

Town of Manchester  
May 9, 2023

The Mayor and Council of the Town of Manchester met in person on the above date. Those in attendance were Chris Cuneo, Jenn Miller, Vince Pacelli, Debra Howe, Alex Perricone, Chief Hess, Rodney Kuhns and Kelly Baldwin.

**7:30 PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED PATAPSCO91, LLC ANNEXATION RESOLUTION NO. 41-22.**

Mr. Cuneo made a motion to open the public hearing on Annexation Resolution No. 41-22 known as Patapsco91, LLC. Ms. Howe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Gary Chamberlin, 2626 Jamer Dr, brought his concerns to the Town regarding the impact of this development and the 14 houses that would be built. His concern is if an environmental study has been completed and how this will impact his well and the number of cars that will be added to the roads. Ms. Kelly Miller, attorney for the developer, explained that there are site constraints and that the other adjoining property owners had been notified about the potential annexation and the lot sizes would be 7,500 sf. Deborah Rienhimer, 2627 Washington Way, expressed her views on the beautiful property and not being notified of the possible annexation. Beth Crawford was concerned about the wildlife and losing the countryside while the schools are overwhelmed by all of the new developments. Mr. Pacelli mentioned that this was a matter of deciding to have control over the 14 homes versus the County having control over them regarding regulations. Ms. Miller made a motion to close this public hearing. Mr. Cuneo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Miller made a motion to open the public hearing on the Constant Yield Tax Rate and Ordinance Nos. 254, 255, 256 & 257. Ms. Howe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. There were no comments from the public regarding Ordinance No. 254 keeping the current tax rate. There was a comment on Ordinance No. 255 increasing the water unit fee \$6/qtr from \$30 to \$36 and Ordinance No. 256 which increases the sewer unit fee \$9/qtr from \$40 to \$49. Barb Wingo, 2780 Castlefield Drive, asked for consideration to not increase their bill since they were a senior community. There were no questions from the public regarding Ordinance No. 257 revising the Code of Ethics. Ms. Miller made a motion to close the public hearing and go into a regular meeting. Ms. Howe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Miller made a motion to approve the April 11, 2023, minutes as printed. Mr. Cuneo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Howe made a motion to receive the April 2023 Check Register. Ms. Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Pacelli read the monthly Mayor's Report. Yard waste pick up had started on Wednesday and continues until December 13, 2023. Residents are asked to mark containers for yard waste so haulers can distinguish the contents of each container so as not to miss a pick up. There will be an election on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 with polls open from 7am-8pm. The office will be closed Monday, May 29, 2023 in observance of Memorial Day.

Mr. Perricone gave the Town Administrator's report. The Town did not receive any grant funding from Community Parks and Playgrounds for FY24. Staff met with Antietam Broadband to discuss installing fiber optics throughout the town. Staff met with a representative from Skyline about installing fiber optics along Route 30 and York Street to Lineboro VFD. Mr. Perricone asked Skyline about the possibility of dropping a leg down Victory Street for access to the County-wide system. Carroll County is moving forward with the storm water management project known as Manchester East. This will handle water from 4 different outlets. Mr. Jaden Miller has accepted the position of waste water operator starting July 10, 2023. Planning & Zoning has approved Manchester's portion of the County's 2023 Triennial Water and Sewer Master Plan. The Commission also accepted the traffic impact analysis for the Lippy Property as a requirement for the annexation. There was no commitment to either of the proposed outlet alternatives to Route 30.

Mr. Kuhns gave the DPW report. Staff performed generator maintenance. Staff continues with its bimonthly safety trainings on April 27<sup>th</sup>. The replacement of concrete sidewalk in front of the Historic Center has begun. Mr. Miller asked if we could look into covering the grass areas with native plants.

Chief Hess gave his monthly Police report. There were 176 calls for service in April 2023. There was one (1) Part 1 crime reported. Traffic enforcement continues with 210 citations and warnings issued in April. We received grant funding for 5 additional speed signs.

Mr. Pacelli asked if there was any more comments or questions regarding the proposed Patapsco91, LLC annexation. There were no more comments. Mr. Cuneo made a motion to approve Annexation Resolution No. 41-22 known as Patapsco91, LLC. Ms. Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Pacelli asked if there were any comments regarding Ordinance No. 254 relating to the FY24 Budget. There were no comments. Ms. Miller made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 254 maintaining the current tax rate of \$.216. Ms. Howe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. There were no comments regarding Ordinance No. 255. Ms. Howe made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 255 which increases the water unit fee \$6 from \$30 to \$36 per unit per quarter. Ms. Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. There were no comments regarding Ordinance No. 256. Ms. Cuneo made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 256 which increases the sewer unit fee \$9 from \$40 to \$49 per unit per quarter. Ms. Howe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. McCarron gave the background for the revision to the Code of Ethics that must comply with current State regulations. There were no comments. Ms. Miller made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 257 amending Chapter 12 -Code of Ethics. Mr. Cuneo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Howe made a motion to approve Resolution No. 01-2023 adopting the Carroll County Hazard Mitigation Plan of 2022. Ms. Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Cuneo made a motion to approve Resolution No. 02-2023 which supports the request from Former Students and Friends of Robert Moton High School, Inc. asking the County Commissioners to allocate a portion of the former Robert Moton HS as space for a museum of African American History in Carroll County. Ms. Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There were no questions/comments from the audience.

Council members gave committee reports.

Ms. Miller made a motion to adjourn the general meeting. Mr. Cuneo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted, Kelly J. Baldwin