

APPROVED MINUTES
MANCHESTER VILLAGE COUNCIL
MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP BOARD

June 13th, 2018

7:00 PM MANCHESTER HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER

Gene DeRossett called the Manchester Township meeting to order. Trustees present: Danell Proctor, Ron Milkey, Lisa Moutinho, Laurie Carey, Carl Macomber and John Seefeld. Pat Vaillencourt called the Manchester Village Council meeting to order. Council members present: Vaillencourt, Dresch, DuRussel, and Chartrand. Way and Andrews entered at 7:15pm. Council members absent: Woods. Also present. in addition to the Manchester Township Board members, were Village Manager Jeff Wallace, Chris Fegan, Lou Way, Mike Austin, Scott and Margene Dunsmore, Dan and Julie Schaible, Liz and Dan Mueller, Ron Mann, Ryan Klubocar, Margaret Heckaman, Janice Steinhauer, Doreen Birnie, Karl Jacob, Fritz Swanson, Seth Kinker and Brad Heimke.

Trustee Moutinho reviewed the feasibility study proposal that the Township has awarded to CCG. Township Trustee Milkey spoke regarding broadband mistruths. He advised that no dollar amounts or millage estimates have been made. Council President Vaillencourt and Manager Jeff Wallace referred to the Michigan Broadband Cooperative presentation made by Ben Fineman to Manchester Township at one of their regular meetings as the source for many of the estimates and assumptions that have been used for discussion purposes. Township Trustees seemed unaware of the presentation or Mr. Fineman. The Township Board was unwilling to discuss any cost, millage or other assumptions until the feasibility study is complete.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION- Several attendees spoke to object to an increase in taxes. Other input included question of number of Comcast subscribers and working with Michigan Broadband to get information to the Township.

COUNCIL/BOARD DISCUSSION- Vaillencourt described the great relationship that the Village and Township has had for the last 30+ years. She went on to give Council and Township millage information indicating that the Village millage is 8 times the Township millage and that additional millage is unacceptable. DeRossett noted the unique community. Council members expressed their frustration with the lack of communication on this and other recent issues. Trustees were surprised as this has been a discussion item for over a year. They noted the broadband survey that had been distributed in the Village as well as the Township. Council members pressed the Township Trustees for assurances that the Village taxpayers would not be assessed for broadband in the Township. Trustees were, for the most part, unwilling to make any assurances at this time.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION- Several commented on the lack of communication, the need to work together and the impact of additional taxes.

There being no further business, President Vaillencourt and Chair DeRossett thanked the participants and adjourned the meeting at 8:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Wallace, Village Manager