

APPROVED MINUTES
MANCHESTER VILLAGE COUNCIL
February 20, 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: Way, Chartrand, Dresch, Woods, Vaillencourt and Andrews. Council members absent: DuRussel. Also present were Manager Wallace, Clerk Schaible, Ruth VanBogelen (Farmer's Market) and Lucas Andrews.

The minutes of the February 6, 2017 regular meeting were approved on a motion by Dresch, seconded by Woods. Vaillencourt abstained.

AGENDA – The agenda was approved as amended: adding Old Business 6A) Appointments, 6B) Ready Development Communities and 6C) Sesquicentennial; deleting Reports- 11A) Sheriff, 11B) Solid Waste & Recycling, 11C) Parks, 11D) Planning, 11E) Healthy Communities/Wellness Coalition, 11F) Healthy Communities/Wellness Coalition, 11G) Joint Planning, 11H) Building, 11I) Personnel, 11J) Finance on a motion by Dresch, seconded by Woods.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION- None

OLD BUSINESS

APPOINTMENTS- Vaillencourt recommended that Mike Austin be reappointed to the Parks Commission and Laurie Brewster be appointed to the Parks Commission. A motion was made by Dresch, seconded by Andrews, that the appointments be made as recommended. Motion passed.

READY DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITIES-Wallace reported that the Village Planning Commission had reviewed the MEDC Development Ready Community information and Keller had volunteered to attend the training sessions. They also organized how to complete the planning portions of the material. Chartrand volunteered to attend training for the Council and Vaillencourt from the DDA. Wallace noted he would be attending also. Wallace discussed the ongoing commitment and the goal of having a detailed, transparent process in place when development opportunities present themselves.

SESQUICENTENNIAL- Council discussed the suggestion of the Village Hall being a part of the celebration by being open for tours. Various painting, cleaning and landscaping tasks would need to be completed by August. Wallace also suggested a banner commemorating the sesquicentennial be designed and placed in the Village Hall lobby. Dresch asked that Council begin to consider monetary support for the event.

NEW BUSINESS

FARMER'S MARKET- Ruth VanBogelen explained the Farmer's Market Committee challenges with appointments and requested that the Committee be expanded to nine members. She also requested that Ben Marks and Charles Jackson be appointed to the Committee. VanBogelen noted that Chelsea Hospital is enabling the Market to accept Michigan Bridge cards and other forms of payment. A motion was made by Dresch, supported by Andrews, that that the Farmer's Market Committee be expanded to nine

members. Motion passed. A motion was made by Dresch, seconded by Chartrand, that Ben Marks and Charles Jackson be appointed to the Farmer's Market Committee. Motion carried. VanBogelen reported that the Market will be held at Alumni Field during the week of the Manchester Community Fair and at Wurster Park during the week of the Sesquicentennial Celebration.

CHI-BRO PARKING- Vaillencourt presented a 2013 report showing the need for parking spaces east of the Main Street Bridge and Wallace distributed a map of the Chi-Bro Park current and proposed parking areas. Wallace reported that the existing lot can park 36 cars and there is not enough width for a third lane of parking. The proposed expansion would be to the south east of the existing lot and could park another 32 cars. Costs to improve the proposed lot could be as high as \$75,000 with asphalt and lighting but could be as low as the cost of a split rail fence if left as a grassy area. More parking will be needed especially with the new River Park across the street. Council asked Wallace to get estimates for limestone, asphalt, fencing and lighting.

TRAFFIC SIGNS AND POSTS- Wallace presented estimates for the posts, street signs and traffic signs needed to complete the replacement of Village signs for the new retro-reflection standards. He suggested that the project be completed before the DPW Superintendent retires this fall. Wallace noted that the funding is available either in the current budget or fund balance should winter maintenance expenses become an issue. A motion was made by Dresch, seconded by Way, that the budget be reallocated and the purchase of the posts and signs be approved as presented. Roll call vote: ayes-all. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE- Council acknowledged the following correspondence:

- Minutes of the February 15, 2017 Village Planning Commission meeting.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE – Council reviewed the payables list. A motion was made by Dresch, seconded by Chartrand, to approve for payment the list dated 02/20/2017 totaling \$31,075.26. Roll call vote: ayes-all. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT- The January 2017 Treasurer's Report was acknowledged.

REPORTS

DPW- Wallace presented the report.

MANAGER – Wallace presented his report. He commended Chartrand for her work with the Senior Citizen bus grant. Council agreed that combining a recording secretary for the Planning Commission, Parks Commission and DDA may make the job more attractive. Council also discussed recreational programming and the need for input from the surrounding townships.

A motion was made by Dresch, seconded by Chartrand, to go into closed session to consider purchase or lease of real property. Roll call vote: ayes-all. Motion passed.

Council returned to open session.

There being no further business, President Vaillencourt adjourned the meeting at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Schaible, Clerk