

Special Meeting of the Mantua Village Council, August 5, 2003

Mayor Hopkins opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m., at the Village Hall, and led the Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL: M. Hura, P. Campbell, C. Hummel M. Roosa, R. Gregory, J. Rogers

OTHERS PRESENT: Clerk-Treasurer. Betsy Woolf, Asst. Clerk Diane Hura, Village Administrator Ed Trego, Village Engineer Rich Iafelice, Jarrod from the Record Courier and approximately 40 residents.

ORD 2003-37 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PRIOR ORDINANCES NOS. 1996-23, 1997-5, AND 1982-23, AND SECTIONS 931.01 AND 931.03 TO REVISE PORTIONS OF THE MANTUA CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 931 CONCERNING SEWER SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, 2nd reading. J. Rogers moved to bring to the floor. M. Roosa second. 5 ayes and 1 nay (P. Campbell) on roll call.

After reading ORD 2003-37, Mayor Hopkins outlined the need for this Ordinance, and then asked for questions/comments from the residents present. There were questions regarding running sewer lines to Mantua Corners and if the Village was receiving funds from this. Mayor explained that this was part of the agreement with the County and we did receive payment from those who tapped in. Question regarding the lines run to the Turnpike - Turnpike paid for the lines running to the Village and they will be maintained by the County. E. Trego, Village Administrator, explained that much of the increase in the size of the sewer plant was due to requirements of the EPA. The County purchased 15% of the plant at a cost of approximately \$450,000 and will assume this portion of the cost of operation. It is difficult to estimate operational costs at this time, since the plant just started running and additional testing is being done. Once a full year of operation is complete, we will have a better cost estimate and the additional rate increase for 2004 may not be necessary.

R. Iafelice, Village Engineer, explained that although there are 2 additional phases of the WWTP expansion on paper, we are not required to make any further expansions.

New customers will be required to pay the increased tap-in fee and will pay the same rate as current users. The increase will generate approximately \$160,00 additional income for the Village. The 50% increase proposed for next year may not be necessary.

One resident mentioned the fact that the residents of the Village have the right to circulate a petition for a referendum to repeal this ordinance once it is passed.

Many residents are concerned over those on limited or fixed income and how they will be able to handle this increase.

One resident brought up the loss of the Ameritech lawsuit, the cost of which was taken out of the Sewer Fund.

Village Engineer explained that this ordinance was not being passed as an emergency, and would be read again on August 19th.

Another resident expressed concern that businesses and individuals would be reluctant to locate in the Village because of the water/sewer rates, and that those businesses that are here will be forced to leave.

The suggestion was made to explore the possibility of extending the current loan over a longer period in order to reduce the yearly payment. Village Engineer stated that a hardship loan was originally applied for, but was turned down. He can try again once the increase is in effect.

After a lengthy discussion and questions from residents, M. Roosa moved to table this ordinance. M. Hura second. All ayes on roll call.

ORD 2003-38 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PRIOR ORDINANCE NOS 1998-41 AND 1999-27 AS WELL AS MANTUA CODE OF ORDINANCES SECTION NO 135.01, ESTABLISHING A REVISED METHOD OF COMPENSATION FOR THE VILLAGE CLERK-TREASURER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 2nd reading. C. Hummel moved to bring to the floor. M. Roosa second. All Ayes on roll call. C. Hummel moved to pass on 2nd reading. M. Roosa second. 5 ayes and 1 nay (R. Gregory) on roll call. J. Rogers moved to suspend the rules. M. Roosa second. . 5 ayes and 1 nay (R. Gregory) on roll call. C. Hummel moved to pass on 3rd and final reading. J. Rogers second. 5 ayes and 1 nay (R. Gregory) on roll call.

RESOLUTION 2003-41 A RESOLUTION AWARDDING CONTRACT (A) FOR THE FRANKLIN STREET WATERLINE ALTERNATE, TO NORTHEAST OHIO TRENCHING IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED FORTY-FIVE THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED NINETY-NINE DOLLARS (\$145,599.00). J. Rogers moved to bring to the floor. M. Hura second. All ayes on roll call. J. Rogers moved to approve. M. Roosa second. All ayes on roll call.

RESOLUTION 2003-42 A RESOLUTION AWARDDING CONTRACT (B) FOR THE FLOWPACK PUMP STATION - GENERAL TO NORTHEAST OHIO TRENCHING IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO HUNDRED AND NINETEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$219,000.00), AND FLOW PACK PUMP STATION - ELECTRICAL TO A. J. MISSERI, IN THE AMOUNT OF NINETY-FIVE THOUSAND, NINETEEN DOLLARS (\$95,019.00).J. Rogers moved to bring to the floor. C. Hummel second. All ayes on roll call. J. Rogers moved to approve. M. Hura second. All ayes on roll call.

C. Hummel moved to adjourn. J. Rogers second. All ayes on roll call.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.