

APPROVED MINUTES
MANCHESTER VILLAGE COUNCIL
OCTOBER 3, 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, Way, DuRussel, Chartrand and Vaillencourt. Council members absent: Andrews and Woods. Also present were Manager Wallace, Clerk Schaible, Gary Wiedmayer (DPW), George Daubner (Knights of Columbus) and John Stedman (Men's Club).

The minutes of the September 19, 2016 regular meeting were approved on a motion by Dresch, seconded by Chartrand.

AGENDA – The agenda was approved as amended: adding Old Business A) Gieske Road Property and deleting Committee Reports 11A) Sheriff, 11B) Solid Waste & Recycling, 11D) Planning, 11G) Joint Planning, 11H) Building, 11I) Personnel, 11J) Finance on a motion by Dresch, seconded by DuRussel.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION- George Daubner requested permission for the Knights of Columbus annual Tootsie Roll fundraiser on October 7th and 8th on downtown Village sidewalks. A motion was made by Chartrand, supported by Way, that that the use be allowed with the permission of the businesses being effected. Motion passed. John Stedman requested permission to use Chi-Bro Park for the Manchester Men's Club annual Christmas Tree sale beginning November 27 through mid-December when the trees are sold out. He presented the site plan for the sale and noted that they would coordinate with the Village and Miss Dig. Stedman also reported that the Spanish Club would be selling wreaths as a fund raiser and several High School athletes would be volunteering their time to aid the Men's Club. A motion was made by Dresch, seconded by DuRussel, that the use be approved as presented. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

GIESKE ROAD PROPERTY- Wallace reported that a stake survey had changed the acreage being purchased to 8.66. A motion was made by Chartrand, supported by Dresch, that the Village purchase 8.66 acres on Gieske Road from the Manchester Community School at a cost of \$60,620. The motion included that Pat Vaillencourt be authorized to act on behalf of the Village in the purchase. Roll call vote: ayes-all. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

KIWANIS CIDER SALE- Vaillencourt postponed this item to later in the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE- Council acknowledged the following correspondence:

- Meeting minutes and reports from the Western Washtenaw Construction Authority.
- Copy of the Manchester Community Joint Plan distribution letter.
- The Manchester Area Senior Citizens Council newsletter for October.
- Invitation to the Watkins Lake State Park ribbon cutting ceremony.
- Herrick Foundation letter passing on funding the Manchester Shared Use Trail.

- Notice of public hearing for the natural gas customers of Consumers Energy.
- The Sharon Mills Park site master plan.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE – Council reviewed the payables list. A motion was made by Dresch, seconded by Chartrand, to approve for payment the list dated 10/03/2016 totaling \$38,278.50. Roll call vote: ayes-all. Motion carried. Andrews entered at this time.

REPORTS

PARKS- DuRussel reported that the Parks Commission had a meeting with much excitement for the parks. It was suggested that the 5-Year Master Plan be updated.

DDA- Vaillencourt reported that the DDA had met and discussed encouraging the Friends of the Trail group volunteering their time to help maintain it. They also decided that a piecemeal approach to its completion was not a good idea. Berg suggested that if the new county roads and parks millage passed, there may be additional funding available. Council discussed the basic construction of the rest of the Trail and when and what would push Council to forgo the County Parks funding.

Vaillencourt also reported that the DDA had discussed downtown Christmas decorations and that she had reiterated that the Bridge is not available for decorating. Wallace reported that the Christmas Home Tour Committee volunteered to pay for the installation of two poles to hold the second Christmas Bell swag near Wurster Park. A motion was made by DuRussel, supported by Way, that the poles be allowed at no cost to the Village, with the understanding that they become Village property, Wallace be consulted on placement and groups using the poles understand that it is their responsibility to hang and remove banners, swags and other décor. Motion passed.

Vaillencourt added that the DDA will look to the Gibbs Study for future projects.

HEALTHY COMMUNITIES- Dresch reported that several from the Manchester group had attended the Five Healthy Towns visioning session to outline focus for the next 3 to 4 years. The first issue was Senior Citizen support. She noted that a new magazine, “Connected”, would be in mailboxes soon.

DPW- Wiedmayer presented his report. He added the Trail bollards had been installed.

MANAGER - Wallace presented his report. He noted that October 5th is International Walk to School Day and invited council members to walk with the children.

Wallace also presented the scoring received by the Village on their application to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund for the River Raisin Park. He noted that this level of scoring was funded last year. Wallace also reported that Silver Maples of Chelsea is no longer interested in working on a project in Manchester, but there may be interest from the United Methodist group.

Vaillencourt presented the information regarding the Kiwanis cider sale. A motion was made by Andrews, supported by Chartrand, that permission be granted to the Kiwanis to sell cider on Main Street at M-52 and Clinton Streets on October 22, 2016. Motion carried.

There being no further business, President Vaillencourt adjourned the meeting at 8:12PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Schaible, Clerk