

Town of Manchester
February 14, 2023

The Mayor and Council of the Town of Manchester met in person on the above date. Those present were Mayor Warner, Chris Cuneo, Jenn Miller, Vince Pacelli, David Richardson, Alex Perricone, Rodney Kuhns and Kelly Baldwin.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mr. Cuneo made a motion to approve the January 10, 2023 minutes as printed. Ms. Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Richardson made a motion to receive the January 2023 Check Register. Mr. Cuneo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Warner gave his monthly Mayor's Report. The office will be closed on February 20, 2023. Some residents have paid through 3rd party websites not affiliated with Town of Manchester. The Town of Manchester only accepts the following forms of payment: cash, check, credit card or money order at the Town Office or pay online through the Town's website. The Town does not authorize any other website to accept payments. Mayor Warner reminded citizens that if they utilize the bill pay option with their bank, they need to initiate payment 10 days prior to due date to allow for a paper check to be mailed since payments are not sent electronically.

Lorna Bowry and Matt Tieperman were sworn in as members of the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Mr. Perricone gave the Town Administrator's report. The completed application for the ENR upgrade project has been submitted to MDE. The total cost for engineering/design is \$1,778,038 of which MDE will cover approximately \$1,200,000. The estimated cost of construction is \$18,564,242 of which MDE would pay approximately \$12,126,177 and the Town's share would be \$6,138,065. Mr. Perricone is reviewing the COOP & EOP plans for updates and additions. Computer systems/IT infrastructure are being evaluated and upgraded. Code enforcement continues. Town and County Staff met with Equine Meadows to discuss off-site storm drain.

Mr. Kuhns gave the DPW report. Mid-Atlantic Utilities began construction on the Water Line Replacement Project located on Grafton, Oak and Locust Street locations. There was a leak at the Baptist Church Water Tower that is being repaired. Congratulations to Neal Hollingshead for passing the Class 3 Waste Water Treatment exam. I&I bids were received but over budget and will need to be encumbered for FY'24.

Mayor Warner gave the monthly Police report. There were 236 calls for service in January 2023. There were two (2) Part 1 crimes that were cleared. Traffic enforcement continues with 289 citations and warnings issued in January. There was a reduction in both Part 1 crimes and number of overdose fatalities which is great news.

Mr. Perricone advised that the Planning & Zoning Commission recommended the annexation of 13.9208 acres of land known as Patapsco91, LLC with conditions. Mr. McCarron discussed the revisions to the proposed annexation. Mr. Pacelli made a motion to approve the Annexation Plan as submitted. Mr. Richardson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Eagle Scout candidate, Shaunn Pavelik, approached the Mayor and Council about his idea to construct a "natural" playground at Charlotte's Quest Nature Center. The Mayor and Council would like to see a diagram of the site & materials used. Shawna Hemphill, a CQNC Board member, expressed her support of the project.

There were no questions/comments from the audience.

Council members gave committee reports.

Ms. Miller made a motion to adjourn the general session. Mr. Richardson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:04pm.

Respectfully submitted, Kelly J. Baldwin