

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MANTUA TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

REGULAR MEETING

Held October 3, 2013

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The Board of Trustees of Mantua Township convened in regular session from 7:30 P.M. to 9:56 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. Zoning Inspector John Dickey. Sexton Jim Aldrich. Dave Pollard, Zoning Commission. Susan Skrovan, Zoning Commission Secretary. Betsy Woolf, BZA Secretary. Trustee Candidates Dawn Pechman, Carole Pollard. Stacy Turner from the Villager. Several residents.

Introduction

The regular meeting was called to order by Chairman Jason Carlton. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jim Aldrich.

RES 209-13 Motion to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting as corrected and suspends their reading by Victor Grimm, seconded by John Festa. Vote as follows: Jason Carlton, Yes. John Festa, Yes. Victor Grimm, Yes.

Jason introduced the correspondence book and asked that all cell phones be turned off or to vibrate.

Financial Report

The Fiscal Officer presented the following correspondence:

- Letter from Prosecutor-CONFIDENTIAL
- 2 OPERS notices
- Affordable care act
- Board of elections requesting Admin building for polls
- Garrettsville Hardware sells to E&H Hardware
- October Grassroots clippings

The Fiscal Officer presented the following financial report:

2013 Appropriations:	\$ 990,029.00
2013 Payments:	\$ 935,602.81
Encumbered, not paid:	\$ 86,393.35
Unencumbered balance:	\$ 288,081.46
2012 Receipts:	\$ 962,999.63
Cash balance:	\$ 633,004.02 with
	\$ 615,493.44 invested

RES 210-13 Motion to transfer \$600 from the Workers Compensation account to the Supplies account in the Road & Bridge fund by Jason Carlton, seconded by John Festa. Vote as follows: Jason Carlton, Yes. John Festa, Yes. Victor Grimm, Yes.

The Fiscal Officer also reminded Jason that he still has to take the Public Records class. He is signed up for one.

Jason asked Marie what the projected cash carryover is. She answered that we should break even this year and it should be at about \$600,000. Jason feels that the trustees are elected to spend the money wisely and feels that \$600,000 in the bank is OK. Marie responded that she is concerned that the Trustees had overspent their revenues by over \$100,000 in each of the past two years, and was concerned about the trend. We should be near \$600,000 this year.

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Main Meeting

Zoning Report

John Dickey gave a lengthy zoning report including \$545 in revenues, a summary of verbal violation notices, written notices, actions taken by property owners, summary of calls received, upcoming projects, and requested permission to have the Prosecutor start legal proceedings after the end of the 30 day violation notice. He also asked John Festa to ask the road crew to remove all signs, etc that are within the road right of way in accordance with the zoning regulations and the ORC. The Trustees decided to follow up on the prosecutor issue with Chris (Meduri). John Dickey will have office hours the first three Thursdays of each month from 5-7 at his office at the Mantua Township administration building. There was discussion about stairs, a door bell and lights at the building.

Sexton report

September fees received as follows:	Burials	\$975
	Grave Sales	2895
	Foundations	<u>345</u>
	Total	4215

All foundations are in. John Festa said that Jim needs an email account and asked about getting Jim a subscription to the OTA magazine. Marie said she gave Jim her most recent magazine.

Road Report

Jason reported that the road crew has been repairing berms, and the footers are done. The Sterling has been repaired. Moore's pipe will go in next week. Vic said that they will need to do an additional 300' of ditching past Moores' property, as well as the other side of the road. The Road Crew will be off for the Columbus Day holiday. Mike put together a list of the things we don't use anymore. It includes the slide and cattle gates, as well as truss framework for a metal building that had been purchased from the fire department. The trustees set a value on the slide of \$150 and the cattle gates at 2 for \$25. **RES 211-13** Motion that the township no longer uses the cattle gates and slide and that the assessed value has been established as above, and that the items would be sold by sealed bid by Jason Carlton, seconded by John Festa. Vote as follows: Jason Carlton, Yes. John Festa, Yes. Victor Grimm, Yes. **RES 212-13** Motion to advertise in the Record Courier for the sealed bids above with a deadline of 10/31 by Jason Carlton, seconded by John Festa. Vote as follows: Jason Carlton, Yes. John Festa, Yes. Victor Grimm, Yes. Jason will advertise.

John asked about the pending culvert jobs. Jason said that all ineligible or yellowed items would receive letters and they will re-evaluate the rest. Vic said that Ferris' on Loris is just an extension and the road crew will be in the area.

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Club & Committee Reports

Frank Horack reported on the Veteran's memorial. The electric inspection has been approved, the handicapped signs are up, the cannon is welded into place and the grass has been hand cut. They are looking at urns. He asked if the decorator stone used by the historical marker could be used to protect the memorial from the mowers. Vic said that there are 4 sizes and caps. Frank will let the Trustees know how many were used. This was OK'd. Vic had the paperwork on the cannon which he gave to Frank. Jason and John both congratulated Frank on a nice job. Frank estimated the memorial would have cost between \$50,000 & \$75,000 without donations.

Trustee Reports

Jason Carlton talked about buying a mini-excavator. The Bobcat was the most cost effective. It has 5 buckets, but there was no need for a 30" bucket and he went with a workbrow bucket-cost \$57804.40 from Bobcat with a \$20,000 trade in on the grader. Also a 14,000 lb. trailer would cost \$4108.03. Total cash cost would be \$41,912.43 The County, Randolph and Shalersville all have new ones. If we were to put \$10,000 down we could finance \$31,912.43 at 4.84% which would then be \$954.15/month for 3 years. (\$34348.40 total, \$2395.97 interest). Vic said he didn't think that was enough for the grader. He is not in favor of a trade in. Jim Kotkowski would sell the Township his 2001 bobcat and 2008 trailer for around \$20,000. Jason said that Case had offered \$15,000 for the grader. Vic said it isn't costing us anything and we can grader patch, berm and snow plow with it. John Festa said that we don't use the grader much. Vic wanted to wait until next year and thinks we will regret getting rid of the grader. Jason said it is easier to berm with the mini. He will call about the trade in.

John Festa has talked to AT&T about the hotspot. There is a \$160 penalty to cancel. DSL would require a 2 year agreement. 6 megabytes would cost \$34.99/month. AT&T can't offer better service than the hotspot. His tablet picks up in Marie's office and lost the signal when he walked down the hall. Jason said that the signal isn't designed to go through brick walls; it is meant for drywall. Jason thought the internet connection should be in the hall by the water fountain.

John has set up with Brian Savage to come on Thursday, October 10 at 5 p.m. to talk insurance.

John needs an address from Jason for the Chagrin River Watershed Partners (CRWP) to look at a problem on Pioneer Trail. The ditch can't handle the water. Jim Aldrich said he had replaced the culvert there 30 years ago. John said he could also invite the County to look at it.

Victor Grimm asked if anyone had contacted Steve Coon. His offer is still good. Jason was concerned that the correspondence was sent to a resident and wants to make sure that Mr. Coon doesn't think the school building is in dire straits. John said he has been unable to reach him. He has emailed twice and called with no success. Vic will try to set up a meeting. John Festa wants to talk to him and doesn't understand why anyone would want to just donate \$9000.

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Old Business

Jason reported that the chip & seal project is done. Since there was no Issue 2 project, we were able to chip & seal almost 5 miles of roads. He thanked all involved. Vic also organized 5 miles of crack-sealing. Jason said we need to keep the road programs up.

Vic reported that there are locks on all the classroom doors at the administration building.

Todd Peetz has set up a public meeting on October 22 in the Civic Center. Todd will advertise. John Festa had information from Squires Sanders on issuing bonds. Marie said that Squires had done the Fire District work and should have information already.

Jason said that Brian Cole wants to meet with the road crew about his driveway.

John talked about Olde Taylor Woods. 750' of paving was done. Apparently the residents thought the road would be dug out and re-built. John reviewed the work with the residents. Jason said that the two solutions were to dig out of just top it with more asphalt. We have to balance it with the other roads in the township. The road is not impassible. It was also saw-cut and repaired. Vic said 350' was done before and 750' done this year prior to putting in a pipe. We have been working in Olde Taylor Woods for a couple of years.

John asked Sue if she has gotten any threatening letters. Yes, but they were anonymous. She has talked to the police. There is nothing they can do. John wants to make sure reports are made. He doesn't want employees intimidated or threatened. No one else has been threatened. John said he was following up on a newspaper article.

Dawn Pechman said she has not received records. She is a candidate and should receive records. Marie said that Dawn asked for two items yesterday around 4 p.m. and Marie has them here for her tonight.

Public Comments

The following spoke during public comments

Carole Pollard is the resident who talked with Steve Coon and turned all of the information over to the Trustees and stayed out of it. She feels that the school is under threat because a resident has told several people that he wants it torn down. Mr. Coon is a man of honor and his offer (to paint the Townhall for free and request that the money that would have been spent go to the school fund) is genuine.

Dawn Pechman is still waiting for zoning reports. She also wants the carryover from 2008 and forward. Dawn is offended by John Dickey's political sign flyer.

Dave Pollard discussed the mini-excavator, Steve Coon and Olde Taylor Woods. He also said that a number of employees have gotten anonymous letters.

Dale Zullo thinks the Trustees do a good job watching the money.

Steve Zielinski asked who pays 10%? The road workers and Jason. Who can purchase a building? The Board of Trustees. Jason explained that by law benefits on elected officials stay the same. Vic said that the road crew's raise compensated for their 10% that they pay, and that the Trustees do not get a pay increase.

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Finale

Res 213-13 Motion to pay the following bills by Jason Carlton, seconded by John Festa. Vote as follows: Jason Carlton, Yes. John Festa, Yes. Victor Grimm, Yes.

MANTUA TOWNSHIP PAID BILLS	10/3/2013
19915 MICHAEL RICHARDS	SEPTEMBER 16-30, 2013 933.46
19916 BRIAN TAYERLE	SEPTEMBER 16-30, 2013 1,069.53
19917 DANIEL WYSZNSKI	SEPTEMBER 16-30, 2013 948.82
VOUCHER INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	SEPTEMBER FEDERAL DEPOSIT 1,272.27
19918 TREASURER, OHIO	SEPTEMBER WITHHELD 275.57
19919 PERS	SEPTEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS 3,257.51
19920 OHIO DEFERRED COMP	SEPTEMBER WITHHELD 80.00
19921 AFLAC	SEPTEMBER WITHHELD 223.76
19922 JIM ALDRICH	MILEAGE 27.58
19923 JOHN DICKEY	MILEAGE 111.65
19924 GARY & LAURA VARGO	HOME DAMAGE REIMBURSEMENT 39.50
OHIO PUBLIC ENTITY	
19925 CONSORTIUM	FUNDING PLAN 2,690.89
19926 DOMINION EAST OHIO	SEPTEMBER SERVICE 151.33
19927 OHIO EDISON	SEPTEMBER SERVICE 137.87
19928 VOID	VOID VOID
19929 MILLER & COMPANY	SEPTEMBER SERVICE 69.00
19930 SUNBURST ENVIRONMENTAL	SEPTEMBER SERVICE 45.35
19931 SPIRIT SERVICE COMPANY	SEPTEMBER SERVICE 133.28
19932 GARRETTSVILLE HARDWARE	THOMPSON WATER SEAL 29.98
19933 MCMASTER CARR	MAINTENANCE ITEMS 61.39
19934 SIDLEY TRUCK & EQUIPMENT	MAINTENANCE ITEMS 706.39
19935 KIMBALL MIDWEST	MAINTENANCE ITEMS 199.60
	REPAIR WINDSHIELD ON
19936 PERFECT CHOICE AUTO BODY	STERLING 585.10
19937 TODD MONROE	FERTILIZER 280.00
19938 SHALERSVILLE ASPHALT	60.88 TONS ASPHALT 3,561.49
19939 H LULI CONSTRUCTION	CHIP & SEAL SEVERAL ROADS 185,448.36
19940 AT&T	SEPTEMBER SERVICE 108.44
19941 AT&T	SEPTEMBER SERVICE 310.33
	202,758.45

RES 214-13 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 October 10, 2013 for a special meeting on health insurance.

Victor Grimm

John Festa

Jason Carlton

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.