

APPROVED MINUTES
MANCHESTER VILLAGE COUNCIL
August 15th, 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; Brent Jones (DPW); Lou Way, Joe & Kristi Jarvis (River Raisin Distillery); William Brinkman (Manchester Village Planning Commission); and Danell Proctor (Manchester Township).

The minutes of the August 1st, 2022 regular meeting were approved on a motion by Dresch, seconded by DuRussel.

The minutes of the August 1st, 2022 closed session meeting were approved on a motion by Dresch, seconded by Chartrand.

AGENDA – The agenda was approved as amended: deleting Old Business a) Transient Merchant Ordinance c) SCADA Upgrades and 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 Chartrand. Andrews entered at this time.

A motion was made by Dresch, seconded by Woods, that the Zoning Board of Appeals convene. Roll call vote: ayes-all. Motion carried.

ZBA Public Hearing

Vaillencourt explained that revisions are being made to the site plan and will be presented at a later date. The ZBA will not be making decisions on the Variances as submitted. Vaillencourt asked for public comment. Hearing none. She closed the Public Hearing.

A motion was made by Dresch, seconded by Way, that the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting be adjourned and reconvene as Village Council. Roll call vote: ayes-all. Motion passed.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION- Joe Jarvis noted repairs needed on the picnic tables at ChiBro Park. He reported that he has talked with many of the food truck vendors and they would not come to Manchester if the fees are made higher. Jarvis advocated keeping the current fees. He also reported that the food trucks are bringing new and different people to Manchester. Lou Way asked about agricultural zoning in the Village as he is considering starting a tree farm. Joe Jarvis suggested a golf cart path through the Village property on Parr Rd. to the proposed new RV Park also on Parr Rd.

SPECIAL SESSION CITY STATUS- Vaillencourt reported that nine candidates have filed for the Charter Commission election in November. They will develop a proposed city charter, send it to Lansing for approval and then ultimately to the Village voters.

OLD BUSINESS

GOLF CART ORDINANCE-Sessions reviewed the ordinance and noted that State Trunklines can be included under certain circumstances. Council discussed the Shared Use Trail, agreeing that only non-motorized vehicles may use the trail. It was also noted that the ordinance allows golf carts to use streets, not green space. A motion was made by Andrews, seconded by Woods, that Ordinance No. 308- Authorization of the Operation of Golf Carts on Village Streets, be adopted. Roll call vote: ayes-all. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

FEE SCHEDULE-VACANT BUILDING REGISTRATION/INSPECTION- Sessions reported that fees need to be established for the registration of vacant buildings. Vaillencourt noted that there is much public support for this ordinance. Council discussed an appropriate fee. Sessions suggested that staff time spent on the registration be tracked and the fee reviewed again. A motion was made by Chartrand, seconded by Dresch, that the registration fee be set at \$50 and be reviewed in 4 to 6 months. Roll call vote: ayes-all. Motion passed.

SEPTEMBER 5TH MEETING- A motion was made by Chartrand, seconded by DuRussel, that the September 5th meeting be rescheduled for September 6th. Motion carried.

UV MONITORS-Sessions reviewed the recent issues with the UV Disinfection System. He reported that the monitors no longer work. Sample monitors were obtained and they do work. Thomas Thompson, Wastewater Superintendent, recommends purchasing 4 monitors. A motion was made by Woods, seconded by Dresch, that the purchase be approved in the amount of \$1700 plus freight. Roll call vote: ayes-call. Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE- Council acknowledged the following correspondence:

- Village Parks Commission minutes from the July 25th, 2022 meeting.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE – Council reviewed the payables list. A motion was made by Dresch, seconded by Andrews, to approve for payment the list dated 8/15/2022 totaling \$163,219.54. Roll call vote: ayes-all. Motion carried.

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

REPORTS-

SHERIFF- Sessions reported he had met with Commander Flores who apologized for not having a proposed contract to the Village yet. They reviewed service delivery issues including the possibility of new shift hours.

PARKS- DuRussel reiterated the Parks Commission feeling that the Shared Use Trail allow non-motorized vehicles only. He asked about building a bridge on the disc golf course at hole #3. A motion was made by DuRussel, seconded by Andrews, that the bridge be built by the Men's Club with \$1000 authorized from the Village for materials. It was noted that this could come from the 5 Healthy Towns grant. Roll call vote: ayes-all. Motion passed. Vaillencourt reported lots of potential use of the course and possible scheduling issues.

DPW- Jones presented his report. He also noted that the paving of the Trail is complete and more information will be forthcoming on pickleball fencing and possible asphalt restoration.

MANAGER- Sessions presented his report. He added that he and the planner will be working with the applicant on the Biggby site plan. Sessions also noted the Manchester Mirror article on the new uses at the Nellie Ackerson building and that more ideas are being looked at.

There being no further business, Vaillencourt adjourned the meeting at 8:14pm

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Schaible, Village Clerk