

# November 20, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Mantua-Shalersville Area Chamber of Commerce  
P.O. Box 111 • Mantua, OH 44255

**2013 - 2014 Officers**  
Christine Pitsinger, President  
Becky Tipton, Vice President  
Paulette Nichols, Treasurer

Meeting was called to order at 7:37 a.m. Introductions were made.

## In Attendance:

Edie Benner, Advanced Rehab, DMRC  
John Festa, Mantua Township  
Mike Maglionico, Crestwood Schools  
Christine Pitsinger, Community Journal  
Maria Schmidt, UH Geauga Medical Center  
Jim Oster, Oster Rentals, DMRC  
Sue Buckles, Mantua Township Resident  
Wayne Omaitis, WJ Glass  
Carole Pollard, Mantua Township Resident  
Sue Skrovan, Mantua Township Resident  
Claudia James, Portage Development Board  
Denise Bly, Weekly Villager  
Caren Stuzman, Hammel Building Properties

Peter Young, Benefits 1 Group  
David Toth, Crestwood Schools  
Kathy Vanek, Middlefield Bank  
Paulette Nichols, Portage Community Bank  
Dorothy Caldwell, Shalersville Twp. Resident  
Marie Stehli, CPA, Mantua Township  
Luke Darrah, Darrah's Car Care Center  
Tom Kennedy, Marshall's Carpet Cleaning  
Nancy Vines, Shalersville Township  
Linda Clark, Mantua Village  
Ron Lance, Diversified Enterprises  
Sandy Pelphey, Infinity Resources

Mark Russell, Ellerhorst Russell Insurance  
Julie Schmidt, Crestwood Middle School  
Dave Pollard, Mantua Township Resident  
Becky Tipton, Ameriprise Financial  
Michelle Barnauskas, DMRC  
Victor Grimm, Mantua Township  
Dayton Hickerson, Grand Promotional Products  
Jodie Fiala, Jake's, DMRC  
Frank Ruehr, Shalersville Township  
Hank Cabot, Western Reserve Kiwanis  
Terry Vechery, Mantua Restoration Society  
Nick Ciofani, Congressman David Joyce's Ofc.

## VILLAGE & TOWNSHIP UPDATES

**Mantua Township:** Mantua Township received and accepted an offer from a company to paint the exterior of the Town Hall. The township is busy preparing for winter.

**Mantua Village:** The village has been busy working on a grant with CT and the DMRC. The senior seminar class at Crestwood will be helping to decorating the village.

**Shalersville Township:** The township reported being ready for winter. Frank RUEhr was thanked for his 32 years of service to the township. The first house in Shalersville (corner of 44 & 303) will be moved to the Historical Society.

**Crestwood Schools:** The middle school has 5 service projects underway. A Coffee with the Superintendent will be held on December 4th at 8am. A program about substance abuse will be held for parents at the school in December entitled "Hidden in Plain Sight".

**DMRC:** The flagpole project is well underway. The DMRC expects to flag to fly again before the end of this year. The DMRC meets every third Friday at 7:30AM at Jake's. All are welcome.

## GUEST SPEAKER

**David Lasko, Benefits 1 Group:** David Lasko reviewed some of the changes to the worker's comp. plans. Members wishing to get a quote should contact David.

## NEW BUSINESS AND MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Portage Development Board:** Claudia James passed out a survey requesting input about the Mantua Center School and what residents would like to see done with it.

**Giving Trees:** The Giving Tree program is well underway. Trees are at local businesses and the chamber is also accepting donations to purchase the gift cards for the older children.

**Santa's Visit:** Paulette Nichols announced that Santa's Visit at the Mini Park will be held on December 6th.

**Holiday Social:** The Holiday Social will be held Monday, December 9th at Jake's. All are welcome! There is no charge for members, their guests or employees.

**2014 Budget:** The officers will meet at the end of the year, beginning of next to format the 2014 budget.

## MINUTES, TREASURER'S REPORT, MEMBERSHIP

**Treasurer's Report:** Paulette Nichols reported that there is \$10,504.23 in the checking account; \$1,145.01 in the toy drive account; and \$8,825.23 in the scholarship account.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 a.m.