

APPROVED MINUTES
MANCHESTER VILLAGE COUNCIL
DECEMBER 19, 2016
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: DuRussel, Way, Chartrand, Dresch, Woods and Vaillencourt. Council members absent: Andrews. Also present were Manager Wallace, Clerk Schaible, Louis Englund and Lisa DuRussel

The minutes of the December 9, 2016 regular meeting were approved on a motion by Chartrand, seconded by Woods. Dresch abstained.

AGENDA – The agenda was approved as amended: adding 7E) January Meeting Date, 7F) Luminaria, 7G) Council Email and deleting Reports- 11A) Sheriff, 11B) Solid Waste & Recycling, 11C) Parks, 11D) Planning, 11F) Healthy Communities/Wellness Coalition, 11G) Joint Planning, 11H) Building, 11I) Personnel, 11J) Finance on a motion by Dresch, seconded by Chartrand.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION- Louis Englund, 610 S. Macomb St., showed Council a sample of the water at his house that he had pulled 20 minutes earlier from the system before his filtering equipment. He noted that after it is filtered it is much clearer but still has a slight color and odor. Englund reported that flushing the hydrant does help but it had not been done in the last 5 months. He noted that he had the water tested and the problem is clear iron that is not being taken care of by chlorination. Englund acknowledged the work the Village has put into the situation but feels a better solution is needed. Wallace reported that flushing is scheduled at that hydrant on Fridays before 6 AM at least every other week. Wallace, Dresch and Way tasted the muddy looking sample reporting that it tasted like very hard water. Englund noted that his filtering equipment is expensive and he would like to have the confidence that the water is safe for his family. Wallace reported that a different “tipping” hydrant may help the system at that point as the very low flow and dead end watermain is the problem. The ice pigging done two or three years ago was apparently not a long term solution and small loops do not help because of the low flow issue. Wallace also confirmed that chlorine likely dissipates prior to the home again because of the low usage and flow at the end of the line. Wallace indicated that there is more work to do and that he would have the Village engineers review the tests and present options.

OLD BUSINESS

RULES OF PROCEDURE REVIEW – A clean draft of the amended Village of Manchester Rules and Procedures was presented. A motion was made by Way, seconded by Woods that they be accepted as amended. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

FENCE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT- Wallace presented the fence ordinance amendment as recommended by the Village Planning Commission. He reviewed the changes made in the proposed Fence, Wall and Screens ordinance. He reported that the maximum fence

height was changed from 8 to 6 feet. Residential fence materials allowed are specified and welded farm fence is allowed in the R1A and AG districts. Wallace explained that the amended ordinance, being a zoning ordinance, is not retroactive and applies to permanent fence permits. He also noted that temporary fences for controlling snow would be allowable. A motion was made by Dresch, seconded by Chartrand, that Ordinance No.296 Fences, Walls and Screens be adopted. Roll call vote: ayes-all. Motion carried.

JOINT MASTER PLAN REVIEW AND ADOPTING RESOLUTION-Vaillencourt presented the resolution passed by the Manchester Community Joint Planning Commission adopting the Manchester Community Joint Master Plan. She noted that the Manchester Township board had tabled the adoption to the next meeting to allow newly elected board members to review the plan. Vaillencourt reported that the draft was updated with information presented at the public hearing regarding the Leonard Preserve, Watkins State Park and broadband initiatives. She noted that the resolution before the Council was prepared by Atty. Jesse O'Jack for the Village and the Township. A motion was made by Chartrand, supported by Dresch, that Resolution No. 16-1219A-Adoption of the Manchester Community Joint Master Plan be approved. Roll call vote: ayes-all. Motion passed.

HEALTH CARE INSURANCE APPROVAL- Schaible reviewed the memo detailing the current employee health insurance plan and the recommendation to renew the current Blue Care Network plan. She noted that renewal increased the premium by 6.22% which will also be used to increase the current employee payroll deduction contributing towards the premium. A motion was made by Dresch, seconded by DuRussel, that the Blue Care Network employee insurance plan be renewed with 6.22% premium and contribution increase. Roll call vote: ayes-all. Motion carried.

PA 152 OPT-OUT RESOLUTION- Schaible presented the recommendation to opt out of the PA 152 hard cap and 80/20 rules as allowed by law. A motion as made by Way, seconded by Woods, that Resolution No. 16-1219 –Opting Out of the Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act be adopted. Roll call vote: ayes-all. Motion passed.

JANUARY MEETING DATE- A motion was made by Chartrand, seconded by Woods, that the regular Village Council meeting scheduled for January 2, 2017 be rescheduled for January 4, 2017 at 7:00pm. Motion carried.

LUMINARIA-Council divided between them the placement and lighting of the Christmas Eve luminaries on Village property.

COUNCIL EMAILS- Council agreed that email contacts for trustees be added to the Village website.

CORRESPONDENCE- Council acknowledged the following correspondence:

- A letter from the River Raisin Distillery withdrawing the application to the Zoning Board of Appeals for an interpretation.
- Documents reporting that the grant application to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund for the River Raisin Park had been recommended for funding.
- Copy of the response letter written by Village WWTP Superintendent, Dan Geyer, to the DEQ regarding the Manchester-Water System Sanitary Survey.
- Invitation to a cybersecurity workshop.
- The November 2016 Sheriff's Report. Council discussed the low number of citations.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE – Council reviewed the payables list. A motion was made by Dresch seconded by DuRussel, to approve for payment the list dated 12/19/2016 totaling \$94,540.83. Roll call vote: ayes-all. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT- The November 2016 Treasurer's Report was acknowledged.

REPORTS

DDA- Vaillencourt reported that the DDA had applied and received a \$5500 economic development grant from residual PA 88 funds. The grant requires \$2000 in kind from the Village. Tony Vanderwaarp will be consulting on the project, utilizing the Gibbs Study and his knowledge of the area to develop a plan to attract business to the downtown.

Completion is scheduled for March. Vaillencourt also reported that the CTAP grant for \$10,000 is assured and asked Council for suggested projects.

DPW-Wallace presented the DPW Report. He noted that sidewalk snow warnings are being distributed and clearing done within ordinance limits.

MANAGER - Wallace presented his report. He added that the Safe Routes to School plan has been submitted. Wallace also reported that he will attend a Main St. Bridge claim meeting this Wednesday. The result of this meeting should be known at the end of January and the next step is the State Office of Review.

There being no further business, President Vaillencourt adjourned the meeting at 8:04PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Schaible, Clerk