

Town of Manchester
June 11, 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, Jenn Miller, Vince Pacelli, Alex Perricone, and Chief Hess.

7pm PUBLIC HEARING ON ORD. 260 & 261 RELATING TO THE FY25 WATER & SEWER FUND BUDGETS

Mrs. Miller made a motion to close the regular meeting and open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 260 & 261 relating to the Water & Sewer Funds for FY25. Mr. Pacelli seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. There were no comments from the public. Mr. Pacelli made a motion to close the public hearing and go into a regular meeting. Mr. Nazelrod seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mrs. Miller made a motion to approve the May 14, 2024, minutes as printed. Mrs. Howe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mrs. Howe made a motion to receive the April 2024 Treasurer's Report. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mrs. Howe made a motion to receive the May 2024 Check Register. Mr. Nazelrod seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Smith 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 on June 19th and July 4th for the Federal Holidays. Water/Sewer bills will be out on July 1, 2024 and due July 30, 2024. Mayor Smith announced the dates for the annual Manchester Volunteer Fire Departments Carnival. July 1-6, 2024, with parade night on Tuesday July 2nd and Fireworks on Friday July 5, 2024. Finally, Antietam Broadband has begun fiber placing operations in Town. Mayor Smith commented on the excellent job the Council's Youth Representative Megean Rice did this past year. Meaghan's thank you letter was read.

Mr. Perricone gave the Town Administrator's report. Water levels are doing well with help from Mother Nature. Public Works Director's report is included in packet. Five employees attended WWO Sewer Operator certification course last week at Mount St. Mary's University. Three for 5a and two for 3. If all pass, we will be ready to operate the new plant when constructed and all members will have a water or sewer operators license. The Maverick Solar agreements are done in principle, hoping to have them for the mayor to sign within the next two weeks.

Chief Hess read his monthly Police Report. There were 187 calls for service in May. 0 Part 1 crime. 160 traffic citations were issued. 9 traffic related charges were issued. There have been some juvenile issues recently. There was a discharge of a firearm on Long Lane which resulted in a Verizon outage. A flare gun discharge occurred in Whisper Valley. Chief gave an update on a recent burglary at St. Bartholomew's Catholic Church.

Mrs. Miller made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 260 relating to the FY25 Water Fund Budget. Mr. Pacelli seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Howe made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 261 relating to the FY25 Sewer Fund Budget. Mr. Nazelrod seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Tom Kirk of 2571 Mindi Drive spoke to the Mayor and Council about cars speeding on Mindi Road. He stated that he has come before the Mayor and Council four (4) times to request action be taken to slow traffic down in the area. There was a lengthy discussion which resulted in Town administrator and PD Chief discussing options.

Mr. Elwin Wagner, President Manchester Volunteer Fire Department spoke and introduced Mr. Andy Franklin. Mr. Franklin has been appointed as Asst Chief in the Interim while he obtains County mandated Qualifications to become Chief of MVFD.

Council members gave committee reports.

Respectfully submitted,
Alexander J. Perricone
Town Administrator