

# October 15, 2014 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 7:34 a.m. Introductions were made.**

## **In Attendance:**

Mark Russell, Ellerhorst Russell Insurance  
Terri Wilde, Crestwood 4 C's Food Cupboard  
Shirley Schuster, Mantua Twp. Resident  
Ellie Stamm, Stamm Contracting  
Dave Toth, Crestwood Schools  
Becky Tipton, Ameriprise Financial  
Nancy Vines, Shalersville Township  
Josh Prest, Josh Mandel's office  
Doroty Caldwell, Shalersville Resident

John Festa, Mantua Township  
Christine Pitsinger, Community Journal  
Jim Prout, Prout & Assoc. Insurance  
Tom Kennedy, Marhsall's Carpet & Upholstery CLeaning  
Sandy Pelphrey, Infinity Resources  
Linda Clark, Mantua Village Mayor  
Carole Pollard, Mantua Restoration Society and Village Landmark Commission  
Dayton Hickerson, Grand Promotional Products

**Meeting was called to order at 7:40 a.m. Introductions were made.**

## **VILLAGE & TOWNSHIP UPDATES**

**Mantua Township:** John Festa reported that the township is working on fall cleanup and the finishing touches on the work to the township hall. Trick-or-Treat will be on October 30th from 5:30-7:30PM.

**Mantua Village:** Mayor Clark reported that the village finished all hydrant work through the grant. They also completed the EMA grant. There will be a 3.85 mil levy n the ballot this fall. It is for streets only. The bridge is scheduled to open the 3rd week of November. Trick-or-Treat will be on October 30th from 5:30-7:30PM. Kate Rogers was named the new Village Administrator and Dave Ackerly is the new Street Superintendent.

**Shalersville Township:** The township accepted bids to pave Hillside Cemetery and the park lot. They are working on a grant for a walking trail to done at the park. Trick-or-Treat will be on October 26th from 2-4PM. Frost Road will be closed on October 21 due to tree work being performed

**Crestwood Schools:** Dave Toth reported that homecoming will be this weekend. The football team is #1, with a 7-0 record. Volleyball is #1 also. November 7-9 will be the fall play. Crestwood is pleased to report that their finances are in the black and the 5 year forecast is good. There will be a 5 year renewal levy on the ballot.

**Mantua-Shalersville Fire Department:** John Festa said that keeping a truck on the other side of the closure has been very costly, but the safety of the residents is most important. Note: September's minutes incorrectly stated that the new squad will be purchased. It should have been stated that the squad has been purchased.

## **NEW BUSINESS AND MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**2015-2016 Officer Nominations:** These are being accepted now. Please let us know if you would like to nominate yourself or another person.

**2015 Membership Drive:** Christine Pitsinger stated that the Chamber of Commerce membership drive has begun. Members receive a 10% discount if their dues are paid before October 31, 2014.

**4 C's:** Terri Wilde said the annual craft show is scheduled for November 8, they have 6 new vendors. The Christmas Give-a-Way will be on December 16th. Children 10 and under receive gifts, those 11-17 receive a gift card to Target. The Chamber of Commerce will again handle distribute the trees and ornaments to various businesses and solicit donations for gift card purchases. Marie Stehli will be stepping down from this position thus the chamber is looking for someone to take over this project.

**Big Brothers & Big Sisters:** Paulette Nichols stated that Big Brothers & Big Sisters of Portage County sent us a letter looking for adult mentors to commit to a one year period of 2 hours per month mentoring a portage county juvenile.

**Santa's Visit to the Mini Park:** Paulette Nichols announced that Santa's Visit to the Mini Park will be on Friday, December 4th.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

**Balances Are:** Checking: \$7,404.08, Toy Account: 324.66, Golf Scholarship Account: \$14,696.45

**The meeting was adjourned at 8.03 a.m.**