

Town of Manchester
May 12, 2015

The Mayor and Council of the Town of Manchester met on the above date. Those present were Mayor Warner, Melinda Smith, Tammy Black, Vince Pacelli, Debbie Howe, Dale Wilder, Steve Miller, Chief Hess, Kelly Baldwin, Natalie Singer and Patty Garner.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Ms. Black made a motion to approve the April 14, 2015 minutes. Ms. Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Smith made a motion to receive the March 2015 Treasurer's Report. Mr. Pacelli seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Howe made a motion to receive the April 2015 Check Register. Ms. Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

7:35pm PUBLIC HEARING ON FY16 BUDGET

Mr. Pacelli made a motion to close the regular meeting and open the public hearing on the FY16 General Fund Budget. Mr. Wilder seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Baldwin gave the highlights mentioning that the tax rate will remain \$.216. There were no public comments. Ms. Smith made a motion to close the public hearing. Mr. Pacelli seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Warner reminded citizens of the upcoming election to be held Tuesday, May 19, 2015. Applications for the 2015 Charlotte B. Collett Memorial Scholarship are under review.

Mr. Miller gave the monthly Town Administration and Public Works report. The new Town Hall & Police Station plans went before the Planning & Zoning Commission. Carroll County representatives suggested a 5' sidewalk to go along Victory Street to the new building. Manchester Volunteer Fire Department owns the property and they do not want to maintain the sidewalk. Mr. Miller is looking into other avenues to distribute information to the public besides Facebook, website, cable, etc. Code enforcement continues. Am-Liner has completed relining the sewer mains on Grafton Street. Sam Caltrider has been hired as a member of our Maintenance Crew.

Baltimore Gas & Electric installed a gas line to the current Town Hall back in 2013. Bids were received for installation of a new gas furnace. Mr. Pacelli made a motion to approve the bid from Miller & Sons in the amount of \$7,223.77. Ms. Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Bids were received to replace the sidewalk at Postal Park that had a budget figure of \$6,000. Ms. Black made a motion to approve the bid from Stanley Groves in the amount of \$3,200. Ms. Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Bids were received to excavate a 75'x75' area for the installation of the inclusive playground equipment. Mr. Wilder made a motion to approve the bid from Masimore Contractors in the amount of \$3,000. Ms. Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Bids were received for Phase II of the washbay located at the maintenance shop. This phase included a storage building. Ms. Black made a motion to approve the bid from building

Shirk Pole Building, LLC in the amount of \$18,650 to construct a 32x36 storage building. Ms. Howe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Miller would like the Council to consider relocating the skate park due to the storm water management project. Ms. Black made a motion to approve the relocation of the skate park to an area off of Water Street. Ms. Black seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief Hess gave the monthly police report. There were 65 calls for service in April 2015. Traffic enforcement has continued on Southwestern Avenue, Augusta Road and Crossroads Overlook area. Ms. Smith thanked the department for their hard work.

Mr. Brian Soyka, of Sheetz, spoke to the Mayor and Council about the status of the rebuild. Mr. Soyka acknowledged that the project was delayed due to environmental issues but was expecting a closure letter from MDE. Sheetz is in discussion with the Carroll County Board of Education regarding a land swap/purchase. Mr. Soyka thanked the Town for its patience during this lengthy process.

Mr. Wilder made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 220 relating to the FY16 General Fund Budget maintaining the same tax rate of \$.216. Ms. Howe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Jennings approached the Mayor and Council concerning her water bill. She requested a waiver of the late fee since she never received the original bill. Members of the Council explained that she would not be eligible for a waiver.

Council members gave committee reports.

Ms. Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Black seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted, Kelly J. Baldwin