

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MANTUA TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

SPECIAL MEETING

Held June 10, 2013

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The Board of Trustees of Mantua Township convened in regular session from 7:00 P.M. to 8:15 P.M. in the Mantua Township Hall. Chairman Jason Carlton called the meeting to order with the following members and visitors present: Jason Carlton, John Festa, Victor Grimm, Trustees. Marie Stehli, Fiscal Officer. Lynn Harvey. Dave Pollard, Zoning Commission. Susan Skrovan, Zoning Commission Secretary. Betsy Woolf, BZA Secretary. Several residents.

Introduction

The special meeting was called to order by Chairman Jason Carlton. John Festa started the meeting by saying that we have reached a crossroad. We need to decide how to use and how to pay for the building. He thinks the building should be used for township offices, retail space and community use, but not to put township finances in jeopardy. We need a new approach to fixing up and using the building.

Jason Carlton said that as Trustees, we are not project managers, and we need help. He gave an example of the recent school district search for a superintendent. They got the community involved. The building was purchased for business, offices and general purposes. The trustees decided not to go forward with a feasibility study in 2003. That study was a building evaluation and a public process to try to pass a levy/bond issue. We already have a lot of the detail done. He said that the project is a "public project" and wants to establish a building committee. He has talked to Brad at the Board of Elections and also with Chris Meduri who will review bonds. Chris said that Suffield did a bond issue for their fire station.

Marie Stehli said that between the township and Ohio Township Leasing, one owns the building, the other owns the land. With a filing deadline of August 7, there is not enough time for a November ballot issue. Marie was asked about a lease extension. We are paid off next year and there is no prepayment allowed.

Victor Grimm said that on the Land Use plan, a consultant interviewed and set up the committee. He said that there are not enough funds for this building and the civic center. We should tie together all buildings and the parks in a maintenance levy. He asked about the reduction in the Local Government Fund. Marie said that it has gone from \$62,000 in revenue to \$26,000. Also the estate tax is gone. The estate tax has resulted in large amounts in some years. Jason said that taxes can seem unfair. Vic said that's why we didn't go with RP Architects. John said rates are low and people like bonds. Jason said that piecemeal can cost a lot. At this point, the public got involved-

Carole Pollard said that the restoration society joined Heritage Ohio. She discussed a conference and that the National Registry of Historic Places should help provide grants, even for studies. There are many resources available. People in the township are an untapped resource.

Betsy Woolf suggested that they talk to Harry Buchert or Claude Hopkins about their experience on the village hall.

Larry Lietzow said we should start with the feasibility study and see what it would cost.

Frank Horack said all buildings would cost money and need work. Let the residents decide.

Dave Pollard said that interest rates might be at their best right now. He suggested adding in a road levy to get the roads fixed, too, especially Olde Taylor Woods.

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Vic said that with the Land Use Plan they interviewed several consultants.

Betsy wants to be on the committee.

Larry agreed-we need to include the townhall and civic center and get them all done right.

Dan Cozzens also agreed, and added we need a facility for the road crew. Vic said that there is only 1/3 acre at the garage, but Larry suggested hooking it all up to the sewer.

John reiterated that a lot has been done already.

Carole asked what it would cost to fix, vs. starting from scratch, including the cost of demolition.

Frank said we should advertise for a building committee.

Mark Hall said that the committee should be a cross section of the community and decide what we have to do vs. what we would like to do.

Carole said to make sure that the group is objective.

Dave suggested replacing shingle roofs with metal.

Jason suggested the following outline-

1. Jason will research bond issues and talk to Janet about levies and millage.
2. We need to let consultants know that we might be talking about multiple buildings and how to determine cost.
3. John and Vic will check out consultants.

Lynn Harvey requested that they contact people who specialize in historic preservation. The next meeting was set for July 8, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

RES 151-13 Motion to adjourn the meeting by Jason Carlton, seconded by Victor Grimm. Vote as follows: Jason Carlton, Yes. John Festa, Yes. Victor Grimm, Yes.

The meeting was adjourned till June 17. 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the Townhall for the budget workshop.

Victor Grimm

Jason Carlton

John Festa

Marie Louise Stehli, Fiscal Officer

All formal actions of the Board of Trustees of Mantua Township concerning and relating to the adoption of resolutions and/or motions passed at this meeting were adopted in a meeting open to the public, in compliance with the law, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.