

APPROVED MINUTES
MANCHESTER VILLAGE COUNCIL
APRIL 19, 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; Way and Chartrand. Council members absent: Andrews. Also present were: Manager Wallace; Clerk Schaible; Sgt. Joel Gebauer (WCSD); Ray Berg and Carol Palms (Historical Society and Riverfolk); Joe and Krista Jarvis; Ellen Supers; and Crystal and Jeff Fahey.

The minutes of the April 5th, 2021 regular meeting were approved on a motion by Dresch, seconded by DuRussel. Way abstained.

AGENDA – The agenda was approved as amended: adding New Business D) Social District and deleting Committee Reports: C) Planning Commission; D) Downtown Development Authority; E) Healthy Communities/Wellness Coalition; F) Joint Planning Commission; G) Building; H) Personnel Committee; I) Finance Committee on a motion by Dresch, seconded by Chartrand.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION- Jeff Fahey offered to open a continuation of the day's Facebook discussion regarding the ice cream store. Vaillencourt responded that Council confirmed at the last meeting that opening the store this year was up to him by completing the permit requirements. Crystal Fahey expressed her frustration insisting that the permit requirements were new, never communicated, unreasonable and unnecessary. She continued arguing calling recent Facebook statements libelous. Way, who is a member of the Western Washtenaw Construction Authority, confirmed that the 2019 building permit requirements have not been fulfilled and that the argument is with the Authority. He noted that the Authority has an appeals process. A member of the public in attendance asked what the requirements to open were. Vaillencourt responded that a final electrical permit is needed and a signed contract to complete the siding on the outside of the building. Crystal Fahey continued interrupting and talking loudly with the member of the public. Vaillencourt called the meeting to order with the gavel and demanded that Fahey stop disrupting the meeting. The disruption continued until Vaillencourt continued with the meeting agenda.

SPECIAL SESSION -CITY STATUS- Vaillencourt alerted Council that the public hearing scheduled for April 28th at 7:00pm will now be held via Zoom.

OLD BUSINESS- None
Andrews entered at this time.

NEW BUSINESS-
MANCHESTER AREA YOUTH SPORTS CONTRACT- Ellen Supers, representing MAYS, requested permission to use Kirk Park for the youth baseball season as in years past. A motion was made by Woods, seconded by Chartrand, that the contract with Manchester Area Youth Sports be approved as presented. Motion passed. Supers noted that she would

forward a game schedule to the Village offices.

PASSPORT TO MANCHESTER PROPOSAL- Ray Berg and Carol Palms presented and reviewed the proposed series of events to take place from June to September of 2021, highlighting the area history, art and culture, which is designed to draw people to Manchester. It was noted that all plans are subject to Covid restrictions in place at the time of the event and all precautions will be required. Two of the events required public property use, on July 10th a history at Wurster Park and on August 28th a tour of the Ford Building. The Parks Commission will be made aware of the plan details at their meeting Monday night. A motion was made by Andrews, seconded by Dresch, that Wurster Park and the Village Hall be made available for the use on the dates requested as described. Motion carried. Berg reported that the Historical Society will amend their insurance policy for the dates naming the Village as an additional insured and forward a copy to the Village offices.

APPOINTMENTS-Vaillencourt recommended that Ruth Raleigh be appointed to the Parks Commission. A motion was made by Dresch, seconded by Chartrand, that the appointment be made as recommended. Motion carried. Vaillencourt recommended that Laura Wohlgemuth be appointed to the Downtown Development Authority. A motion was made by Andrews, seconded by Woods, that the appointment be made as recommended. Motion carried.

SOCIAL DISTRICT-Joe Jarvis reviewed the recent DDA movement to establish a State permitted "Social District" in the Village's downtown area. Currently it is an information gathering and discussion sparking effort. Jarvis reported that a question-and-answer session on the project will take place Wednesday evening at the DDA meeting. He noted that the goal is to make sure the businesses support it and then develop a package for Council and then State consideration. Jarvis explained that the intent is to have people slow down and take time to socialize in town. Council discussed parking issues if Main Street is closed for any length of time. Jarvis noted that if the initial district is successful the project can grow from there. Vaillencourt explained that a budget would be developed as there will be costs for signage and other items.

CORRESPONDENCE- Council acknowledged the following correspondence:

- Manchester Township minutes from their meeting of 03/16/2021.
- Manchester Downtown Development Authority minutes from their 04/07/21 meeting.
- Village Planning Commission meeting minutes from their 04/14/21 meeting and their 2020 Annual Report.
- Village Parks meeting notes of the 04/12/21 meeting.
- Information regarding Washtenaw County Clean-up Days.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE – Council reviewed the payables list. A motion was made by Dresch, seconded by Chartrand, to approve for payment the list dated 04/19/2021 totaling \$177,125.37. Roll call vote: ayes-all. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT- The March 2021 Treasurer's Report was reviewed and acknowledged.

REPORTS-

SHERIFF-Sgt. Gebauer reviewed the March 2021 report. He also reported that the details for the Canoe Race have been taken care of.

PARKS-DuRussel reported that the Parks Commission has extended the discussion regarding

new park signs.

DPW-Wallace presented the report. He noted that because street paving will begin in May there are galvanized or lead water service lines that will be replaced this month. Wallace reported that the State's moratorium on shutting water service off for non-payment has expired. He noted that every attempt to help residents pay their bill will be made before resorting to shut-off.

MANAGER- Wallace presented his report. He also reported that the water tower painting permit from EGLE has been received. Wallace explained that restricting approximately \$160,000 in the Village's Sewer Fund for the new SRLF bond payment, will allow the Village's debt ceiling to continue to be 10% of the Village State Equalized Value.

Council discussed the ice cream store current situation and agreed that misinformation must be corrected.

There being no further business, President Vaillencourt adjourned the meeting at 8:54PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Schaible, Village Clerk