

PUBLIC HEARING FOR ISSUE 42- THE STREET LEVY
VILLAGE OF MANTUA, OHIO

September 16th, 2014
6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 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, Village Administrator Dave Akerley, Police Chief Harry Buchert, Administrative Services Officer Kate Rogers, Solicitor Michele Stuck, and Brian Rogers from C.T. Consultants.

CITIZENS: Tom Aldrich, Stacy Turner from the Village, Sue Steinberg and Greg Balbierz from DMRC, and Jen Sobczak.

DISCUSSION ABOUT ISSUE 42:

Tom Aldrich asked what the overall plan is. Mayor Clark said this could be used for road projects or as matching money for grants, as long as the grant is for road improvements. Tom asked about digging up new pavement for infrastructure problems. Mayor Clark said we are applying for an LGIF grant to film the infrastructure so we can prepare for issues like that. Some of the small roads can be chip & sealed. Tom felt that this levy is a step in the right direction. John Clark said this levy is actually only about half of what is needed for a street paving schedule, but Council didn't think the full amount would pass.

Chief Buchert asked if the levy can be used for filling potholes or wages. Definitely not for wages, and filling potholes is more of an operating expense and should not be done with levy funds.

Sue Steinberg and Greg Balbierz from DMRC said they will help in any way to promote the levy.

There was no other discussion.

Motion to adjourn the Council Public Hearing at 6:35 by Bill Zoller, seconded by Paul Janson.

Linda Clark, Mayor

Jenny August, Clerk-Treasurer

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 16th, 2014
7:00 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm
Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence for Violet Spence

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

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

Other Village Personnel: Mayor Linda Clark; Clerk-Treasurer, Jenny August; Village Solicitor, Michele Stuck; Village Administrator David Akerley; Police Chief Harry Buchert; Administrative Services Officer, Kate Rogers; Rich Iafelice of CT Consultants

Acceptance of Minutes

Kate Rogers pointed out that in the motion to go into executive session she forgot to add that Councilman Hura made the motion and Councilman Prescott seconded the motion. Two other name corrections will also be made.

- ❖ Motion to accept the minutes as amended from the August 19th, 2014 Council Meeting was made by Councilman Hura and seconded by Councilman Prescott. All voted aye.

Mayor's Report-

No report.

Citizens-

Becky Doherty who is running for Common Pleas Judge in Portage County wanted to introduce herself and share a little about her background.

Danny O'Sickey asked Council for advice about where to put the second bench. Councilman Hura suggested that the second bench should go at the western end of the Headwaters Trail. Danny reported that the benches will be placed by the end of September.

Financial Reports

Clerk-Treasurer August said that the full reports are in Council's packets.

To summarize, we received \$156,953 in revenues. We spent \$92,809 in operating and payroll expenses. No fund adjustments were made, the water & sewer and the income tax programs both balanced with the UAN.

Minutes were not included in the packets this month. The reason is because we discussed last month that minutes could be e-mailed out with the hard copy always available in our office. Nobody objected, so we will save a tree.

Kate and I have been starting to look at the 2015 appropriations. I am hoping to have something ready for first reading in October. We can think about scheduling a workshop in November when we have

something to work with. Basically, we just use the same numbers we submitted for the budget, and fine-tune those a little.

We received one more donation in the amount of \$25 for the Ruthie Aldrich memorial fund that Council needs to accept. This brings the total donations to \$1,895.00.

- ❖ Motion to accept the donation of \$25 to the cemetery fund in memory of Ruth Aldrich was made by Councilman Hura and seconded by Councilman Janson. All voted aye.

We also received donations for the flagpole outside of Village Hall that need to be accepted.

- ❖ Motion to accept the donations to the flagpole in the amount of \$320 was made by Councilman Hura and seconded by Councilman Janson. All voted aye.

Councilman Hura finished transferring the information from the cemetery card files to the new computer program. We would like to thank him for all of his hard work.

- ❖ Motion to approve the financial reports was made by Councilman Zoller and seconded by Councilman Hura. All voted aye.

Correspondence

The Mayor reported that she and members of Council are invited to participate a "Supreme Court Offsite Program" hosted by Judge Paula Guilleto. The event will be for 1400 students to learn how the legal system works. *Giulitto*

The League of Women Voters is having a candidates and issues night on Thursday October 2nd at 7pm at Aurora High School.

New residents Pat and Carrie Frost are holding an open house on Friday at 5:30pm.

Mary Cabbot sent a thank-you to the Mayor for discussing her request for putting flower boxes on the bridge next year.

Wes Hawkins' term on the Planning Commission was up in August. He would like to remain on the commission.

- ❖ Motion to re-instate Wes Hawkins to another term on the Planning Commission was made by Councilman Clark and seconded by Councilman Janson. All voted aye

The Mayor also received a letter of resignation from Wes Hawkins from the Parks Committee. Ashley Hawkins sent a letter that she would like to join both the Parks and Shade-Tree Committees.

- ❖ Motion to accept the nomination of Ashley Hawkins to the Parks and Shade Tree Committees was made by Councilman Hura and seconded by Councilman Janson. All voted aye.

Bills of Resolution, Addendum bills of Resolution

- ❖ Motion to approve the Bills of Resolution and Addendum Bills of Resolution was made by Councilman Hura and seconded by Councilman Clark. 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.*

ORD. 2014-40 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PAY SCALES AND POSITIONS OF FULL AND PART TIME EMPLOYEES OF THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA, REPEALING PRIOR INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. *1st Reading.*

- ❖ Motion to put a line item in section C for a full-time Administrative Services Officer at \$14-\$18 was made by Councilman Janson and seconded by Councilman Hura. All voted aye.
- ❖ Motion to suspend the rules was made by Councilman Janson and seconded by Councilman Hura. Councilman Zoller voted no. All others voted aye.

ORD. 2014-41 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN ADJUSTMENTS TO THE 2014 APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. *1st Reading.*

- ❖ Motion to suspend the rules was made by Councilman Hura and seconded by Councilman Janson. All voted aye.
- ❖ Motion to approve Ordinance 2014-41 was made by Councilman Hura and seconded by Councilman Janson. All voted aye.

ORD. 2014-42 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 305.09 AND 305.10 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA, RELATING TO PARKING ON VILLAGE STREETS. *1st Reading.*

Councilman Zoller said that he is not in favor of the proposed changes made by the Safety and Service Committees to the parking on Maple St.

Department Heads and Village Engineer-

Chief of Police Harry Buchert

September 27th and 28th are the qualification dates for the officers for firearms training.

Jim Oster shared several bids to trim the trees around the flag-pole at Village Hall. DMRC is willing to take care of the cost of the tree work.

- ❖ Motion to allow DMRC to move forward with hiring All American Tree Service to complete the tree trimming work around the flagpole was made by Councilman Zoller and seconded by Councilman Hura. All voted aye.

Village Administrator – David Akerley

Dave asked for the approval of funds for several big projects.

- ❖ Motion to approve the use of the \$22,228 for cemetery projects as outlined in the trust request was made by Councilman Clark and seconded by Councilman Hura. All voted aye.
- ❖ Motion to approve the purchase of the materials for the ditch work was made by Councilman Clark and seconded by Councilman Hura. All voted aye.
- ❖ Motion to approve the purchase of the re-built blower-motor for \$5,186.61 for the wastewater treatment plant was made by Councilman Janson and seconded by Councilman Hura. All voted aye.
- ❖ Motion to approve the funds for H. Luli to repair the valve at Main and High St. was made by Councilman Clark and seconded by Councilman Hura. All voted aye.
- ❖ Motion to accept the donations from Councilman Seith of an infra-red heater, two weed-eaters and a gas can was made by Councilman Hura and seconded by Councilman Janson. All voted aye.

The Mayor reported that Andrew has given his notice. The service department has run an ad and will be looking to fill a full-time service department position.

Village Engineer from C.T. Consultants

Brian Rogers reported that he met the concrete paving foreman who is in charge of the sidewalk project. He said he thinks all looks like it is going well and close to schedule.

Committees-

- Councilman John Clark for Service – Nothing additional to report
- Councilman John Clark for Shade Tree – Nothing additional to report
- Councilman Marty Hura for Parks – Councilman Hura thanked Danny O’Sickey for his Eagle Scout bench project.
- Mayor Clark for Planning – The zoning inspector has several residents that he is working with to get various things cleaned up on their properties.
- Mayor Clark for Cemetery – Dave will be working on the projects
- Mayor Clark for Board of Zoning Appeals – There is a Board of Zoning Appeals meeting on September 18th at 7pm.
- Councilman Ben Prescott for Finance – Councilman Prescott was absent
- Councilman Ben Prescott for Portage County Regional Planning – Councilman Prescott was absent
- Councilman Bill Zoller for Fire Board – The new squad is now in service. The temporary fire station is located in the F & S parking lot during the bridge closing.

- Councilman Seith for Safety – Councilman Seith said that the Safety Committee and Service Departments did a good job with the Potato Festival as well as the storm event of last week.

New or Other Business

Ruthie Aldrich memorial fund for Cemetery-

The Mayor opened discussion the use of funds that were donated to the memory of Ruth Aldrich.

Tom Aldrich suggested that some of the funds be used to construct two more planters in the cemetery in appropriate areas. He said that he would be willing to donate several hostas from his yard that Ruth planted and cared for.

Councilman Zoller said that the cemetery committee should work directly with Tom to decide how to use the funds.

Anything else that may properly come before Council

The Mayor asked Council to set a special council meeting to address personnel employment and compensation as well as Ordinance 2014-40. The meeting was set for September 23rd at 6pm.

Adjournment

- ❖ Motion to adjourn at 7:50pm was made by Councilman Janson and seconded by Councilman Hura. All voted aye.

Mayor Linda Clark

Admin Services Officer Kate Rogers