

**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 25, 2014  
6:00 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.  
Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: John Clark, Marty Hura, Paul Janson, Ben Prescott, Giles Seith, Bill Zoller

Others present: Mayor Linda Clark; Village Administrator David Akerley; Administrative Services Officer, Kate Rogers; Village Solicitor, Michele Stuck; Rich Iafelice and Brian Rogers of CT Consultants

Discussion:

**PROJECT NEEDS AND GRANT OPPORTUNITIES**

**ORD. 2014-09** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR "SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL" FUNDING, AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

The Mayor reported that upon more research the first part of the grant will not cost anything but time. The initial application is due by March 3<sup>rd</sup> and is completed at this point. We will be applying for the Crestwood Middle School to be a part of the initial school travel plan. The next step would be for ODOT to send out a consultant to perform a study to come up with a safe-route to school. The result of the study is a recommendation for ODOT for a school travel plan. The recommendation could be put in cross-walks, sidewalks, etc. If our school is chosen to receive funding, the route is 100% funded by the state.

- ❖ Motion to suspend the rules made by Councilman Zoller and seconded by Councilman Prescott. All voted aye.
- ❖ Motion to approve Ordinance 2014-09 was made by Councilman Prescott and seconded by Councilman Hura. All voted aye.

**Bond Levy**

Brian Rogers reported that there are 30,000 lineal feet x 2 lanes for a total of almost 15 miles of roadways in the Village. It would take about 1.1 million dollars just in asphalt to overlay all of the roads. With the planning, grinding, repairs, curbs, driveway aprons, repairs to catch basins, etc. the cost to repair all of the roads would be a little more than \$2.2 million dollars. If placed on a time-line of 15 years, it will cost around \$143,000 per year. There has been no road program in the Village since 1997. Once we are caught up it is easier to maintain. If this is divided by the number of home owners and empty parcels it may cost the average household about \$300 per year over 15 years. Some of the cost of the work could potentially be offset with grants to lower the property owner's burden.

We would have to evaluate each road to see how much repair needs to be done before new paving work. The evaluation would also help us to create a schedule of how to attack the road work. Additionally we may find that some roads could be repaired with chip and seal as opposed to full asphalt.

Rich also pulled out a map and suggested that there may be some streets that could be vacated as Village maintained streets. Second Street and a section of Herald St. would be examples of streets that could potentially be vacated.

Councilmen Zoller and Seith voiced concerns that this does not even take into account the water and sewer lines. Rich said that levies should not be used for utility repairs that are already paid for by the residents. Perhaps some OPWC money would be available to address the water and sewer lines at the time we are fixing the roads. The trouble is that we need a match and there is very little money in the utility funds to provide a match.

If we pursue the levy there will also be an education and advertising piece for the residents. A Bond Council will also probably have to be convened if it passes. Councilman Janson said that if we could show the residents that a lot has been accomplished in the first 5 years they may be more likely to renew. Councilman Clark said that Wadsworth had a PowerPoint town-hall meeting to share with residents to educate them about the need for work. He also asked about any levies that may be coming for the Crestwood Schools as well as the fire department in November so that we aren't competing.

Rich and Brian will send Council and the staff an overview of the information shared for further discussion. Our goal will be to put the levy on the November 2014 ballot. If the levy passes we won't start receiving revenue until 2016. We would be able to start work in 2015, however, using a note against the money coming in the next year.

### **Northeast Quadrant Waterline**

Rich shared a map of the water lines in the Village and reminded council that we had to turn back the funds for a project to address the water pressure issues in the northeast quadrant. The project was to utilize the 12" water line that was constructed to service the new school to connect the northeast quadrant while also replacing some of the existing 4" lines. Much of the problem was that the schools refused to give us an easement to do the work. Dave and Rich discussed options for increasing the pressure to these residents without a major new project. Rich will look into this more and report back to Dave.

### **Mats Road Bridge**

We will hold off on this project for another year. The cost is around \$3,000 to get the bridge placed on the state bridge registry.

### **Hydrants**

The Mayor brought up concern about the timeline for the hydrants given all of the other projects that Dave is tackling. She suggested that we get quotes on installing the remaining 6 hydrants from Luli Construction, Falkenburg, and Utility Contractors Inc.

### **EMA Repair Work**

The Mayor brought up the remaining EMA funded repair projects resulting from the July 2013 storm. Many of the remaining projects are for catch-basin and road repair. She asked Brian to take a look and see if he had any suggestions before we get the contractors to get started with the work. All work must be completed by June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014.

**ORD. 2013-106** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 941.14(1) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA, RELATING TO WATER CONSUMED BUT NOT ENTERING THE VILLAGE SANITARY SEWERAGE SYSTEM. *Tabled on 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading.*

- ❖ Motion to take ORD 2013-106 off the table was made by Councilman Prescott and seconded by Councilman Hura. All voted aye.

The discussion centered around the residents that fill their pools and then report readings as well as the two residents that currently have a second meter. Councilman Zoller said that he thinks residents with pools should have the option to fill their pools without paying for the sewer or buying a separate meter.

As written now the Codified Ordinances state that those wishing to have some water use not charged for sewer has to apply to the Village Administrator and then purchase a second meter. The ordinance would remove this language so that all metered water used by residents will be charged for both water and sewer.

- ❖ Motion to approve Ordinance 2013-106 was made by Councilman Prescott and seconded by Councilman Hura. Councilmen Clark, Janson, Hura and Prescott voted yes. Councilmen Seith and Zoller voted no. Motion carries.

### **OPWC Grant**

One possible OPWC grant would be to change out the media in the three filters in the water treatment plant. A pressure regulator for the northeast quadrant may even be tied into this application.

- ❖ Motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Prescott and seconded by Councilman Zoller. All voted aye.

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Mayor Linda Clark

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Admin. Services Officer Kate Rogers