

**Village of Mantua  
Regular Council Meeting  
July 17, 2007**

President of Council, Jim Rogers called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:** Jim Rogers, Marty Hura, Wesley Hawkins, Ben Prescott, Linda Schilling, Giles Seith. The Mayor is absent tonight.

**Others Present:** Clerk-Treasurer Betsy Woolf, Asst. Clerk Susan Skrovan, Police Chief Harry Buchert, Village Administrator Ed Trego, Village Solicitor Tom Reitz, Rich Iafelice & Brian Rogers with C.T. Consultants.

**Public:** Cindy Toth, Tom Aldrich, Dawn Pechman, Jennifer August.

**Minutes:** Motion by B. Prescott to bring the Council meeting minutes of June 19, 2007 to the floor with a second from L. Schilling. All ayes on vote. Motion to approve as submitted made by B. Prescott with a second from L. Schilling. All ayes on vote.

Council President Jim Rogers recognized Capt. Matt Roosa, representative for the Mantua-Shalersville Fire Department. Mr. Roosa gave a presentation for the district's 1.9 mil operating levy, which will be on the ballot for August 7, 2007. Issue 3 would generate \$464,000 annually for EMS/operating expenses. It would cost a homeowner \$60.00 for a \$100,000 of valuation. Presently, the fire district has seven full time personnel; the shifts are two persons each with one shift having one plus the chief. Marty asked Matt how the calls compared this year to the same time last year. Matt stated that so far they are 150 ahead of last year. Jim asked Council if they wish to make a motion to support the fire levy. Motion for Council to support the efforts of the Mantua-Shalersville Fire Department made by M. Hura with a second from L. Schilling. B. Prescott voted no, all other ayes on vote.

**Finance Report:** Clerk-Treasurer, Betsy Woolf gave the financial report as of June 30. She informed Council that the health insurance, which is renewing in September, would be increasing approximately 10.55 percent. Larry Kaczmarek wants to know if Council would like him to compare rates. Council members replied yes to having Larry go ahead and get comparisons. Betsy also reported the Auditors are here and moving along with the audit on 2005/2006. They may be here another three weeks.

**Bills of Resolution:** Motion to bring the bills of resolution with addendum to the floor made by B. Prescott with a second from M. Hura. All ayes on vote. Motion to approve as submitted made by B. Prescott with a second from M. Hura. All ayes on vote.

Motion to approve the clerk-treasurer's financial report made by B. Prescott with a second from G. Seith. All ayes on vote.

**Legislation:**

**ORDINANCE 2007-22 AN ORDINANCE REVISING THE ZONING CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA TO ALLOW LIVING QUARTERS IN ACCESSORY BUILDINGS UNDER CERTAIN SPECIFIED CONDITIONS. 2nd READING.**

**ORDINANCE 2007-23 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA BY CHANGING AREAS OF PROPERTY FROM THE R-R ZONING CLASSIFICATION TO THE COMMERCIAL CLASSIFICATION. 2nd READING.**

**RESOLUTION 2007-24 A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE PORTAGE COUNTY BUDGET COMMISSION'S ALTERNATIVE METHOD OF APPORTIONING AND DISTRIBUTING THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVENUE ASSISTANCE FUND AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Betsy explained the process and said the budget commission meets once every ten years. The three cities within the County have given up a small percentage to help Streetsboro. Motion to suspend the rules made by B. Prescott with a second from M. Hura. All ayes on vote.

Wes asked what this is exactly. Betsy explained the Local Government Fund comes from the State of Ohio, which is then distributed by percentage to all the cities, villages and townships. Each municipality must accept it. Motion to act on this resolution and pass on emergency made by M. Hura with a second from B. Prescott. All ayes on vote.

Motion to accept all committee reports on file by L. Schilling with a second from B. Prescott. All ayes on vote.

Motion to allow the Jarrells Family to have use of a pavilion next year at no charge made by M. Hura with a second from W. Hawkins. All ayes on vote. Marty explained this was due to a lack of electricity at Pavilion 1 and as a result, the family was moved to Pavilion 2.

**Public:** Dawn Pechman was given the floor to speak by Jim Rogers but only questioned whether council was still voting on the prior motion. Jim replied no, that has passed.

Cindy Toth stated since she addressed Council at their last meeting, Jim Rogers and Ed Trego came to look at her water problem. Linda Schilling stated she had also gone there to look at it. Tom Reitz responded he has been asked to write a letter in response to Mrs. Toth's situation. The Village could not determine that they are at fault in her case based on the information received from Mrs. Toth. If she has additional information to present Council, perhaps that would change. Cindy said she would take the necessary steps to get additional information. Pertaining to discussion last month to consider removal of the income tax credit, Cindy asked if this would be presented at a public hearing or is it a decision of Council. Wes said the public would surely know if that decision were to be made. Giles said the Village is looking at a \$300,000 loss in revenue due to Eaton Corp. leaving the Village. Right now, the Village is only looking at their options to maintain the services presently offered. Wesley returned to the letter to Mrs. Toth. He stated there was a lot of heated debate on the issue before this meeting at service and that there was not a vote taken to send it. Motion to allow the solicitor to send a letter to Mr. & Mrs. Toth made by B. Prescott with a second from L. Schilling. W. Hawkins voted no, all other ayes on vote.

Police Chief Harry Buchert reported receiving a \$20.00 cash donation from Denny Herr for unlocking his vehicle over the past weekend. The money has been turned over to Betsy. The auditor indicated to Harry that he needs to bring it to the council floor to accept the donation. Motion to allow the police department to accept the generous donation made by M. Hura with a second from L. Schilling. All ayes on vote. Harry reported no incidents at the Soap Box Derby; it was a great success. In addition, First Street will be closed down first thing tomorrow morning for tree removal between Franklin and High Streets.

Wes Hawkins commented on his opinion expressed earlier at the service meeting in reference to the Toth letter and his disappointment in the vote tonight.

Solicitor, Tom Reitz, was asked to review and possibly revise the Villages' liability release form. The concern was that this form would not protect the Village from everyone who uses their facilities. Tom believed that as long as the Village has liability coverage on their properties, which they do, they would be protected. He recommends the Village make sure

their insurance covers everything and do not use this form at all. Jim Rogers asked to refer the matter to the park's board for consideration. Ed Trego added he would be meeting with the insurance carriers, Ohio Government Risk Management, on the 25th of this month. Should anyone have anything to add to the meeting, please let him know.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m. made by L. Schilling with a second by B. Prescott. All ayes on vote.

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Mayor Claude E. Hopkins

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Clerk-Treasurer Betsy M. Woolf