

APPROVED MINUTES
MANCHESTER VILLAGE COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 21st, 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, Way, Vaillencourt, Andrews, Dresch and Woods. Council members absent: DuRussel. Also present were: Manager Wallace; Clerk Schaible; Tom Pierce (Manchester Men's Club) and Jeff Fahey.

The minutes of the February 7th, 2021 regular meeting were approved on a motion by Woods, seconded by Way. Dresch abstained.

AGENDA – The agenda was approved as amended: switching New and Old Business; adding New Business items B) Manchester Men's Club and C) Category B Contract; and deleting Committee Reports: A) Sheriff; B) Parks; 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- Jeff Fahey stated that when the Main Street Bridge was replaced, there was cement added to reinforce the wall at the Dairy Queen. He would like to resolve this issue before Manager Wallace retires. Fahey also reported that it has not been his intention to come across negatively and he believes the Council has had a positive impact on the community.

SPECIAL SESSION CITY STATUS- Vaillencourt reported that LARA has been asked about the possibility of electing a charter commission at this year's August primary.

NEW BUSINESS-

MANCHESTER MEN'S CLUB- Tom Pierce, representing the Men's Club, requested permission to use Carr Park for the annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 16th and the Fireworks and Beer Tent on July 2nd through the 5th. He also requested use of Chi-Bro Park for the Christmas Tree sales beginning November 25th. A motion was made by Dresch, seconded by Andrews, that the requests be approved noting the Miss Dig required for the Christmas tree sales and appropriate insurances for the fireworks and beer tent. Motion passed.

KNOX BOX-Wallace reported that a mistaken smoke odor at the Village Hall last Saturday pointed out a problem if the building is locked and the Fire Department is called. The Manchester Township fire chief has recommended installing an outside box holding a building key that can only be opened by a key that the fire department holds. A motion was made by Dresch, seconded by Woods, that a Building Access Knoxvault be installed at a cost not to exceed \$1000. Roll call vote: ayes-all. Motion passed.

CATEGORY B CONTRACT- Wallace reported that he has reviewed the contract with MDOT to mill and fill streets as awarded through the Transportation Economic Development Category B program and found everything in order. He noted that the contract needs to be approved prior to engaging with a contractor and the bids are due back early in March. A motion was made by Chartrand, seconded by Dresch, that Contract No. 22-5077 between the Village of Manchester and the Michigan Department of Transportation be approved.

Roll call vote: ayes-all. Motion carried. A motion was made by Chartrand, seconded by Woods, that Resolution No.22-0221- Authorization to Sign MDOT Contract No. 22-5077 be adopted. Roll call vote: ayes-all. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS-

LEAD/COPPER UPDATE- Vaillencourt reported that Representative Lasinski has responded that the bill requesting assistance for lead service line replacements passed the Senate and is now at the House waiting to be added to an agenda. Wallace noted that Ronnie Peterson is on the House Committee that is reviewing the bill. He also reported that it is becoming evident that EGLE wants the corrosive control agent added to the Village's water and that it will be difficult to stop the using the additive.

MANAGER SEARCH- Wallace reported that staff is working on the Village Manager Ordinance and Contract. They will be reviewed by the Personnel Committee and then presented to the Council for approval.

VACANT BUILDING ORDINANCE- Vaillencourt reviewed with Council the Vacant Building Ordinance as proposed by the DDA. Way reported that Doug Parr, of the Western Washtenaw Construction Authority, is supportive of enforcing the inspections and will ask the WWCA Board for a fee schedule to cover the costs. Council agreed with the ordinance in general and that the civil infraction issues be answered by an attorney, the blight redundancies be removed and Carlisle/Wortman also be asked for a review.

DOG PARK- Vaillencourt introduced the subject indicating the additional signage information emailed by Stephanie Smith. The point was made that the signs posted at Kirk Park were not successful in gaining compliance. It was also noted that a dog park at Carr Park is included in the Parks and Recreation 5-year plan and the process for updating the 5-year plan will require public hearings. Vaillencourt entertained a motion for approval to fundraise for a dog park at Kirk Park. Hearing none, she advised that she will let the Parks Commission know that the Council is not comfortable in proceeding with dog park plans at this time.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES -Council reviewed the staff goal suggestions and discussed processes for organization and prioritization of the ideas. Council also discussed additional ideas including community educational collaborations. Council was asked to submit suggestions which will be included at the next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE- Council acknowledged the following correspondence:

- Copy of a letter from Chris Brown to Ron Milkey regarding the Watkins Lake Trail.
- Village Planning Commission meeting minutes from their February 18, 2022 meeting.
- Manchester Township Board meeting minutes from their January 11, 2022 meeting.
- Consumers Energy public notices.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE – Council reviewed the payables list. A motion was made by Dresch, seconded by Way, to approve for payment the list dated 02/21/2022 totaling \$93,175.61. Roll call vote: ayes-all. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT- The January 2022 Treasurer's Report was acknowledged.

REPORTS-

DPW- Wallace reviewed the report.

MANAGER- Wallace reviewed his report

There being no further business, Vaillencourt adjourned the meeting at 9:34pm

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Schaible, Village Clerk