

APPROVED MINUTES
 MANCHESTER VILLAGE COUNCIL
 June 20th, 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; Vaillencourt; Way; Woods; DuRussel and Dresch. Council members absent: Andrews. Also present were: Manager Sessions; Clerk Schaible; Jack Stein (Village Tap), Tim Mulcany (St. Mary's), Samantha Tank, Joe Jarvis (River Raisin distillery) and Sgt. Gebauer (WCSD).

The minutes of the June 6th, 2022 regular meeting were approved on a motion by Dresch, seconded by Woods.

AGENDA – The agenda was approved as amended: adding New Business L) Resolution to Pledge Sewer Rates and deleting Committee Reports: B) Parks; E) Healthy Communities/Wellness Coalition; G) Building; H) Personnel Committee and I) Finance Committee on a motion by Woods, seconded by Way.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION- Joe Jarvis presented information regarding Summer 22 Sip & Shop event to be held wholly on the River Raisin Distillery property on June 25th from 1 to 6pm. They will be hosting vendors of homemade goods and serving drinks. Council agreed that no permits or approvals are required and thanked Jarvis for making them aware.

Jack Stein presented the five dates for live music at The Tap this summer. A motion was made by Woods, seconded by Dresch, that the noise ordinance be extended to midnight on July 16th, August 5th, August 27th, September 17th and October 29th 2022. Motion carried.

SPECIAL SESSION CITY STATUS- Vaillencourt reviewed details for the nine-member charter commission and the election process.

OLD BUSINESS

VACANT BUILDING ORDINANCE- Vaillencourt updated Council regarding Attorney Lillich's opinion on the proposed ordinance. He is concerned that it does not provide equal protection as it is written and suggested using the Ypsilanti Township ordinance which regulate all vacant buildings within the jurisdiction. Sessions reported that most of the similar ordinances he has read covers the entire jurisdiction. He also reported that, as another opinion, Atty. Fred Lucas did not share the same concerns as Lillich noting that perhaps a map or other criteria could be attached in lieu of calling out a specific zoning district. Sessions discussed contradicting the Village attorney's advice and opening the Village up to liability. Woods noted that the safety standards should be withheld throughout the Village. Way pointed out that the shared walls of the buildings downtown make them a unique safety hazard. Enforcement of the proposed ordinance is still under discussion with WWCA and Carlisle Wortman. Dresch suggested using building taxation category, i.e., commercial or industrial as the criteria in an ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS-

BEAUFORT BLOCK PARTY REQUEST-Samantha Tank requested closure of Vernon Street, from Beaufort to Wolverine, on July 23 (R.D. July 30) from 3 to 7:30 pm to accommodate a neighborhood block party. She noted they would have a bounce house on private property, music on small speakers and potluck food. She has talked to the neighbors who have all been supportive. A motion was made by Dresch, seconded by Woods, that the request be approved contingent upon proper insurance. Motion passed

ST. MARY'S REQUEST TO USE WURSTER PARK- Tim Mulcany made the request on behalf of the Church, to use the north side of Wurster Park for their annual ice cream social. A motion was made by Dresch, seconded by Chartrand, that the request be approved. Motion passed.

PURCHASE OF UTILITY VEHICLE -Sessions reviewed the details and answered questions regarding the purchase of several pieces of DPW equipment. A motion was made by Dresch, seconded by DuRussel, that the purchase of a Kubota RTV/V-Blade/Salter be approved not to exceed \$35,000. Roll call vote: ayes-all. Motion carried.

PURCHASE OF BACKHOE- A motion was made by Dresch, seconded by Way, that the purchase of a John Deere 310 Backhoe be approved in the amount of \$124,468.54 with a trade in allowance of \$36,000. Roll call vote: ayes-all. Motion carried

PURCHASE OF DUMP TRUCK CHASSIS- A motion was made by Dresch, seconded by Chartrand, that the purchase of dump truck chassis be approved for the amount of \$88,167.67. Roll call vote: ayes-all. Motion passed.

PURCHASE OF DUMP TRUCK EQUIPMENT- A motion was made by Dresch, seconded by Chartrand, that the dump truck equipment purchase be approved for the amount for \$79,730. Roll call vote: ayes-all. Motion passed. A motion was made by Way, seconded by Woods, that the F800 dump truck be sold at auction with a reserve of \$5000. Motion carried.

ROUTING AND CRACK FILLING BIDS- Session presented the bid results for crack-fill in certain Village streets. He will compare the current cost to last year's cost and report back. A motion was made by Dresch, seconded by DuRussel, that the bid from K&B Asphalt be accepted in the amount of \$17,693. Roll call vote: ayes-all. Motion passed.

BUDGET ADOPTION- Vailliencourt advised that the FY22/23 budget has been reviewed and a public hearing held. A motion was made by Dresch, seconded by Woods, that the FY22/23 Budget be adopted as presented. Roll call vote: ayes-all. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION -MILLAGE RATES- A motion was made by Way, seconded by Dresch, that Resolution No. 22-0620, setting FY22/23 millage rates as follow: General- 9.9286; Highway- 2.1712; Parks- 0.7800; and Bridge Debt -.09632, be adopted. Roll call vote: ayes-all. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION WATER AND SEWER RATES- A motion was made by Chartrand, seconded by Dresch, that Resolution No. 22-0620B setting the FY22/23 water and sewer rates as follow: water usage-\$3.81 per thousand gallons; water ready to serve-\$9.07 per month; sewer usage-\$4.88 per thousand gallons; and sewer ready to serve-\$22.32 per month, be adopted. Roll call vote: ayes-all. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION-PLEDGE SEWER RATES- Sessions presented the resolution and explained that it is necessary for the Village credit rating to affirm that the Village plans are to increase sewer rates by 6% over the next several years to pay the CWSRF bonds for the WWTP project. A motion was made by Dresch, seconded by Woods, that Resolution No. 22-0620C be adopted. Roll call vote: ayes-all. Motion passed.

FY 21/22 11 MTH BUDGET AMENDMENTS- Session and Schaible presented the proposed budget amendments. A motion was made by Dresch, seconded by Chartrand, that they be approved as presented. Roll call vote: ayes-all. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE- Council acknowledged the following correspondence:

- Manchester Township fire runs within the Village limits for May 2022.
- Manchester Township Board minutes from May 10, 2022.
- Manchester Township Board special meeting minutes from May 24, 2022
- Notice of Public Hearing for the electric customers of Consumers Energy.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE – Council reviewed the payables list. A motion was made by Dresch, seconded by Woods, to approve for payment the list dated 06/20/2022 totaling \$296,142.67. Roll call vote: ayes-all. Motion carried.

REPORTS-

SHERIFF- Sgt. Joel Gebauer reviewed the report for May 2022.

PLANNING- Chartrand reported that at the last Planning Commission meeting, Scott Ringlein's rezoning request for two properties northeast of the Washington Street Millpond condos was discussed. Ringlein is willing to designate the burial ground lot as historic. He withdrew the rezoning request for the larger lot as it already carries zoning that would allow a single-family residence. Chartrand also reported that the Commission had approved recommending a Conditional Use for a Taqueria Bar & Lounge at 122/118 E. Main Street for Jason Cooper. This and an associated microbrew license will be an agenda item at the July 18th Council meeting.

DDA- Vaillencourt reported that the DDA had met and will be reviewing the newest Vacant Building Ordinance as well as Saline's Transient Merchant Ordinance.

MANCHESTER COMMUNITY JOINT PLANNING- Vaillencourt reported that the MCJPC met and is continuing the update of the Joint Master Plan.

DPW- Sessions reviewed the report.

MANAGER- Sessions reported that he and Vaillencourt had met with residents of the Emerald Glen Planned Unit Development. He and Vaillencourt reiterated to the group that the Village is facilitating the meeting to help them understand the master deed and bylaws so that they will get the common area mowed. He also reviewed his report adding updated lead testing results and noting that the Village will begin using Paragon Labs for testing.

Way noted that he would not be at the next meeting.

There being no further business, Vaillencourt adjourned the meeting at 9:10pm

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Schaible, Village Clerk