

MANTUA TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

Held January 15, 2015

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The Board of Trustees of Mantua Township convened in regular session from 7:30 p.m. to 9:46 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. Jim Aldrich, Sexton, Brian Tayerle, Road Supervisor. Sue Skrovan, Zoning Commission Secretary. Dr. Edie Benner, DMRC. Several residents.

Introduction

The pledge of allegiance was led by Victor Grimm.

RES 22-15 Motion to approve the End of the Year minutes as presented and suspend the reading thereof by John Festa, seconded by Victor Grimm. Vote as follows: Jason Carlton yes, John Festa yes, Victor Grimm, yes. The Beginning of the Year minutes were discussed. Vic asked why everyone else's salaries were covered but the custodians. Marie said that it is \$150 per month + \$150/month for scheduling. **RES 23-15** Motion to approve the Beginning of the Year minutes as corrected and suspend the reading by John Festa, seconded by Victor Grimm. Vote as follows: Jason Carlton yes, John Festa yes, Victor Grimm, yes. **RES 24-15** Motion to approve the January 8 regular meeting minutes as presented and suspend the reading thereof by John Festa, seconded by Victor Grimm. 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:	\$	29,997.66
Encumbered, not paid:	\$	54,643.24
2015 Receipts:	\$	6,954.91
Cash balance:	\$	552,808.58 with
	\$	545,713.22 invested

The Fiscal Officer presented the following correspondence:

- Michael Richards is collecting unemployment
- Load limits for roads reduced 35%
- January Grassroots Clippings

Dr. Edie Benner is president of the Downtown Mantua Revitalization Corp and discussed efforts to expand the hike-bike trail through the communities. It goes east to Garrettsville and they are working on connecting to Aurora. A \$15,000 feasibility study has been funded between Aurora and the Portage Park District. The DMRC has applied for the Clean Ohio Trails grant. Their next meeting is May 20. They fundraise through Art on the Hill and a reverse raffle. Dave Pollard asked if they have the right of way and easements. They are studying the routes. Edie said that research has shown that adjoining property values usually increase, and there are mainly hikers and bikers on the trail. Jason has been approached by residents requesting a bike lane, and his response is lack of money. Edie said that AMATS grants are available in August.

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Main Meeting

Custodian Report

Marie presented Sue's custodian report. There was \$785 taken in during the last quarter of 2014. Sue said that there is more activity coming this quarter-most weekends in January are rented. Jason suggested that we advertise quarterly in the Community Journal.

Zoning Report

None.

Cemetery Report

Jim Aldrich asked about making Brian Tayerle Assistant Sexton. Dormant graves were also discussed. The ORC says that they can be repurchased after 50 years. First we would need to advertise in the paper. Jim thinks there are about 80 graves that could be made available. Vic thinks that Brian should learn the cemetery. He needs to learn how to find graves. Brian agreed and will start to train with Jim. Jason suggested they go to the OTA conference. Vic said all seminars will be on CD if they don't make it. All were in agreement for them to go.

Road Report

Brian said everything is going smoothly with the snow. There have been no complaints, even though they are short-handed and salt is expensive. Vic said that of the complaints he has had, some of which have ~~all~~ been on county roads. Jason thinks people are adjusting their driving due to weather conditions.

Brian has been talking to truck salesmen. He has a quote for over \$107,000. Our trucks are over 30 years old and rusting, although they are mechanically in good shape.

Club & Committee Reports

MRSi member Carole Pollard gave everyone 3 articles from the Record Courier.

Garden Club member Sue Skrovan thanked Carole Pollard and Linda Ehlert for help in taking down decorations.

Trustee Reports

Jason Carlton made a **RES 25-15** motion to approve OTA conference expenses for anyone that goes down, seconded by John Festa. Vote as follows: Jason Carlton yes, John Festa yes, Victor Grimm, yes.

Jason asked about a shred day. The rates are \$125/hour with a 3 hour minimum. John Festa suggested splitting it with another community. He will bring it up at the Fire Board meeting. Vic said that drop off and shred later would have security issues. Brian suggested spring clean-up day, since it has dropped off.

Evaluations will be set for February 5 beginning at 6:30 p.m.

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John Festa asked Marie about internet problems. It was working today, but not the other day.

John is Chairman of the Fire District for 2015.

John will be getting his Leadership diploma from the OTA at the conference and invited the others to attend.

Old Business

Motion by Jason Carlton to pass the following resolution:

RESOLUTION No:26-15

WHEREAS a request has been made to this Board that the statutory vehicular speed limit established by Sec. 4511.21, Revised Code of Ohio, is greater than that considered reasonable and safe on **Sheldon Road** between Pioneer Tr. and SR 82 , and

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees of Mantua Township has caused to be made an engineering and traffic investigation upon the section of road described above, and

WHEREAS it is the belief of this Board that such investigation confirms the allegation that the statutory speed limit of 55 mph is unrealistic,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Township Trustees of Mantua Township, Portage County, Ohio, that:

Section 1. By virtue of the provisions of Sec. 4511.21, Ohio Revised Code, the Director of Transportation was hereby requested to review the engineering and traffic investigation and to determine and declare a reasonable and safe prima facie speed limit on Sheldon Road between Pioneer Tr. and SR 82 in Mantua Township, Portage County, Ohio.

Section 2. That this Board was advised that the Director of Transportation has determined and declared a reasonable and safe speed limit on the section of road described on Section 1 hereof of 40 mph, standard signs, properly posted and giving notice thereof will be erected.

The motion was seconded by Victor Grimm and the vote was as follows: Jason Carlton Yes, John Festa Yes, Victor Grimm Yes.

Motion by Victor Grimm to pass the following resolution:

RESOLUTION No:27-15

WHEREAS a request has been made to this Board that the statutory vehicular speed limit established by Sec. 4511.21, Revised Code of Ohio, is greater than that considered reasonable and safe on Skinner Rd., and

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees of Mantua Township has caused to be made an engineering and traffic investigation upon the section of road described above, and

WHEREAS it is the belief of this Board that such investigation confirms the allegation that the statutory speed limit of 55 mph is unrealistic,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Township Trustees of Mantua Township, Portage County, Ohio, that:

Section 1. By virtue of the provisions of Sec. 4511.21, Ohio Revised Code, the Director of Transportation was hereby requested to review the engineering and traffic investigation and to determine and declare a reasonable and safe prima facie speed limit on Skinner Rd. in Mantua Township, Portage County, Ohio.

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Section 2. That this Board was advised that the Director of Transportation has determined and declared a reasonable and safe speed limit on the section of road described on Section 1 hereof of 40 mph, standard signs, properly posted and giving notice thereof will be erected.

The motion was seconded by John Festa and the vote was as follows: Jason Carlton Yes, John Festa Yes, Victor Grimm Yes.

Brian Savage has recommended not changing our health insurance. We looked at it and didn't feel that it was good. Anthem recommends either the current policy or the ACA (Affordable Care Act) policy. There were questions on the funding plan. Marie detailed for John where in the reports that she gives each meeting he can find the medical expenses information in the General and Road & Bridge funds. In 2014 it cost approximately \$71,600. Jason was concerned about doctors not being in network. He doesn't want to degrade the insurance. Vic said we are under 20% utilization in the funding plan. The Trustees decided to ask Brian to attend a meeting.

Copier prices were discussed. Jason prefers the 60 month lease. The copier may be obsolete by the end of the lease.

Public Comments-

The following spoke during public comments:

Carole Pollard said we need to grow into the building.

Dave Pollard asked about dangerous intersection signs. Jason said a study is being done. It is ODOT controlled. Dave said Mantua Center and Old Frost intersections are dangerous.

Dan Cozzens said the road crew is doing a good job.

Larry Lietzow said save on insurance and give the road crew a raise. Jason said that insurance is part of their package. Our budget is tight.

Matt Parsons suggested eliminating the funding plan.

Finale

RES 28-15 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.

MANTUA TOWNSHIP PAID BILLS			1/15/2015
20933	JAMES ALDRICH	JANUARY SALARY	352.53
20934	JASON CARLTON	JANUARY SALARY	512.85
20935	JOHN DICKEY	JANUARY SALARY	527.43
20936	JOHN FESTA	JANUARY SALARY	740.03
20937	VICTOR GRIMM	JANUARY SALARY	520.60
20938	RHETTA HALL	JANUARY SALARY	132.27
20939	SUSAN SKROVAN	JANUARY SALARY	253.69
20940	MARIE STEHLI	JANUARY SALARY	1,050.00
20941	RECORD PUBLISHING	LEGAL AD	15.10
20942	UNIVERSITY OF AKRON	CUE DUES	200.00
20943	MARATHON	FUEL	200.11
20944	MANTUA HARDWARE	MAINTENANCE ITEMS	29.85
20945	HOME DEPOT	MAINTENANCE ITEMS	78.39
20946	DOLLAR GENERAL	SUPPLIES	59.25
20947	OHIO EDISON	DECEMBER SERVICE	1,363.24

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20948	BRIAN TAYERLE	JANUARY 1-15, 2015	1,421.24
20949	DANIEL WYSZNSKI	JANUARY 1-15, 2015	<u>1,296.39</u>
			8,752.97

RES 29-15 Motion to enter into executive session in accordance with ORC 121.22 Public Meetings to discuss pending or imminent court action by Jason Carlton, seconded by John Festa. Vote as follows: John Festa yes, Jason Carlton yes, Vic Grimm yes. Meeting recessed, 9:35 and reconvened, 9:45. **RES 30-15** Motion to reconvene by Jason Carlton, seconded by John Festa. Vote as follows: John Festa yes, Jason Carlton yes, Vic Grimm yes.

RES 31-15 Motion to adjourn made by Victor Grimm, 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.