

Town of Manchester  
August 13, 2024

The Mayor and Council of the Town of Manchester met in person on the above date. Those in attendance were Mayor Smith, Ryan Nazelrod, Debbie Howe, Jenn Miller, Chris Cuneo, Alex Perricone, Chief Hess and Rodney Kuhns.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Jon-Michael Moore was sworn in as a member of the Parks Foundation.

Mayor Smith read the monthly Mayor's Report. National Night Out was a success thanks to many individuals especially Jenn & Butch Miller, Andy Franklin, MPD and Tracy Brooks. Weekly yard waste collection on Wednesdays will continue until December 18<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Smith reminded citizens that while they can register their concerns/complaints with the Town Office, individuals need to be respectful, and cursing will not be tolerated.

Mr. Kuhns read his monthly Public Works report. Staff continues with the MDE mandated lead and copper inspection of homes built before 1973. Progress continues on the following projects – York Street Water Tower rehabilitation, PFAS mitigation, playground installation in Christmas Tree Park. Clay Forster was hired as a Water Operator 1. Ms. Miller asked about MVHS water usage and Mayor Smith wants the Lions Club to check for a leak at the pool.

Mr. Perricone gave the Town Administrator's report. Patapsco Valley Trout has been awarded a \$50,000 grant to study how to best rehab the old skate park on Route 27.

Mr. Perricone gave information on the purchase of a new dump truck from Crouse Ford that would replace the 2007 International dump truck with a new 2025 Ford F750 with snow package in the amount of \$185,000. Discussion followed as to the age, mileage and condition of the current dump. The FY25 Budget had a budget figure of \$185,000 which included the trade-in of the 2007 dump truck. Ms. Howe made a motion to postpone the purchase. Ms. Miller seconded the motion. The motion passes 3 to 1 (Yes -Howe, Miller, Nazelrod No -Cuneo).

Ms. Miller made a motion to approve the bid to repave various streets from White Pine Paving in the amount of \$275,460 which had a budget figure of \$291,000. Mr. Nazelrod seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Miller made a motion to approve the bid from Stambaugh's Construction to refurbish 19 storm drain inlets in the amount of \$50,190 which had a budget figure of \$65,000. Mr. Cuneo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Nazelrod made a motion to approve the bid from Bliss Products to rehab the tot lot at Crossroads Overlook in the amount of \$33,247.50 with a budget figure of \$35,000. Ms. Howe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Perricone gave the background on the need to incorporate additional elements for the plant's biological process for the ENR project at the wastewater treatment plant. In order to meet the standards set forth by MDE, Mr. John Hammel from CDM Smith approached the Mayor and Council regarding the additional items to be included. Mr. Hammel wanted to reassure the Town that this was not a "re-design" since it was only at 10% of the project. Ms. Miller made a motion to approve an additional \$560,000 to CDM Smith for additional design work that will be paid for

with the remaining ARPA monies. Mr. Cuneo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief Hess read his monthly Police Report. The annual MVFD Carnival was outstanding. There were 325 calls for service in July and the beginning of August – zero (0) Part 1 crimes reported and 140 traffic citations & warnings were issued. Chief Hess thanked those who made the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual National Night Out a success. Chief listed the many organizations who participated and gave special thanks to Tracy Brooks for her hard work and dedication organizing the event for 10 years.

Mayor Smith introduced Ordinance No. 262 which increases the salaries of the next-elected Mayor and Council positions with the upcoming elections. The salary will increase for the Mayor's position from \$6000/yr to \$8000/year in May 2027 and Councilmember's positions from \$2400/yr to \$4000/yr with the upcoming elections in 2025 and 2027. There will be a discussion at the September 10, 2024 meeting.

Mr. Charles Bowman of 3120 Main Street approached the Mayor and Council about parking issues on Main Street. Mr. Bowman believes he has the right to park on Main Street as long as he wants since he pays taxes on his property that includes the parking spaces. Mr. Bowman asked when the War Memorial will be updated to include his name.

Council members gave committee reports.

Ms. Miller made a motion to adjourn the general session. Mr. Nazelrod seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:16pm.

Respectfully submitted, Kelly J. Baldwin