

APPROVED MINUTES
MANCHESTER VILLAGE COUNCIL
April 16TH, 2018
7:00 PM Village Room

President Vaillencourt called the regular meeting of the Manchester Village Council to order at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Council members present: Andrews, Vaillencourt, Dresch and Chartrand. Council members absent: DuRussel, Way and Woods. Also present were Manager Wallace, Clerk Schaible, Lester Koch, (American Legion), Sgt. Paul Cook (WCSD), Patty McCabe and Jeff Fahey.

The minutes of the April 2nd, 2018 regular meeting were approved on a motion by Chartrand, seconded by Dresch.

AGENDA – The agenda was approved as amended: adding New Business item 7A) Memorial Day Parade, item 7F) Committee Appointments and deleting Reports: B) Parks; C) Planning Commission; D) Downtown Development Authority; E) Healthy Communities/Wellness Coalition; F) Joint Planning Commission, G) Building Committee; H) Personnel Committee; I) Finance Committee on a motion by Dresch, seconded by Chartrand.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION- None

OLD BUSINESS

WASHTENAW COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN- Council discussed the pros and cons of supporting the Washtenaw County Solid Waste Management Plan. Although the presentation at the last meeting included a statement that at this time there are no plans for county wide millage or funding, the concern is that government sponsored community programs tend to grow, need tax-based funding and compete with private industry. It was noted that if the Village supports the Plan it can be inferred that the Village also supports a possible tax to fully implement it. Council also agreed that it was a tough decision to leave the Western Washtenaw Recycling Authority and contract for a more efficient and effective service. Supporting the County Plan conflicts with that decision.

NEW BUSINESS

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE- Lester Koch, Commander of the American Legion, Manchester Post, requested permission to close Main Street for the annual Memorial Day Parade. He explained that the parade will change this year as the veterans who would normally march, would like to ride from Wurster Park to the Cemetery. A motion was made by Chartrand, seconded by Dresch, that a rolling closure be approved with coordination with the Sheriff Department, for May 28, 2018 starting at 11:00am. Motion passed.

KIWANIS CANOE/KAYAK RACE- Patty McCabe presented information regarding the 52nd annual River Raisin Canoe/Kayak Race. She noted all details are the same as previous years and the Kiwanis have permission from Chris Moyle to use the parking lot at Over The Edge. A motion was made by Dresch, seconded by Chartrand, to approve the closure of Main Street from M-52 to Adrian St. on May 20 from 11:00am to 4:00pm. Motion passed.

MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP ZONING AMENDMENT-CAMPGROUNDS- Vaillencourt presented the proposed Manchester Township zoning amendment regarding campgrounds

and explained that the Township asked if the Village Planning Commission and Council would like to provide input. Council discussed the amendment agreeing that it should be more restrictive and does not look like the upscale recreational vehicle park that was expected. Lot size is also a concern. Council was reminded that this a conditional use and would be an option in any areas of the Agricultural District in the Township. Council also discussed questions regarding parking and water/waste systems. Vaillencourt will respond to the Township.

JAKE BRAKE TRADEMARK INFRINGEMENT- Wallace presented the letter from Jacobs Vehicle Systems explaining that the term “Jake Brake” is a trademarked term for the more generic term “truck engine brakes” and requesting a change in the Village’s posted signs using the “Jake Brake” term. Wallace confirmed that other municipalities have had to change their signs. A motion was made by Dresch, seconded by Chartrand, that “Jake” be changed to “engine” in the Village’s signs. Motion carried.

2017 WATER QUALITY REPORT- Council reviewed the 2018 Water Quality Report for the Village of Manchester as compiled by Dan Geyer and submitted to the DEQ. He noted that the Village lead samples are sampled with 10 homes known to have lead leads and the test results are still well under the State limit.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS- Vaillencourt recommended that Brent Jones be appointed to the DPW Committee, Vic Lillich be appointed as Village Attorney, Lt. Lisa King be appointed to the Sheriff Committee, and Kendra Weid be appointed to replace Dwayne Vaillencourt on the Parks Commission. A motion was made by Dresch, seconded by Andrews, to make the appointments as recommended. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE- Council acknowledged the following correspondence:

- A letter from Ron Fielder with further comments on Gazebo Signage.
- A notice of hearing from Consumers Energy Company.
- A notice of hearing from DTE Gas Company.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE – Council reviewed the payables lists. A motion was made by Dresch, seconded by Chartrand, to approve for payment the list dated 04/16/2018 totaling \$76,937.31. Roll call vote: ayes-all. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT- The March 2018 report was acknowledged.

REPORTS

SHERIFF- Sgt. Cook presented the March 2018 report. He also reported that the contract with Lodi is being managed and balanced. Chartrand asked about parking ordinance enforcement, specifically east of the Main Street Bridge. Sgt. Cook explained that parking enforcement is complaint driven with a goal of maintaining people coming to town. He noted that there always seems to be parking within ½ block of each business. As summer approaches and weekends become busy it will be monitored more closely. Sgt. Cook also asked for location suggestions for the current speed sign.

DPW- Wallace reviewed the report.

A motion was made by Andrews, seconded by Chartrand, that the Council adjourn and convene as the Zoning Board of Appeals. Roll call vote; ayes-all. Motion passed.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

President Vaillencourt called the meeting to order and explained the appeal from Denny

Steele, of 507 Granger, to replace a garage on an existing foundation that encroaches in the setback. There is no change to the original footprint of the garage. A note was received from the next-door neighbor, Evilsizers, that they have no issues with the request. There was no other public input. Vaillencourt advised that discussion of the appeal will take place at the next Council meeting when the applicant can be present.

A motion was made by Dresch, seconded by Andrews, to adjourn as Zoning Board of Appeals and reconvene the Council meeting. Roll call vote: ayes-all. Motion passed.

MANAGER– Wallace reviewed his report. He also reported that he had been in contact with Rep. Lasinski and is waiting for written confirmation that the Township broadband ballot language can disclude incorporated areas (the Village). He noted that the Township Board has said that the broadband question would not be placed on a ballot in 2018. Wallace advised that no bids were received to complete the river dredging. He is in contact with two companies that will submit bids in the coming week. Council confirmed that an overgrown bush at Wurster Park could be replaced.

Vaillencourt asked if there was any public participation. Jeff Fahey announced that he had been sent by Sue LaRocque to request the closure of Adrian Street on the 3rd Thursday of each month between May and October for pop-up vendors, kids' activities and various performances in conjunction with the Make it Manchester Thursday program. Wallace suggested that the DDA be asked to sponsor the events. Vaillencourt will suggest a special DDA meeting to discuss sponsorship. Fahey also discussed parking issues and suggested 15-minute parking space near Dan's River Grill and a targeted burst of enforcement.

There being no further business, President Vaillencourt adjourned the meeting at 8:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Schable, Village Clerk