

Town of Manchester
October 9, 2018

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Ms. Smith made a motion to approve the September 11, 2018 minutes as printed. Mr. Pacelli seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Miller made a motion to receive the August 2018 Treasurer's Report as submitted. Mr. Wilder seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Howe made a motion to receive the September 2018 Check Register as submitted. Mr. Pacelli seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Warner reminded citizens that Brush Pickup is October 16th and Bulk Trash Pickup is October 17th. Hydrant flushing will take place on October 23rd and October 24th. Water bills are due October 30th. Mayor Warner mentioned that trick-or-treating will be on October 31st from 6:30-8:30pm to those houses with porch lights lit. Trent Longest was introduced as the new Student Representative. Mayor Warner congratulated Steve Miller on his 39 years of service to the Town of Manchester.

Mr. Miller gave the monthly Town Administration and Public Works report. The new liquor store is about 18% complete. MDOT will hold a pre-tour meeting on October 18th. Staff is working on a solution for the ball field lights in Christmas Tree Park. Mr. Miller has been approached about the status of the old Police Station and if it could be rented, sold, etc. Mr. Miller again asked the Mayor and Council to consider what they would like to see happen to that building. Congratulations to Ben Smith for passing his Water 3 Operator exam. Roof replacement has begun on the Hallie Hill II pump station. The Manchester Skate Park Project will host "Halloween Havoc" on Sunday, October 28th. Mr. Miller introduced Rodney Kuhns as the new Director of Public Works.

Mr. Miller suggested revising the pavilion rental agreement allowing some reimbursement of the fees paid. Ms. Miller made a motion to approve the administrative change to the pavilion rental agreement to allow reimbursement of the fees paid minus a \$25 administrative fee. Ms. Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief Hess gave the monthly police report. There were 113 calls for service in September with 7 people criminally charged. Traffic enforcement has been targeting Swiper & Hallie Avenue along with Main Street.

Mr. George Kues, 2975 Dillon Drive, approached the Mayor and Council about the issues the neighbors are having with children playing on the grassy area near the Hallie Hill I well behind his house. For 14 years, neighborhood children have utilized this space for recreational activities and have been respecting the fenced in area around the well with no problems. However, over the last month or more, the Manchester Police have been called to the area due to complaints of trespassing. Mr. Kues would like some clarification as to whether it is trespassing and, if so, more signs should be posted aside from the ones on the well fence. Several residents voiced the same concerns. They would like the children to be able to play outdoors and advised them to keep off of neighbors' property if they don't have permission to play there. Mayor Warner stated that the Town has no interest in criminally charging people who walk their dog or throw a football on Town property.

Mr. Tom Smith approached the Mayor and Council regarding an incident he and his wife had with the Manchester Police Department. Mr. Smith gave the background on the subject. Mr. Smith would like an apology from Mayor Warner and Chief Hess on the handling of the complaint and assurance that this will not happen again.

Ms. Michelle Martin, 3053 Main Street, received a violation to §250-66J of the Manchester Code relating to chickens. Mr. Miller reminded the Mayor and Council that this subject came up in 2015 and the concern was disease spread by chickens. Ms. Martin would like to know how she can get an exemption to keep her chickens on her property. Mr. Miller stated that it would have to be a code change. Mr. Miller granted her a 60 day grace period from today to resolve the issue.

Council members gave committee reports.

Ms. Smith made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:27pm.

Respectfully submitted, Kelly J. Baldwin