

September 16, 2015 Meeting Minutes

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

Meeting was called to order at 7:34 a.m. Introductions were made.

In Attendance:

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| Paulette Nichols, Portage Community Bank | Tom Kennedy, Marhsall's Carpet & Upholstery CLeaning |
| Edie Benner | Carole Pollard, Mantua Restoration Society and Village Landmark Commission |
| Jane Ramson, Shalersville Resident | Christine Pitsinger, Community Journal |
| Sandy Pelprehy, Infinity Resources | Hank Cabot, Kiwanis of the Western Reserve |
| Nancy Vines, Shalersville Township | Greg Balbierz, DMRC |
| Mark Russell, Russell-Ellerhorst Insurance | Jeff Rinearson, Ohio Health Benefits |
| Dave Toth, Crestwood Schools | John Festa, Mantua Township |
| Jim Oster, DMRC | |

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VILLAGE & TOWNSHIP UPDATES

Mantua Township: Things are well in the township. They are paving Aurora Meadows. They just completed chip & seal on Winchell Road. The school study is complete, the building is sound. The township just purchased a dump truck.

Mantua Village: No report.

Shalersville Township: The township applied for a grant to chip & seal Price Road. They received the deed to the home they purchased beside the township hall. They will eventually enlarge the parking area into that lot. The walking path at the park has been started.

Crestwood Schools: The school has posted a survey online and encourages community members to take a few minutes to take it. School updates are always available online, on facebook and twitter.

DMRC: The DMRC is gearing up for grant season. Edie Benner encouraged those in attendance to purchase a window cling for \$10, which is a DMRC fundraiser. The flagpole still needs painted,. They are raising funds for this and have received donations.

Mantua-Shalersville Fire Board: They purchased two chainsaws which are used for fire rescue. These are an asset that the department will use to cut through walls in fire rescues. The cost was \$2,500 each.

Mantua Restoration Society: They will be handling the food at the Derthick's Corn Maze as a fundraiser. Food will be available by donation. They are also working on a cookbook fundraiser. They have made nice progress on the elevator project. Currently there is \$106,000 of the \$130,000 needed. They will also host a USO Type dance on November 7th.

NEW BUSINESS AND MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fall Potluck & Canoe Trip: Chamber and Rotary will have a picnic and complimentary canoe trip (provided by Camp Hi) on Tuesday, September 22.

Giving Tree Program: Chamber will be handling the entire Giving Tree program this year. Due to a lack of 4C's volunteers they are unable to handle any part of the program going forward.

2016 Membership Drive: It will begin October 1, membership for 2016 is 10% off if paid by October 31, 2015.

Trail Survey: Greg Balbierz mentioned that the Portage Park District will be having a trail survey this weekend. Walkers/joggers and bikers are encouraged to participate.

Audit: Paulette Nichols and Jame Ramson will audit Chamber's book later today.

Donation Requests: Chamber declined to donate to two national organizations which requested funds but did not submit their request on the Donation Request Form. Members commented they would like monies donated to only go to local charities and causes.

Ohio Health Benefits: Jeff Rinearson spoke about the various services he provides through Ohio Health Benefits. He encouraged members to call him if they have insurance questions.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Balances Are: Checking: \$7,253.58, Toy Account: \$494.99, Golf Scholarship Account: \$15,756.06

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 a.m.