

SPECIAL COUNCIL WORKSHOP MINUTES  
VILLAGE OF MANTUA, OHIO

JANUARY 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014 6:00 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER:** 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Linda Clark

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**ROLL CALL:** Council President Paul Janson, Marty Hura, Ben Prescott, Bill Zoller, Giles Seith, and John Clark.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mayor Linda Clark, Clerk-Treasurer Jenny August, Village Administrator Dave Akerley, Rich Iafelice and Brian Rogers with C.T. Consultants.

**CITIZENS:** Terry Vechery and friend arrived at 7:00.

**DISCUSSION:**

**Project Needs and Grant Opportunities:**

C.T. had a list of projects prepared for Council's review. Paul Janson asked Rich and Brian what they think are the most critical projects on the list. Rich said that flooding problems and damage to the public seemed to be a major issue. Mayor Clark said it seems to her that valve replacements are the biggest pain for our crews. Bill Zoller said in his opinion, life safety and hydrants are a priority. Dave said new hydrants and valves aren't going to do much good without decent water lines. Giles said we need to do major waterline replacements. John Clark suggested revisiting the Northeast Quadrant project again. It is affordable and we have a better relationship with the Crestwood School Board. Paul said this would be a priority project. Marty asked if we could connect the sewer line for the condominiums into this project. Rich thought so. Rich said eventually one at a time we need to start replacing the undersized waterlines. Rich said we need to start putting in 8 inch lines. Bill Zoller said we might consider tapping into the 10 inch lines from the reservoir down into 8 inch lines. Dave said that would blow out everything below, and it is a good idea but we would have to take baby steps. John asked how far north the 8 inch lines go. Brian said there is a 4 inch bottleneck at Walnut. John said we might be able to tie an 8" line from the northeast quadrant into Walnut Street. Rich said that was originally considered while working on the northeast quadrant project.

Linda said once Dave does the Franklin-West Prospect Street work, which should alleviate the pressure problem on Prospect. Dave plans to put a larger catch basin on Ozimec's property. This is one of the minimal projects. Rich said a lot of catch basins are just in the wrong place. Linda said we have EMA money coming to repair 17 storm sewers. Dave has ideas to better direct the water into these basins. Rich said this would be the time that we could relocate these catch basins as justified use of the EMA money. Dave said the pipes are not the correct sizes either. Rich said money for that is not available. Dave said across the road from the pharmacy is an ideal location for a retention-detention catch basin that would alleviate lots of problems down on Park. It is on Buckeye's property. It would also be a good idea to put one behind McCauley's property. Dave also suggested a retention pond behind the new building by the pharmacy if that goes through.

Rich said we can apply for the LGIF grant for \$50,000 to do a complete update of water model. (Study only). Linda asked how far \$50,000 would go. Rich said it would cover Main Street and the entire water system of the village. This study will give us a capital plan to improve the water system of the village. John thought this study will give us an idea to help with valve replacements.

Dave said the DMRC also wants to see a place to put canoes in and out. Linda said there is a canoe launch by the water plant. Dave said there is a nice area at the end of Sontag Lane that could be made into a canoe launch where trucks could be backed up to the river. Linda said people are saying that nobody goes to the park because there are drugs sold there and people having sex, but we do have cameras in place. Maybe we need to put some signs up saying that there are cameras.

Dave asked if the County would help with pavement markings such as crosswalks and striping? Rich doesn't know of any programs that assist with this. Rich said that sometimes county Engineers will help.

Dave said regarding the bridge on East High Street, he doesn't see the need to consider extending sewer out for just one customer. Linda said we need an 8 inch water line from the bridge to Peck road so we can have a hydrant out there in case there is ever a fire at Buckeye. Dave said if the County is replacing the bridge, that would be the time to put the lines for water and sanitary sewer in place. Dave said someday other communities may want to tie in to our system.

Linda asked Rich to prepare some statistics for a ballot levy so we can discuss again in February. Motion to adjourn the Council Workshop at 7:43 by Paul Janson, seconded by Ben Prescott. All ayes on vote.

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Linda Clark, Mayor

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Jenny August, Clerk-Treasurer

Dave said we are processing 2.5 times more sewer than we are putting out from the water plant. Where is this coming from? Rich said infiltration from leaky sewers or storm sewers from private properties. It is not unusual. Giles said some peoples downspouts are directed into the sanitary sewers. Rich suggested starting by televising the sewer system and tightening up the public side. Rich said we could do something called a "Point of Sale" which has become very common when a house is built or sold. It is part of the escrow process. The inspection is done by the village and there is a cost. Paul said it is a great idea. Rich said he would send Michele a draft for the Service Committee to review.

Dave suggested that Council consider putting an infrastructure improvement levy on the ballot. Rich said with public hearings spelling out exactly what the money is used for, the public may go for it. Linda feels that Council needs to be united on this. John said this would actually be bond money, independent of income tax, and can only be designated for certain uses. Rich said you first need to determine how much you need. Marty and John suggested authorizing Rich to work up a cost. John said a bond levy would take care of # 1,4,7,8 and 13 on the project list.

Safe walk to school is to build and repair a sidewalk from S.R. 44 to the Middle School. It is 100% paid construction, but does require the school travel plan developed first and reviewed by ODOT. ODOT can do a portion of the travel plan or assign a consultant to do it. Rich thinks a lot can be done on our own with help from the school. That is mentioned under item #12 on the list. This would be a way to improve our sidewalks. This would include signals also.

Matts Road bridge. Rich said the design is prepared. The eligibility of funding comes from getting on the states inventory list. That requires about \$3,000. Linda said there are other priorities but it is Council's decision. Until we know that the businesses down there are ready to expand, she thinks the water and sewer projects are a bigger priority. Giles asked if the businesses are willing to help financially. Linda said Stamm's have indicated that they are willing. Paul said there are parcels available down there that could be developed into industrial properties. If we are on the registry, we would be eligible for grants.

Rich passed out a picture of an apparatus that is being used to sell bulk water. Dave said we could come up with a price to put something like this together. Linda asked if we will have someone available when bulk water customers are filling up. Dave said we could put a camera on it. Linda asked how expensive it is for a swipe card. John said the company would lease it from us. Otherwise they have to come for water when we are there.

Regarding the septage analysis, the upgrades needed to process septage like we had planned is so costly that the payback would take many years. We don't process enough to pay for the upgrade. It is not practical for the village to consider.

Linda asked Council if they want to have Rich proceed with the LGIF application. Council said yes.

Regarding the Safe Walk to School, Giles said John Edward Drive is not in the Village. John suggested that we might have to do a joint application with the township. There may be some cost to have help with the school travel plan. Marty suggested talking to the township to see if they want to partner with us. Rich recommended waiting until the travel plan is done and recommends the travel route. After that, you may need to contact the Trustees.

Rich said regarding the trails, ODNR has several programs which are listed. Natureworks grant is every two years. Last time there was only \$24,000 for the entire county. For the Clean Ohio Trail grant, Linda asked about trailhead facilities. Could that include restrooms and would they be included if they are in the park? Porta-potties are currently in use and have been the most economical. When we had a restroom before, our guys always had to go clean them. We are waiting on information about composting porta-potties. Linda said there were ideas about paving from the Mantaline area bridge through the park and out to E. Mennonite. The DMRC also wanted the fencing removed along the river in the park. The Parks Commission said the fence should stay for safety reasons.