

MANTUA TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES MEETING

Regular Meeting Minutes of June 4, 2026

John Festa called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll Call: John Festa, Matthew Benner, Graham Harmon; Trustees, Michelle Stebbins Fiscal Officer. If you need copies of the minutes or other records, please contact the Fiscal Officer, Michelle Stebbins. Others present. The pledge led by Michelle Stebbins.

The meeting on June 4 covered several key points. The fiscal officer reported \$935,012.17 in the bank, with additional funds in savings and CDs. A resolution was needed for the Mantua Township Center resurfacing project, with bids opening on July 2. Road bids for Chip and Seal projects were discussed, with the lowest bid being \$98,770.20. The township received a \$260,000 OPWC grant for road improvements. The need for a salt shed was confirmed, with a bid of \$75,828. The board also addressed zoning issues, including a property with non-conforming uses and a church's conditional use permit. Additionally, they reviewed financial matters, including budgeting for the next year and the need for a new truck.

RES 79-26 Matthew Benner motioned to accept the Meeting Minutes from May 7, 2026 with corrections, seconded by Graham Harmon. VOTE-All Ayes

Michelle Stebbins gave the Fiscal Officer Report. Which included a 13-page shredding paperwork to the Ohio History Connection this week so they can review and approve which records can be shredded.

She also provides a detailing the township's financial status: \$935,012.17 in the bank, \$39,288.41 in the savings account, \$261,867.55 in the CD, and \$263,022.64 in the money market.

She mentioned she prepared the required resolution to supplement the township's appropriations and send it to Portage County for approval.

She is also working on completing the 2027 township budget in the next few weeks.

RES 80-26 Matthew Benner made motion to put out for bid Mantua Center Road resurfacing project, seconded by Graham Harmon. VOTE-All Ayes

RES 81-26 Matthew Benner motioned to allow Michelle Stebbins to file for the budget appropriations, seconded by Graham Harmon. VOTE All Ayes

RES 82-26 John Festa motioned to accept the Fiscal Officers Report, seconded by Matthew Benner. VOTE-All Ayes

Road bids were opened and results are as follows:

Geauga Highway of Hiram, Ohio \$98,059.44

Melway of Holmesville, Ohio \$98,770.20

Ronyak of Burton, Ohio \$106,890.95

Matthew Benner will get those over to Portage County for approval.

The custodian Tim Bennett reported the rentals are busy. He also inquired about the status of the Civic Center Floors; he has people interested in renting it.

Carol Pollard reported on the Chamber. She mentioned the Triple Trail Fest, Creestwood 1 Fund and scholarships were given.

Dotty Summerlin report that the Historical Society will be at the Triple Trail Fest selling books and t-shirts at the Pickle Ball Court. She also mentioned July 14, 2026 gathering at Shalersville.

John Festa discussed the need for alarm codes for various groups, including the trustees, BCA, zoning commission, historical society, and custodian. The Restoration Society will need to have someone open the hall.

RES 83-26 John Festa Motioned to accept the Nopec 2026 Energized Community Grant and use the funds for the Garage Doors that were installed, seconded by Matthew Benner. VOTE-All Ayes

RES 84-26 Graham Harmon motioned to increase the Seven Sons Structural Construction quote for the 11715 School Lane house main entrance door to include engineer drawings, seconded by Matthew Benner. VOTE-All Ayes

Graham Harmon reviewed the quote he received for the Townhall front door in the amount of \$10,470.00. They will be double checking with the Ohio History Connection.

Graham Harmon also mentioned the siding of the Townhall. The quote was for \$22,000.00 and \$7,500.00 for the hoopla. Discussion was made over the wood versus vinyl siding.

Graham Harmon received a quote for a new Salt Shed 42 x 70 for \$75,828.00, which does not include permits and floor.

Graham Harmon discussed the picnic tables for the pavilion, with a bid from Bracco for eight octagon tables and two wheelchair accessible tables for \$11,118.00. These are recycled plastic and two will be wheelchair accessible.

RES 85-26 Graham Harmon motioned to accept the bid from Bracco, seconded by Matthew Benner. VOTE-All Ayes

John Festa gave thanks Barb Wagner for her work on the Memorial Day events. She did all the flowers.

Matthew Benner mentioned the need for the F550 new truck. He and Brian Taylere specked out a new one. Does not need a CDL driver. Also, mentioned financing it for 3 years.

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The transfer of electric service to the township is confirmed. Paperwork has been signed and notarized to transfer to the Mantua Center Church. The survey has not been done yet.

The closure of the Mantua Center School is revisited, with concerns about the lack of a response from the commissioners. Matthew Benner mentioned he spoke with Mike Tinlin was working on it. The need for a follow-up letter to the commissioners is considered, with a focus on resolving the issue and moving forward.

Rich Gano mentioned he has been busy. 12844 Samuel Drive, someone is living in an accessory building.

He mentioned he spoke with Mark Brugmann; the plant is going to be temporary so they can rebuild the other one.

Aurora Meadows letters were sent out

Herman Road permit denied, will apply for variance

Implement the adopted resolution to address the commercial operations and debris storage at 12183 State Route 44, including towing vehicles and removing debris as needed. Needs a resolution to take to court.

RES 86-26 John Festa motioned to allow Rich Gano to take 12183 State Route 44 to court, seconded by Matthew Benner. VOTE -All Ayes

Mark Hall questioned if anyone inspected the township refrigerator in the gymnasium to verify that the temperature is within the safe range and correct any issues.

RES 87-26 John Festa motioned to pay bills, seconded by Graham Harmon. VOTE-All Ayes

RES 88-26 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

Graham Harmon, Trustee

Matthew Benner, Trustee

Michelle Stebbins, Fiscal Officer