

Town of Manchester
May 13, 2014

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

7:30pm PUBLIC HEARING ON FY15 GENERAL FUND BUDGET

Mr. Pacelli made a motion to open the public hearing on the FY15 General Fund Budget maintaining the current tax rate of \$.216. Mr. Wilder seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. There were no public comments. Ms. Black made a motion to close the public hearing. Ms. Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Smith made a motion to approve the April 8, 2014 minutes. Mr. Pacelli seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Black made a motion to receive the March 2014 Treasurer's Report and the April 2014 Check Register as submitted. Mr. Wilder seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Warner announced that the next Town Council meeting will be on Tuesday, June 3, 2014 due to the conflict with the MML convention this year. Also, he encouraged citizens to go on the Town's new website, manchestermd.gov. Mayor Warner presented Sharon Hughes with a certificate of appreciation for all of her hard work and dedication as a volunteer to Charlotte's Quest Nature Center since 1995.

Mr. Miller gave the monthly Town Administration and Public Works report. Residents have been complaining about the amount of traffic on York Street. Staff is in the process of an aggressive move on certain locations around Town in regards to both Code and Rental Housing violations.

Mr. Miller read the monthly police report. The police department made 56 calls for service resulting in 9 arrests.

Mayor Warner asked if there were any comments on the proposed FY15 Budget Ordinance. There were no comments or questions. Ms. Black made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 217 relating to the FY15 General Fund budget maintaining the same tax rate of \$.216. Ms. Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Warner introduced Ordinance No. 218 which increases the water rate from \$2.75 to \$3 per 1000 gallons and increases the unit charge from \$15 to \$17 per quarter. Mayor Warner also introduced Ordinance No. 219 which increases the sewer rate from \$5.50 to \$5.75 per 1000 gallons and increases the unit charge from \$20 to \$22 per quarter the FY15 Sewer Fund. There will be a public hearing on Tuesday, June 3, 2014 at 7:30pm.

Marty Hill and Marty Hackett presented the Mayor and Council with a possible plan to develop the Olde Towne Property located on Route 30 next to Premier Dental. This property was recorded many years ago and has 40 lots. The current owner would like to revise the layout and annex another parcel to accommodate the development. Also, this plan would extend Southwestern Avenue to align with Maple Grove at Route 30. Discussion followed.

Candidates for various elective officers introduced themselves to the Mayor and Council. Those included Steve Wantz for County Commissioner, Brian Deleonardo for State's Attorney and Joshua Stonko for House of Delegates.

Wendel Sisler stated that traffic on Southwestern Avenue barely stops before turning onto Charmil Drive. His concern is that if Southwestern is opened up then there could be more traffic problems and would need more police presence.

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 8:31pm.

Respectfully submitted, Kelly J. Baldwin