

APPROVED MINUTES  
MANCHESTER VILLAGE COUNCIL  
SEPTEMBER 7, 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: Dresch, Andrews, Way, DuRussel and Vaillencourt. Council members absent: Woods and Chartrand. Also present were Manager Wallace, Clerk Schaible, Gary Wiedmayer (DPW), Ray Berg (Manchester Area Chamber of Commerce) and Jim Keller (Joint Planning Commission).

The minutes of the August 15, 2016 regular meeting were approved on a motion by Dresch, seconded by Way.

**AGENDA** – The agenda was approved as amended: adding Trail Update to 7A) Carmel Apple Event; and deleting Committee Reports 10A) Sheriff, 10B) Solid Waste & Recycling, 10D) Planning, 10E) DDA, 10G) Joint Planning, 10H) Building, 10I) Personnel, 10J) Finance on a motion by Dresch, seconded by Way. Chartrand entered at this time.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**- None

**OLD BUSINESS**

**SESQUICENTENNIAL BUDGET**- Ray Berg reported that the first open house to discuss Manchester' sesquicentennial celebration had been held with 25 to 30 people attending. The idea of sponsorship for the various events will be explored and a new budget developed in October.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**CARMEL APPLE EVENT/SHARED USE TRAIL UPDATE**- Ray Berg requested permission for the Chamber of Commerce to use Wurster Park for the annual Halloween Carmel Apple event. A motion was made by Dresch, seconded by Chartrand, that permission be granted for October 31 from 3 to 9 PM. Motion carried.

Berg also updated Council regarding funding for phase 2 of the Shared Use Trail. Estimates put the cost somewhere between \$165,000 and \$182,000. Washtenaw County Parks has pledged \$75,000 and 5 Healthy Towns \$20,000. Grants have been submitted to Consumers Energy and the Herrick Foundation requesting \$25,000 and \$50,000 respectively. Other funding sources are being sought for the rest of the construction costs and a maintenance reserve. Berg reported his knowledge of the Council of Michigan Foundation and the Blue/Green Network that funds water and natural trails. He noted that he had presented the proposal to dredge the mill pond, build overlook decks and complete the portion of the trail that ties in with the development of the Buss property into a riverside park. The proposal had gotten positive comments. Berg would like permission to seek River Raisin Watershed Council support and formalize the project for funding from the Blue/Green Network. He noted that he is still looking at other funding sources, perhaps the larger manufacturers in the area. He also acknowledged that the County would likely have to extend the time frame of their support of the Shared Use Trail. Wallace confirmed that

should the DNR approve the River Raisin Park project grant, it would not include dredging the mill pond. Vaillencourt noted that she is the Village's liaison to the River Raisin Watershed Council and would contact them. In regards to ongoing maintenance of the existing trail, Berg explained that he had not been successful in finding the required officers for the Friends of the Trail 501(c)3. Wiedmayer explained that the DPW had been removing fallen trees and sweeping the trail and that was contrary to the original plan of not having the Village taxpayers shoulder any burdens with regards to the Trail. Berg will gather the friends group to discuss maintenance and another fundraising attempt. DPW was asked to keep track of the time spent on the trail.

PROPERTY ACCEPTANCE-A motion was made by Dresch, seconded by Chartrand, that the Village accept Parcel No. PM-16-11-101-001 from Kristina A. Way as detailed in the Warranty Deed dated 08/30/16. Roll call vote: ayes-Dresch, Chartrand, Andrews, DuRussel, Vaillencourt. Way abstained. Motion carried.

JOINT MASTER PLAN AUTHORIZATION- Jim Keller presented the most current draft of the proposed Joint Master Plan with Manchester Township. He explained that much of the editorial content has been eliminated and that his focus was on the Village's interests in the plan. Keller noted the growth transition areas where expansion with water, sewer and Village specified streets would be focused. The next step is to distribute it to adjacent communities and Washtenaw County for a 63 day comment period. Vaillencourt noted that the Township had supported the PA 425 Contract concept. Council asked that the plan be addressed at the next meeting to allow more time for review.

SEWER ROOT CONTROL- Wiedmayer reported that a significant root ball has formed in the old brick manhole in front of the fire station. It is dangerous to attempt removal by hand. Tecumseh and Adrian have contracted with Dukes Root Control for foam that kills the roots with good success. Wiedmayer presented a quote from Duke's Root Control for: the Macomb St. manhole; Ann Arbor St. from the Road Commission to 315 Ann Arbor; and along the river from E. Duncan to Dan's River Grill. A motion was made by Dresch, supported by DuRussel, that \$1178 be approved for the three locations. Roll call vote: ayes-all. Motion passed.

ASPHALT REPLACEMENT- Wiedmayer presented a quote from K&B Asphalt for street patches needed due to water projects. He reported that some of the cost will be reimbursed by S & S Directional Boring, the contractor on the DWRP project. A motion was made by Way, supported by Dresch, that the work be completed at a cost not to exceed \$3000. Roll call vote: ayes-all. Motion passed.

SEALCOAT PARKING LOT- Wiedmayer presented a quote from K&B Asphalt for work at the Chi Bro Park parking lot. A motion was made by Dresch, seconded by DuRussel, that the quote be accepted in the amount of \$1916. Roll call vote: ayes-all. Motion carried.

SEALCOAT RINK AND BBALL COURT- Wiedmayer presented a quote from K&B Asphalt to seal and paint the Chi Bro Park basketball courts and ice rink. A motion was made by Way, supported by Andrews, that the quote be accepted in the amount of \$3,372.88. Roll call vote: ayes-all. Motion passed. Wallace noted that some of the costs will be reimbursed by the Michigan Recreation Council.

WASHT. CNTY. SOLID WASTE CONSORTIUM MEMBERSHIP- A motion was made by Dresch, seconded by Chartrand, that the Village continue its membership in the Washtenaw County Consortium for Solid Waste Management and that the dues of \$75 be approved for payment. Roll call vote: ayes-all. Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE- Council acknowledged the following correspondence:

- Minutes from the July 13 meeting of the Village Planning Commission.

- A thank-you note from the Wish a Mile Bicycle Tour for the use of Carr Park.
- Three notices of public hearing from Consumer's Energy.
- A note from Lew Kidder that the Ragin' Raisin bike race has been cancelled.
- Nominations forms from the Community Resource Center for volunteer awards. A motion was made by Dresch, supported by Andrews, that the Village Council nominate Ruth VanBogelen. Motion passed.
- Information from the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission regarding hunting in the Leonard Preserve. The northern zone will be open to deer hunting on specific dates and locations by specific groups.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE** – Council reviewed the payables list. A motion was made by Dresch, seconded by Chartrand, to approve for payment the list dated 09/07/2016 totaling \$88,339.76. Roll call vote: ayes-all. Motion carried.

### **REPORTS**

**PARKS**- DuRussel thanked the DPW for installing the new basketball poles and nets. He reported that he had volunteered the DPW to install new volleyball poles if the league bought them.

**HEALTHY COMMUNITIES/WELLNESS COALITION**- Dresch presented information regarding the 5 Healthy Towns Foundation MMLB Challenge for exercise and weight loss.

**DPW**- Wiedmayer presented his report. He also reported Lester Brothers Excavating and M&K would be working on repairing the sewer main on Schaffer Ct. that was compromised during the water main project.

**MANAGER** - Wallace presented his report. He added that the Safe Routes to School program has been frustrating due to the State's subcontractors and their unfamiliarity with the Village. Wallace also reported that new plantings to replace the pine tree disturbed at Duncan and Morgan would be installed. He confirmed with Council that new signs in the historic district need only conform to sign ordinance standards and don't need a historical review.

There being no further business, President Vaillencourt adjourned the meeting at 8:35PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Julie Schaible, Clerk