

MANTUA TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

Held February 5, 2015

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The Board of Trustees of Mantua Township convened in regular session from 7:40 p.m. to 10:03 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. John Dickey, Road Supervisor. Jim Aldrich, Sexton, Brian Tayerle, Road Supervisor. Dan Wysznski, Road man. Sue Skrovan, Zoning Commission Secretary. Stacey Turner and Skip Schweitzer from the Villager. Alex from troop #575. A few residents.

Introduction

The pledge of allegiance was led by Alex.

RES 34-15 Motion to approve the January 15 regular meeting minutes as corrected 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:

2015 Temporary Appropriations:	\$	374,080.34
2015 Payments:	\$	50,162.98
Encumbered, not paid:	\$	48,799.36
2015 Receipts:	\$	20,233.95
Cash balance:	\$	545,922.30 with
	\$	535,713.22 invested

The Fiscal Officer presented the following correspondence:

- Western Reserve Land Conservancy Landline
- OPERS Employer Outreach
- February Grassroots Clippings
- 2 OPERS Employer notices
- Regional Planning has Replat in Timber Pointe for review
- OK Brugmann Jr. Price increase
- Frank Gates BWC Safety training requirement & Classes
- Chagrin River Watershed Partners annual report

The plat map was discussed. John Dickey has approved it already. It is to join 2 lots which was in accordance with our zoning. John said that there are a couple more coming.

Main Meeting

Custodian Report

None.

Zoning Report

John reported income of \$15 for January. He has issued one verbal violation and said that the Mantua Corners issue will go to Chris Meduri. He reported that there will be a new day care opening up and a couple of other businesses starting on State Route 44. He has fielded a lot of calls. John Festa

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asked about the issue at Mantua Corners. Ground Signs are in violation. The temporary permits expired in August.

Cemetery Report

Jim Aldrich reported \$2133.40 in income for the cemetery in January. He asked if the township would purchase a small marker for 3 infants in a couple of unmarked graves in exchange for 3 graves. The graves were originally bought in January 1926 for \$10 for 5 graves. Now we could resell these graves for \$175 each. The family has no use for them. Jason Carlton said that we are not in the business of buying headstones. Vic said that as long as it's not tied up in probate we can repurchase graves. We don't purchase headstones except for indigent burials.

John Festa wants to get going on the cemetery rules.

Road Report

Brian Tayerle said we have had lots of snow. We have received our 5th of 7 shipments of road salt. We have only 50 tons to go. Potholes are beginning to emerge. Dan Wysznski asked the motoring public to be courteous to plows—they can't always see cars.

Club & Committee Reports

Frank Horack said that there are temporary flags on the poles and a time capsule was buried at the Veteran's Memorial. He presented a plaque to the Trustees dedicated to the volunteers and helpers. The memorial is done.

Trustee Reports

Jason Carlton said that the study is done on the accidents on Mantua Center road and State Route 82. He will bring them next meeting.

He talked about running an ad for building rental for the Civic Center and Gym Annex. We could run in the Community Journal and Villager. Stacey will have someone call.

The spring Clean-up was tentatively set for May 9.

The OTARMA grant is again available. Marie Stehli said that we could apply our conference fees. John said we should be looking at safety gear.

John Festa said that the OTA conference was good, and he went to mostly zoning workshops.

John passed out a cost vs. revenue sheet for the Civic Center, which loses money each year. Why continue to rent it out. We could just rent the annex. Jason said that the objective is not to make money, but we don't have to lose it either. We can either reduce expenses or increase the revenues. John also pointed out that cemetery revenues are down about \$7000.

A new copier was discussed. John figured a \$356.20 difference between leasing and buying over a 3 year period. (buying is cheaper) Jason prefers to lease, since equipment goes

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obsolete. Marie was asked her opinion. She prefers to save money, and said she has a tendency to use things until they wear out. **RES 35-15** Motion to lease the copier and stapler from Lake Business Products for 36 months by John Festa, seconded by Jason Carlton. Vote as follows: Jason Carlton yes, John Festa yes, Victor Grimm, yes.

Victor Grimm looked at trucks at the convention trade show, and estimates a new truck will run \$140,000-145,000. He had asked Brian about accessories and looked at plows, etc. He felt the trade show and workshops were good. There is a long lead time on trucks. Brian should start to spec a truck.

Jason asked Vic if he had stopped by the flag booth. They make them in the USA.

Old Business

John Festa will follow up on shred day with the Fire Department and Chamber.

Jason wants to put meeting announcements on the website for the school project.

John asked about the last meeting with Todd Peetz. If Todd is facilitating, what are the trustee roles? Managing? Jason said that the Chairs set the meeting times and dates. The meetings should be self-led. The trustees don't need to manage. Vic said that Todd is the communication point to pass out meeting information to everyone. John wants longer notice time and availability to the public. The website posting will be a couple of days turnaround. John wants a 2 week notice.

Vic has set up a meeting with Brian Savage for February 19. John said that Brian said he could come on February 17. Marie objected. She is in the plan and can only come on a regular meeting night. Vic will confirm for February 19.

Jason will get Zoning information to Brent to post.

Marie discussed revising the record retention schedule and having another meeting after April.

Public Comments-

The following spoke during public comments:

Carole Pollard passed out a Record Courier letter to the editor on our township owned buildings written by a Kentite.

Dave Pollard discussed the infant graves. He said that the Civic Center will still have expenses. At least it is bringing in something. The annex gets good comments on events.

Dale Zullo said we should cut the losses on the Civic Center.

Finale

RES 36-15 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.

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MANTUA TOWNSHIP PAID BILLS	2/5/2015
20950 BRIAN TAYERLE	1,383.50
20951 DANIEL WYSZNSKI	1,185.25
VOUCHER INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	1,293.25
VOUCHER TREASURER, OHIO	264.07
20952 PERS	3,116.45
20953 AFLAC	26.52
20954 ANTHEM BLUE CROSS	284.06
20955 OHI DEFERRED COMP	150.00
20956 VICTOR GRIMM	223.20
20957 MARIE STEHLI	129.91
20958 PORTAGE COUNTY TREASURER	226.03
20959 POSTMASTER	60.00
20960 VOID	VOID
20961 OHIO PUBLIC ENTITY CONSORTIUM	185.00
20962 OHIO INSURANCE SERVICES	316.95
20963 DOMINION EAST OHIO	1,731.84
20964 OHIO EDISON	143.64
20965 AT&T	107.59
20966 AT&T	325.25
20967 TIME WARNER CABLE	74.89
20968 MILLER & COMPANY	75.00
20969 SUNBURST ENVIRONMENTAL	45.35
20970 SPIRIT SERVICE COMPANY	119.96
20971 CHASE BANK	689.77
20972 MCMASTER CARR SUPPLY	28.19
20973 MORTON SALT	2,376.22
20974 ANTHEM BLUE CROSS	5,319.37
	19,881.26

RES 37-15 Motion to enter into executive session in accordance with ORC 121.22 Public Meetings-exceptions-paragraph (G) section 1. to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official by Jason Carlton, seconded by John Festa. Vote as follows: John Festa yes, Jason Carlton yes, Vic Grimm yes. Meeting recessed, 9:15 and reconvened, 10:00. **RES 38-15** Motion to reconvene by Jason Carlton, seconded by John Festa. Vote as follows: John Festa yes, Jason Carlton yes, Vic Grimm yes.

RES 39-15 Motion to eliminate the cell phone reimbursement pay by Jason Carlton, seconded by John Festa. Vote as follows: John Festa yes, Jason Carlton yes, Vic Grimm yes.

RES 40-15 Motion to increase Brian Tayerle's hourly wage to \$18.50/hour and Dan Wysznski's hourly wage to \$17/hour effective February 1 by Jason Carlton, seconded by John Festa. Vote as follows: John Festa yes, Jason Carlton yes, Vic Grimm yes.

RES 41-15 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.