATE HIGHWAY FUND #2021. AND THE PERMISSIVE FUND #2102 AND DECLARING AN AMERGENCY. 1st reading.

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

ORDINANCE 2026-18 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN ADJUSTMENTS TO THE 2026 APPROPRIATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 1st reading.

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

Executive Session

Tammy asked for a motion to adjourn into executive session at 6:48 p.m. to consider the appointment, promotion and compensation of a public employee.

- ❖ Steve made the motion. Zak second. Roll call vote: Chris- aye, Denise-aye, Marty-aye, Zak- aye, Steve-aye, Dave- aye

Tammy asked for a motion to end executive session at 7:00 p.m.

- ❖ Steve made the motion. Zak second. Roll call vote: Denise- aye, Dave- aye, Chris- aye, Steve- aye, Marty-aye, Zak- aye

Tammy asked for a motion to appoint Lieutenant Rodney Terry as Chief of Police beginning June 7th.

- ❖ Marty made a motion. Dave second. All ayes.

Tammy asked for a motion to compensate Lieutenant Rodney Terry as part time \$34 an hour beginning June 7th.

- ❖ Dave made a motion. Denise second. All ayes.

Adjournment

Tammy asked for a motion to adjourn at 7:01 p.m.

- ❖ Dave made the motion. Chris second. All ayes.