

APPROVED MINUTES
MANCHESTER VILLAGE COUNCIL
July 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: Dresch, DuRussel, Way and Vaillencourt. Council members absent: Woods, Andrews, Chartrand. Also present were Manager Wallace, Clerk Schaible, Gary Wiedmayer (DPW), Deputy Kevin Blanchard and Seth Kinker (The Sun Times News).

The minutes of the June 19, 2017 regular meeting were approved on a motion by Way, seconded by DuRussel.

AGENDA – The agenda was approved as amended: adding New Business Item B) Soil Erosion Inspections and C) Village Retirement Plans and deleting Reports- 10A) Sheriff, 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 Way.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION- None

OLD BUSINESS- None

NEW BUSINESS

HISTORICAL SIGNS INSTALLATION-Wallace presented the bid from J. Proctor Co. to install historical marker signs funded by the DDA and CTAP program. Wallace explained that the CTAP funds are short by \$500 and no volunteers have come forward to install the signs. A motion was made by Dresch, seconded by Way, that the quote be accepted in the amount of \$5,520 with \$5020 being funded by the DDA and \$500 from the Village general fund. Roll call vote: ayes-all. Motion passed.

SOIL EROSION INSPECTIONS- Wallace reminded Council of the DEQ concerns with the Western Washtenaw Construction authority administering the soil erosion rules. He noted that Senator Hune and Rep. Lasinski have reviewed the proposed legislative language to fix the issue. Wallace would like to send a letter requesting the new legislation signed by all the WWCA participants. He explained that the letter is due by July 14 and no changes in current procedures are necessary until the legislative review. Council agreed with this process.

VILLAGE RETIREMENT PLANS- Schaible explained new IRS fiduciary rules will not allow Edward Jones to administer the current pre-tax retirement plans put in place with them in 2008. She reported that MERS (Municipal Employees Retirement System) has, in the mean-time, developed a defined contribution and 457 deferred program that improves the current situation by: handling all the fiduciary responsibility; increasing returns; and reducing employee and employer costs, all with a better understanding of municipal concerns. Wallace noted that the Personnel Committee had reviewed and recommended the change. Dresch reported that the Village will save approximately \$4400 per year. A motion was made by Dresch, seconded by Way, that the Village defined contribution and 457 deferred compensation retirement plans be moved to the Municipal Employee Retirement System.

Roll call vote: ayes-all. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE- Council acknowledged the following correspondence:

- A notice of hearing for the customers of Consumers Energy.
- Copy of the employment posting for a DPW Superintendent.
- Copy of Jeff Wallace's letter responding to Nancy Wellwood's concerns regarding a new sidewalk on her property.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE – Council reviewed the payables list. A motion was made by Dresch, seconded by DuRussel, to approve for payment the list dated 07/05/2017 totaling \$88,065.18. Roll call vote: ayes-all. Motion carried.

REPORTS

PARKS- DuRussel presented the minutes of the Parks Commission meeting held June 26, 2017. He noted that Chris Nordstrom had attended the meeting and advised the Commission regarding handicap access to playground equipment. He also suggested a Parks open house for August 17, 2017. Council asked that the open house be pushed back to August 23.

DPW- Wiedmayer presented his report. He highlighted the root control reapplication and the sidewalk construction. He also reported that R&L had cleared a Village owned tree that had fallen just missing a residence. Council discussed a request for brush chipping between the June 1 and August 1 scheduled pick-ups, deciding it would be confusing and disrupt other DPW work.

MANAGER – Wallace presented his report. He also presented the policing plan for the Sesquicentennial noting that it will cost the Village about \$2500, a revised sidewalk installation schedule and a memo regarding the MDNR Trust Fund projects.

There being no further business, President Vaillencourt adjourned the meeting at 7:35PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Schaible, Clerk