

Regular Meeting of the Mantua Village Council, September 16, 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, R. Gregory. J. Rogers

OTHERS PRESENT: Clerk-Treasurer Betsy Woolf, Asst. Clerk Diane Hura, , Chief Buchert, Village Administrator Ed Trego, Village Engineer Rich Iafelice Solicitor David Benjamin, and approximately 30 residents.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF August 19, 2003. C. Hummel moved to bring to the floor. J. Rogers second. All ayes on roll call. C. Hummel motioned to approve as submitted. M. Hura second. All ayes on roll call.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Attended Four Corners meeting on 8-27 at the High School. Portage County Economic Director Sy Thompson was present to discuss JEDD. There will be a meeting on 9-17 to discuss use for the old fire station with Mayor, Council President, Clerk-Treasurer and both townships. Next Four Corners meeting will be on October 8, at the new Fire Station. Still working on forming committee to review water/sewer rates and projects.

BILLS OF RESOLUTION: C. Hummel moved to bring to the floor. M. Hura second. All ayes on roll call. Clerk announced that Finance meetings had been changed to the Thursday before Council in order to review all bills. R. Gregory moved to approve as submitted. J. Rogers second. All ayes on roll call.

ORD 2003-42 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE GRANT OF TEMPORARY AND PERMANENT EASEMENTS FROM ERIC W. HUMMEL AND JEFFREY P. BENNER TO THE VILLAGE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 2nd reading. M. Hura moved to bring to the floor. R. Gregory second. All ayes on roll call. Discussion regarding a letter received from Eric Hummel with what are considered unnecessary requests. M. Hura will discuss with Solicitor. R. Gregory moved to table. J. Rogers second. All ayes on roll call.

ORD 2003-46 AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING FUND ADVANCE MADE BY THE VILLAGE CLERK TREASURER ON OR ABOUT THE CLOSE OF SEPTEMBER, 2003 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY 1st reading. R. Gregory moved to bring to the floor. J. Rogers second. All ayes on roll call. Clerk explained that this advance will be used to pay expenses incurred for the Park Trail, will be reimbursed by the Trail Grand and will be returned in full to the proper fund. J. Rogers moved to approve on 1st reading. R. Gregory second. All ayes on roll call. R. Gregory moved to suspend the rules. M. Hura second. All ayes on roll call. R. Gregory moved to approve on 3rd and final reading. J. Rogers second. All ayes on roll call.

ORD 2003-47 AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING FUND ADVANCE MADE BY THE VILLAGE CLERK TREASURER ON OR ABOUT THE CLOSE OF SEPTEMBER, 2003 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY 1st reading. C. Hummel moved to bring to the floor. J. Rogers second. All ayes on roll call. M. Hura moved to approve on 1st reading. R. Gregory second. All ayes on roll call. M. Hura moved to suspend the rules. J. Rogers second. All ayes on roll call. R. Gregory moved to approve on 3rd and final reading. J. Rogers second. All ayes on roll call.

ORD 2003-48 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE PORTAGE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR ANIMAL CONTROL. 1st reading. M. Hura moved to bring to the floor. R. Gregory second. All ayes on roll call. Chief Buchert explained the terms of this contract. R. Gregory moved to approve on 1st reading. M. Hura second. All ayes on roll call. R. Gregory moved to suspend the rules. M. Hura second. All ayes on roll call. M. Hura moved to pass on 3rd and final reading. R. Gregory second. All ayes on roll call.

ORD 2003-49 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN TRANSFERS OF FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 1st reading. C. Hummel moved to bring to the floor. M. Hura second. All ayes on roll call.

This is a routine transfer for Bond Retirement Payment. R. Gregory moved to pass on 1st reading. M. Hura second.

All ayes on roll call. G. Gregory moved to suspend the rules. P. Campbell second. All ayes on roll call. M. Hura moved to approve on 3rd and final reading. R. Gregory second. All ayes on roll call.

Work authorization from CT consultants presented for \$80,000, for the WRRSP. M. Hura moved to approve. R. Gregory second. All ayes on roll call.

M. Hura moved to accept all committee reports. J. Rogers second. All ayes on roll call. All Committee and Financial Reports are on file in the Clerk's Office.

H. Buchert – Potato Festival went well. Thank you to the Service Department for their assistance. Trick or Treat will be on October 31, from 6 to 8 PM.

Questions from residents included: schedule of W/S readings, property on Elm St. with unfinished siding is now doing additional work. Zoning Inspector explained that the resident is putting on an addition and will complete all siding when this is done. Problem with garbage in front of another house on Elm Street. Request for an update on Shultz property behind car wash. Solicitor filed suit in June, resident had 30 days to respond, requested a 30-day extension, still nothing was done. Solicitor asked for an Executive Session to discuss this litigation.

B. Woolf – Reported that the Median Household Income for Mantua, based on Income Tax received, is \$47,000.00.

R. Gregory – Thanked residents for attending.

D. Benjamin – School easement, income tax problem with a resident, and lawsuit from Larry Lietzow are all being handled. Dale Bailey situation still not settled. Mr. Bailey has not signed the agreement as promised.

C. Hummel moved for Executive Session to discuss litigation. M. Hura second. All ayes on roll call. Executive Session at 7:52 PM.

M. Hura moved to resume regular meeting at 8:45 PM. R. Gregory second. All ayes on roll call.

Questions from resident regarding the SR 44 Signalization project. Is there money to cover this project and can it be temporarily suspended until financial situation improves. R. Iafelice will suspend engineering until a problem with an Ohio Edison pole at Main and High can be resolved. CT will continue to work on the design for this project. This is a very dangerous intersection, there is a need to replace the light and improve the crosswalks. Also, turn lanes would help with the safety issue.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:53 pm.