

APPROVED MINUTES  
MANCHESTER VILLAGE COUNCIL  
August 4, 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, Andrews, Way and Chartrand. Council members absent: None. Also present via telephone were: Manager Wallace, Clerk Schaible, Audra Schebella and Joe Jarvis.

The minutes of the July 20th, 2020 regular meeting were approved on a motion by Dresch, seconded by Woods. Way abstained.

**AGENDA** – The agenda was approved as amended: deleting 6. Special Session-City Status; 7A) Reindeer Run and Reports A) Sheriff; 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 Way, seconded by Andrews.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**- Joe Jarvis, part owner of the River Raisin Distillery, updated Council on their opening, license receipt and intention of going forward with the development agreement approved in 2017. He noted that the opening went very well and he is available any time for questions or concerns. Vaillencourt welcomed and congratulated Jarvis.

**OLD BUSINESS**-

**REZONING-800 E. DUNCAN**- A motion was made by Dresch, seconded by Andrews, that Ordinance No. 304 be adopted, rezoning property at 800 E. Duncan under a purchase agreement with CEI from R1-B to I-1. Roll call vote: ayes-all. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**-

**ALLOWING HENS IN THE VILLAGE**- Vaillencourt indicated the 07/22/2020 email from Audra Schebella and the additional information contained in the packet and asked for Council discussion. Chartrand said that she understands the benefits of fresh eggs but that it does not necessarily translate to making housing chickens appropriate for the community. Way reported that he recalls when there were lots of livestock situations in the Village, but densities have changed and agricultural zoning was taken out. He noted that ordinances are village-wide and having chickens as neighbors would not work for everyone. Vaillencourt quoted a CBS News report regarding an outbreak of salmonella linked to backyard chickens and ducks and the CDC report that this outbreak is in 48 states. Andrews reported his support for residents using their property the way they want to and wondered if it would be worth surveying village residents.

President Vaillencourt allowed comments from the requestor, Audra Schebella. She thanked Council for their time and outlined the benefits over and above having fresh eggs including control of insects and organic fertilizer. Schebella reported that salmonella is a higher risk from commercial facilities than backyards. She noted her proposal is to limit the number of hens, no roosters and a required permit. She believes owners of flocks would have the same responsibilities of other pet owners. She also reported that other cities have

allowed flocks including Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti and that Manchester is still primarily a rural community.

Vaillencourt asked for further Council discussion. Andrews stated his interest in researching a reasonable way to allow flocks. A motion was made by Way, seconded by Chartrand, that the Village stand behind the current ordinance until such time that there is a group large enough to warrant revisiting the issue. Dresch advised that the Council gave thorough consideration and research into this issue several years ago and that she doesn't feel the situation has changed. Roll call vote: Way-yes; Chartrand-yes; Andrews-yes; Dresch-no; DuRussel-yes; Woods-yes; Vaillencourt-yes. Motion passed.

**REQUEST FOR PAVING-505 TERRITORIAL-** Wallace reported that, with work that is being done on Schaffer Ct., now is a good time to cost share the paving needed on the road from Territorial to Schaffer Court. Tom Burk, the owner at 505 Territorial, shares this road as a drive to his business and is willing to do the work. A motion was made by Woods, seconded by Dresch, that the Village participate in the cost of the paving not to exceed \$9120. Roll call vote: ayes-all. Motion passed.

**LINE PAINTING QUOTE-** Wallace presented information regarding repainting of centerlines and fog lines. He noted that for safety reasons these need to be maintained. A motion was made by Dresch, seconded by Woods, that the quote from M & M Pavement Marking be accepted at \$3624.20. Roll call vote: ayes-all. Motion carried.

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

- Request for a letter of support for the Riverfolk Music and Arts grant application to the NEA for the Our Town grant. It was clarified that there is no financial support requested. Council agreed that a letter of support be sent.
- A letter noting that the Sharon Township Proposed Master Plan is available for review.
- Copy of the DDA FYE 2020 annual report.
- Minutes of the Village Parks Commission July 27 meeting.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE** – Council reviewed the payables list. A motion was made by Dresch, seconded by Way, to approve for payment the list dated 08/04/2020 totaling \$26,382.57. Roll call vote: ayes-all. Motion carried.

## **REPORTS**

**PARKS-** DuRussel report that the Commission had a good meeting. He noted that Amcor is working on getting volunteers to paint the Carr Park pavilions on August 18<sup>th</sup>. DuRussel reported that Sue Gleason is looking into signs for Wurster Park, a dog park is being discussed and that disc golf does not fit in any of the Village parks.

**DPW-** Wallace reviewed the report.

**MANAGER-** Wallace reviewed his report. He noted that water pooling on new pavement on Dutch Drive will be part of the punch list, a developer has purchased the lots in Manchester Meadows and Emerald Glen and that required engineering Requests for Qualifications for the SRLF project will be sent out.

There being no further business, President Vaillencourt adjourned the meeting at 7:51pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Julie Schaible, Village Clerk