

Town of Manchester  
January 12, 2016

The Mayor and Council of the Town of Manchester met on the above date before the regular Council meeting. Those present were Mayor Warner, Melinda Smith, Jen Warner, Vince Pacelli, Debbie Howe, Dale Wilder, Steve Miller, Chief Hess and Kelly Baldwin.

Mr. Pacelli made a motion to go into a closed session to discuss pursuant to State Government Article, Section 10-508(a) (8) in order to consult with individuals about potential or pending litigation. Ms. Warner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Discussion followed regarding the decision to join the Town of Hampstead in appealing the Board of Education's decision to close North Carroll High School starting this fall and the effects it could potentially have on Manchester. Discussion followed on the amount of money to allocate to this endeavor. Ms. Warner made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Smith seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:24pm.

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The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mr. Pacelli made a motion to approve the December 8, 2015 minutes. Ms. Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Warner made a motion to receive the November 2015 Treasurer's Report. Mr. Wilder seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Smith made a motion to receive the December 2015 Check Register. Ms. Howe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Warner thanked everyone for making Black Friday a success again this year. Mayor Warner announced that the Board of Education will be meeting tomorrow to discuss school closings and encouraged citizens to voice their opinions.

Mr. Miller gave the monthly Town Administration and Public Works report. There were no changes in SHA Route 27 project. Construction of the New Town Hall and Police Department continues. The skate park relocation has begun and ramps will be dismantled over the next several weeks to move to Christmas Tree Park. Mr. Miller explained the need to

Mr. Miller explained that the Town currently has a MOU with the County to cover a portion of the costs of a County employee who ensure the Town's compliance with current NPDES regulations. Now there is a need for an additional person. Mr. Miller believes this saves the Town a tremendous amount of money. Mr. Pacelli made a motion and Ms. Warner seconded the motion to partner with the County to fund another NPDES position. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief Hess read the monthly police report. There were 54 calls for service in December. Chief Hess recited heroin statistics in the County which is increasing at an alarming rate. Chief Hess stated that the MPD is continuing the fight and asked citizens to contact them if they suspect something. Mayor Warner expressed his gratitude on their proactive policing and staying vigilant. Chief Hess also mentioned that the North Carroll Auxiliary Police, a volunteer organization, patrolled over 800 hours in 2015.

Mayor Warner announced that since North Carroll High School is slated to close this coming year, it will potentially cause issues for Manchester who is now part of an appeal of that decision. Ms. Warner recused herself due to employment conflict since she is employed by the Carroll County Board of Education. Mayor Warner was advised to make decisions relating to this topic clear and visible as possible. Ms. Smith made a motion to reduce two line items in the General fund by \$5000 each (Legal Counsel and Zoning Legal) and establish a BOE appeal fee of \$10,000. Ms. Howe seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0 with one abstention (Warner).

Mr. Miller updated the Mayor and Council on the Sheetz MTBE remediation process. Originally the Town gave Sheetz permission to drill 4 wells on our property. Per MDE, these wells should now be closed. However, the staff recommendation is to keep these wells open for observation and have them tested quarterly. Mr. Wilder made a motion to transfer ownership of these wells from Sheetz to the Town of Manchester. Ms. Warner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Sherry Taylor, from the Community Media Center (CMC), approached the Mayor and Council and requested a 90 day extension before deciding on the cable franchise agreement with Comcast. Ms. Taylor outlined the following reasons for the request: the possibility of revenues decreasing over the 10 year life, PEG transmission links expire in 3 years and not sure of that outcome, does not address Manchester's channel, etc. The CMC would like to do their own technical and financial review. Ms. Smith expressed concern that delaying the decision may cause Comcast to renegotiate terms to the detriment of the municipalities. Discussion followed. Carol Shawver, the Cable Coordinator, agreed that the transmission links will go away but fiber optics is in place. She mentioned while the CMC does a great job they may need to find other funding sooner rather than later. Ms. Shawver mentioned the Carroll Cable Regulatory Commission (CCRC) will hold a public hearing on January 14, 2016 and the vote deadline is February 11, 2016.

Dave Doxzen, of Castlefield, recited his support for the Town to reconsider the inequity of his community not getting services like other residents of the Town of Manchester. Mayor Warner pointed out the developer met requirement of the age-restricted site plan in order to increase the lot yield. Mr. Miller mentioned that he, Mr. Pacelli and Ms. Wilder met with the town attorney on December 15, 2015 concerning this issue and will get back to him with the information.

Tyler Anderson, 3213 Morefield Court, asked to be involved in the relocation of the skate park. Mr. Miller asked for his information so that when the final coat is applied to the pad he can have input into the ramps, etc.

Donald McHoul, 3254 York Street, complained about the amount and weight of the truck traffic on York Street. He described it as a bypass to get from Lineboro to Main Street in Manchester. Mr. Wilder acknowledged that York Street was not designed for such truck traffic and the Council should start looking at places that were designed to handle heavier traffic. Mayor Warner mentioned that the Town could install "No jake brake" signs on town streets. Mr. Wilder believes that in addition to those signs, we need to consider eliminating Hallie Avenue prohibition. Ms. Howe would like to see if SHA will re-evaluate the situation.

Council members gave committee reports.

Ms. Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Warner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:18pm.

Respectfully submitted, Kelly J. Baldwin