

APPROVED MINUTES  
MANCHESTER VILLAGE COUNCIL  
August 19th, 2019  
8:00 PM VILLAGE HALL

President Vaillencourt called the regular meeting of the Manchester Village Council to order at 8:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Council members present: Dresch, Way, Vaillencourt, Woods, Andrews and Chartrand. Council members absent: DuRussel. Also present were: Manager Wallace, Clerk Schaible, Brent Jones (DPW), Doug Parr (WWCA), Linda Stevens (Chamber of Commerce), Mckenna Ross (Ann Arbor News/MLive) and Lisa Moutinho, Laurie Carey and Danelle Proctor (Manchester Township).

The minutes of the August 5th, 2019 regular meeting were approved on a motion by Dresch, seconded by Chartrand. Motion carried.

**AGENDA** – The agenda was approved as amended: deleting the following from Old Business: A) Parks Reservation Policy; B) Goals and Directives; C) Washtenaw County Mental Health Agreement; D) Vacant Building Ordinance; and deleting Reports B) Parks; C) Planning Commission; D) DDA; E) Healthy Communities/Wellness Coalition; F) Healthy Communities/Wellness Coalition; G) Building; H) Personnel Committee; I) Finance Committee on a motion by Dresch, seconded by Andrews. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**-Linda Stevens, representing the Manchester Area Chamber of Commerce, thanked Council for their support of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday events. She also noted the need for a vacant building ordinance.

**SPECIAL SESSION- CITY STATUS**- Vaillencourt asked for public comment. Hearing none she opened the discussion for Council. Referring to the William Fahey report presented at the Manchester Township meeting, she indicated that it was written to only portray the Township's best interest. Vaillencourt noted that the Village has done a thorough job of reviewing potential costs and that even Fahey reported that city status should reduce stress on the Township budget. She highlighted the area of the report which suggests that the Township sell current assets and buy others for the sole purpose of avoiding the division of property and assets. Vaillencourt reminded those present that the Township officials took an oath to represent all Township residents, including those who live in the Village and have a right to be represented, respected and treated fairly. Woods asked if there was any documentation or support for the Fahey information. Wallace reported that he had talked with Caseville and that the additional millage they charged after becoming a city was the millage that the Township had charged with 2 additional voter approved mills for roads. He reported that in Caseville's case, the new city and the Township continue to work out of the same building and share police and fire services. Wallace noted that the Fahey information is a general document that should not be taken for more. Council discussed ways to disseminate the facts and next steps. A motion was made by Dresch, seconded by Woods, that the Village Manager be authorized to meet with the State Boundary Commission, acquire quotes to reaffirm the official boundary map and consult with an attorney regarding cityhood. The cost of these steps will be part of and not exceed the \$7,000 to \$10,000 estimated in the Citizens

Advisory Committee report. Roll call vote: ayes-all. Motion carried. Council continued to discuss getting the facts out and Vaillencourt reported that she would be at each Council meeting at 6:30pm and at the Village hall at 9am on Mondays to talk cityhood.

### **OLD BUSINESS-**

**WWCA/215 E. MAIN-** Doug Parr asked if Council had any questions regarding the progress at 215 E. Main, DD Ice Cream. He reported that the owner's timetable is not being followed completely but that good progress is being made. He asked that Council members call him directly if they notice something that appears unsafe. Specifically, exterior lighting, debris at the back of the building and removing the scaffolding before the first Walk to School needs to be addressed. Parr will keep Way updated on the progress.

### **NEW BUSINESS-**

**REDEVELOPMENT READY COMMUNITIES RESOLUTION-** A motion was made by Dresch, seconded by Chartrand, that Resolution No19-0819, Support for Participation in the Redevelopment Ready Communities be adopted. Roll call vote: ayes-all. Motion carried.

**ERC LIGHTING PROJECT-**Wallace presented the new lighting agreement for the Wastewater Treatment Plant and the updated/expanded agreement for the Village Hall which now includes the outdoor lights. He explained that the WWTP will have several system updates over the next few years which lighting will be a part of so the WWTP agreement is not needed. A motion was made by Chartrand, seconded by Andrews, that the Wallace be authorized to sign the 08/09/2019 ERC agreement for the Village Hall and grounds. Roll call vote: ayes-all. Motion carried.

**NEXT MEETING DATE-** A motion was made by Way, supported by Dresch, that the Council meeting date be Tuesday, September 3rd at 7:00 pm. Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE-** Council acknowledged the following correspondence:

- Manchester Township Board minutes from July 23, 2019.
- Manchester Township Board special meeting minutes from August 12, 2019.

**TREASURERS' REPORT-** The July 2019 Treasurer's Report was acknowledged.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE** – Council reviewed the payables list. A motion was made by Dresch, seconded by Chartrand, to approve for payment the lists dated 08/19/2019 and 08/06/2019 totaling \$220,593.72. Roll call vote: ayes-all. Motion carried.

### **REPORTS**

**SHERIFF-**Wallace reported that the Sgt Beth Gieske will replace Sgt. Mahalick in September. They have reviewed several issues including the need for community policing, deputy safety and increased attendance at Council meetings.

**DPW-** Jones presented his report. He highlighted that the signs have been installed on the shared use trail, the paving projects are complete and stripe painting will be finished next week.

**MANAGER-** Wallace reviewed his report. He noted that the Village had saved \$12,000 on the Shared Use Trail engineering estimates.

There being no further business, President Vaillencourt adjourned the meeting at 9:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Julie Schaible, Village Clerk