

APPROVED MINUTES  
 MANCHESTER VILLAGE COUNCIL  
 JANUARY 17th, 2022  
 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, Dresch, Way, Vaillencourt, DuRussel and Woods. Council members absent: Andrews. Also present were: Manager Wallace; Clerk Schaible; Wendy Benedict; several members of the Manchester FIRST Robotics Team; and Sgt. Joel Gebauer (WCSD).

The minutes of the January 7th, 2021 regular meeting were approved on a motion by Woods, seconded by Chartrand. Dresch and DuRussel abstained.

**AGENDA** – The agenda was approved as amended: moving New Business A) Run Manchester to after City Status and deleting Committee Reports: 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 Woods.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**- None

**SPECIAL SESSION CITY STATUS**- Vaillencourt presented the State of Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs and the State Boundary Commission resolution approving the proposed incorporation of the Village of Manchester to the City of Manchester. She reviewed the next steps and indicated the first possible election of Charter Commissioners would be at the August primary.

**RUN MANCHESTER**- Members of the Manchester FIRST robotics Team presented information regarding their Run Manchester for 2022. In response to questions, they explained that packet materials would be handed out at the gazebo in Wurster Park on the day of the race starting at 6am. They will put notes on residents' mailboxes along the routes which are the same as last year's. Barricades will be borrowed from the Village DPW and volunteers will man them. A kids run is also planned for 9:30 am that day. A motion was made by Dresch, seconded by Woods, that Main Street be closed from M-52 to Division Street on August 6, 2022 from 7:30 to noon, the reservation of the gazebo in Wurster Park for August 6 be approved and the group be able to borrow village barricades for the day, contingent upon presenting the appropriate insurance certificate and working with Sgt. Gebauer on safety issues. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**-

**LEAD/COPPER UPDATE**- Wallace reported that the corrosion plan is being developed so that if needed it is ready for next year. Recent bench testing shows low corrosiveness at this time. Wallace also noted that the WWTP project may be eligible for loan forgiveness. He is working thru funding and scheduling options.

**MANAGER SEARCH**-Vaillencourt reported that she, Chartrand, Wallace and Schaible had

met today with Frank Walsh. He outlined his assistance and proposed a schedule for the candidate search, interviews and selection. Council discussed the process and potential candidates agreeing to an open-minded outlook.

**NEW BUSINESS-**

**RIVER RAISIN WATERSHED MEMBERSHIP-** Vaillencourt presented the annual report and membership dues for the River Raisin Watershed Council. She recommended continued support of the group and retaining membership. A motion was made by Dresch, seconded by Woods, that the dues be paid in the amount of \$209. Roll call vote; ayes-all. Motion passed. A motion was made by Dresch, seconded by Chartrand, that Vaillencourt be named delegate to the Council with Way as an alternate. Motion carried.

**FY 21/22 6-MTH BUDGET AMENDMENTS-** Schaible reviewed the proposed amendments. A motion was made by Dresch, seconded by Way that the amendments be adopted as presented. Roll call vote: ayes-all. Motion carried.

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

- Manchester Township Board minutes from 12/14/21.
- The Manchester Community Joint Planning Commission Annual Report for 2021.
- Joint Planning Commission minutes from 12/28/21 and 01/06/22.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE** – Council reviewed the payables list. A motion was made by Dresch, seconded by Woods, to approve for payment the list dated 01/17/2022 totaling \$120,425.76. Roll call vote: ayes-all. Motion carried.

**TREASURER’S REPORT-** The December Treasurer’s Report was acknowledged.

**REPORTS-**

**SHERIFF-** Sgt Gebauer reviewed the December 2021 report. He noted the details of service for the month.

**PARKS-** Vaillencourt reviewed the disc golf plan and costs. She related the concerns for noise and disruption in the residential and natural areas, and noted that disc golf is relatively quiet and this is the only area where it makes sense. Vaillencourt reported that 5 Healthy Towns will be asked to fund the estimated \$10,000 cost. A motion was made by Dresch, seconded by Chartrand, that \$1500 be authorized to Innovagolfer for the detailed design. Roll call vote; ayes-all. Motion passed. Vaillencourt also noted that the Parks Commission needs two more members.

**DPW-** Wallace reviewed the report. He also reported that Jones and Clark are finalizing the bid process for street work.

**MANAGER-** Wallace reviewed the report. Council asked that a proposed 2022 Goals and Objectives be presented in the next month for discussion.

There being no further business, Vaillencourt adjourned the meeting at 8:25pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Julie Schaible, Village Clerk