

APPROVED MINUTES
MANCHESTER VILLAGE COUNCIL
APRIL 5, 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. Council members present: Vaillencourt; DuRussel; Dresch; Woods; Andrews and Chartrand. Council members absent: Way. Also present were: Manager Wallace; Clerk Schaible; Brent Jones (DPW); Robert Schryer and Jeff Fahey.

The minutes of the March 15th, 2021 regular meeting were approved on a motion by Dresch, seconded by Chartrand.

AGENDA – The agenda was approved as amended: adding New Business E) Water Meter Test Bench; F) Parks Reservation Application and deleting Committee Reports: A) Sheriff; C) Planning Commission; E) Healthy Communities/Wellness Coalition; G) Building; H) Personnel Committee; I) Finance Committee on a motion by Dresch, seconded by DuRussel.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION- Jeff Fahey reported his continuing struggle with his downtown businesses in Manchester. Council discussed with him his ongoing inability to satisfy the permit issued by the Construction Authority. Vaillencourt emphasized the public safety and equitable enforcement that the Council and Construction Authority are bound by. Wallace offered to aid in finding a contractor willing to finish the work. Fahey noted he will attempt to get it going.

SPECIAL SESSION -CITY STATUS- Vaillencourt reminded Council of the public hearing scheduled for April 28th at 7:00pm in the High School auditorium.

OLD BUSINESS- None

NEW BUSINESS-

SENIOR CITIZEN'S COUNCIL CONTRACT- Vaillencourt reviewed the contract for 2020/2021. A motion was made by Dresch, seconded by Andrews, that the contract be approved in the amount of \$3000. Roll call vote; ayes-all. Motion passed.

MANCHESTER AREA YOUTH SPORTS CONTRACT- No one was present to review the contract.

PROCLAMATION-JULIE MARVIN-MANDERS- Vaillencourt read the proclamation thanking Julie Marvin-Manders for her service on the Downtown Development Authority. The proclamation was adopted by acclamation.

SPRING/SUMMER NEWSLETTER- Council suggested wording changes regarding disposal of pet waste.

WATER METER TEST BENCH- Jones presented information regarding purchase of a used water meter test bench. This would allow the DPW to repair water meter bases and then test that they are working properly. A motion was made by Andrews, seconded by Chartrand, that the bench be purchased at a cost of \$800. Roll call vote: ayes-all. Wallace noted that testing of meters suspected by the homeowner of not reading correctly would still

be done by a third party.

CARR PARK REQUEST- Robert Schryer presented the request to have a small safari show at a birthday party planned for the large pavilion at Carr Park. He provided the Wildlife Safari LLC Insurance policy naming the Village as an additional insured and explained that animals like armadillo, tortoise, mere cat, kangaroo and chinchilla would be in containers in a vehicle and brought out one at a time for the children to view. A motion was made by Dresch, seconded by Woods, that the reservation of the pavilion at Carr Park be approved with the exotic animals. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE- Council acknowledged the following correspondence:

- Consumers Energy public hearing notice.
- Copy of the \$1000 bid that was accepted for the 2021 sitting area maintenance.
- Village Parks Commission meeting notes from 03/22/2021.
- Manchester Township minutes from their meetings of 02/09/2021, 02/17/2021 and 02/24/2021.
- A home rule city incorporation process flowchart.
- Manchester Downtown Development Authority minutes from their 03/24/21 meeting.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE – Council reviewed the payables list. A motion was made by Dresch, seconded by DuRussel, to approve for payment the list dated 04/05/2021 totaling \$137,500.35. Roll call vote: ayes-all. Motion carried.

REPORTS-

PARKS-DuRussel reported that the Parks Commission will have a special meeting on April 12th to discuss signage. He also noted that the Men's Club has offered to pay for a Chi-Bro Park sign and that Dwayne Vaillencourt has volunteered to refinish the Carr Park sign. There is a possibility that CTAP funds can be used for the Riverside Park sign.

DDA-Vaillencourt reported that the Authority is having preliminary discussion regarding establishing a social district in the downtown area. They will have a special meeting on April 7th to continue the discussion. Chartrand noted that a Gazebo Concert has been added for July 17th and that the last concert will be August 5th.

JOINT PLANNING COMMISSION-Vaillencourt reported that the RV Park at the Doan's property is set to break ground and that the Township Planning Commission is researching tiny house ordinances.

DPW-Jones reported that the DPW will be mulching in the Parks and assembling and installing benches. He noted that the salt spreader is in for repair.

MANAGER- Wallace presented his report. He added that next year's budget is being developed. Villages are included in the latest Federal funding for infrastructure and that the Manchester Market is getting close to purchasing the property next to them.

There being no further business, President Vaillencourt adjourned the meeting at 8:48PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Schaible, Village Clerk