

PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2015 BUDGET MINUTES
VILLAGE OF MANTUA, OHIO

June 17th, 2014
6:45 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: 6:45 p.m. by Mayor Clark

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor Linda Clark, Clerk-Treasurer Jenny August, Administrative Services Officer Kate Rogers, Solicitor Michele Stuck, Village Administrator Dave Akerley.

CITIZENS: None

DISCUSSION ABOUT THE 2015 BUDGET:

Jenny said there are a few amendments that will need to be made to the legislation once Council votes on approving the budget (Ord. 2014-23) at the Council meeting to follow this hearing;

- The first thing to amend is the date that the notice is to appear in the paper. It should say July 6th instead of July 3rd.
- Second, Water Capital Improvements should be \$10,000, not \$25,000.
- Third, the Sewer Capital Improvement Fund 5762 was created by Council after the budget, so we need to add that in. Expected revenues will be \$10,000.
- The total budget expenditures will change to \$2,160,132 and revenues will be \$2,219,402.

There was no other discussion.

Motion to adjourn the Council Workshop at 6:50 by Ben Prescott, seconded by Marty Hura.
All ayes on vote.

Linda Clark, Mayor

Jenny August, Clerk-Treasurer

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
JUNE 17, 2014
7:00 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence for Bill Fordyce, Linda Nations, and Hoyle West Sr.

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

Other Village Personnel present: Mayor Linda Clark; Clerk-Treasurer, Jenny August; Village Administrator David Akerley; Village Solicitor, Michele Stuck; Administrative Services Officer, Kate Rogers; Rich Iafelice of CT Consultants; Lieutenant Ken Justus

Citizens present: Dan Pompili of the Record Courier; Ellie Stamm of Stamm Contracting Co; Roy Peck of Canada Road; Stacy Turner of the Weekly Villager; Jon Harmon of High Street; Mike Lang of Ambler Lane

Approval of Minutes

- ❖ Motion to accept the minutes from the May 20th, 2014 Council Meeting was made by Councilman Prescott and seconded by Councilman Hura. All voted aye.

Mayor's Report

As you can see the Cemetery looked wonderful for Memorial Day. A big thank you to the Cemetery Board, Patty Leventry, the service employees, and all those who helped that I'm not aware of. Mr. Lombardi the trustee for the cemetery trust has sent notice and a check, that this year's expenditures have been approved.

The EMA grant deadline was June 01, 2014. Kate and I completed the paper work for approval and payment. Dave and our men and Kate have worked very hard to complete as many of the 29 sites as possible. With the very much-appreciated help from ODOT we have the culvert on Main St installed. There is no way we would have been able to do this site by ourselves. We requested and have received an extension until Aug 31, 2014. We have about six more sites to do and the finishing touches on others. I don't know what the Village would have done without the EMA funding and the assistance we received from other municipalities. Thank you to Dave for all the hard work that you have put in and thanks to all of your staff.

We are still working on the fire hydrant repairs; those should be completed this year.

The Mayor presented a proclamation to Stamm Contracting in recognition of their 100th year in business. Mayor Clark said "Stamm Contracting has been in business in the Village for over one hundred years. They have been an asset to the community and are always giving a helping hand. Thank you Ellie for all that you do."

The Mayor also reported that Chief Buchert received certificates of appreciation from the American Legion and Auxiliary for outstanding service and assistance that contributed to the advancement of their programs.

The Mayor received a special events form from Crestwood Youth Football.

- ❖ Motion to accept the special event form for Crestwood Youth Football was made by Councilman Prescott and seconded by Councilman Zoller. All voted aye.

The hanging baskets donated by DMRC were hung today on Main Street and Prospect Street. They look very nice. The original donation amount did not cover the entire cost of the baskets. The Mayor asked Council to accept an additional donation from DMRC of \$300 to cover the rest of the costs.

- ❖ Motion to accept an additional \$300 donation from DMRC for the hanging baskets was made by Councilman Prescott and seconded by Councilman Hura. All voted aye.

Citizens

Jon Harmon of High Street said that he was unaware of the changes that were made to the Codified Ordinances Chapter 931 with regards to charging residents full price for water and sewer for filling their pools. He says that his research with the EPA shows that there is no regulation requiring that pool water be drained into the sanitary sewer. He also feels that this change was an unfair way for the Village to raise money because it results in a price gouge to only a few citizens. Councilman Zoller said that he agrees with Mr. Harmon that the legislation is discriminatory.

Councilman Clark shared that he reached out to the EPA and has their recommendations in writing stating that pool water should be returned to the sanitary sewer. Councilman Clark also said that this legislation was discussed in the service Committee for two months before it was ever brought to Council. The legislation was then tabled for several more months while further discussions and ideas were sought. Not one resident ever came to a meeting to voice concerns or give suggestions. He also suggested that Jon attend the next service committee meeting on July 1st at 6pm to discuss the issue further.

Mike Lang of Ambler Lane says that for the past 10 years he has been battling with water running off of the road onto his property. He says that the road is slanted towards his house and that the ditch cannot handle all of the water.

Mayor Clark reported that last year when Mrs. Lang brought this issue to Council, several Council members, our consulting engineer and our Village Administrator all went to look at the problem. The consensus was that the issue was not the responsibility of the Village.

Mr. Lang said that he feels that it is the Village's responsibility because the road was improperly laid. He says that he has tried to put in some drainage, but it cannot handle the volume of water.

The Village engineer says he does remember looking at the roadway, but cannot recall the details. He said that the issue probably requires some further study.

Councilman Janson said that the road was built before the house was built. Repaving of the road does not re-profile the road, and therefore there is no requirement for the Village to act.

Councilman Zoller reported that he has a similar problem in his yard after a heavy rain. This causes him to have to remove gravel and debris from his pool as well as treat the pool water. He said that unfortunately this is the consequence of purchasing a house on a hillside.

Councilman Clark reported that this house has had water problems from the very beginning when it was built. The house was built at the absolute lowest point of the whole area. There will ultimately be nothing the Village or anyone can do to stop all of the water.

It was agreed upon to discuss the issue further at the next Service Committee meeting.

Financial Reports – Clerk-Treasurer August reported that the full reports are in Council's packets.

- To summarize, we received \$143,054 in revenues (still lots of tax money, and also a large check from Crestwood to meet local share expenses for the Crestwood Sewer line project), and we spent \$261,001 in operating and payroll expenses. Some of the larger expenses were related to EMA projects, annual insurance, and our salt bill from the entire past winter that had to be billed in one shot this spring. We also made the semiannual payments on the bond payment for remodeling this building, and the two OPWC loans.
- Clerk-Treasurer August also mentioned that for the past several years Local Government Funds have been cut about 25% every year. This year we anticipated that we would receive \$30,000. At the end of May, we have received just under \$23,000. So we are almost at our goal and have not even hit the half-year mark.
- Lastly, we have received additional donations to the Cemetery in the amount of \$410 in memory of Ruthie Aldrich that Council needs to accept. Cookie Vanek continues to write thank you letters to everyone that has donated so far.
 - ❖ Motion to accept donations to the cemetery in honor of Ruth Aldrich was made by Councilman Prescott and seconded by Councilman Hura. All voted aye.
 - ❖ Motion to approve the financial reports was made by Councilman Prescott and seconded by Councilman Janson. All voted aye.

Correspondence

- Kathy Ramsay sent a nice e-mail letting us know that she is delighted in the switch to monthly billing. This should prevent her and other landlords from getting hung with 3 or 4 months of water bills that the tenants don't pay.
- Just today, someone from The Crestwood Lions Club stopped to pass along some information to share with you tonight. They are having a Community Picnic and Health Fair at the park lodge August 16th from noon until 4:00 pm. University Hospitals will be doing health screenings, and there might be chair massages, and they will be sharing information from local medical professionals. They are hoping that the village and other local businesses will set up booths and share information. They would like to know by July 11th, if anyone is available.
- A woman from town and her grandchildren dropped off a card for Dave thanking him for fixing and opening the fountain. They look forward to it every year.
- Edie Benner called today to say that the new flower baskets look wonderful.

Bills of Resolution, Addendum Bills of Resolution

The Mayor shared that there was a partial duplicate on the bills of resolution. She said we need to amend line 38 to be only \$100.

- ❖ Motion to amend line 38 to \$100 was made by Councilman Prescott and seconded by Councilman Janson. All voted aye.
- ❖ Motion to approve the Bills of Resolution and Addendum Bills of Resolution as amended was made by Councilman Prescott and seconded by Councilman Hura. All voted aye.

Legislation

ORD. 2014-10 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS OF THE PORTAGE COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT FOR THE COLLECTION OF RECYCLABLES FROM MANTUA VILLAGE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. *Tabled on 3rd Reading.*

Mayor Clark reported that she and Councilman Hura will attend a meeting next Monday at 2:30pm with the EPA to get an update on the negotiations.

ORD. 2014-23 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING A PERMANENT BUDGET FOR 2015 FOR THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA, AFTER PUBLICATION AND PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE 5705.30. *3rd Reading.*

Mayor Clark shared the following changes that need to be made:

The date of publication of the budget hearing should be changed from June 3rd to June 6th.

We need to add fund 5762 to the budget for Sewer Capital Improvements with \$10,000 expected income.

The Water Capital Improvements Fund, 5761, needs to be changed to expect revenue of \$10,000 instead of \$25,000.

With the above changes the final budget expenditures will be \$2,160,132 and total revenues will be \$2,219,402.

- ❖ Motion to amend Ordinance 2014-23 as outlined above was made by Councilman Prescott and seconded by Councilman Janson. All voted aye.
- ❖ Motion to approve Ordinance 2014-23 as amended was made by Councilman Prescott and seconded by Councilman Hura. All voted aye.

RES. 2014-30 A RESOLUTION SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA THE QUESTION OF AN ADDITIONAL FIVE (5) YEAR 3.85 MILL TAX LEVY FOR THE GENERAL CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION, RESURFACING AND REPAIR OF STREETS, ROADS AND BRIDGES WITHIN THE VILLAGE, PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTIONS 5705.19(G) AND 5705.191, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. *2nd Reading.*

No discussion

ORD. 2014-31 AN ORDINANCE ENACTING SECTIONS 509.08(f) AND (g) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA, RELATING TO NOISE FROM OUTDOOR HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. *2nd Reading.*

Mayor Clark reported that she continues to receive complaints from residents in the area of Maple Street with regards to the noise of the generator. Councilman Zoller also reported that he has received complaints from residents on Maple Street.

- ❖ Motion to suspend the rules was made by Councilman Zoller, and seconded by Councilman Hura. Councilmen Janson, Prescott, and Seith voted no. Councilmen Clark, Hura and Zoller voted aye.

ORD. 2014-32 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE RECODIFICATION, EDITING AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AS PARTS OF THE VARIOUS COMPONENT CODES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF MANTUA, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. *1st Reading.*

The Mayor reported that this Ordinance will accept the annual changes that are made to our Codified Ordinance Books.

- ❖ Motion to suspend the rules was made by Councilman Prescott and seconded by Councilman Zoller. All voted aye.
- ❖ Motion to approve Ordinance 2014-32 was made by Councilman Prescott and seconded by Councilman Hura. All voted aye.

ORD. 2014-33 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A TRANSFER FROM THE GENERAL FUND #1000 TO THE FIRE HYDRANT REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT FUND #4201 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. *1st Reading.*

The Mayor reported that these funds will allow us to complete the repairs to the remaining fire hydrants on the grant list.

- ❖ Motion to suspend the rules was made by Councilman Zoller and seconded by Councilman Prescott. All voted aye.
- ❖ Motion to approve Ordinance 2014-33 was made by Councilman Zoller and seconded by Councilman Prescott. All voted aye.

Department Heads and Village Engineer- Police Department Report –

Lt. Justus said that the full police report is in Council packets and he is happy to answer questions.

Village Administrator's Report–

- Dave Akerley reported that the service department has replaced 7 catch basins to date, 6 of which were part of the EMA repair list. The remaining basins will be done as soon as possible.
- Dave thanked ODOT and Ronnie Zoller for assisting with the culvert replacement on Main Street.
- We installed a bulk water meter and camera at the water plant to monitor bulk water usage. These safeguards will ensure that we are able to better monitor who is using our bulk water.
- Dave thanked Kate and a community service worker who painted the curbs in town.

Village Engineer from C.T. Consultants –

Grant Update:

- The OPWC grant application is completed and submitted.
- The Crestwood sanitary sewer project is largely complete. The correction period for the land affected by the project has been revised from one year to two years.
- Next week is a meeting of the selection committee for the LGIF grant.

Rich Iafelice reported that we were not successful with the "Safe Walk to School" grant. ODOT indicated that the demographics of the population did not meet the threshold for this round because there was little indication of economic hardship. We can re-apply for the grant in the future if we choose.

Committees-

- Councilman John Clark for Service – Mr. Cornett of Pioneer Trail spoke to the committee about tying in to our sewer line that runs up the St. Joes driveway. He is working on an easement with St. Joes and then will be back in touch with the Village.

CT Consultants came up with an estimated cost of \$151,000 for the Bent Tree sewer-line project. The decision now rests with the condo association.

- Councilman John Clark for Shade Tree – no report
- Councilman Marty Hura for Parks – At the last meeting some of the committee painted an area for possible development of a turn-around for the boat launch. The merry-go-round will be installed soon.
- Mayor Clark for Planning – The next meeting is tomorrow.
- Mayor Clark for Cemetery – The cemetery trust funding request was approved for this year. The Village has been cautioned to reduce their requested funding amounts in the future.
- Mayor Clark for Board of Zoning Appeals – There was a hearing recently in which the BZA approved the homeowner's request provided he follow certain guidelines. July 7th is the next scheduled BZA hearing.
- Councilman Ben Prescott for Finance – nothing additional to report
- Councilman Ben Prescott for Portage County Regional Planning – The committee is just about done with the revised subdivision regulations that they have been working on for almost ten years.
- Councilman Bill Zoller for Fire Board – The new ambulance will be delivered in July.
- Councilman Seith for Safety – The police department is doing a fine job. The next meeting is July 2nd.

Executive Session

- ❖ Motion to go into executive session for personnel employment was made by Councilman Prescott and seconded by Councilman Hura. All voted aye.
- ❖ Motion to come out of executive session was made by Councilman Prescott and seconded by Councilman Hura. All voted aye.

Adjournment

- ❖ Motion to adjourn at 7:54 pm was made by Councilman Prescott and seconded by Councilman Hura. All voted aye.

Mayor Linda Clark

Admin Services Officer Kate Rogers