

Town of Manchester
April 14, 2026

The Mayor and Council of the Town of Manchester met in person on the above date. Those in attendance were Mayor Melinda Smith, Ryan Nazelrod, Steve Miller, Vince Pacelli, Chris Cuneo, Matt Leister, Chief Hess and Kelly Baldwin.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the January 13, 2026 minutes as printed. Mr. Nazelrod seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Nazelrod made a motion to approve the February 10, 2026 minutes as printed. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Cuneo made a motion to receive the February 2026 Treasurer's Report. Mr. Pacelli seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Pacelli made a motion to receive the March 2026 Check Register. Mr. Cuneo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Sarah Salter and Ben Hamilton were sworn in as members of the Manchester Parks Foundation. Mayor Smith read the monthly Mayor's Report. There will be a FY27 Budget work session after tonight's meeting. There is a new payment processing vendor for town payments. Hydrants will be flushed on April 21st and April 22nd. There are 2 scholarship opportunities for students – the Charlotte B. Collett Memorial scholarship and the Carroll County Chapter of the Maryland Municipal League. Applications can be found on our website. Hughes Trash started yard waste collection on April 8th and will continue through December 16th. Brush pickup will be on April 16th and bulk trash pickup will be on April 15th. There will be a dedication of Hailey's Wish Inclusive playground equipment on May 2, 2026. The Town is accepting applications for Military Banner Program for Main Street. The skate park has been removed due to safety concerns. Staff has been actively working on the WWTP smell.

Mr. Leister gave the monthly Town Administrator and Public Works report. Charlotte's Quest Nature Center members are partnering with the BGE Eco Team to do a cleanup in Pine Valley Park on April 22nd. MDE and CDM Smith are still working through design discrepancies on the WWTP ENR project. After discussion with the staff, GMB and MDE, the PFAS project is now going to change the alignment to the Manchester Valley site and a change order will be forthcoming. DNR issued the permit for trimming Main Street trees to our vendor. The Hometown Heroes banners have been sent to the printer. Code enforcement continues.

Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the bid from All Fore Exteriors to replace windows at the Historic Center in the amount of \$14,461.20. This was a budgeted project. Mr. Nazelrod seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief Hess read the monthly Police Report. There was no Part-One crime in March 2026. There were 377 citations and warnings issued and 43 calls for service.

Mr. Miller made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 272 amending Chapter 182 -Snow and Ice relating to responsibility of removal. Mr. Cuneo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Smith introduced Ordinance No. 273 relating to the FY27 General Fund Budget maintaining the current tax rate of \$.216, Ordinance No. 274 increasing the water rate including PFAS \$.46 per thousand from \$4.62 to \$5.08 and Ordinance No. 275 increasing the sewer rate \$.72 per thousand from \$7.20 to \$7.92. There will be a public hearing on Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at 7pm.

Mayor Smith read Resolution No. 02-2026 which supports HB 1142 to establish a task force to modernize County and municipal revenue sources. Mr. Miller made a motion to accept and approve this resolution. Mr. Cuneo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Cuneo made a motion to approve the annual spray request from Marvin Kaltrider. Mr. Pacelli seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. & Mrs. Steinbacher, 2880 Hilltop Drive, approached the Mayor and Council regarding issues with their lawn being damaged by delivery trucks, etc. turning onto Junsay Lane. Discussion followed. Mr. Miller and Mr. Leister will speak with the property owner/builder.

Council members gave committee reports.

Mr. Nazelrod made a motion to adjourn the general session. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:02pm.

Respectfully submitted, Kelly J. Baldwin