

MANTUA TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES MEETING

Regular Meeting Minutes of February 2, 2026

John Festa called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Roll Call: John Festa, Matthew Benner and Graham Harmon; Trustees, Michelle Stebbins Fiscal Assistant. If you need copies of the minutes or other records, please contact the Fiscal Officer, Julia Pemberton. Others were present.

- RES 23-26: Motion by John Festa to enter into executive session in accordance with ORC 121.22 Public-meetings-exceptions-paragraph (G) section 2, seconded by Graham Harmon VOTE-All Ayes
- RES 24-26 John Festa Motioned to return to regular session, seconded by Matthew Benner. VOTE-All Ayes.
- Pledge by Matthew Benner.

Bid Opening for Lawn Care went as follows:

Absolute Landscaping	2026 \$50,600.00	2027 \$50,600.00
Ledge Hill	2026 \$43,620.28	2027 \$44,620.28
Industrial Landscaping	2026 \$34,000.00	2027 \$34,800.00
Envirosapes	2026 \$67,578.50	2027 \$67,578.00
GSK Landscaping	2026 \$39,880.00	2027 \$39,880.00
Burning River	2026 \$49,875.00	2027 \$49,875.00
JFD	2026 \$39,768.00	2027 \$39,768.00

- Julia will send it to Prosecutor for submittal.

RES 25-26 John Festa motioned to approve Fiscal Officer meeting minutes from December 4, 2025, with no corrections, seconded by Matthew Benner. VOTE-ALL Ayers (Graham Harmon did not vote)

- RES 26-26 John Festa motioned to approve Fiscal Officer meeting minutes from December 22, 2025, with no corrections, seconded by Matthew Benner. VOTE-ALL Ayers (Graham Harmon did not vote)
- Fiscal Officer reports she is working at the year end and audit will be coming up.

- RES 27A-26 Matthew Benner motions to accept Fiscal Officer Report, seconded by John Festa. VOTE-All Ayes
- Tim Bennet reports on Crestwood Softball sign-ups are February 28, 2026, and March 5, 2026. 4-H has 8 dates and were ok by the Trustees.
- Service department Brian Taylerle reports that the salt shed will need to be replaced in the near future.
- Next zoning meeting will be held February 12, 2026, and the Organizational meeting will be February 16, 2026.
- Septic to transfer to the church. Resolution 27-26 (see document) Matthew Benner motioned seconded by Graham Harmon VOTE-All Ayes
- Columbarium has a wait list (2 urns).
- RES 28-26 Matt Benner motion to accept the policy and pricing for the Columbarium, seconded by Graham Harmon VOTE-All Ayes
- Pavilion pricing cost, furniture, electric and water discussion is needed.
- Garage doors need repaired at the service garage bottom of the doors are rotted. They are about 15 years old. \$849.00 proposal x3 garages just for the bottom panel. Matthew Benner suggests we get more bids.
- Time clock is up and running.
- John Festa mentioned that all the alarm codes need to be changed and updated.
- It was mentioned we need to look for new doors for the Townhall.
- Nopec grant is \$8,566.00 may have a use for that in the Civic Center for foam insulation.

- No water in the Townhall the pump froze.
- Mantua School – Attorney says there is no movement from the county to change mind on permit.
- Counsel wants to meet. Elevator Inspector wants \$3,000.00.
- Mark Hall showed historical plaques 8 x 10 for Civic Center, Townhall, School and Church.
- RES 29-26: Motion to accept the plaques donated by the Historical Society by Matthew Benner, seconded by John Festa. VOTE-All Ayes.
- RES 30-26: Motion to pay bills by John Festa, seconded by Matthew Benner. VOTE-All Ayes

RES 31-26: Motion by John Festa to enter into executive session in accordance with ORC 121.22 Public-meetings-exceptions-paragraph (G) section 2, seconded by Graham Harmon VOTE-All Ayes

- RES 32-26 John Festa motions to return to regular session, seconded by Matthew Benner VOTE-All Ayes

RES 22-26: John Festa motioned to adjourn, seconded by Graham Harmon. VOTE-All Ayes

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.

John Festa, Trustee & Chair

Graham Harmon, Trustee

Matthew Benner, Trustee

Julia A. Pemberton, Fiscal Officer
Michelle Stebbins Assistant Fiscal