

APPROVED MINUTES  
MANCHESTER VILLAGE COUNCIL  
February 17th, 2020  
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. Council members present: Vaillencourt, Way, Woods, and Chartrand. Council members absent: Andrews, Dresch and DuRussel. Also present were: Manager Wallace, Clerk Schaible, Danelle Proctor (Manchester Twp.), Linda Stevens (MACC), Chad Fusilier, Jeanne Wright, Dave & Shirley Disch, Daniella Kippnick, Miranda Austin, Matt Sprunk, Josef Sprunk, Jack Gould, Jeff and Crystal Fahey, Mike Austin, Johnathan Gregory, Alex Benedict and Sgt. Gieske (WCSD).

The minutes of the February 3rd, 2020 regular meeting were approved with an amendment on a motion by Woods, seconded by Chartrand

**AGENDA** – The agenda was approved as amended: adding New Business D) Appointments; deleting Reports: B) Parks; C) Planning Commission; D) DDA; E) Healthy Communities/Wellness Coalition; F) Manchester Community Joint Planning Commission; D) Joint Planning Commission; G) Building; H) Personnel Committee; I) Finance Committee on a motion by Woods, seconded by Way.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**- None

**SPECIAL SESSION- CITY STATUS**- Wallace reported that the legal description of the proposed city boundaries had been approved. Petition forms are currently being updated by the State and more public input will be sought. Vaillencourt read a statement in response to a Letter to the Editor in the Feb. 17, 2020 Manchester Mirror (attached).

She asked for public input. Jeanne Wright related her personal experience when she lived in New Cypa, California. The area became a city she was unhappy with the new bureaucracy and regulations. She advised residents to stay in touch. Vaillencourt described the government structure in Michigan and noted that the average citizen in the Village will not notice much difference between being a village and a city structure. She expressed her goal to protect the small quaint feel of the community. In response to Linda Stevens' question regarding the negative impacts of becoming a city, Vaillencourt read the 5 disadvantages described in the Citizens Advisory Committee Report. Shirley Disch asked how the city tax structure would benefit village tax payers. Vaillencourt explained that the 2 mills that the Village taxpayers currently pay to the Township would not be assessed to the city. The city would have to assess a new tax to contract for fire department services, but it would be lower than the current 2 mills. Crystal Fahey clarified that Township residents do not received police services other than response in life threatening situations. Wright asked how property taxes are assessed. Wallace explained the Headlee limits.

**OLD BUSINESS**-

**WWCA/215 E. MAIN**- Way reported that he had nothing new to report. Jeff Fahey reported that he has submitted a blueprint with an alternative print as a solution. He noted that the

survey required to build on the east side is cost prohibitive. After much discussion, it was decided that the Faheys, Doug Parr and Jeff Wallace will meet to discuss alternatives. Wallace will report back to Council.

### **NEW BUSINESS-**

**2020 RUN MANCHESTER-** The Robotics Team from Manchester Community Schools presented the information for the proposed 2020 Run Manchester. It included three plans that incorporate combinations of 5k/10k/10 miller/half marathon races. The preferred plans change the starting line to near the Blacksmith Shop, making closing M-52 and Main Street unnecessary. The registration table and medal ceremony would be in River Park. They discussed police staffing with Sgt. Gieske and the longer race that goes out of the Village may be cost prohibitive. A motion was made by Woods, seconded by Way, that any of the routes in the Village be approved for Saturday August 1 with road closures beginning at 7am and ending at noon. The approval is contingent on an insurance certificate naming the Village as an additional insured and the appropriate deputy presence as determined by the Washtenaw County Sheriff Department. Motion passed.

**MANCHESTER SOFTBALL LEAGUE-** chad Fusilier presented proposed rules and waivers for what he hopes will be a 6 to 8 team softball league that would play one night per week in Manchester. His initial idea is to use the diamond at Carr Park. Council discussed that although they are supportive of the plan, Carr Park may not be the best venue for even a recreational league of adults. Fusilier will check with the Schools for a diamond and report back to the Village.

**FLOW TESTING-**Wallace presented Dan Geyer's memo recommending sanitary sewer flow monitoring to collect data on storm water inflow. He noted that this information will be required in an application for State Revolving Loan funds for the WWTP headworks project. A motion was made by Woods, seconded by Chartrand, that the proposal from HESCO be approved in an amount to exceed \$15,000. Roll call vote; ayes-all. Motion carried.

**APPOINTMENTS-** A motion was made by Woods, seconded by Way, that John Hinkley be appointed as the Planning Commission's alternate to the Manchester Community Joint Planning Commission as recommended by Vailliencourt. Motion passed.

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

- Notice of Hearing for the electric customers of Consumer's Energy.
- Notice of Hearing for the gas customers of Consumer's Energy.
- Manchester Township 01/14/2020 board meeting minutes.
- Manchester Village Planning Commission 02/12/2020 meeting minutes.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE** – Council reviewed the payables list. A motion was made by Woods, seconded by Way, to approve for payment the list dated 02/17/2020 totaling \$61,306.48. Roll call vote: ayes-all. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT-** The January 2020 Treasurer's Report was acknowledged.

### **REPORTS**

**SHERIFF-** Sgt. Gieske reviewed the January report. She noted the banked hours are up to date and the new staff is doing well.

**DPW-** Wallace presented the report. He highlighted the continued residential water service line investigation for lead and copper issues that could cost the Village \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 over 20 years. Chartrand reported that the tree at Clinton and Duncan Streets is split and would

bring down wires if it fell.

MANAGER- Wallace reviewed his report. He noted that work on the budget has begun and additional capital improvement reports would be developed. Wallace also reported that publicity regarding the KaBoom grant would be coming out in the Connecting Communities magazine. Woods reported that the Ann Arbor Board of Realtors would be holding their summer meeting in Carr Park on July 18<sup>th</sup> and she would like to highlight the improvements that the CTAP grants have funded.

President Vaillencourt adjourned the meeting at 9:13pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Julie Schaible, Village Clerk