

APPROVED MINUTES
MANCHESTER VILLAGE COUNCIL
October 2nd, 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, Dresch, DuRussel, Way, Chartrand, Woods and Vaillencourt. Council members absent: None. Also present were Manager Wallace, Clerk Schaible, Brent Jones (DPW), Seth Kinker (Sun Times), Jim Keller (Planning) and Henry Earhart (Men's Club). Vaillencourt asked for a moment of silence for the victims in Las Vegas.

The minutes of the September 18, 2017 regular meeting were approved on a motion by Dresch, seconded by Woods.

AGENDA – The agenda was approved as amended: adding C) K&B Crack Fill to Old Business and deleting Reports: A) Sheriff Report; B) Parks Commission; E) Healthy Communities/Wellness Coalition, F) Manchester Community Joint Planning Commission; G) Building Committee; H) Personnel Committee; I) Finance Committee on a motion by Dresch, seconded by Woods.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION- Henry Earhart requested permission for the Men's Club to use Chi-Bro Park for their annual Christmas tree sales. He reported the event is the same as in years past. A motion was made by Andrews, seconded by Woods, that the use of Chi-Bro Park be approved for Men's Club Christmas tree sales beginning November 26th through December 24th. Jones will call Miss Dig. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS-

WOLVERINE SCULPTURE DONATION- Wallace reported that he and DuRussel had met with Doug North and his requests for placement and wording for the proposed donation of a wolverine sculpture had changed. North added verbiage recognizing himself and Bailey Excavating and would like it to be placed near the corner of M-52 and Hibbard Street. Council reviewed the amendments and determined that placement should be near the Manchester District Library with wording as presented originally amended only by adding "Donated by Douglas Radcliffe North".

NEW BUSINESS-

TREE TRIMMING AND REMOVAL BIDS- Jones presented the information regarding tree removals and trimming, He reported that only Ropes and Riggings had the time and the equipment to provide a quote. Wallace noted that \$12,500 is budgeted for tree trimming and removal. Residents effected by the program were contacted and two trees scheduled for removal will be trimmed as a first step. Money is set aside for replanting next spring. A motion was made by Way, seconded by DuRussel, that Ropes and Riggins be approved for the work as described at a cost of \$9,280. Roll call vote: ayes-all. Motion carried.

LED LIGHTING FOR DPW BARN- Jones reported that new LED lighting is budgeted for the DPW barn and two quotes have been received. JAC LED is utilizing the old fixtures whereas Stein Electric proposed replacing the fixtures with 8 new 8' LED fixtures. Jones recommended the Stein proposal. A motion was made by Dresch, seconded by Chartrand

the bid from Stein Electric be approved in the amount of \$3260 with an additional \$500 to install outlets for the garage door openers. Roll call vote: ayes-all. Motion passed.

K&B CRACK FILL QUOTE- Wallace presented an estimate from K&B Asphalt Sealcoating to do the preventative maintenance on the tennis and basketball courts at Kirk Park as well as the Duncan St. bridge deck. He reported that the contractor is doing work in the Village making it advantageous to add these items. A motion was made by Dresch, seconded by Woods, that \$2850 be approved for the work. Roll call vote: ayes-all. Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE- Council acknowledged the following correspondence:

- Invitation to participate in the Washtenaw County Board of Public Works public comment for the Washtenaw County Solid Waste Management Plan. Wallace encouraged Council to read the summary and be ready to discuss responses.
- Invitation to the semi-annual 2017 fall meeting of the River Raisin Watershed Council.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE – Council reviewed the payables list. A motion was made by Way, seconded by Dresch, to approve for payment the list dated 10/02/2017 totaling \$31,728.25. Roll call vote: ayes-all. Motion carried.

REPORTS

PLANNING COMMISSION- Jim Keller, Planning Commission Chair, reported that Gina Lentz will be resigning from the Commission. With the recent difficulties in attracting appointees, the Commission will be discussing going to 5 members. It was noted that 5-member Commissions require one Council member to be a Commissioner.

DDA- Vaillencourt reported a good turnout at the last Downtown Development Authority meeting. Thursday night activities for merchants and markets will be starting up. The members discussed vacant building ordinances with two building owners present concerned that the negative and penalizing approach would be harmful. They would prefer to see support of existing businesses. They agreed to contact the vacant building owners for conversation. Vaillencourt is considering at the least requiring safety inspections for vacant buildings. Council continued discussing how to offer tax incentives for operating businesses.

DPW- Jones presented the report. He reported that they had checked the sewer main on Granger Street to investigate the reported smell and found it clean. He also noted that M&K will be hydro-excavating two water service to help repair the valves. Jones reported that chipping was completed today and leaf pick-up will begin in November. The new “no dogs on playing surfaces” signs have been ordered. Vaillencourt reported on an email she had received and responded to regarding dogs in parks.

MANAGER – Wallace reviewed his report. He added that he and Vaillencourt had toured the 1st Presbyterian senior facility in downtown Detroit and the director will be visiting Manchester and is open to advising us on a facility. Wallace also noted the recent first training session on Redevelopment Ready Communities and the great amount of work it will take. He discussed a recent event at the Village Tap and the lack of communication from them to Council.

There being no further business, President Vaillencourt adjourned the meeting at 8:09pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Schaible, Village Clerk