

Town of Manchester
January 14, 2020

The Mayor and Council of the Town of Manchester met on the above date. Those present were Mayor Warner, Melinda Smith, Jenn Miller, Vince Pacelli, Debbie Howe, Dale Wilder, Trent Longest, Steve Miller, Rodney Kuhns and Kelly Baldwin.

The Mayor and Council of the Town of Manchester met on December 10, 2019 after the regular Town Council meeting. Those present were Melinda Smith, Jenn Miller, Vince Pacelli, Debbie Howe, Dale Wilder, Steve Miller, Chief Hess, and Kelly Baldwin. Ms. Smith made a motion to go into a closed meeting pursuant to General Provisions Article §3-305(b)(3) to consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related to public business. Ms. Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Miller, Mr. Pacelli and Ms. Miller met with the owner of 3201 Main Street on 11/21/19. Mr. Miller will contact Sara Jackson, DHCD, to explore grant/funding options and report back to the Mayor and Council. Mr. Miller also reached out to our insurance company regarding liability insurance on a vacant building. Ms. Miller made a motion to adjourn the closed meeting. Ms. Howe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:31pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Ms. Smith made a motion to approve the December 10, 2019 minutes as printed. Ms. Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Howe made a motion to receive December 2019 Check Register as submitted. Mr. Pacelli seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Warner gave the Mayor's report. The last tree pickup will be on January 15th. He announced the office will be closed January 20th for the MLK Holiday. Citizens were reminded that all Town streets are snow emergency routes and parking is prohibited when the snow emergency is in effect. Mayor Warner acknowledged a good deed done by our wastewater operator, Will White, when a resident fell in the snow and needed assistance.

Mr. Perricone, Chairperson of the Manchester Planning & Zoning Commission, presented the Mayor and Council a letter outlining the proposed application for annexation of the Lippy Property. Mr. Perricone mentioned that the Commission looked at several areas including water, sewer and traffic.

Mr. Miller updated the Mayor and Council on the status of the package goods store which is close to completion. The Whispering Valley storm water management retro fit project now has an entrance off of Hanover Pike. Code enforcement continues. Trout Unlimited has approached the Town regarding a project involving the old skate park located along Route 27. Mr. Miller echoed Mayor Warner's compliment of Will White for his good deed. Mr. Miller would like to thank the anonymous individual who put the holiday greens in the flower pots in front of the Town Hall.

Mayor Warner read the monthly police report. There were 87 calls for service in December with 5 criminally charged. Traffic enforcement continues with 169 total violations being reported.

Mr. Kuhns gave the monthly Public Works report. The Town is waiting on MDE-approval to award engineering firm for the ENR Upgrade and Optional Expansion/P.E.R./R.F.P to CDM Smith. Staff has been certified to be flaggers for the next 4 years.

Trout Unlimited would like to enhance the area of Big Pipe Creek located at the old skate park on Route 27. This would include removing the blacktop pad, planting native trees/shrubs and enhance the outfall. The Patapsco Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited has secured all of the grant funding (\$14,140) to complete the project. Ms. Miller made a motion to allow the project as presented by Trout Unlimited. Mr. Wilder seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Warner introduced Ordinance No. 243 relating to the Manchester Assent Ordinance to Baltimore Gas and Electric (BGE) for their gas line transmission. This will be discussed at the February 11, 2020 Council meeting.

Mayor Warner introduced Ordinance No. 244 providing for the addition of a certain type of solar energy generating system as a conditional use in R-40,000, R-20,000 and R-15,000 Districts. Mr. Perricone outlined that the Planning & Zoning Commission was tasked with researching “Community Solar Energy Generating System Program” (CSEGS) and recommended to the Mayor and Council to approve Ordinance No. 244.

Mr. John Slade introduced himself to the Mayor and Council as the owner and publisher of the Mason-Dixon Surveyor newsletter.

Council members gave committee reports.

Ms. Smith made a motion to adjourn the general session. Mr. Wilder seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

Respectfully submitted, Kelly J. Baldwin