

APPROVED MINUTES
MANCHESTER VILLAGE COUNCIL
December 16th, 2019
7:00 PM VILLAGE HALL

President Vaillencourt called the regular meeting of the Manchester Village Council to order at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. She asked for a moment of silence for those innocent people who are acceptable casualties in America. Council members present: Andrews, Dresch, Way, Woods, Vaillencourt, and Chartrand. Council members absent: DuRussel. Also present were: Manager Wallace, Clerk Schaible, Jody Sharrow, Grace Sharrow-Ducsay, Emma Sharrow-Ducsay, Candace Connon, Kathy O'Mara (Walk to School Program), Linda Stevens and Lisa Moutinho (Manchester Township).

The minutes of the December 2nd, 2019 regular meeting were approved on a motion by Dresch, seconded by Woods.

AGENDA – The agenda was approved as amended: deleting Old Business A) Vacant Building Ordinance; adding New Business B)Luminaries and deleting Reports: A) Sheriff; B) Parks; C) Planning Commission; D) DDA; E) Healthy Communities/Wellness Coalition; F) Manchester Community Joint Planning Commission; G) Building; H) Personnel Committee; I) Finance Committee on a motion by Dresch, seconded by Way. Motion carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION- Kathy O-Mara updated Council on the Walk to School Program and invited Council to participate in the Reindeer Run this Tuesday and Wednesday. Candace Connon reported that she would not want to see a limit on the number of cats allowed in a household. She noted the success of a trap, neuter and release program in limiting the number of feral cats. Connon also noted that there is no evidence that cats have been any more than an annoyance and that she has evidence of human intervention and “ditching” of cats.

SPECIAL SESSION- CITY STATUS- Wallace reported that there were no updates at this time. There were no other comments.

OLD BUSINESS-

CATS/DOGS ORDINANCE- Wallace reported his conversation with the Village attorney that there are no court cases in Michigan upholding a specific number of cats per household. He also noted that Sgt. Gieske has advised that the current ordinance, having cats under control, would be more easily enforced that a specific limit on the number of cats allowed. Wallace reviewed that any new ordinance would need to be tied to public health issues and the frequency of nuisances. Council discussed the current ordinance, that it is complaint driven, enforceable by calling the humane society in addition to the Village deputies and more case by case oriented. It was also noted that ordinances written in response to specific situations tend to be worthless. Council did not want to dictate what residents may and may not have in their homes. Vaillencourt reiterated that cats need to be kept under control by those caring for them. Council would like the “kennel” definition inconsistencies corrected in the current ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS-

WWTP EMPLOYEE- Wallace presented Dan Geyer's memo recommending extending a job offer to Jonathan Chandler for the Water/Wastewater Operator position. He noted that he is the top candidate of the four interviewed out of the seventy applicants and that his references were very positive. Wallace indicated that the required licenses will take a few years to obtain and each carries a wage increase. A motion was made by Dresch, seconded by Way that the offer be extended as recommended. Roll call vote: ayes-all. Motion carried.

LUMINARIES- Council members volunteered to place and light luminaries at the Parks, Village Hall and Downtown areas.

CORRESPONDENCE- Council acknowledged the following correspondence:

- The Manchester Community Joint Planning Commission Annual Report.
- Copy of the letter sent by WWCA to Jeff Fahey regarding the expiration of his building permit.
- The 2019 Form 5572-Health Care (OPEB) Report.
- Village Planning Commission minutes from November 20, 2019.
- Manchester Community Joint Planning Commission minutes from their June 2, August 1 and October 3, 2019 meetings.
- WATS offer to attend a meeting to give a presentation regarding the transportation survey.
- Public Hearing Notice for Consumers Energy.
- 5 Healthy Towns Stewardship Council Update.
- The November 2019 Washtenaw County Sheriff Report.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE – Council reviewed the payables list. A motion was made by Way, seconded by Dresch, to approve for payment the list dated 12/16/2019 totaling \$52,943.33. Roll call vote: ayes-all. Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT -The November 2019 report was acknowledged.

REPORTS

DPW- Wallace reviewed the report. He noted that as the Village water meters age, more and more will need replacing.

MANAGER- Wallace presented his report. He highlighted that the Schools will likely be approving a right-of-way permit so that we can replace sidewalk ramps on their property during the Dutch Drive project.

Vaillencourt reported that she had attended the Manchester Township Planning Commission meeting and, in January, they will likely approve a revised Doan site plan with the owner providing well and septic. She had also attended the Manchester Township Board meeting where a trustee recommended moving funds to construct a new building.

There being no further business, President Vaillencourt adjourned the meeting at 7:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Schaible, Village Clerk