

Town of Manchester
September 9, 2020

The Mayor and Council of the Town of Manchester met on the above date. Those present were Mayor Warner, Melinda Smith, Jenn Miller, Dale Wilder, Steve Miller, Chief Hess and Kelly Baldwin.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Ms. Smith made a motion to approve the August 11, 2020 minutes as submitted. Ms. Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Warner announced that brush would be picked up on October 20th and bulk trash would be picked up on October 21st. The Fall MML conference will be held virtually on October 8th and 9th.

Mr. Miller gave the Town Administration report. The Whispering Valley storm water management facility retrofit is complete. Code enforcement continues. Trout Unlimited is working on a fall tree planting. Town staff is working with the Board of Education to find a location for a new electronic sign at Manchester Valley HS. Mr. Miller welcomed Brandon Martz as a member of the Maintenance Department. MDOT will hold a virtual pre-tour meeting on September 11th at 2pm. The Town received CARES Funding in the amount of \$118,000 which will need to be spent by 12/30/20. We purchased 15 laptops and have ordered portable radios, portable showers. Staff has been requesting bids for hands-free doors at the Town Hall and park bathroom and document scanning. Mr. Miller has researched a reverse 911 system.

Mr. Wilder questioned if the Rec Council has paid towards the new lights on "D" field. Mayor Warner has had informal discussions about this topic and has received positive responses. More information will be forthcoming once the new Board has had time to settle in.

Mr. Miller gave the Public Works report. The Dell Well generator project has begun. There was a shareholder's meeting regarding the MDE ENR Upgrade project on September 22nd. Bids were received for a batwing mower. Ms. Miller made a motion to approve the bid from Messick's in the amount of \$10,218. Ms. Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief Hess gave his monthly Police report. There were 135 calls for service in August. There has been an increase in traffic and enforcement continues with 174 warnings/citations having been issued.

A draft of Resolution No. 02-2020 was given to the Mayor and Council for consideration. This Resolution pertains to a change in the Personnel Policy relating to "Emergency Leave". Mr. Miller mentioned that when COVID came about the Personnel Policy guidance was only designed for short-term emergencies. Mayor Warner asked that this topic be tabled until the October meeting so we can make sure it is sustainable. Mayor Warner will poll the other Carroll County towns as well to see how they are dealing with this pandemic in terms of leave policies.

Mr. Michael Stencil, 3115 Seattle Slew Way, approached the Mayor and Council about the proposed annexation of Patriot's Overlook located off of Park Avenue. Mr. Stencil takes issue with the P&Z Board's decision to recommend the property for annexation. His concerns are extra traffic on Park/Westminster St and the burden the extra houses would have on the city's water treatment plant. Mr. Stencil felt it was odd, unethical like the vote was rushed and was disappointed and confused by it. Mayor Warner assured him that was not the case having been associated with the Board for many years.

Council members gave committee reports.

Ms. Miller made a motion to adjourn the general session. Mr. Wilder seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:26pm.

Respectfully submitted, Kelly J. Baldwin