

Town of Manchester
September 13, 2016

The Mayor and Council of the Town of Manchester met on the above date. Those present were Mayor Ryan Warner, Melinda Smith, Jenn Warner, Vince Pacelli, Dale Wilder, Steve Miller, Chief Hess, Kelly Baldwin and Andrew Eppley.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Ms. Smith made a motion to receive the August 2016 Check Register. Ms. Warner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Warner mentioned that Manchester will be hosting the Carroll County Chapter of the MML on Thursday, September 15, 2016.

Mr. Miller gave the monthly Town Administration and Public Works report. The SHA Route 27 widening project has begun. The cost estimate to relocate the 15' deep water main is \$120,000 so discussion continues. There is no change in the Sheetz project. We received the U&O for the new Town Hall and Police Station. There will be a dedication and open house on Sunday, October 30th at 1pm for those who are interested. Code enforcement continues. The ADA sidewalk improvements on York Street are complete which was mostly covered by a grant.

Mr. Miller is concerned about the impact of the MVHS on the water system. Due to the watering of the athletic fields, the bill will be close to \$16,000. The Council expressed concern as well. Mr. Miller will keep them updated.

Mr. Pacelli made a motion to approve the purchase of a tractor from Atlantic Tractor in the amount of \$10,844.92. Ms. Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief Hess read the monthly police report. The Police responded to 44 calls for service in August. Officers are handling the traffic issues from the MVHS. Enforcement on Westminster Street and Bachman Road continue since this seems to be the "unofficial" bypass. Manchester was voted the 3rd safest town in Maryland. Mayor Warner congratulated the Manchester Police Department on a job well done.

Mr. Jerry Bowen, of Castlefield, asked about the status of his letter addressing the lack of services the residents get in his development as compared to other residents of Manchester. Mayor Warner would like to organize a task force to discuss this issue since it affects several developments.

Mr. Joe Ditzel, of Keating Court, approached the Mayor and Council about allowing parking on one side of the street. Ms. Terri Wentz, also of Keating, reiterated her need for parking on the street as well. She even asked the Town to consider parking permits. Mayor Warner sympathized with the residents of Keating Court since he is very familiar with their issues. Mayor Warner has tried to come up with a solution for almost 20 years.

Ms. Maria Clark, of Morefield Court, asked the Mayor and Council to waive her late fee of \$12.45 based on information she received from her online bank detail. Ms. Baldwin explained that the Town is set-up for credit cards but not electronic checks. Third party payment centers print paper checks and they take 7 to 10 days to process. The Town looks at the post-mark date and those are not always post-marked. Ms. Clark asked the Town to look into EFT.

Mr. Doxen, of Castlefield, suggested posting some facts about the water system on the Town's website. Specifically listing the water ban and lack of fluoride. Mr. Mike Casell, of Crown Circle, stated he was happy Manchester did not add fluoride.

Council members gave committee reports.

Ms. Warner made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Pacelli seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:52pm.

Respectfully submitted, Kelly J. Baldwin