

PUBLIC HEARING FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE ZONING CODE

November 19, 2019 6:15 pm

Mayor Clark called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm.

ROLL CALL: Paula Tubalkain, Dave Sluka, Scott Weaver, Bob Gaglione, Marty Hura, Ben Prescott.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor Linda Clark, Clerk-Treasurer Jenny August, Village Solicitor Michele Stuck, Police Chief Joe Urso, Village Administrator John Trew, and Village Engineer Rich Iafelice.

CITIZENS: Gene Roberts, Tia McKee Laura Weber, David Garnier from Portage County, James Sherbaugh, Theresa Lee, Tom Aldrich, Caren Stutzman, Roger & Donna Hawkins, Toomas Tubalkain, Marty Fergus, Rod & Lois Summerlin, Lisa Zamecnik, Roy Peck, Ursula Ficht, Bob Ress & Cookie Vanek, Stacy Turner from the Villager, Diane Smith from the Record Courier.

TOPIC OF DISCUSSION:

Ordinance 2019-39: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT A PROGRAM OF RESIDENTIAL RENTAL UNIT INSPECTIONS.

Caren Stutzman asked what the qualifications will be for the Inspector. Mayor Clark said we have not defined that at this time. Paula Tubalkain asked why we are not including it within this ordinance. Bob Gaglione said we have interviewed a few inspectors and are not sure what qualifications we want. Scott Weaver said we are looking to keep the cost of the inspections down. He said that two people who are Inspectors helped them write this legislation. We are doing this for safety reasons. Paula said she is certain those Inspectors are good and appropriate, but we would like to see the terms of the Inspector. She said that most of our jobs have the qualifications built in to the ordinance. Scott said it was made clear that they were not going to figure it all out until it passes. If it passes, we have a lot more work to do. We are planning on triannual inspections. Mayor Clark said if this passes, we would ask for candidates that have the qualifications that will be spelled out when the job is posted. They spoke with one person that does inspections and he charges \$350 per inspection.

Caren Stutzman was concerned that landlords will only get a two-week notice. It is not always easy to get notifications to the tenants. Scott said we plan to inspect 7 or 8 per month. The application for a rental inspection has a \$100 fee per unit, but that does not necessarily mean we will be paying that amount to the Inspector.

Roger Hawkins said Portage Metropolitan Housing Authority (PMHA) has the largest group of Inspectors and recommended that the village talk to them.

Rod Summerlin said the City of Bedford mandates that apartments must be inspected before they can be rented. He asked if the village could start out with just new tenant inspections. The

apartments would be empty. It would be easier to inspect them when they are unoccupied. Scott said they would consider that idea.

- ❖ Motion to adjourn at 6:37 by Ben Prescott, with a second by Bob Gaglione. All ayes on vote.

Mayor Linda Clark

Jenny August, Clerk-Treasurer

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
November 19, 2019
6:41 PM**

Mayor Clark called the meeting to order at 6:41 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Bob Gaglione, Marty Hura, Paula Tubalkain, Dave Sluka, Scott Weaver and Ben Prescott.

Other Village Personnel: Linda Clark, Mayor; Clerk- Treasurer, Jenny August; Village Solicitor, Michele Stuck; Village Administrator, John Trew; Police Chief Joe Urso; Village Engineer, Rich Iafelice;

Citizens Present: Toomas Tubalkain, James Sherbaugh, Roger and Donna Hawkins, Tom Aldrich, Caren Stutzman, Theresa Lee, Bob Ress, Cookie Vanek, Ed Kagel, Ursula Ficht, Lisa Zamecnik, Becky Krichbaum, Rod and Lois Summerlin, Marty Fergus, Roy Peck, Stacy Turner of The Villager, Diane Smith of the Record Courier, Gene Roberts, Tia McKee, and Laura Weber from Portage County Water Resources, David Garnier from Portage County Prosecutors Office and others.

Approval of Minutes:

- ❖ Motion to amend the Oct. 15, 2019 minutes by Paula Tubalkain so that on Page 5 under “Citizens” we need to spell out LMI to say Low to Moderate Income (LMI). On the last page under Dave Sluka’s Finance report we need to add the word “rental” between residential and inspections. The motion was seconded by Ben Prescott. All ayes on roll call.
- ❖ Motion to approve the minutes from the Oct. 15, 2019 regular Council meeting by Scott Weaver, seconded by Paula Tubalkain. All Ayes on roll call.
- ❖ Motion to amend the October 22, 2019 Special Council meeting minutes to add the word “see” on page 2 line 4, and on page 3 the last sentence of the 3rd paragraph change “surcharge” to “Homestead User Exemption” by Paula Tubalkain, seconded by Scott Weaver. All ayes on vote.
- ❖ Motion to approve the Regular October 15, 2019 Council minutes by Scott Weaver, seconded by Dave Sluka. All ayes on roll call.
- ❖ Motion to approve the November 5, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes by Scott Weaver, seconded by Bob Gaglione. All ayes on vote.

- ❖ Motion to approve the November 5, 2019 appropriation workshop meeting minutes by Bob Gaglione. Seconded by Scott Weaver. All ayes on vote.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Clark had a proclamation for Lieutenant Justus who recently retired thanking him for many years of service to the village. Unfortunately, Lieutenant Justus was unable to attend.

Mayor Clark received two items for being part of the Cuyahoga River Water Trail. She received a leadership recognition plaque and an engraved paddle. They will be mounted at the park lodge.

We received a letter on October 19 letting us know that we did NOT get funding from the Municipal Bridge program. We are still waiting to hear from the Ohio Bridge Program. On November 4 we received a letter from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for Phase 2 of the Buchert Park Walking Trail. We were granted a conditional award pending the Ohio Controlling Board's approval. This is a \$45,000 grant. The grant amount is \$34,312.50. The DMRC has pledged the matching fund amount of \$11,437.59.

Today we received the signed copy of the Orchard Street Widening project. That project is \$62,000. The businesses on Orchard Street have pledged about \$19,000 towards our match. It is a 50/50 grant. We will be starting the design soon. She has been speaking with Ohio Edison. As soon as they get a copy of our design, they can start preparing to move the pole on the southwest corner to across the street. Relating to that, CT Consultants has submitted a request for approval of a work authorization in the amount of \$15,000.

- ❖ Motion to approve a \$15,000 work authorization for C.T. Consultants by Bob Gaglione, seconded by Marty Hura. All ayes on vote.

Regarding the Low to Moderate Income Study, Todd Peetz from Portage County Regional Planning reports that out of 500 letters sent, only 40 replied. Tomorrow we are going to start planning on going door to door with the surveys.

There is a special event form for the Headwaters Trail Race. The race will be July 11, 2020.

- ❖ Motion to approve by Scott Weaver, seconded by Bob Gaglione. All ayes on vote.

10689 Maple Street has reported activity of people going in and out of this vacant property all hours of the day and night. Mayor Clark spoke with Mr. Barnes from Sandhu Law Firm, and he said that he has received notice of intent to foreclose, and ordered a preliminary judicial report.

Mayor Clark read a request from Theresa Lee from Italiano's asking for forgiveness on a portion of her water bill or fees. She thinks that Council's prior decision was unfair because she requested monthly reads and the village did not follow through. Mayor Clark reminded Council of a section in the Codified Ordinance chapter 941 that explains that the village is not responsible for leaking toilets and such. Once again, Council took no action.

Several committee appointments are due to expire at the end of this year. Mayor Clark spoke with those people and they are interested in renewing. Clark Magdich for the Historic Landmark Commission and Income Tax Review Board, Lisa Zamecnik on Shade Tree, have both agreed to another term. John Clark on Planning has not committed to another term yet, and Roy Peck on the Income Tax Review Board is willing to do another term. Roy is also willing to serve on the

Board of Zoning Appeals. There are still two open seats on the Historic Landmark Commission and one on the Cemetery Board.

- ❖ Motion to allow Mayor Clark to swear in these people except John Clark by Scott Weaver, seconded by Bob Gaglione. All ayes on vote.

Mayor Clark said we need to schedule our annual Capital Planning meeting. The Downtown Mantua Revitalization Committee (DMRC) would like to be on the agenda for this meeting to do a power point presentation. It will be scheduled for January 7, 2020 at 6:00 to be followed by the monthly Service meeting.

Santa will be at the mini park on December 6th at 6:00 pm sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

Financial Reports:

The income tax letters that we discussed last month requesting social security numbers from residents with a temporary ID have gone out. Jenny is getting calls but so far nobody has returned the completed form. The RITA people say there is a way they can go into a Federal database and get the social security numbers that we are unable to get.

Council was provided with the Financial reports representing the month of October. On the cover page under Bank Reconciliations, it says there were no adjusting factors. There actually were adjusting factors that are shown on the actual Bank Reconciliation in the amount of \$296.13. That was for two bounced water bill checks totaling \$315.93, and one tax check for \$19.80 that was stuck to another check in the deposit. Jenny invited questions or comments. There were none.

- ❖ Motion to amend the cover page by Scott Weaver, 2nd by Bob Gaglione. All ayes on vote.
- ❖ Motion to approve the Financial Reports by Scott Weaver, 2nd by Mary Hura- All Ayes on vote.

Correspondence:

Mayor Clark said we receive an invitation to the Shalersville Holiday party to be held on December 7th.

Mayor Clark received a State house report from Governor DeWine. She provided everyone with an email to review.

She also received a letter from EMA notifying us of upcoming meetings for pre-disaster litigation. Let her know if you can attend a meeting in April.

She also received a letter from Kimble Companies asking Council to consider allowing them to increase recycling fee's .60 per month per resident. The cost of recycling has gone up. We are in a contract, so we do not have to agree to this. Council took no action.

Jenny also wanted to remind everyone that this Saturday is Chelsea's annual Village donation drive at the park lodge. She asked for clarification that Chelsea is using the lodge free of charge for this event. Mayor Clark said it was noted last year that this would be an event that would be held free of charge at the park lodge.

Bills of Resolution, Addendum Bills of Resolution

- ❖ Motion to approve the Bills of Resolution and Addendum Bills of Resolution by Dave Sluka, 2nd by Marty Hura- All ayes on vote.

Citizens:

Former Mayor Donna Hawkins said she did a random sampling of citizens to discuss the \$86.79 surcharge for water and sewer. Most people thought it was just a rumor and couldn't believe it. She remembers detailed discussions with Engineer Rich Iafelice telling her when she was Mayor that we clearly do not ever want to let the county get involved in our water and wastewater treatment plants, or our wells. At the time the country was in a recession and we were in the red. We have paid for the water plant and now this facility is generating income. It has been paid for since 2017. There are only six more payments left on the wastewater plant. Very few Council people looked at the plants when she was Mayor. She hopes this Council has taken the time to see what they are giving away. She called the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to check violations. As of today in the Notice of Violations, since 2014 we have only had 5 violations at the wastewater facility, all of which have been resolved. Regarding the water treatment plant, there are only 4 since 2016, two of which were simply report filing issues. It was interesting that on August 14th, 2019 the county failed to fill out forms correctly. Where is the great urgency to do this? We looked forward to the day they were paid off. According to The Clerk-Treasurer, the last transfer from the General Fund to water was June of 2017. Since when is it a good idea to have the entity that is purchasing the facility do the assessment? You are setting yourself up for failure. Mayor Clark said prior to the county assessment, CT Consultants did the assessment and it was higher. Donna said she was told when she was Mayor that we should never let the water plant go, and that we have the best wells. We are giving away our land, our plants, and our wells. Eventually, Matts Road will open up for industrialization.

Mayor Clark said just because the plants are paid off doesn't mean they do not need repairs. The county has a proposed "Needs" list of 12 million dollars. We are checking with the EPA to see if we will be allowed to apply as a village for grants. We are smaller so we are therefore more eligible. The county bills quarterly, but they will continue monthly billing for us. The surcharge will be adjusted as projects get done. There is a 3% annual increase on the surcharge. The 3% increase is always based on the \$86.79 even if the surcharge drops to \$50 per month.

Donna said before the Aurora Meadows tie in took place, there were grants in place. Why can't the county be aggressive about getting grants before this happens? Donna also asked why we didn't ask the Portage County Commissioners for help before this. Mayor Clark said that we did. Donna said the Commissioners look after the county, their entity. Mayor Clark said the county wants to do a million dollar interconnect, and we would only have to pay 25%. Donna asked why we would be responsible for any of that. Mayor Clark said that is part of the surcharge. Donna said that part of the surcharge should be reduced. The negotiators need to do a better job negotiating and looking out for our residents. Donna recalled when she and the Linda worked on one trash pickup. We took that to a vote by the people. Why can't we do that for the plants? People all paid for this and should get to vote on this.

Dave Sluka said this Council was left with the mess to deal with for what the past administration neglected to do. A surplus of a few hundred thousand dollars is nothing compared to the 12 million needed to update everything. Coming in at the 11th hour and questioning the capability of the negotiating team after not participating until tonight is unfair.

Lois Summerlin said her bill will be going to \$250 per month. She asked if we can eliminate making landlords pay unpaid tenant water bills. That can be very difficult for landlords, especially her church. If we add extra to their rent, we will lose renters. Why can't we increase another 15% and continue looking for grants. The county's proposed rates are too much for us to

pay. She knew nothing about this until 2 weeks ago. It would have helped if the village had sent letters out. Mayor Clark said it has been in Mantua Matters and the Record Courier. Lois called Garrettsville, Hiram and Ravenna and they all pay lower than we do. Mayor Clark said the county minimum rate of \$65.03 gets us water, sewer, and upkeep. The additional is for the needs list and is only for the village of Mantua. Short term pain equals long term gain. The plan is to get all of the grants in five years and the work done within ten years to bring the surcharge down. Lois said Mantua has over 50% renters and a lot of senior citizens. It will be hard to sell your home. People will look to move to other communities. \$65.03 plus the \$86.79 surcharge is too much.

Jeff Novak asked if the \$86.79 surcharge is per meter. Mayor Clark said yes, but you can put in a master meter and then calculate yourself how much each person owes and only have one surcharge.

Jodie Malik said she is a nursing student, wife and mother and has been here since 2015. She just found out about this today. This is a place where young families want to be. It's not right!

Marty Fergus stood up and said the meetings are here the third Tuesday of every month- show up.

James Sherbaugh said he moved here in May. He has two concerns. The first is that he is by himself and he pays about \$50 per month, the minimum bill. Now it will triple. This is not good for a retired veteran. Second, he asked if anyone in the village administration is working for the engineering company that is involved in this. Mayor Clark said no.

Roger Hawkins asked if the \$86.79 surcharge is for infrastructure. Mayor Clark said it is for the 12 million dollar needs list. Roger asked if people with wells will be paying since it is a village wide improvement. Mayor Clark said only the water-sewer customers will pay. Roger said this surcharge will have to be disclosed whenever you sell a house. This is \$1,020 we have to pay annually. Then, he asked Chief Urso if someone skips out of paying a ticket, does he have resources to follow up. Chief said the county does. Roger said if someone skips out on a water bill, the landlord gets stuck with it. Why not do the same for unpaid water bills. Roger asked Village Administrator John Trew what he recommends. John said he recommends selling the plants. Roger asked him where he works full time. John said he works for the Portage County Engineers office, nothing to do with the Portage County Water Resources. Roger said it should be put to vote. He told Mayor Clark and Council that they are elected to run this village, not dismantle it. He asked the Mayor to resign if she doesn't want to run the village. Dave Sluka said the challenge of putting this to vote is that nobody is coming to meetings. Why would we want uninformed citizens to vote on a decision for the entire community?

Bob Ress said he is dead set against turning over our property to the county. The surcharge is obscene, and he has been to all of the meetings and have been to some of the Council people's homes, but at the end of the day, it is our only choice. We do not have qualified people here.

Rod Summerlin said people don't show up for Council meetings. It is human nature and you run the risk of not being informed. The Record Courier circulation is almost nothing. People are not interested. We are in this situation from years of deferral of our problems. His dad was on Council 30 years ago and they were making difficult decisions about the water & sewer plants and rates. The amount of water sold has decreased. The long term results are that we won't be able to get people to move here, and it affects property values. He reviewed the proposed fees so

he was clear. Paula said we anticipate the surcharge will go down, but not in the first few years. The base amount could increase. Rod asked if the surcharge can increase. Gene Roberts from Portage County Water Resources explains the base amount and said Council negotiated no more than a 3% increase on the \$86.79 cap. Any future projects not on the current needs list becomes the county's problem. For every million dollars of grant money we get, that is \$7 off your surcharge. Gene said that the interconnect is more for the villages benefit than the counties. Rod asked if any other communities in the county have gone through this process. Gene said this is only the second in the state of Ohio. The other one was forced by the EPA. They had to close operations forcing the county to take over. The plants were over built to increase available capacity. Rod asked if he would run lines to Shalersville to encourage development. Gene said if that happens, the developers would pay for that. Rod asked if our plants have excess capacity. Mayor Clark said yes.

Jeff Novak asked when this is all going to happen. Mayor Clark said if it passes tonight, Mantua village customers become county customers January 1, 2020.

Lisa Zamecnik asked how many businesses Mayor Clark has spoken to. Mayor Clark said she spoke with Mantaline and they are on board. Lisa said the smaller businesses will be affected.

Donna Hawkins said the master meter pays \$86.79 but tenants are not. You are putting the bulk on the property owner rather than the person using the water, creating an exodus of homeowners.

Caren Stutzman asked if her four meters can be changed to one master meter before January 1, and if not, does she still have to pay the surcharge. Gene Robert responded that the property owner does the plumbing. The sooner you get the plumbing done, the sooner you get a master meter. Mayor Clark said on Jan. 1, you will get your last bill from the village for December use.

Rod Summerlin asked if there is always going to be actual reads. Mayor Clark said the county will replace meter heads and they will do automatic reads monthly.

Ursula Ficht said to save buckets of water while waiting for the water to get hot, and then use that water to flush your toilet.

James Sherbaugh said the village could benefit by making proper decisions. There should be a way to encourage business to offset the cost.

Legislation:

ORD. 2019-32 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 921.02 OF THE STREETS, UTILITIES AND PUBLIC SERVICES CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA, RELATING TO WATER RATES. 3rd Reading.

❖ Motion to approve by Dave Sluka, seconded by Scott Weaver. All ayes on roll call.

ORD. 2019-33 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 931.01 OF THE STREETS, UTILITIES AND PUBLIC SERVICES CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA, RELATING TO SEWER RATES. 3rd Reading.

❖ Motion to approve by Scott Weaver, seconded by Bob Gaglione. All ayes on roll call.

ORD. 2019-39 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT A PROGRAM OF RESIDENTIAL RENTAL UNIT INSPECTIONS . 3rd Reading.

❖ Motion to approve by Scott Weaver, seconded by Bob Gaglione. All ayes on vote.

ORD. 2019-49 AN ORDINANCE DECLARING PORTAGE COUNTY THE MOST QUALIFIED AND RESPONSIVE BIDDER IN RESPONSE TO THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA'S REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS AND PROPOSALS RELATIVE TO THE TRANSFER OF ITS WATER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEMS AND AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT TO TRANSFER THE OWNERSHIP AND OPERATION OF SAID UTILITIES TO PORTAGE COUNTY, OHIO. 3rd Reading.

Mayor Clark said after the last special meeting, we sent out an email with a change to section 6.32 that was discovered. We need to amend the minimum rate for water and sewer, with the surcharge remaining the same. Also appendix R has been recalculated with the rate corrections. Paula said that in section 12 it says an employee is currently paid \$13 per hour and it is actually less. Regarding the employee, would they be here until January 1? Mayor Clark said yes. Michele said she has a housekeeping amendment. She wants to add a section enumerating Appendix E as system documents such as in appendix G, debt owed will change.

❖ Motion to make the amendments that were discussed by Scott Weaver, seconded by Bob Gaglione. All ayes on vote.

Ben Prescott said he objects to the surcharge. County has 12,000 customers that could share this burden. Mayor Clark said they should not have to pay for our needs list.

❖ Motion to approve by Scott Weaver, seconded by Bob Gaglione. Ben Prescott voted no, all others voted yes.

RES. 2019-50 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK OF THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR THE PROVISION OF DISPATCHING SERVICES TO THE MANTUA-SHALERSVILLE JOINT FIRE DISTRICT. 2nd Reading.

ORD. 2019-54 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO RUN THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 2nd Reading.

There are amendments relating to the Nov. 5 workshop. The following amendments were recommended:

- Page 1 Police - increase police medical benefits to \$40,000. Reduce Officers wages to \$118,000. Reduce Police Telephones to \$26,000, reduce Dispatch Operating to \$24,250, reduce police motor vehicles to \$8,000 and increase OP & F by \$10,000.
- Page 2- Parks- Increase OPERS to \$5,500. Increase Parks Medicare to \$600. Under Village Administrator, reduce wages to \$20,000, reduce OPERS to \$2,800, reduce training & uniforms to 0.00.
- Page 3- Clerk-Treasurer reduce wages to \$44,975, increase Treasurers medical to \$14,500, remove \$400 unemployment. There was previous discussion to remove the Assistant Clerk position and wages of \$13,000 but Mayor Clark said her concern is now that we have passed 2019-49 has passed and Chelsea will be gone in January and John will still need an assistant, her concern is that if Jenny is sick or on vacation, there is no back up. She thinks there should still be a position there. She thinks we may need an Administrative Services Officer, John said possibly a full time position with benefits. If

we don't go that route, the unused appropriations go back into the budget. Jenny said if we use that position, the person works for her also. She would prefer that they just work and report to the Village Administrator. It never works out to share an employee. Paula asked what part of the budget this would come from. Jenny said it would be split out like all the rest of the Service Department employees, and possibly zoning.

- Page 6- Streets- Increase medical to \$18,000. In Police Capital, eliminate transfer in for SRO overage money. In Fund 4905 we need to increase capital projects by \$12,000 for the Orchard St. Widening project.
- Pages 10 through 13 except Shade Tree will all be eliminated due to the passage of 2019-49.
- On the last page totals will change.
- ❖ Motion to approve those amendments by Paula Tubalkain, seconded by Marty Hura, All ayes on vote. Everyone will have a clean, amended copy for third reading next month.

RES. 2019-56 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH THE PORTAGE COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDERS OFFICE FOR DEFENSE OF INDIGENT PERSONS CHARGED WITH CRIMINAL OFFENSES UNDER THE VILLAGE ORDINANCES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 1st Reading.

Mayor Clark said this is an annual thing we do with the county every year.

- ❖ Motion to suspend the rules by Ben Prescott, seconded by Bob Gaglione. All ayes on vote.
- ❖ Motion to approve by Ben Prescott, seconded by Dave Sluka. All ayes on vote.

ORD. 2019-57 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 301.12, 375.03(a), 505.11, 517.01(vv), 549.08, 549.09(a), 951.03(b), 951.03(d) AND 955.07(i) OF THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA CODIFIED ORDINANCES, AND REPEALING SECTIONS 549.01, 549.02, 549.03, 549.04, 549.05, 549.06, 549.07, 549.10, 549.11 and 549.99 OF THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA CODIFIED ORDINANCES, RELATING TO THE OWNERSHIP, POSSESSION, PURCHASE, OTHER ACQUISITION, TRANSPORT, STORAGE, CARRYING, SALE, OTHER TRANSFER, MANUFACTURE, TAXATION, KEEPING, AND REPORTING OF LOSS OR THEFT OF FIREARMS, THEIR COMPONENTS, AND THEIR AMMUNITION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 1st Reading.

Michele said this must be in effect before the 20th of December because State Legislature has amended an ordinance which further restricts a municipality's home rules ability to regulate fire arms in the villages limits. Michele feels that it is a very serious assault on our ability to govern ourselves. She thinks it is wrong, but unfortunately very severe penalties are also written in to the statute for municipalities that are found violating that statute. We are taking an incredible risk by not making these amendments. There may be more tweaks forthcoming that we will address individually. Paula asked if the marsh wetlands will be affected by this. Michele said no because they are governed by the Ohio Administrative Code.

Department Heads and Village Engineer

Police Chief Urso:

Chief Urso said the new Police Car is in and in service. There are two candidates for the School Resource Officer. The school chose John Fudella. There are two candidates for the full time Police Officer position. He is going to get input from the Safety Committee at the next meeting. Chief Urso and K9 Ciko both passed the state tests today. The next Safety meeting will be December 4 at 6:00 pm.

Village Administrator John Trew:

John said the crew is in the process of winterizing everything. Also, we are advertising for 1 full time service worker, and seasonal snow plow drivers. So far we have 5 applications.

Village Engineer from C.T. Consultants:

Rich said they are working on two new small projects. Orchard Street Widening and Buchert Park Trail Phase 2. The Matts Road Bridge application was declined because the bridge is closed. The state will not fund this. He recommends a Capital Planning meeting to consider other funding options.

Committees

Scott Weaver for Service, and Planning:

Service- They are going to get two planters for the bridge and split them into four. The DMRC is going to pay for them. These will help out with the watering.

At the Parks meeting we were notified that we are not in compliance at the park lodge concerning the voting and being ADA compliant. We do not have the money to do any of the big things mentioned, but we are going to keep working on this. John Trew said there may be some grant funding available.

Planning- There are a lot of zoning issues we are cleaning up with the help of John Trew and Michele.

Bob Gaglione for Fire Board:

October 28th was flu shot day. We were awarded a \$15,000 Workers Comp grant. Marcs radios are in. Preconstruction meeting will be scheduled for the second part of the roof. Pumping testing was done on truck 12. They stated on the roof. Engine 2 went out for repair. Still working on dispatch contract.

Marty Hura for Parks and Shade Tree:

Nothing to report.

Mayor Clark for Cemetery, and Board of Zoning Appeals:

Cemetery- getting ready to put list together for the Trust.

BZA- Nothing pending.

Paula Tubalkain for Portage County Regional Planning: Paula was on vacation and did not attend,

Dave Sluka for Safety and Finance- both meetings were cancelled.

New and Other Business- none

Anything else that may properly come before Council-

Adjournment

❖ Motion to adjourn at 9:03 by Bob Gaglione, seconded by Ben Prescott. -All Ayes on vote.

Mayor Linda Clark

Jenny August, Clerk-Treasurer