

**Village of Mantua
Regular Council Meeting
April 18th, 2006**

Mayor Hopkins called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call: President of Council Marty Hura, Jim Rogers, Linda Schilling, Wesley Hawkins, Ben Prescott and Giles Seith.

Others in Attendance: Clerk-Treasurer Betsy Woolf, Village Solicitor David Benjamin, and Assistant Clerk Mary Pallone, Police Chief Harry Buchert, and Village Administrator Ed Trego as well as residents from both the Village and township. Tom Prusha from the Record-Courier was also in the audience.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Hopkins stated that he had met with resident Ralph Gregory and gave him the easement contract. He also represented the Village at the Annual Health Department meeting. On the Buchert Trail Project, two copies for the state and local sponsored agreement contract were signed and sent back to Columbus. He received a letter from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. On March 30, 2006, Governor Taft signed legislation that provides funding authority for the fourth round of the Clean Ohio Trails Program, HB530, allocating over 6 million dollars. In late summer or early fall of this year, we hope to make funding recommendations for the glacier esker. He also handed out an ordinance requesting the Ohio Board of Building Standards to certify the Village of Mantua as a building department. Council can then discuss and vote on the legislation at the May meeting. The Mayor also stated that he had received a letter from the Mantua Potato Festival committee requesting use of the park and contents of the park for the September 8, 9 and 10th event. A motion for a resolution to this effect was made by M. Hura and seconded by B. Prescott. All ayes on vote.

Minutes: A motion to bring the minutes to the floor from the March 21 meeting was made by L. Schilling with a second from M. Hura. All ayes on roll call. A motion to approve as submitted was made by L. Schilling and seconded by W. Hawkins. All ayes on vote. A motion was made by L. Schilling to bring the minutes from the April 4, 2006 meeting to the floor. There was a second to the motion made by M. Hura. All ayes on roll call. A motion to pass was made by L. Schilling and seconded by B. Prescott. All ayes on vote.

Clerk's Report: B. Woolf handed out the financial reports. J. Rogers asked when we would have an idea on what kind of tax season we have had. The clerk answered that it wouldn't be known until next month but felt that most of the businesses in Mantua were reporting profits for the 2005 tax year.

Bills of Resolution and Addendum: A motion was made by M. Hura to bring the bills of resolution and the addendum to the floor. Second by L. Schilling. All ayes on vote. There was no discussion. A motion was made by W. Hawkins to approve as submitted. Second by L. Schilling. All ayes on roll call.

Legislation:

ORDINANCE 2005-10 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE DEDICATION OF THE WATER/SANITARY SEWER HARDWARE OFFERED BY THE CRESTWOOD LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION AS A PART OF THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA WATER/SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM, ACCEPTANCE OF THIS DEDICATION IS CONDITIONED ON RECEIPT OF A COPY OF THE CERTIFICATE OF CONTRACT COMPLETION APPROVED BY THE CRESTWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD, THE DATE OF WHICH ACCEPTANCE SHALL BE PART OF THE ONE YEAR WARRANTY

GUARANTEE PERIOD AS FOR THE PROJECTS GENERAL CONDITION SECTION 11.3.1 AND DECLARED AN EMERGENCY. Remains tabled at 2nd reading.

ORDINANCE 2006-14 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF \$210,000.00 OF BONDS TO PAY THE COSTS OF IMPROVING A BUILDING TO HOUSE VILLAGE SAFETY, SERVICE, AND ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 1st Reading. L. Schilling made a motion to bring to the floor. Second by J. Rogers. All ayes on roll call. Motion to approve on 1st reading made by L. Schilling. Second by J. Rogers. All ayes on vote. Motion to suspend the rules made by J. Rogers with a second from L. Schilling. All ayes on vote. A motion to pass on 3rd and final reading was made by L. Schilling and seconded by J. Rogers. All ayes on roll call.

ORDINANCE 2006-15 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN ADJUSTMENTS TO THE 2006 APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 1st Reading. A motion to bring to the floor was made by L. Schilling, second from J. Rogers. All ayes on roll call. Clerk Woolf stated the village has received the certificate of estimated resources from the county and that this ordinance allows the clerk to make the necessary adjustments to the appropriations. A motion to pass on 1st reading was made by L. Schilling and seconded by W. Hawkins. All ayes on roll call. A motion to suspend the rules was made by L. Schilling and seconded by W. Hawkins. All ayes on vote. A motion to pass on 3rd reading was made by J. Rogers and seconded by L. Schilling. All ayes on roll call.

RESOLUTION 2006-16 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR AND VILLAGE ENGINEERS, C.T. CONSULTANTS TO SUBMIT A PRE-APPLICATION FOR ROUND 21, TO THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION FOR THE STORM WATER PROJECT. 1st Reading. A motion to bring to the floor was made by M. Hura with a second by L. Schilling. All ayes on vote. Village Administrator Trego explained that the village needs to resubmit the paperwork to see if we qualify for funding. He stated that the village does not have the necessary in-house funds to use. A motion to approve was made by M. Hura and seconded by L. Schilling. All ayes on roll call.

A motion to accept all committee reports was made by L. Schilling with a second by J. Rogers. All ayes on vote.

Village Administrator Ed Trego reminded everyone that trash day is slated for May 6th. He hopes residents get their items for pickup out to their curb early to allow for "recyclers".

Wes Hawkins stated that he addressed the finance committee Monday, the 17th, in reference to the bond for the new administration building. He reiterated that although his stance has not changed he feels we are at the point of no return and we need to be looking forward to ensure this does not happen again. He stated the Mayor informed those in attendance that he would be addressing how closely we are connecting with the new appropriations for council and will report to the finance committee.

Village Solicitor David Benjamin stated that last week began criminal and civil enforcements against residents who have not filed several years worth of income tax returns or did not pay the income tax called for. This is following significant efforts by the clerk-treasurer to try to get voluntary compliance followed up by activity on his behalf. The actions were filed only after both he and the clerk expended much effort toward compliance without success.

Jim Rogers reminded everyone that Planning and Zoning will meet tomorrow at 7:00 p.m. at the Park Lodge. The results will be discussed concerning the current status of our planning and we'll lay out what we need to do to update our land use.

Mayor Hopkins reported that he did attend the finance meeting on Monday evening and he told finance that he had spoken to both department heads, and that they will have their budgets to him by the 5th of May. The Mayor will also have his budget by then. Final approval of the budgets will be in June.

Wes interjected with the approval of David Benjamin's contract by the finance committee. The committee does recommend his contract be approved.

Motion made to adjourn was made by B. Prescott and was seconded by J. Rogers. All ayes on roll call.

Mayor Claude E. Hopkins

Clerk-Treasurer Betsy M. Woolf