

APPROVED MINUTES
MANCHESTER VILLAGE COUNCIL
November 1st, 2021
COUNCIL CHAMBERS-VILLAGE HALL
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: Chartrand, Way, Dresch, Vaillencourt, Woods, Andrews and DuRussel. Council members absent: None. Also present were: Manager Wallace; Clerk Schaible; Brent Jones (DPW), Herb Mahony; George Daubner; Kim Strickland and Linda Stevens (Christmas in the Village); and Shannon Beeman (Washtenaw County Commissioner).

The minutes of the October 18th, 2021 regular meeting were approved on a motion by Dresch, seconded by Chartrand.

AGENDA – The agenda was approved as amended: deleting Committee Reports: A) Sheriff; C) Planning Commission; D) DDA; E) Healthy Communities/Wellness Coalition; F) Manchester Community Joint Planning Commission; G) Building; H) Personnel Committee; and I) Finance Committee on a motion by Dresch, seconded by Andrews.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION- Herb Mahony thanked Council for their leadership on the recent lead/copper issues. He noted that on-line serious disinformation is difficult to dispel and the best that can be done is to educate. Mahony related that it is not a majority of homes in the Village with lead service lines but 13.3%, and that there are no lead water mains in the system. He also appreciates that a plan has been developed with the State to expand the testing and continue replacement of homeowners lead service lines. Vaillencourt highlighted the fact that prior to a year and a half ago, the Village had no authority to replace residents service lines. Shannon Beeman, Washtenaw County Commissioner, thanked Council and offered the County resources when and when they would be helpful.

SPECIAL SESSION CITY-STATUS- Vaillencourt reminded those present that the State Boundary Commission had found the cityhood documents to be legally sufficient. The official letter from LARA will set the 45-day referendum period. It has not yet been received. Wallace indicated that it is unlikely that a charter would be ready for an election next November.

OLD BUSINESS-

LEAD/COPPER UPDATE- Wallace noted that the State and County have been very helpful. He reported that 16 water filters were given out the first day and a couple more since then. Staff has responded to many phone calls providing service line, water testing and other information. Wallace continued that there will be increased testing for lead, more public information and additional corrosiveness testing. Council discussed the required wording and timing of the Public Advisory and the subsequent information that was put out. Wallace noted that the lead lines are being replaced with plastic lines.

MUNICIPAL BUILDING RESERVATION POLICY- Council confirmed that all meetings/uses must end ½ hour prior to the Municipal Building being closed for evening.

NEW BUSINESS-

CHRISTMAS IN THE VILLAGE- Kim Strickland reviewed the information sheet for the December 3 and 4, 2021 event. She also noted that they are coordinating the event thought he Washtenaw County Sheriff Department. A motion was made by Andrews, seconded by DuRussel, that the street closures, use of River Raisin Park, use of barricades and garbage barrels and permission to advertise in the easements be approved. Motion passed.

WELL NO. 3 PITLESS ADAPTER- Wallace reviewed the Thomas Thompson memo dated 10/29/21, detailing replacement of the worn pitless adapter and its importance. Wallace explained the necessity of doing the work now to maintain the well integrity. A motion was made by Dresch, seconded by Woods, that Northern Well and Pump be approved to install the assembly as detailed at a cost of \$33,501. Roll call vote: ayes-all. Motion carried.

WWTP PROJECT SCHEDULE- Wallace presented the updated EGLE schedule for the WWTP, Pump Station Replacement and Force Main project. He noted his recommendation to move forward. A motion was made by Dresch, seconded by Woods, that the schedule be accepted. Roll call vote: ayes-all. Motion passed.

TREE REMOVAL BIDS- Jones reviewed his memo dated 11/01/2021 detailing the tree removal list and the bids received for the work. A motion was made by Dresch, seconded by Andrews, that Johnny's Tree Service complete the work at a cost of \$8,625 as recommended. Roll call vote: ayes-all Motion carried.

MERS HCSP PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT ADDENDUM- Schaible presented the Addendum to the MERS Health Care Savings Program Participation Agreement. She and Wallace explained that since the restructure of the retiree health care benefit will provide funds into this program for employees and retirees not previously included in the HCSP, an addendum is needed to allow these retirees and employees to participate. A motion was made by Dresch, seconded by Way, that the contribution addendum for the MERS HCSP Participation Agreement be approved as of November 1, 2021. Roll call vote: ayes-all. Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE- Council acknowledged the following correspondence:

- Copy of a Bridge Michigan article Why are so many Michigan water systems finding lead? They're looking harder.
- DDA minutes from their October 20, 2021 meeting.
- Agenda for the 11/03/2021 SWWCOG meeting.
- Notice of hearing for the customers of Consumers Energy Company.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE – Council reviewed the payables list. A motion was made by Dresch, seconded by Woods, to approve for payment the list dated 11/1/2021 totaling \$114,957.18. Roll call vote: ayes-all. Motion carried.

REPORTS-

PARKS- DuRussel reported that the Parks Commission did not have a quorum present at their last meeting. They began review of a site plan for ChiBro Park submitted by the U of M Landscape Architectural School. It was also reported that 5 Healthy Towns had donated disc golf equipment to the Village that has been incorporated into the site plan.

DPW- Jones reviewed his report. He highlighted that 2 lead water services had been replaced, delivery of the new brush chipper had been taken and pads for 2 new grills at Carr Park had

been poured.

MANAGER- Wallace presented his report. He also noted that the Manchester Market has located a new SDM liquor license for purchase. This license requires permission from Emanuel Church since they are within the distance required by LARA. The church has indicated that their board would talk to the owners of the Market and consider approval. Wallace also reported that a meeting will be held to discuss the Category B Street project and that he, Manchester Township and the County continue to work on the Watkins Lake Trail.

There being no further business, Vaillencourt adjourned the meeting at 8:16pm

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Schaible, Village Clerk