

APPROVED MINUTES
MANCHESTER VILLAGE COUNCIL
February 20th, 2023
VILLAGE ROOM-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: Vaillencourt, Chartrand, Dresch, Harvey, Woods and Way. Council members absent: DuRussel. Also present were: Manager Sessions; Clerk Schaible and Nancy Flint (SUMC).

The minutes of the February 3rd, 2023 special, joint meeting with the Manchester Community School Board were approved with a correction, on a motion by Chartrand, seconded by Dresch.

The minutes of the February 3rd, 2023 regular meeting were approved on a motion by Dresch, seconded by Chartrand.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION- Nancy Flint, representing Sharon United Methodist Church, requested permission to use the back, grass area of Carr Park for a children's Easter Walk. She noted that this event would coincide with the Manchester Men's Club Easter Egg Hunt and they have agreed to the shared use. A motion was made by Dresch, seconded by Woods, that the use of Carr Park be allowed for the SUMC Easter Walk with the time dependent upon the timing of the Easter Egg Hunt. Motion carried.

SPECIAL SESSION CITY STATUS- Vaillencourt reported that the Charter Commission is waiting on corrections to the proposed charter that are to be provided by the State.

OLD BUSINESS- None

NEW BUSINESS-

MANCHESTER AREA SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL CONTRACT- Vaillencourt presented the proposed budget that has been developed for the Manchester Area Senior Citizen Council. They have been working with Washtenaw County for funding on an annual basis to sustain the program. Vaillencourt also presented a proposed contract between the Village and the Seniors for fiscal year 2023/2024 increasing the dollar amount to \$3,500 with an installment payment of \$500 due immediately. Vaillencourt reported that the Townships are also supporting the Seniors with funding and they may be sharing a bus-driver with the Schools. A motion was made by Dresch, seconded by Harvey, that the fiscal year 2023/2024 contract be approved as presented. Roll call vote: ayes-all. Motion passed.

CHANGE OF USE PERMIT ORDINANCE- Sessions presented the proposed ordinance that has been recommended by the Village Planning Commission. He explained that it will keep the Council and administration informed when buildings have changes in uses. Council questioned the necessity given that the current uses are permitted per the zoning ordinance. Sessions explained that a new or different use may or may not be permitted in the zoning district and this step will help catch those requiring additional processes. Council discussed the application of the ordinance and the question of charging a fee for the permit, generally agreeing that a fee seems unfriendly to new business. A motion was made by Dresch, seconded by Chartrand, that the Change of Use Permit Ordinance be adopted. Roll call vote: ayes-all. Motion carried.

WELL NO. 2- Sessions reported that when the pump was pulled on well no.2, it revealed a bad well casing. This well was put into service in 1931 and new EGLE standards will not allow the well to be relined or a new well drilled on the parcel. As such, well no. 2 has been taken out of service. Sessions also reported that the capacities of well no.'s 1 and 3 may allow the Village to meet capacity minimums but he would like an inspection of well no. 1 (put into service in 1967) to confirm the integrity of the casing. A motion was made by Dresch, seconded by Woods, that up to \$10,000 be authorized for the inspection as an emergency situation. Roll call vote; ayes-all. Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE- Council acknowledged the following correspondence:

- Minutes of the Manchester Township regular meeting of January 10, 2023.
- Minutes of the Manchester Township special meeting of January 17, 2023.
- Two notices of hearing for the customers of Consumer's Energy.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE – Council reviewed the payables lists. A motion was made by Dresch, seconded by Chartrand, that the list dated 2/20/2023 totaling \$100,134.82 be approved. Roll call vote: ayes-all. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT- The January 2023 Treasurer's Report was acknowledged.

REPORTS-

DDA- Vaillencourt reported that the Downtown Development Authority had met and discussed its role in the light of the dissolution of the Chamber of Commerce and the Riverfolk Gazebo concerts. CTAP has been invited to the next meeting to discuss how they can help.

DPW REPORT- Jones is on vacation. A report will be available at the next meeting.

MANAGER- Sessions reported that interviews for the Clerk and Deputy Clerk positions will begin tomorrow. A decision is likely by Friday. He also noted the court hearings for the Frey and Fahey cases and advised that the WWTP project is going well.

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

Julie Schaible, Village Clerk