

**Village of Mantua  
Regular Council Meeting  
March 18, 2008**

Mayor Hawkins called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m. and asked Betsy Woolf to lead the pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:** Donna Hawkins, Jim Rogers, Linda Schilling, Marty Hura, Ben Prescott, Roger Hawkins, Giles Seith.

**Others Present:** Clerk-Treasurer Betsy Woolf, Asst. Clerk Susan Skrovan, Police Chief Harry Buchert, Water & Sewer Billing Clerk Donna Maynard, Village Solicitor Tom Reitz, Rich Iafelice with C.T. Consultants.

**Public:** Clerk-Treasurer-elect Jenny August, Brian Rogers, Dave Woolf, John Hall, Lisa Zamecnik, Cookie Vanek, Don Jovich with Record Courier, Edie Benner, Becky Newell, Michelle Barnauskas, and many others.

**Minutes:** Motion to bring the meeting minutes of Feb. 19, 2008 to the floor made by J. Rogers with a second from L. Schilling. All ayes on vote. Linda corrected the dates on Resolution 2008-04 to reflect Jenny August would be at training the 19th and 20th. Motion to approve the minutes as amended made by L. Schilling with a second from J. Rogers. All ayes on vote.

**Mayors Report:** Mayor Hawkins reported the Village continues to have challenges from Mother Nature regarding the recent ice storm and snowstorm. She thanked Ed Trego for the service department's hard work during these difficult situations. The Mayor also spoke with County Commissioner Maureen Frederick. She put her in contact with the EMA director, John Barber, to try to recoup some of our costs incurred on these storms. Mayor Hawkins attended the March Shalersville Township meeting. She met Mantua Township trustee, Mark Hall; met with Brian Rogers to discuss various projects and with Mr. Krzys, scout coordinator for Boy Scout Troop 575. The Mayor was invited to the Hilltop Church men's breakfast and asked to write an article for their newsletter. She also met with the Downtown Revitalization committee. Mayor Hawkins is scheduled to meet with Congressman Steve LaTourette at the end of this month.

The appointments to the Board of Zoning Appeals were brought before Council. The Mayor recommended Dave Campbell and Yvonne Moore. Motion to approve the appointments to the BZA made by L. Schilling with a second from M. Hura. All ayes on vote. At this time Dave Campbell, who was present, was sworn in by Village Solicitor, Tom Reitz.

**Finance Report:** Clerk-Treasurer, Betsy Woolf gave the financial report as of 2/29/08. She informed Council the permanent appropriations need to be passed by March 31st. Motion to approve the financial report, fund status, appropriation status, revenue status and cash summary by fund reports made by J. Rogers with a second from L. Schilling. All ayes on vote.

At this time, Mayor Hawkins turned the floor over to the Mantua Revitalization Group. President Edie Benner and Michelle Barnauskas gave a power point presentation and passed out information on the status of the revitalization efforts.

**Bills of Resolution:** Motion to approve the Bills of Resolution for March with addendum as submitted less the C.T. and police department payroll made by J. Rogers with a second from B. Prescott. All ayes on vote.

Motion to approve the C.T. bills and police payroll made by M. Hura with a second from J. Rogers. B. Prescott and L. Schilling abstained, all other ayes on vote.

**Legislation:**

**ORDINANCE 2007-27 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AN EASEMENT FOR STORM SEWER PURPOSES FROM DELORES J. AND BRIAN E. GREGOR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. TABLED AT 3rd READING.**

**ORDINANCE 2007-28 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AN EASEMENT FOR STORM SEWER PURPOSES FROM SEAN OZIMEC AND KAREN OZIMEC AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. TABLED AT 3rd READING.**

**ORDINANCE 2007-30 AN ORDINANCE ENACTING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR HILLSIDE CEMETERY. TABLED AT 3rd READING.**

**RESOLUTION 2007-40 A RESOLUTION MAKING A FUND TRANSFER BY THE CLERK-TREASURER IN ORDER TO MAKE PAYMENTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. TABLED AT 3rd READING.**

**RESOLUTION 2007-45 A RESOLUTION APPROVING SETTLEMENT AND RELEASE OF A LAWSUIT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA AND ENERTECH ELECTRICAL, INC., PORTAGE COUNTY COMMON PLEAS COURT CASE NO. 2006 CV 682, DIRECTING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR AND VILLAGE CLERK-TREASURER TO TAKE ALL STEPS NECESSARY TO RESOLVE THIS MATTER, INCLUDING EXECUTING THE NECESSARY SETTLEMENT PAPERS. TABLED AT 3rd READING.**

**ORDINANCE 207-50 A SPECIAL PURPOSE FLOOD DAMAGE REDUCTION ORDINANCE. TABLED AT 3rd READING.** Motion to take Ordinance 2007-50 off the table made by J. Rogers with a second from L. Schilling. All ayes on vote. Rich lafelice suggested removing this ordinance altogether. He estimates it will be maybe a year or more before this is ready to come before Council and it probably will not be in this form. This would need to be customized to our own community. Tom Reitz recommended a motion to remove the ordinance. Motion to remove Ordinance 2007-50 made by J. Rogers with a second from L. Schilling. All ayes on vote.

**ORDINANCE 2008-06 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE INCOME TAX REGULATIONS OF THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA, OHIO. 2ND READING.**

**ORDINANCE 2008-09 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 931 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO ESTABLISH RATES FOR THE SANITARY SEWER SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE VILLAGE. 1ST READING.** Motion to suspend the rules made by J. Rogers with a second from B. Prescott. All ayes on vote. Motion to enact made by L. Schilling with a second from J. Rogers. All ayes on vote.

**ORDINANCE 2008-10 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 921 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO ESTABLISH RATES FOR THE WATER SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE VILLAGE. 1ST READING.** Motion to suspend the rules made by L. Schilling with a second from B. Prescott. G. Seith voted no, all other ayes on vote. Motion to enact made by J. Rogers with a second from M. Hura. G. Seith voted no, all other ayes on vote.

**ORDINANCE 2008-11 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR 2008 FOR THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA, CALLED FOR IN THE BUDGET, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 1ST READING.**

Motion to suspend the rules made by L. Schilling with a second from B. Prescott. All ayes on vote. Betsy did two revisions because, as per their discussion, no appropriations were put in to pay for the Clemens lawsuit now shown on page 3. Sewer Capital improvement on page 7 still is under the estimated resources after 2 changes. Motion to pass on 3rd and final made by J. Rogers with a second from B. Prescott. All ayes on vote.

**Parks:** Marty Hura and Brian Rogers met with the boy scouts today; plans are moving forward for the Buchert Park Trail.

**Finance:** Ben Prescott reported they have balanced the budget two Saturday's in a row.

**Safety:** Giles Seith reported safety committee discussed extended warranties for police cruisers. There was a concern brought before the committee by a public person regarding the hole on Main Street and someone falling off into it. This is private property. Police Officer, Dan Forman will be receiving an award from the Knights of Columbus. Giles asked that Council be notified whenever the Village has multiple agencies brought in for major situations that arise such as the recent flooding.

**Public:** No comments

Tom Reitz brought to Council a request coming from the recent Auditor's report asking him to generate a memo on conflict of interest, which Tom passed out.

Mayor Hawkins announced this would be the last Council meeting for Clerk-Treasurer, Betsy Woolf. The Mayor read a proclamation to Betsy and then Betsy read a speech to everyone. She was presented an engraved clock for her dedicated service to the Village.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. made by M. Hura with a second by J. Rogers. All ayes on vote.

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Mayor Donna Hawkins

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Clerk-Treasurer Betsy M. Woolf