

APPROVED MINUTES
MANCHESTER VILLAGE COUNCIL
July 20, 2020
7:00 PM

President Vaillencourt called the teleconferenced, regular meeting of the Manchester Village Council to order at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Council members present: Vaillencourt, DuRussel, Dresch, Woods and Chartrand. Council members absent: Way and Andrews. Also present via telephone were: Manager Wallace, Clerk Schaible, Danielle Schrock (Manchester Manor), Ted Erickson (Process Results), Lynn Niehaus, Bruce Bates, Linda Stevens, Beth Greenaway, Kevin Sharp, Joe Maynard, Cecelia Kohler, Dan Geyer, Corey Silverman, Audra Schebella. Danielle Oliver, Wayne Oliver and Wayne Oliver, Jr. and Jason Sherrill (CEI).

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

AGENDA – The agenda was approved as amended: deleting 6. Special Session-City Status; 7B) Reindeer Run and Reports A) Sheriff; B) Parks; C) Planning Commission; D) DDA; F) Manchester Community Joint Planning Commission; G) Building; H) Personnel Committee; I) Finance Committee and adding SWWCOG Report on a motion by Dresch, seconded by Woods.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION- Audra Schebella expressed her opinion that the Village ordinance should be changed so that anyone would be allowed to keep poultry. At the least, she believes there should be household exemptions for 4-H projects and compassion animals for PTSD treatment. Schebella cited several cities who allow poultry within limits and reported that the AARP recommends owning poultry to provide food during the Covid pandemic. She reported that her Village residence has housed chickens for over a year with no issues or complaints from neighbors.

PUBLIC HEARING-PRELIMINARY PUD 328 RIVERBEND DRIVE

President Vaillencourt opened the public hearing. Wayne Oliver presented his plan for his second family/retirement home and private botanical gardens on the 65 acres at 328 Riverbend. He reported that the estate as well as the PUD plan is structured to preclude development or subdivision. He noted that the easement secured allows for only a private drive which also precludes and further development. Oliver reported that the utilities will be limited to a single-family residence. He plans botanical gardens and further preservation of the parcels.

Vaillencourt noted that she and Dresch live on Riverbend Drive. Cecelia Niehaus asked about increased traffic. Oliver replied that there are no plans to make the gardens public, but perhaps school groups would tour after the several years of gardening that are planned. Vaillencourt confirmed that the application does not provide for any commercial use of the property. Oliver also indicated that a 3-pt turn and circle driveway would be sufficient for a firetruck. Wallace explained that the next step would be a final site plan that would require several more professional reviews and another public hearing.

Hearing no further public comment, President Vaillencourt closed the public hearing and asked for Council input. Chartrand pointed out the well-considered plan and expressed every confidence that it could be moved forward. Dresch and Woods agreed.

Enter Andrews.

PUBLIC HEARING-WASTEWATER PROJECT PLAN

President Vaillencourt opened the public hearing. Ted Erickson presented the plan for improvements to the Village's wastewater treatment and collection system. He gave some background information and reviewed the system's current deficiencies. Erickson reported that the proposed improvements include: a headworks building with a wastewater screen and grit removal; Riverside lift station upgrade, a new 12" force main from the Riverside lift station to the WWTP, construction of a 500,000-gallon equalization tank and other miscellaneous minor improvements at the WWTP. He reported a 3.3 million-dollar cost which will be paid with a 30-year bond at an interest rate of 2.125%. Construction could begin in September of 2021. Vaillencourt noted that the Council has been discussing this project for several months to further the Village's quality utility system. Hearing no further public comment, Vaillencourt closed the hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING-REZONING 800 E. DUNCAN -CEI

President Vaillencourt opened the public hearing. Jason Sherrill, part owner and chief operating officer, reviewed the architectural facade manufacturer's plan to purchase and rezone a neighboring parcel so that the potential for added space is possible in the future. He related their love of the community and wish to keep the 63-employee plant in Manchester. Hearing no public comment, Vaillencourt closed the hearing.

OLD BUSINESS-

CANOE RACE- Vaillencourt reported that the 54th annual race was wet and wonderful with 53 participants.

NEW BUSINESS-

PRELIMINARY PUD REVIEW-328 RIVERBEND -A motion was made by Dresch, seconded by Woods, that the preliminary planned unit development application be accepted. Roll call vote: ayes-all. Motion carried.

REZONING-800 E. DUNCAN- Chartrand inquired as to the plan for existing foliage especially along the part of the parcel that runs with the shared use trail. Sherril replied that the foliage will be kept in place all the way to Division Street. He noted that they also would like it to remain as natural looking as possible. Schaible reported that Janet Hunt, a property owner on Hibbard Street, had called and is in support of the rezoning if the maintenance is kept up. Sherrill indicated that CEI has every intention of maintaining the property. He and Dresch reiterated that if and when an expansion should be planned, a site plan review would be required and neighbors feedback sought. A motion was made by Chartrand, seconded by Dresch, that the rezoning be affirmed and the appropriate ordinance rezoning the parcel from R1-B to LI be presented at the next meeting. Roll call vote: ayes-all. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-0720 PROJECT PLAN FOR WASTEWATER IMPROVEMENTS-

Vaillencourt reiterated the fact that the bonds for previous wastewater system improvements and purchase of the Ford Building had recently been paid off and millage thereby reduced. She noted the need to continue maintaining and improve the Village wastewater system. Dresch inquired as to the next system upgrade that would be needed. Wallace responded that the project being considered combines 3 of the next 4 improvements that can be foreseen. The 4th improvement would only be necessary to

increase capacity for population growth. He also reported that the Village utility rates, although increased to pay the bonds, would still be in line with other communities' rates. Vaillencourt noted that this is a critical part of Council's proactive responsibility. A motion was made by Dresch, seconded by Woods, that Resolution No. 20-0720-Adopting a Final Project Plan for Wastewater System Improvements and Designating an Authorized Project Representative, be adopted. Roll call vote; ayes-all. Motion passed.

ORDINANCE NO. 303 -POULTRY DEFINITION-Vaillencourt referred to proposed Ordinance No. 303, explaining that it clarifies only the definition of "poultry" in the existing code per Vic Lillich, the Village attorney. She also explained that the content of Chapter 90: Animals, remains unchanged. Wallace detailed the timeline of a village deputy visit to a resident about poultry and the resulting correspondence. He reported the discussion with the Village attorney of the intent of the ordinance and the resident's discussion regarding PTSD treatments and compassionate animals. Wallace reported that Atty. Lillich had indicated that the ordinance can be enforced. Atty. Lillich agreed that the definition should be made 100% clear. He noted that Chapter 90: Animals is part of the general ordinances and enforceable in any circumstance, as opposed to a zoning ordinance which would carry a "grandfathering" limit on circumstances existing before adoption. Vaillencourt read the proposed ordinance and reiterated that the no livestock or poultry provision remains unchanged. Dresch reminded Council that this issue was revisited 5 to 7 years ago and it is unfortunate that the "breeders" definition glitch was not caught at that time as the discussion, conclusion and action then was to not allow livestock and poultry in the Village. A motion was made by Dresch, seconded by Chartrand, that Ordinance No. 303 Poultry Definition be adopted. Roll call vote: ayes-all. Motion carried.

615 VERNON ST. TEMPORARY CONSIDERATION - Vaillencourt read the letter from Kirk Myers, describing the circumstance of his request to be allowed to isolate himself from his family by living in a travel trailer located in the back yard of his residence at 615 Vernon Street. His wife is battling cancer and her immune system is compromised while he is having to return to a manufacturing job during the Covid -19 pandemic. Vaillencourt explained that the Village does typically not allow a travel trailer to be a dwelling. A motion was made by Dresch, seconded by Chartrand, that the temporary living arrangement be allowed until December 31, 2020. Roll call vote: ayes-all. Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE- Council acknowledged the following correspondence:

- Copy of a letter from Process Results that they will be joining IMEG Corp., one of the largest engineering firms in the U.S.
- A letter from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation welcoming the Village to Redevelopment Ready Communities.
- Manchester Township Board minutes from 06/29, 06/22 and 06/09/2020.
- A letter of thanks from the Washtenaw County Board of County Road Commissioners regarding support for the county-wide road and non-motorized millage.
- Notice of hearing for the electric customers of Consumers Energy Company.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE – Council reviewed the payables list. A motion was made by Dresch, seconded by Chartrand, to approve for payment the list dated 07/20/2020 totaling \$60,099.19. Roll call vote: ayes-all. Motion carried.

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

REPORTS

HEALTHY COMMUNITIES/WELLNESS COALITION- Dresch detailed the Year 9 Interventions. SWWCOG- Vaillencourt reported that there was a well-attended SWWCOG meeting held on June 17 and that the Fire Department was a topic of discussion and some confusion as to the possibility of a fire authority. She has since attended the Manchester Township board meeting and the Township fire committee has recommended no changes be made to the Fire Department.

DPW- Wallace reviewed the report, highlighting the work on Dutch Drive.

MANAGER- Wallace reviewed his report. He highlighted the complaints that have been made about two-wheeled motorized vehicles using the shared-use trail. He will be checking with the police and the County Parks for signage and enforcement suggestions. He also noted that the Village will be upgrading the network server to accommodate work from home if necessary. Wallace reported that the Wave Bus will begin service from Manchester to Chelsea beginning August 4th. He asked Council to consider outdoor meetings as the executive order allowing virtual meetings has been extended until 20 days after the state of emergency is cancelled.

There being no further business, President Vaillencourt adjourned the meeting at 8:53pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Schaible, Village Clerk