

Town of Manchester
October 8, 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, Jenn Miller, Vince Pacelli, Chris Cuneo, and Chief Hess.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mr. Cuneo made a motion to approve September 10, 2024, minutes as printed. Ms. Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Howe made a motion to receive the September 2024 Check Register. Mr. Pacelli seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Smith read the monthly Mayor's Report. Weekly yard waste collection on Wednesdays will continue until December 18th. Hughes Trash will collect bulk trash on October 16th. The Public Works Department staff will collect brush on October 17th. Leaf collection will begin on Monday, October 28th and continue until Monday, December 2nd. CQNC will have Haunted Trails on October 18th and 19th at 7pm. Mayor Smith announced that the hours for trick-or-treating this year will be on Halloween from 6pm-8pm. The Town Office will be closed Monday, November 11, 2024 for Veterans Day. Mayor Smith announced that Alex Perricone resigned, and Mr. Steve Miller agreed to work on a temporary basis until the position is filled. Ms. Miller made a motion to approve the appointment of Steve Miller as Interim Town Administrator. Mr. Pacelli seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Steve Miller was sworn in as Interim Town Administrator.

The monthly Public Works report was distributed to the Mayor and Council. Staff attended the annual NPDES training on September 27th. The lead and copper inspection of homes built before 1973 is 95% complete. Progress continues on the following projects – York Street Water Tower rehabilitation (75% completed), PFAS mitigation, and stormwater inlet rehabilitation and repaving. The tot lot at Westminster Street has been prepared for the new playground equipment which should be installed soon.

Mr. Miller gave the Town Administrator's report. Staff will be visiting CDM Smith for a 30% design delivery of the WWTP ENR Upgrade project and CDM Smith will be attending the next council meeting to present the 30% design. Staff applied for a loan/grant from MDE for PFAS in the amount of \$6,532,500.00. The ADA crosswalk project is still in the works and Mr. Miller began the process of securing permission from the Board of Education to enter their property. Mr. Miller requested that Antietam Broadband supply Town facilities with fiber optic since they have exclusive use of our property at no cost to them. The Trash RFP is due November 4th.

Chief Hess read his monthly Police Report. There were 205 calls for service in September – one (1) Part 1 crime was reported, and 153 traffic citations & warnings were issued. Chief Hess reminded citizens that electric bike riders need to follow the same rules of the road as any vehicle and wear helmets. Chief Hess to give the results from the speed camera installed on Mindi Drive. Based on the data collected from September 16th to October 8th, the fastest speed of the 6,998 vehicles recorded was 22mph. MPD has moved the speed cameras.

Evan Smith of Troop #661 approached the Mayor and Council regarding his proposed Eagle Scout project which upgrades and expands the natural playground near Charlotte's Quest Nature Center. This will include exercise equipment. Mr. Cuneo made motion to approve the project. Mr. Nazelrod seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The position of Student Representative was posted and several individuals expressed an interest. Ms. Miller worked with the staff and it was decided to have a committee of Manchester Valley High School students who can rotate attendance based on their schedules. Emma Hoobler, Blake Pitta, Walter Sallee and Andrew Koonz updated the Mayor and Council on the upcoming events at MVHS.

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 7:44pm.

Respectfully submitted, Kelly J. Baldwin