

MANTUA TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

Held September 18, 2014

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The Board of Trustees of Mantua Township convened in regular session from 7:30 p.m. to 9:20 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, Roger Hurd, Terri Vechery, Zoning Commission. Sue Skrovan, Zoning Commission secretary. Several residents.

Introduction

The pledge of Allegiance was led by Victor Grimm. Chairman Jason Carlton announced the correspondence book and reminded people to silence their cell phones.

RES 178-14 Motion to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting as presented and suspend the reading thereof by Victor Grimm, seconded by John Festa. Vote as follows: Jason Carlton, Yes. John Festa, Yes. Victor Grimm, Yes.

Financial Report

The Fiscal Officer presented the following financial report:

2014 Appropriations:	\$ 901,304.54
2014 Payments:	\$ 548,236.05
Encumbered, not paid:	\$ 71,427.12
2014 Receipts:	\$ 607,409.60
Cash balance:	\$ 625,224.34 with
	\$ 549,820.36 invested

The Fiscal Officer presented the following correspondence:

- September Grassroots clippings
- Letters regarding salt contract
- Chagrin River Watershed Partners meeting agenda
- 2014 AMATS annual meeting
- July Zoning Commission meeting minutes
- Board of Elections has galley proofs ready
- OTARMA Board of Directors election notice
- Ohio EPA blighted properties workshop
- Building One Ohio meeting
- OTARMA Quarterly newsletter
- Health Department quarterly report

The bonds are in and were signed.

Main Meeting

Zoning Report

None.

Cemetery Report

None.

Road Report

None.

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Club & Committee Reports

Sue Skrovan said that the Garden Club has scheduled fall clean-up.

Mark Hall said that MaRSI will be at Derthick's corn maze for fundraising.

John Festa said that the Chamber meeting was short, and that Jakes has been sold to the Miller family. Crestwood will have an emergency levy on the ballot.

Trustee Reports

Jason Carlton said that the Chip & Seal project is complete.

Victor Grimm said that Todd Peetz wants to schedule the first community meeting and offered October 6, 13 & 22. October 6 was selected for the civic center. October 22 was the alternate date.

Vic gave pictures to Brent for a slide show on the website.

Mark Kramer presented a petition for jake brake control on Mantua Center Road. There is a lot more truck traffic due to the bridge being closed in Mantua Village. Problem is not with the locals, but the asphalt and brick haulers.

Vic discussed a letter sent out by the Zoning Inspector to several residences. Vic attended the Zoning Commission meeting for clarification on several things. John Dickey had told the zoning commission that it was not a violation letter, since it had not been sent certified. The letter says it is a violation citation and gives residents 15 days to comply. He requested copies of documents pertaining to junk cars. This is not in the zoning resolution. John Dickey told the zoning commission that they can ask for anything they want. Jason said he talked to John Dickey. John said he had shown the letter to Chris Meduri, who said that the letter was strong. Jason acknowledged that the letter leads residents to believe it is a violation letter. He said John needs to make the letter simpler. Vic said that residents prefer face to face contact. John Dickey told the zoning commission and residents that "not more than one" means NONE. Resident John Vechery spoke. He felt that the letter should have been approved by the trustees. He felt that John Dickey was very arrogant and sticking to his guns. The trustees should control him. John Festa said that he had told John Dickey to go to residents and introduce himself. He will stick with John on enforcement. John Vechery felt it was a witch hunt. John Festa said we need to work together. John Vechery pointed out that we live in a township-not a city. Jason asked Lynn Harvey for her input. She said that this is the second episode of letters going out with things not in the book-the first being an agriculture permit. She has told John Dickey that he can't put things in letters that are not in the zoning book. John Dickey told her that he had talked to Chris, and it was fine. Lynn talked to Chris and it was not fine. Jason then said that the zoning commission had greeted John Dickey in a very unprofessional manner, and pointed out Terri Vechery. At this point Terri left and the meeting moved on.

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The flu clinic has been set for October 8 from 4-6 p.m. It will be a 4 strain flu shot.

Old Business

Vic said that Coon Restoration has us on the schedule for the Townhall. We will need caulk. Cal Brant thanked John Festa, Carole Pollard, Ellen Monroe and Mark Hall for help on the project. He wants to talk to the Sherwin Williams rep. He had questions on the siding and corner pieces. He will prime and paint these. The back of the building has been the worst.

The salt contract was discussed. The price went from around \$27.50 to over \$108 per ton. It is more expensive than asphalt. We cut our order from 700 tons to 175 tons. John Festa said that Crestwood is buying from the same consortium that Vic had discussed. Vic said we have joined.

The speed study for Skinner is still in progress.

Jason has received confirmation on the sign grant. He still needs to get Marie the finalized figure. He is waiting for the state PO.

John will email the superintendent on the newsletter. With school starting up, Dave Toth has been busy. Frank Horack Jr. will start getting a video camera ready.

The part-time work-on call only job has been advertised and will be on the website. It was suggested to put the job application on the website too. Postmark deadline is October 13.

Winchell Road still has flooding problems near Townline. Chagrin River Watershed Partners and Aurora will get involved. CWRP will head it up. They will do a site visit.

Public Comments-

The following spoke during public comments:

Carole Pollard said that Terri Vechery had been badly bashed. Terri has the most knowledge of zoning in the township, now that her husband is gone.

Barbara Herbold asked about Trick or Treat. We usually coordinate with Mantua Village. Vic said it is usually October 31 from 5-7. We will have it for the next meeting.

Lynn Harvey asked if there is anything else we can do for people who get pseudo-violation letters. No one knew how many letters went out, but it was guessed at between 10 & 40. Vic has told people it is a warning. Lynn doesn't want to see zoning used as a weapon. John Festa questioned her comment and asked what she meant by a weapon.

Mark Hall suggested the zoning inspector leave people a contact card. He also suggested a random start to the slide show.

Dale Zullo thanked the road crew for a great job. He also praised John Dickey.

Larry Lietzow said that Dan had mowed all of the roads while Brian was on vacation and they look nice.

Dave Pollard said that John Dickey is mis-interpreting the zoning book. He needs to be reined in and is abusing authority.

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Steve Zielinski said Cal Brant is doing a nice job on the Townhall. They are still taking donations.

Cal Brant thought a maintenance schedule for the buildings would be helpful so they don't get too bad. He asked if the Veteran's Memorial would be shoveled.

Bob Zullo said that John Dickey should be reined in, although he also said he is doing a good job.

Larry Parsons said that Jason was handling the situation well. Jason said that John is still trying to organize. Vic said thanks to Betsy who has been doing the filing. The files were transferred in boxes.

Roger Hurd said that the intention of zoning is to bring into compliance people who are not in compliance, not to threaten. Vic said that Chris has said the same thing. It is not to generate fines.

Dan Cozzens thanked for the road maintenance. He likes to see zoning clean up the town.

Finale

The trustees all said that they have gotten complaints about the cemetery. The grass is high and the weed eating is close. Jason has talked to Bob Giel numerous times. Vic has talked to John Skala (3)(Bob's worker) several times also.

RES 179-14 Motion made by Jason Carlton to pay the following bills, seconded by John Festa. Vote as follows: Jason Carlton yes, John Festa yes, Victor Grimm, yes.

MANTUA TOWNSHIP PAID BILLS

9/18/2014

20661	BRIAN TAYERLE	SEPTEMBER 1-15, 2014	1,114.68
20662	DAN WYSZNSKI	SEPTEMBER 1-15, 2014	1,020.16
20663	JAMES ALDRICH	SEPTEMBER SALARY	352.53
20664	JASON CARLTON	SEPTEMBER SALARY	515.43
20665	JOHN DICKEY	SEPTEMBER SALARY	527.43
20666	JOHN FESTA	SEPTEMBER SALARY	738.68
20667	VICTOR GRIMM	SEPTEMBER SALARY	529.54
20668	RHETTA HALL	SEPTEMBER SALARY	132.27
20669	SUSAN SKROVAN	SEPTEMBER SALARY	253.46
20670	MARIE STEHLI	SEPTEMBER SALARY	1,050.00
20671	BETSY WOOLF	FILING	59.50
20672	JIM ALDRICH	REIMBURSEMENT	32.58
20673	BRANT CARPENTRY	WORK ON TOWNHALL	4,044.00
20674	TERASURER, OHIO	UAN FEES	612.00
20675	RECORD PUBLISHING	LEGAL ADS	27.75
20676	OHIO EDISON	AUGUST SERVICE	599.95
20677	ARIS COMPANY	SEPTEMBER SERVICE	75.00
20678	MILLER & COMPANY	AUGUST SERVICE	75.00
20679	LAKE BUSINESS PRODUCTS	MAINTENANCE CONTRACT	40.64
20680	STAPLES	OFFICE SUPPLIES	58.88
20681	HOME DEPOT	WATER FOR TOWNHALL	6.94
20682	1ST AYD CORP	CLEANING SUPPLIES	193.06
20683	WESTERN RESERVE FARM COOP	FUEL	1,009.39
20684	MARATHON	FUEL	180.28
20685	MANTUA HARDWARE	MAINTENANCE ITEMS	126.59
20686	MANTUA AUTO PARTS	MAINTENANCE ITEMS	264.30
20687	VALLEY FREIGHTLINER	MAINTENANCE ITEMS	187.83
20688	SOUTHEASTERN EQUIPMENT	MAINTENANCE ITEMS	453.04
20689	OAR VINYL WINDOW & SIDING	WINDOW REPAIR-CIVIC CENTER	116.00
20690	R C GIEL LANDSCAPING	LAWN MAINTENANCE CONTRACT	1,705.63
20691	H LULI CONSTRUCTION	2014 CHIP & SEAL PROGRAM	104,813.99

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20692	AUBURN PIPE & SUPPLY	CULVERT PIPE	228.00
20693	LAKESIDE SAND & GRAVEL	6.87 TONS CRUSHED CONCRETE	48.09
20694	OSCAR BRUGMANN SAND & GRAVEL	ICE GRITS & GRAVEL	1,632.40
20695	SHALERSVILLE ASPHALT	2.03 TONS ASPHALT	<u>111.65</u>
			122,936.67

RES 180-14 Motion to adjourn made by Jason Carlton, seconded by John Festa. Vote as follows: Jason Carlton yes, John Festa yes, Victor Grimm, yes.

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.