

APPROVED MINUTES
MANCHESTER VILLAGE COUNCIL
JANUARY 18, 2021
7:00 PM

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 reported that the meeting is being held via teleconference due to the ongoing restrictions on indoor gatherings in the State of Michigan. Council members present: Vaillencourt; DuRussel; Dresch; Andrews; Way; Woods and Chartrand. Council members absent: None. Also present via telephone were: Manager Wallace and Clerk Schaible. Vaillencourt asked for a moment of silence for our nation.

The minutes of the January 4th, 2021 regular meeting were approved on a motion by Dresch, seconded by Way.

AGENDA – The agenda was approved as amended: adding New Business D) Appointments and deleting 12. Committee 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-Vaillencourt noted that the Township confirmed at their meeting that they had submitted information to the State Boundary Commission and that Supervisor Milkey and Clerk Proctor had noted their intention to attend the SBC meeting. As information regarding the SBC meeting is received it will be distributed to Council members.

OLD BUSINESS-

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES- Council had no updates or revisions to the directives. Wallace will formalize and distribute the updated document.

NEW BUSINESS-

RIVER RAISIN WATERSHED MEMBERSHIP- Vaillencourt reviewed the dues notice and annual report. She pointed out the importance of the organization as they are partners for the Canoe Race and will be instrumental in establishing a canoe livery on the River. A motion was made by Dresch, seconded by Chartrand, that the 2021 dues be approved in the amount of \$209. Roll call vote: ayes-all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Dresch, seconded by Andrews, that Vaillencourt be appointed as the delegate to the River Raisin Watershed Council with Way as alternate. Roll call vote: ayes-all. Motion carried.

MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP- Wallace reported that the MML has been very helpful in the cityhood process and that the Village relies on them for updates on State departments and information regarding any municipal issue. He also noted the helpful articles in their Review magazine. A motion was made by Dresch, seconded by Woods, that the Village continue their membership and approve the 21/22 dues in the amount of \$1521.00. Roll call vote; ayes-all. Motion carried.

FY 20/21 6-MTH BUDGET AMENDMENTS- Schaible presented and reviewed the proposed amendments. Dresch questioned the reason for the State to increase their estimates for the Shared and Act 51 revenues. Wallace responded that the State is seeing better than expected revenues and that the Village amendment only reflects a portion of the increase. A motion was made by Dresch, seconded by Way, that the a 6-mth amendments be approved as presented. Roll call vote: ayes-all. Motion passed.

APPOINTMENTS- Vaillencourt reported that Stephanie Smith has expressed interest and applied for the Parks Commissioner position. After a conversation with her, Vaillencourt recommended the appointment. A motion was made by Chartrand, supported by Way, that the appointment be made as recommended. Roll call vote: ayes-all. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE- Council acknowledged the following correspondence:

- Photo of the Dundee holding tank for context of the Village SRLF project.
- Copy of the Brooklyn Exponent article [A Comeback in Manchester.](#)
- Manchester Township Board minutes of the December 8, 2020 meeting.
- A letter from Carlisle/Wortman regarding their holiday charitable activities.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE – Council reviewed the payables list. A motion was made by Dresch, seconded by Chartrand, to approve for payment the list dated 01/18/2021 totaling \$115,091.00. Roll call vote: ayes-all. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT- The December 2020 Treasurer's Report was acknowledged. Wallace noted that new bank fees will take effect in January but that they are very reasonable.

REPORTS-

SHERIFF- Sgt. Gebauer was not present. Wallace reported that the minutes into the collaboration was in Lodi Township and that the zero traffic stops is due to a county-wide directive in response to Covid issues.

DPW- Wallace reviewed the report. He highlighted the DPW's help in the village hall painting project.

MANAGER- Wallace presented his report. He reviewed the street and sidewalk lists for bids this year. Wallace also reported that Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation has purchased the Dyer Railroad bed and plans to construct a trail from Austin Rd. to Watkins Lake State Park this fall. The canoe livery at Sharon Mills will also be a part of the Washtenaw County Park's business plan that he has been asked to help with. Wallace noted that he will attend several webinars this week, one of which will detail the Passport Grant which may be helpful for improvements at Kirk and ChiBro Parks.

There being no further business, President Vaillencourt adjourned the meeting at 8:07pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Schaible, Village Clerk