SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES VILLAGE OF MANTUA, OHIO

March 23rd, at 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Linda Clark who then led the Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL: Giles Seith, Paula Tubalkain, Marty Hura, Paul Janson, John Clark

❖ Motion to excuse Ben Prescott made by Paula, 2nd by Marty-All Ayes

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor Linda Clark, Village Solicitor Michele Stuck, Assistant Clerk-Treasurer Ashlee Hawkins

<u>CITIZENS:</u> Chris Craycroft from Portage Parks, Todd Peets from Portage County Regional Planning, Toomas Tubalkain, Teri Vetri, Eddie Benner from the DMRC

DISCUSSION:

Res. 2016-13 A RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION 2016-09 AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA TO APPLY FOR AN OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM GRANT WHICH INCLUDES FUNDING TO EXTEND THE HEADWATERS TRAIL BY WAY OF A RAMP TO MENNONITE ROAD, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Clark said that she is going to read the legislation and then ask that Council take some time to read over it as they have not had a chance to view any of the information as of yet. Mayor Clark asked council to come up with any questions while they read over the information and that she and Paula have gone over the information already.

Giles asked if this is going to cost the Village any money and Mayor Clark said that it's her understanding that as long as the Village does not go over cost, it should not cost any money.

Paul asked if there is any land acquisition deals that would be necessary and Chris Craycroft said no. He also asked where the asphalt is going to be going. Paula said that this is just a preliminary design that they have come up with. Mayor Clark said that they done have a preliminary design, but they do have the preliminary costs. Paula said that whenever there is a rise on a trail, they like to have asphalt to make it easier to get up. Chris Craycroft said that it is for erosion control, it's suggested that anything over 2%-3% that there be an asphalt surface.

Paul said that the map shows that the ramp comes out on the right away, Mayor Clark said that it could come straight up, that this is just a preliminary design. John Clark said that he walked the property where the ramp would be and it's currently for sale and asked if that would be a problem. Chris said that she was hesitant to show the map because it has not been adopted by her board yet. She said that they commissioned the study to be done and they got money from AMATS and the City of Aurora. She said that the map shows a lot of things that may never happen. She said that it shows a parking lot on Brugmann property and they have not indicated that they would be willing to sell that piece of property. Chris said that the map is the consultant's view of what would be the best spot for a parking lot. She said that the maps shows using the existing break in the guardrail as the place where the ramp would come up to the road, but it does not have to go there. She said that when it's time to do the final engineering on the ramp, the engineers might want to look at sight lines on the curve. Chris said that she did see that the for sale sign is right at the break in the guard rail and she does not know if the person who owns it is going to

be splitting the property into two and have a driveway to a private residence and if that happens, there might be able to be some coordination that could happen.

Giles said that the only thing that he is interested in is what sits inside the Village right away and that ends at Mennonite Rd. Mayor Clark said that this has nothing to do with the other side of the road, this stops at Mennonite Rd. She said that would be coming from the City of Aurora or Portage Parks since the Village does not own that property. Paul said that this really sounds good but the Village can't afford anything towards the project and it needs to work that way.

John said that the resolution from Portage Parks says up to \$40,000 and asked what the defining factor would be. Chris said that if a local match for a grant is only \$8000, they would not hand over the full \$40,000. She said that they will supply the necessary local match up to \$40,000 which would give the Village more than enough. Chris said that if the grant capped out at \$150,000 and had to come up with a 20% match, that 20% is in addition to the \$150,000 and the \$40,000 would be more than enough to cover the local match.

John said the estimate for the ramp is \$140,000 and for what the Village wants to do from Main St. up to the ramp is around another \$40,000 which would be \$180,000. John said that we would go for the full \$150,000 for the grant and asked if the \$40,000 would be a given and Chris said that is what they are pledging. John said that the DMRC doesn't have the money and asked if that was correct. Eddie Benner said that they do and that they are pledging \$25,000. John said that he was looking at something that said fundraiser efforts towards raising \$25,000 which would tell him that the DMRC does not have the money. Eddie said that the DMRC is pledging the Village \$25,000. John asked what would happen if they don't come up with the \$25,000 and Eddie said again that they are pledging the \$25,000. Eddie said that right now, they have \$21,000 towards it. John asked how much of that is committed to the Mill St. connector. Mayor Clark said they have the \$21,000 and Eddie said that they have \$4000 from the upcoming reverse raffle, Mayor Clark said plus the \$18,000 for the Mill St. and Eddie said that is correct and her board approved this today. John said that he just wanted to make sure because the Village would not be able to commit any money to this as far as he can see and if the DMRC comes up short on the \$25,000 and Eddie said that they won't and they are pledging the \$25,000.

Paula said that when it was being discussed about just doing the limestone resurfacing, it was estimated that it would be about \$33,000 and that the Village would have to put in \$6600. She said that a lot of that would be in kind work so there is \$6600 that is not being addressed and we are doing some of the work. Paula said the ordinance that was already passed for resurfacing was for \$33,000 and that 20% of that would be the \$6600 which is what the Village would have to pay. She said that they were anticipating that the RTP funding would come out at \$2600 which is the 80% cost for us to do the resurfacing. Paula said that we are now looking at \$143,000 that would be for the ramp on top of the \$33,000 for the resurfacing which would be a total of \$176,000 based on the figures that they have. She said that the Village would be going for the max grant amount of \$150,000 and the village would be obtaining 80% of that which means we would have to add \$30,000. She said that the total project was \$176,000 minus the \$120,000 which would leave \$56,000 that the Village would need to come up with. Paula said that we have pledged money from the Portage Parks and the DMRC totaling \$65,000 in pledged money. Paula said that there is a 20% additional precautionary cost added into the preliminary estimates. She said that the Village has \$9000 more pledged then is needed and Mayor Clark said that Portage Parks would possibly not have to give us the full \$40,000.

Chris Craycroft that it's an even better situation that what Paula had explained. She said that for the 80% is the \$150,000 which equals 80% of the total cost. She said if the total cost is \$176,000, you would take the \$150,000 which would leave \$26,000 as the local match requirement so what is being pledged is more

than enough to cover. She said that the grant could be submitted showing that there is more than the local match available and it will make it more competitive. Paula said that if we don't move forward now while we have the pledged money, there is going to come a time when the Portage Parks and the City of Aurora are going to meet us at the trail and we would not be able to get people up to that part of the trail unless the money comes all from the Village. She said that she feels that Council should really move forward on this.

John said that there is still \$115,000 outstanding and that this is not a full blown grant and we are going to have to come up with the money to front it and asked if the Village had the money to do that. Paula said that she talked to Jenny and went over the numbers and asked her if she was comfortable with moving forward on the grant and she said yes. Paula said that we would have to do the payment out of our money before the reimbursement. Paul asked how long it can take to get reimbursed and Chris Craycroft said that it usually takes within a month. Paul asked how many times reimbursement can be submitted and Mayor Clark said that it can be submitted as many times as needed. Paul said that he was ok with that.

- ❖ Motion to suspend the rules made by Paula, 2nd by Paul-All Ayes
- ❖ Motion to accept made by Paula, 2nd by Paul-All Ayes
- ❖ Motion to adjourn made by Paula, 2nd by Paul-All Ayes

Linda Clark, Mayor

Assistant Clerk-Treasurer Ashlee Hawkins