

APPROVED MINUTES
MANCHESTER VILLAGE COUNCIL
June 5, 2017
7:00 PM Village Room

President Vaillencourt called the regular meeting of the Manchester Village Council to order at 7:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Council members present: Andrews, Chartrand, Dresch, DuRussel, Way and Vaillencourt. Council members absent: Woods. Also present were Manager Wallace, Clerk Schaible, Patricia Gibbons (St. Mary's Church), Christine Krause, Mike Austin and Robert Rolan.

The minutes of the May 15, 2017 regular meeting were approved on a motion by Dresch, seconded by Chartrand.

AGENDA – The agenda was approved as amended: deleting Old Business and Reports- 10A) Sheriff, 10)B Parks Commission, 10C) Planning, 10D) DDA, 10E) Healthy Communities, 10F) Manchester Community Joint Planning, 10G) Building Committee, 10H) Personnel Committee and 10I) Finance Committee on a motion by Dresch, seconded by Chartrand.

Woods entered at this time.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION- Robert Rolan discussed the patio at the Village Tap across from where he lives on Riverside Drive. He reported that the area is loud until 2 or 2:30am and it interrupts his sleep. He feels these people trespass on his property and treat him with hostility that he should not have to tolerate. He asked Council to pass an ordinance regulating patio service that respects quiet times beginning at 10:00pm. He reiterated that something needs to be done as he does not feel safe and the police won't do anything. Vaillencourt explained that the Village is following the process to make the Tap remove the roof structure. She asked if Rolan calls the police. Rolan expressed his fear of the police based on past instances. He said he had been treated badly by the police and can't attend functions in this community. He feels, as a veteran, he shouldn't have to endure the harassment and terrorization and that he must leave as his nerves were getting to him.

OLD BUSINESS- None

NEW BUSINESS

ST. MARY'S WURSTER PARK REQUEST- Patricia Gibbons presented the request from St. Mary's Church to use north Wurster Park for their annual ice cream social. She noted that they would also like to cone off 2 or 3 additional handicapped parking spaces. A motion was made by Andrews, supported by Woods, that the use of the park be approved for set up beginning July 25th through take down on July 28th and that the additional handicapped spaces be allowed. Motion passed.

DUST CONTROL QUOTE- Vaillencourt reviewed the quote from Chloride Solutions for dust control brine application on gravel roads and parking lots in the Village. Wallace noted that the companies used in prior years are out of the business and that the price should be good. A motion was made by Dresch, supported by Andrews, to approve the \$1400 per application. Roll call vote: ayes-all. Motion carried.

NEW PHONE SYSTEM-Schaible presented information regarding a stand-alone Comcast connection for the Village, a new phone system using voice over data lines and relocating the Village IT equipment from the Library circulation room to the Village server room. A motion was made by Chartrand, seconded by Dresch, to purchase and install VoIP phones and services as quoted by IVS Comm at a cost of \$2950 with a \$140/month call plan. Roll call vote: ayes-all. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE- Council acknowledged the following correspondence:

- A note from the Sesquicentennial Committee asking to fly a 37-star US flag at Wurster Park and the Village Hall during the celebration. Council agreed.
- An updated timeline from Carlisle/Wortman to develop a joint Manchester Village and Township Parks Plan.
- Three notices of hearing for the customers of Consumers Energy.
- A note from Jack Stein of the Village Tap setting dates when they are planning outdoor seating and music. Council asked that a Tap representative attend a future meeting to discuss the plans.
- Vaillencourt read a request for a proclamation commemorating Canada's sesquicentennial. She will research it further.

PUBLIC HEARING-BUDGET

At this time, 7:45pm, President Vaillencourt opened the public hearing to hear comment regarding the proposed FY 2017/2018 budget. Vaillencourt reviewed Wallace's memo summarizing the FY 2017/2018 budget highlights and assumptions. Since 2003, there has been a loss of \$800,000 in state shared revenues. In spite of the loss, the Village has continued to make improvements downtown and throughout the residential areas. The budget calls for a slight increase in sewer rates while water rates remain the same. Hearing no comment, Vaillencourt closed the public hearing.

Dresch asked what the Michigan Municipal League is doing to change the Proposal A and Headlee conventions that limit potential tax revenue. Wallace replied that the MML is one of the top 5 lobbying groups in the State and is working with legislators but term limits interfere with progress. Wallace reiterated the uncertainty of future funding from state and federal sources and the difficulties in budgeting. He highlighted needs and plans for Village street maintenance and this year's projects including, Safe Routes to School, River Raisin Park, and the Ready Redevelopment program.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE – Council reviewed the payables list. A motion was made by Dresch, seconded by Woods, to approve for payment the list dated 6/5/2017 totaling \$381,020.15. Roll call vote: ayes-all. Motion carried.

REPORTS

DPW- Wallace reviewed the report noting that the DPW is currently working on street striping and chipping. He also reported that Duke Root Control is returning to re-foam roots that showed up in recent televised reports. Chartrand asked that trash containers be placed at Chi-Bro Park near the basketball courts and Kirk Park near the children's play area.

MANAGER – Wallace reviewed his report. Vaillencourt reported on the meeting she, Wallace and Berg had attended regarding a proposed senior housing facility in Manchester. John Thornour, of United Methodist Retirement Community, reviewed the information and the conclusion that, at this time, such a facility is not financially viable for

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them. He suggested contacting UCC with a similar proposal. Wallace presented the goals and objectives document with updated accomplishments. He will continue to work on them over the summer. Way asked that the manager evaluations be returned to him. Woods suggested a public relations piece to emphasize the increase in residential recycling. Wallace noted that Modern Waste sorts recyclables out of the garbage loads too.

There being no further business, President Vaillencourt adjourned the meeting at 8:36pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Schaible, Clerk