

Town of Manchester
May 14, 2024

The Mayor and Council of the Town of Manchester met in person on the above date. Those in attendance were Ryan Nazelrod, Debra Howe, Meghan Rice, Jenn Miller, Chris Cuneo, Alex Perricone, Chief Hess and Kelly Baldwin. Council Vice-President, Jenn Miller, presided over the meeting in the absence of Mayor Smith.

7pm PUBLIC HEARING ON ORD. 259 RELATING TO THE FY25 GENERAL FUND BUDGET

Mr. Cuneo made a motion to close the regular meeting and open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 259 maintaining the current tax rate of \$.216. Mr. Nazelrod seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. There were no comments from the public. Mr. Cuneo made a motion to close the public hearing and go into a regular meeting. Ms. Howe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mr. Cuneo made a motion to approve the March 12, 2024, minutes as printed. Mr. Nazelrod seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Howe made a motion to approve the April 9, 2024, minutes as printed. Mr. Cuneo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Cuneo made a motion to receive the March 2024 Treasurer's Report. Mr. Nazelrod seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Howe made a motion to receive the April 2024 Check Register. Mr. Cuneo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Miller read the monthly Mayor's Report. Weekly yard waste collection on Wednesdays has begun and will continue until December 18th. The Town Office will be closed for Memorial Day.

Mr. Nazelrod made a motion to amend the FY24 General Fund budget by decreasing the Maintenance Department truck replacement expense by \$64,000 and increasing the Parks Department truck replacement expense by \$64,000. Mr. Cuneo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Howe made a motion to approve the purchase and installation of playground equipment from Cunningham Recreation in the amount of \$76,636.13 using CPP grant money. Mr. Cuneo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Perricone gave the Town Administrator's report. There is a delay in the York Street Water Tower rehab project. Mr. Perricone has received the draft of the PFAS and COOP plan which is under his review. Antietam Broadband will start working on underground wiring.

Ms. Howe made a motion to approve the bid to install a back-up stand-by generator and Automatic Transfer Switch at all 3 water towers by Randy Seeley Electric in the amount of \$89,698.78. Mr. Cuneo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. This will be funded with the remaining ARPA monies.

Mr. Nazelrod made a motion to amend the FY24 General Fund budget by increasing the Community Parks and Playground grant revenue to \$75,000 and increasing the ADA Playground equipment expense by \$75,000. Mr. Cuneo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief Hess read his monthly Police Report. There were 278 calls for service in April 2024 with zero (0) Part 1 crimes. Traffic enforcement continues with 177 citations and warnings issued in April.

Mr. Cuneo made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 259 relating to the FY25 General Fund Budget maintaining the current tax rate of \$.216. Mr. Nazelrod seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Miller introduced Ordinance No. 260 increasing water unit fees \$6/unit per quarter, establishing a \$0.35/1000 gals and increasing rates for new home connections and Ordinance No.

261 increasing sewer unit fees \$8/unit per quarter and increasing rates for new home connections. There will be a public hearing on Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at 7pm.

Council members gave committee reports.

Mr. Nazelrod made a motion to adjourn the general session and go into closed meeting pursuant to General Provisions Article §3-305(b)(8) to consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation. Mr. Cuneo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm.

Respectfully submitted, Kelly J. Baldwin