

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

**7:30 PUBLIC HEARING ON ORD. NO. 258 AMENDING SEVERAL CHAPTERS RELATING TO CANNABIS FOR MEDICINAL AND RECREATIONAL PURPOSES AND THE SALE, DISTRIBUTION AND CONSUMPTION OF CANNABIS IN THE TOWN.**

Mr. Cuneo made a motion to open the public hearing on proposed Ordinance No. 258. Ms. Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. There were no comments from the community and no other correspondence. Ms. Miller made a motion to close this public hearing and go into a regular meeting. Mr. Cuneo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Smith announced that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Manchester met in closed session after the regular Town Council meeting on August 8, 2023. Those present were Mayor Smith, Ryan Nazelrod, Debbie Howe, Jenn Miller, Vince Pacelli, Alex Perricone and Kelly Baldwin. Ms. Miller made a motion to go into a closed meeting pursuant to General Provisions Article §3-305(b)(3) to consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related to public business. Mr. Pacelli seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Discussion centered around the exploration and potential purchase of future water supplies for the Town of Manchester. Ms. Miller made a motion to adjourn the closed meeting. Ms. Howe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:31pm.

Mr. Cuneo made a motion to approve the July 11, 2023, minutes as printed. Ms. Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Miller made a motion to approve the August 8, 2023 minutes as printed. Mr. Pacelli seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Howe made a motion to receive the July 2023 Treasurer's Report. Mr. Cuneo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Miller made a motion to receive the August 2023 Check Register. Ms. Howe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Smith presented a plaque of appreciation to former Mayor Ryan Warner recognizing him for his 24+ years of service to the citizens of Manchester as both a Councilman and Mayor. Mr. Warner commented on past elected officials that were especially supportive of him. In addition, he thanked tenured employees and staff for their work and efforts during his term.

Ms. Smith read her monthly Mayor's Report. Yard waste pick up every Wednesday through December 13, 2023. Staff continues to clean up after last month's storm. The Public Works Department has moved the next brush pickup to October 26<sup>th</sup>. Manchester Happenings along with the Manchester VFD will hold its annual Harvest Happenings on October 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> from 1-6pm at the Carnival grounds. Bulk trash will be October 18<sup>th</sup>. CQNC will have Haunted Trails on October 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Mayor Smith announced that the hours for trick-or-treating this year will be from 6pm-8pm.

Mr. Perricone gave the Town Administrator's report. This storm damaged the Maintenance Shop roof and damaged some of the interior. Now only Pine Valley Park is closed until further notice due to tree damage. We are accepting applications for a Water Operator I. Citizens are asked not to put rags/wipes down the toilet, so it doesn't clog the sewer system. This can cause expensive repairs and possible sewage spills. Staff are being educated on the Marland "Time To Care" Act which is mandatory for employers with 15 employees. More information will be forthcoming.

Mr. Perricone asked the Mayor and Council to consider amending the currently approved bid for street repaving due to the development of the Solar One project. Ms. Miller made a motion to amend the current bid by removing Grafton Street and adding Long Lane (York St to Sheetz) at a cost of \$36,277 which is an increase of \$6,377. Mr. Pacelli seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Kuhns gave the DPW report. Staff completed various training courses including NPDES and CPR. MDE issued the construction permit for the York St. Water Tower rehabilitation. Mr. Kuhns expressed his appreciation for the excellent work staff performed for the storm clean up. Mr. Cuneio made a motion to approve the purchase of 26 permaloggers from 540 Technologies in the amount of \$36,296. Mr. Nazelrod seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief Hess gave his monthly Police report. There were 175 calls for service in August 2023 with zero (0) reported crime. Traffic enforcement continues with 444 citations and warnings issued in August. Chief Hess reminded drivers that you cannot drive and smoke marijuana. The Manchester PD and entire staff thank Top Notch Towing for donating many toys for the annual National Night Out held on August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mr. Perricone gave the background on proposed Ordinance No. 258. Mayor Smith asked for public comments and there were none. Mr. Nazelrod made a motion to approve Emergency Ordinance No. 258 amending several Chapters relating to Cannabis for Medicinal and Recreational Purposes and the Sale, Distribution and Consumption of Cannabis in the Town. Mr. Cuneo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Cuneo made a motion to approve the Zoning Map which includes the most recent annexation of Patapsco91, LLC property. Ms. Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Council members gave committee reports.

Ms. Miller made a motion to adjourn the general session. Mr. Pacelli seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:11pm.

Respectfully submitted, Kelly J. Baldwin