

Town of Manchester
October 13, 2020

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, Debra Howe, Dale Wilder, Steve Miller, Chief Hess, Michelle Wilder and Kelly Baldwin.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

7:30 PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LIPPY ANNEXATION RESOLUTION NO. 39-20

Ms. Miller made a motion to close the general session and go into a scheduled public hearing on the proposed Lippy Annexation. Ms. Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Warner asked if there were any State or County representatives in attendance. There were none. Mr. Marty Hackett, engineer for the project, gave a recap of the proposed annexation. This development would consist of approximately 40 new homes if annexed. Mr. Brad Webb, attorney for the petitioner, mentioned that this is an enclave which is not good public policy since the development would have some houses in Town limits and some out of Town limits. If annexed, all homes would be subject to the Town's ordinances.

Cynthia Jackson, of Arizona Way, questioned if the current residents would be affected since water restrictions already exist on washing cars and watering lawns. Ms. Jackson asked if the Town's infrastructure would be expanded. She does not want to see Manchester become like Montgomery County with strip malls. Mayor Warner reminded citizens that developers would have to supply another water source or pay water replacement fees. Mayor Warner assured Ms. Jackson that he did not want to see Manchester turn into Rockville.

Lawrence Peach, of Valley View Court, shared his concerns about the infrastructure. Mr. Peach expressed his concern over traffic not stopping at stop signs and not slowing down.

Scott Fischer, local resident of Carroll County, mentioned his concern about traffic not being able to make a right onto Route 30 during evening rush hour. Mr. Fischer believed Manchester Elementary is already overcrowded. He thinks the Town should do the right thing for the right reasons and not annex the property.

Michael Paskewitz, of Charmil Drive, mentioned that he just bought his house and was aware of the potential of new homes. He stated that traffic through downtown Manchester is terrible due to not having a bypass and doesn't need to be more crowded. Mayor Warner interjected that there is misinformation about the bypass and that the State stopped funding on the estimated \$100 million project.

Virginia Lippy Barron, of Beaver Street, stated that she was raised on this farm and it is all "black" top (black rock). Her belief is that there is not a lot that can be done on this land. She also expressed her concern over the difficulty heading north on Route 30.

Emily Caltrider, of Mt. Ventus Road, has family with a business north of the proposed annexation. Ms. Caltrider is concerned not only for current residents but future residents as well.

Letters and emails from George Huppman, Donald Diserod and Lorraine Thomas were received. All three were not in favor of the proposed annexation.

Alex Perricone, P&Z Chairperson, stated that the Board was very clear in its opinion not to recommend this annexation to the Mayor and Council.

Ms. Smith made a motion to close the public hearing and go into the general session. Ms. Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Howe made a motion to receive the July 2020 Treasurer's report. Mr. Pacelli seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Smith made a motion to receive the August 2020 Treasurer's report. Mr. Wilder seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Miller made a motion to receive the September 2020 Check register. Ms. Howe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Warner gave his monthly Mayor's Report. Congratulations are in order for Steve and Laurie Miller on the birth of their first grandchild and to Councilperson Jenn Miller on the upcoming birth of her second child. Mayor Warner announced that brush would be picked up on October 20th and bulk trash would be picked up on October 21st. Trick or treating will be for those who are interested on October 31st from 6:30-8:30 to those houses with lights on. The Fall MML conference will be held virtually on October 8th and 9th.

Mr. Miller gave the Public Works report. The lights on "D" field have been installed. The property at 2906 Hanover Pike needs to be removed from the Town's Master Plan. This house has a hand-dug well and can't be sold with such. Code enforcement continues. Mr. Miller would like to welcome Josh Stuhler as the new waste water operator.

Bids were received to trim trees along Main Street. Ms. Howe questioned the large discrepancy between the low bidder and all others. Ms. Miller stated that he spoke to Bartlett Tree Service and they stand behind their price. Ms. Miller made a motion to approve the bid from Bartlett's Tree Experts to trim 103 trees on Main Street in the amount of \$6,180. Mr. Pacelli seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Bids were received for hands-free door openers that would be paid for with CARES Funding. Mr. Wilder made a motion to approve the bid from Dormakaba for the doors at the Town Hall, Police Department and Christmas Tree Park bathrooms in the amount of \$21,962.22. Ms. Howe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Wilder mentioned the need to engage with the NC Rec Council regarding the monetary contribution towards the new "D" field lights. Mayor Warner agreed that he would like to see some type of contribution like in-kind and monetary. Ms. Smith would like to arrange a Zoom meeting with members from the Rec Council board. Discussion followed as to the state of the fields and surrounding property. Ms. Miller suggested an "end of season" discussion. Mayor Warned mentioned having a couple Council members going to the Rec Council's meetings to discuss.

Mr. Miller gave the monthly Public Works report. Based on the numbers, Mr. Miller believes there is another leak.

Chief Hess gave his monthly Police report. There were 132 calls for service in September. There was one fatal overdose on Crown Circle. Traffic enforcement continues with 128 warnings/citations having been issued. Discussion followed as to speeding in neighborhoods and the use of speed cameras. So far, there is no support for the current system of how independent companies administer speed cameras.

Council members gave committee reports.

Ms. Smith made a motion to adjourn the general session. Ms. Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:54pm.

Respectfully submitted, Kelly J. Baldwin