

**MANTUA TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING**

Held June 1, 2015

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The Board of Trustees of Mantua Township convened in special session at 5:00 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. Several residents.

The meeting is to discuss the CDBG grant. (Community Development Block Grant). The grant was applied for in the amount of \$119,000 to include the master plan and an elevator. The Commissioners disallowed the master plan for \$9000 and approved \$60,000 for an elevator, with Mantua Township to provide matching funds of \$50,000, for a new total project cost of \$110,000. The trustees agreed that we didn't have the funds to apply for the match and that all funds in the budget are needed to operate the township.

The trustees agreed that it is hard to turn down the grant, but without the matching funds, we may have to. There is not enough time to raise money this year. The public at the meeting disagreed. The public on the committees want to raise the money and the trustees agreed to back them.

Jason Carlton explained the budget and talked about the veterans' memorial. The trustees back them 100% and they were able to perform. They will back the citizens on this project as well.

Public comment:

Cal Brant requested 2 days to raise the money. He said "we put our trust in you guys when we elected you and its time you put your trust in us to raise this money". The trustees agreed.

Dave Pollard said that everything happened so fast and its hard to make decisions that fast. They want to try.

Carole Pollard wants to try to raise the money.

RES 102-15 Motion to recess the meeting until Monday, June 1, 2015 at 7:00 a.m. made by Victor Grimm, seconded by Jason Carlton. 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.

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The Board of Trustees of Mantua Township reconvened in special session at 7:00 a.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. Several residents.

This is a continuation of the May 29 special meeting. At the conclusion of Friday's meeting Cal thought he could find \$50,000.

Marie Stehli (who had not been at the Friday meeting) asked how much is needed? Jason responded that the grant is only for accessibility but we need money for the master plan too. We currently need an additional \$50,000 for an elevator. Marie said that she has seen nothing on either.

Terrie Neilsen said that she has sent a letter to the Trustees which "Lisa" from Regional Planning is putting together the grant.

Victor Grimm explained that we applied for \$119,000 with no match. The commissioners will give us \$60,000 and we need an additional \$50,000 for the elevator. \$9000 for the master plan was not included, but the plan needs to be done before the elevator.

Cal Brant said that he was successful with his funding sources. They will fund what is necessary, but they want the community to be part of it and to fundraise in the meantime. Cal added that they already have money coming in. \$50,000 is pledged as necessary.

Vic asked about the dates. Terri said that the Commissioners need a letter of commitment by tomorrow. If we turn it down we will not get future CDBG money.

Jason said that we need to submit a letter to Regional Planning that the funds are available. Terrie said that an anonymous donor has agreed to provide the \$50,000. The grant is for \$60,000. We will have to try to raise as much as we can.

John Festa said that the citizens want to go forward.

Marie said that if we could get a letter from someone saying that the money would be there we could certify it through the "gifts and donations" account.

Carole Pollard said that people in the group are good at asking for money. She said that the Restoration society is committed to making the Administration Building accessible. MRSI will match what is in the Capital Equipment Fund, bringing the needed funds down to \$30,000. Since Friday, \$2000 has already been received. They would like something from the township.

Linda Ehlert said that the Grants & Funding Committee has talked to a couple of successful fundraising people. A letter has been sent to Senator John Eklund to see if he can help. Now we have a 501(c)(3) available.

Vic said he totally understands that the certification needs to be done.

Marie said that actually the first certification comes now, at budget time. She explained the budget certification process, with the appropriations not being able to be final until the final funds are certified in January.

Jason said we need to show that the money will be there.

Phil Derthick suggested a legal guarantee.

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Marie said it can be restricted in the general fund or set up a special fund.

Jason reminded everyone that the commissioners need a commitment.

Carole Pollard, through a conversation with Todd Peetz, said that they really want us to have this project. The money comes in over time.

RES 103-14 Motion by Victor Grimm to send a letter to the Commissioners to commit to the project, seconded by John Festa. Vote as follows: Jason Carlton yes, John Festa yes, Victor Grimm, yes. Jason will call, Marie will write. Thanks to all, especially Cal.

RES 104-15 Motion to adjourn the meeting 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

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