

APPROVED MINUTES
MANCHESTER VILLAGE COUNCIL
January 20th, 2020
7:00 PM VILLAGE HALL

President Pro-tem Way 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: Dresch, Way, Woods, DuRussel, and Chartrand. Council members absent: Vaillencourt and Andrews. Also present were: Manager Wallace, Clerk Schaible, Ellen Supers (MAYS), Sgt. Beth Gieske (WCSD), Jeff Fahey, Ron Milkey, John Seefeld and Joe Jarvis.

The minutes of the January 6th, 2020 regular meeting were approved on a motion by Dresch, seconded by Woods. DuRussel abstained.

AGENDA – The agenda was approved as amended: deleting Reports: 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 Chartrand.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION- None.

SPECIAL SESSION- CITY STATUS- A motion was made by Woods, seconded by Chartrand, that Dresch, Vaillencourt and Wallace be the committee that meets with the Township to discuss city status. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS-

WWCA/215 E. MAIN- Way asked Fahey the status of the unfinished building as the permits have expired. Fahey advised that the architect is revising the site plan to incorporate the stairs to the upper floor. He also advised that phase II on the original site plan is being postponed indefinitely. Fahey confirmed that once the new prints are available, he will have Wallace and the Building Authority review them.

NEW BUSINESS-

MANCHESTER AREA YOUTH SPORTS- Ellen Supers, new contact for MAYS, requested use of Kirk Park for April, May and June for the youth baseball/softball season. Wallace reviewed the annual contract. A motion was made by Dresch, seconded by Woods, that the contract be approved contingent upon MAYS presenting a game/practice schedule and the appropriate insurance certificate. Roll call vote: ayes-all. Motion passed.

JEFF FAHEY-DOWNTOWN BUSINESS CLIMATE- Fahey reported that he had spoken with around 10 business owners and there are serious concerns. He reviewed the need for business/building owners, citizens and government to work together to promote and support business in Manchester. Fahey referred to the need for a grocery store and pharmacy and the burden of not having staples in Manchester puts on residents, especially seniors. He noted the necessity of thinking outside the norm, listening carefully to each other and pushing aside differences to work concertedly on a concise plan of action. Fahey highlighted the need for a bank that would make small business loans for ventures in Manchester and the value of approaching them as a community group. He reported that profitability is down and there is a possibility that the ice cream store may not open in the

spring. Wallace advised that a meeting is planned for February 19 for business/building owners, the Chamber of Commerce and the DDA to discuss new ideas for events, promotion and attracting business to Manchester. He suggested that there have been recent business investment successes with Over the Edge and Franks Place. Chartrand noted that Acorn was formed out of a small, passionate group who took action.

KABOOM GRANT ORDER- Wallace presented the list of materials agreed upon by the Parks Commission for active play along the Shared Use Trail funded by the KaBoom grant. He noted that painting and other labor will be done by the DPW and volunteers. A motion was made by Dresch, seconded by Chartrand, that the materials be ordered as presented for an amount not to exceed \$26,300. Roll call vote: ayes-all. Motion carried.

SPORTPORT- Wallace reported that a \$20,000 grant through 5 Healthy Towns is available for Chelsea and Manchester to split to purchase and store sports equipment that can be "checked out" from the Library. He noted that there will also be second year of funding. Storage can be inside or a 10' x 10' shed can be built. Council did not necessarily like the shed option but agreed that it good work as a last resort.

COPPER/LEAD INVENTORY LETTER- Wallace presented a proposed letter that would need to be sent to approximately 60 residents to visually inspect the service line to their meters. This inspection is necessary to complete the State required water system materials inventory and is another step to compliance with the new State lead and copper rules. Wallace also noted that identifying the materials used in the main connections would also have to be checked, likely by hydrovac. Costs of compliance with the new rules will likely be through increased water rates. Council agreed that the letters be sent.

MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP- A motion was made by Dresch, seconded by Woods, that the Village membership to the MML be continued with payment of the \$1493.00 dues. Roll call vote: ayes-all. Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE- Council acknowledged the following correspondence:

- Minutes from the January 13 Village Parks Commission meeting.
- A letter from the School Board President, updating SWWCOG on School issues.
- Minutes from the December 10 Manchester Township Board meeting.
- Minutes from the January 15 DDA meeting.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE – Council reviewed the payables list. A motion was made by Dresch, seconded by Woods, to approve for payment the list dated 01/20/2020 totaling \$79,479.30. Roll call vote: ayes-all. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT- The December Village Treasurers' Report was acknowledged.

REPORTS

SHERIFF- Sgt. Gieske presented the December report. She introduced Keith Dezwaan as the new full-time officer. Gieske also reported that there is one deputy vacancy in the Village.

DPW- Wallace reviewed the report. He noted that the truck muffler is being replaced.

MANAGER- Wallace presented his report. He will be scheduling Planning Commission and Council training for March.

President Pro-tem Way adjourned the meeting at 8:26pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Schaible, Village Clerk