

VILLAGE OF MANTUA
COUNCIL MEETING
May 19, 2026

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

Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for Laura Parker

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

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

Citizens: Beth Sluka, Jen Sobczak, Cookie Vanek, Noell Wolfram Evans, Sandra Karm, Sam Paratore

President Beth Sluka of the Downtown Mantua Revitalization Corporation (DMRC) provided an update on current activities, including elections and upcoming events.

Mayor's report is turned in and on file.

Tammy requested approval of Desirée Shaffer as a full-time dispatcher effective May 24, 2026.

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

Tammy requested approval of Rachel Sullivan as a full-time administrative assistant for the Police and Service departments effective June 7, 2026 at a rate of \$25 per hour.

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

Tammy requested approval of a donation from the Delia-Thompson Trust totaling \$66,891.29, including \$32,341.29 for the annual request, \$2,550.00 for a gate at the south entrance of the cemetery, and \$32,000.00 toward the payment of the Ford F-600 dump truck.

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

Tammy requested approval to accept a donation from the DMRC for pickleball court paint valued at \$5,000.00.

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

Tammy requested approval of the DMRC's request to use the Martin Hura Lodge at Buchert Park four times per year free of charge.

❖ Steve made a motion. Zak second. All ayes.

Tammy requested approval to accept the Mantua-Shalersville Fire Department's termination of the dispatch contract effective June 1, 2026, at 8:00 a.m.

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

Tammy requested approval to waive billing to the Mantua-Shalersville Fire Department for June 2026, including the prorated eight hours on June 1, 2026.

❖ Denise made the motion. Dave second. All ayes except Marty and Chris. Motion carried.

Financial Reports

Maryann requested authorization to issue a check to the City of Ravenna in the amount of \$18,116.71 for road salt for the 2025-2026 year.

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

Maryann requested authorization to issue a check to Love Insurance Agency in the amount of \$18,329.00 for the village insurance policy covering the period May 1, 2026 through May 1, 2027.

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

Maryann reviewed the financial reports.

- ❖ Dave made a motion to approve the April 2026 financial reports. Steve second. All ayes.

Correspondence

Maryann included a letter in the council packet stating that Middlefield Banking Company would be closing the Mantua Village branch on Friday, August 21, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.

Approval of previous Minutes

- ❖ Steve made a motion to approve the April 21, 2026 council minutes. Dave second. All ayes.
- ❖ Dave made a motion to approve the May 13, 2026 tax budget workshop for 2027 minutes. Zak second. All ayes.

Committees:

Denise reported for Processes.
Dave reported for Safety and Finance.
Chris reported for Fire and Service.
Marty reported for Parks and Rotary.

Department Heads:

Lieutenant Terry gave the Police report

Citizens

Cookie Vanek complimented the Village's new website and thanked Ryan and the Service Department for their work at the cemetery.

Sam Paratore discussed letters he sent to the Village regarding zoning codes and storm basins. He stated that the storm basin on his property is sinking due to work associated with the Portage County Water Resources project, which damaged the road, parking lot and apron. He requested a timeline for repairs. Tammy directed him to Portage County Water Resources.

Sam also addressed concerns regarding police coverage at his business and the response time after contacting dispatch. He stated he believed dispatchers should know the location of his business. He advised Council that he had already discussed the matter with Lieutenant Terry and that the issue had been resolved.

Legislation:

ORD 2026-04 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK CHAPTERS 4 AND 5, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 3rd reading.

- ❖ Marty made a motion to remove the ordinance from the table. Dave second. All ayes.

Maryann requested an amendment to Section 5.10 (I)(2) to change 5% to 10%.

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

Tammy requested a motion to approve 2026-04, as amended, retroactively to the first pay in January 2026.

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

Tammy requested approval for department heads to accrue three weeks of vacation as permitted in ORD 2026-04, retroactive to the first pay period in January 2026.

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

ORD 2026-09 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 351.14 SNOW PARKING OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 3rd reading.

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

ORD 2026-17 (Amended) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2026-17 AND AUTHORIZING A TRANSFER FROM THE GENERAL FUND #1000 TO THE CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND #4901, THE STATE HIGHWAY FUND #2021, AND THE PERMISSIVE FUND #2101 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 1st reading.

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

ORD 2026-19 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN ADJUSTMENTS TO THE 2026 APPROPRIATION AND REPEALING ORDINANCE 2026-18 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 1st reading.

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

ORD 2026-20 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING A PERMANENT BUDGET FOR 2027 FOR THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA, AFTER PUBLICATION AND PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE 5705.30, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 1st reading. Tammy asked Council whether a workshop would be needed next month regarding the legislation. Council indicated that a workshop was not necessary.

Executive Session

Tammy requested to enter executive session at 6:45 p.m. to discuss pending court action. Present for the executive session were Council, the Mayor, and the Solicitor

- ❖ Marty made the motion. Dave second. Roll call vote: Steve – aye, Denise – aye, Dave – aye, Chris – aye, Marty – aye, Zak – aye.
- ❖ Dave made a motion to come out of executive session at 6:54 p.m. Denise second. Roll call vote: Steve – aye, Denise – aye, Dave – aye, Chris – aye, Marty – aye, Zak – aye.

Adjournment

- ❖ Dave made a motion to adjourn at 6:54 p.m. Zak second. All ayes.