

**VILLAGE OF MANCHESTER**  
**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**  
**HELD AT 8 CLIFTON STREET, MANCHESTER NY**  
**ON MARCH 07, 2016**

Present: Nancy W. Johnsen, Mayor  
William F. Henry, Trustee  
Michael J. Buttaccio, Trustee  
Richard Coffey, Police Chief

Absent: Jeffrey P. Liberati, DPW Supervisor; Harry Bowker, Fire Chief

Others: Alan Eagley; Anthony Cirulli; Ed Ruthven, MFD; Carla Jordan, OCPD.

Recording: Rita J. Gurewitch, Village Clerk/Treasurer

The clerk led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Mayor Johnsen called the public hearing to order at 6:00 PM.** The clerk read the Notice of Public Hearing on proposed Resolution No. 6-2016 entitled **“USE OF BUILDING AND ADDITIONS RESERVE MONEYS.”**

Mayor Johnsen asked three times if anyone had any questions or comments on the use of reserve fund money for the Bennett building.

No one spoke for or against the resolution.

**The public hearing was closed at 6:05 PM.**

**REGULAR MEETING**

Mayor Johnsen opened the regular meeting at 6:06 pm.

The minutes of the Regular meeting held on February 1, 2016 were read and approved upon motion from Trustee Buttaccio and seconded by Trustee Henry. The January Treasurer’s report was approved upon a motion from Trustee Henry, seconded by Trustee Buttaccio, voted on and unanimously carried, subject to audit. Bills were authorized for payment on Abstract #10 of Audited Vouchers, General Fund totaling \$110,460.30 ; Water Fund totaling \$ 560.77 ; Sewer Fund totaling \$7,295.26 ; CDBG totaling \$0.00 and TEP totaling \$0.00; Trust & Agency Fund \$61,063.64.

Trustee Henry made a motion to transfer \$6,613.21 from A1990.04 Contingency to A8540.01 Drainage Personal Service \$500. And A9060.08 Hospital & Medical Insurance \$6,113.21; Transfer \$855.28 from G1990.04 Contingency to G9060.08 Hospital & Medical Insurance to cover expenses to the end of the fiscal year 5/31/16, seconded by Trustee Buttaccio, voted on and unanimously carried.

**Approved – BUILDING AND ADDITIONS RESERVE MONEYS – RESOLUTION NO. 6-2016**

The following resolution was offered by Trustee Henry, seconded by Trustee Buttaccio who moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Village of Manchester held a public hearing to use money in the Building and Additions Reserve Fund; and

WHEREAS, no spoke against the use of said funds;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Manchester be able to use said funds up to \$20,000;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any unused portion of moneys is returned to the Building and Additions Reserve Fund.

The resolution was put to roll call vote which resulted as follows:

Mayor Johnsen	Voting “AYE”
Trustee Henry	Voting “AYE”
Trustee Buttaccio	Voting “AYE”

The resolution was duly adopted.

### **Discussed – RAILROAD MEMORIAL PARK**

Trustee Buttaccio addressed the Board with 5 points concerning the Railroad Park.

1. Debris – the debris is still there. DEC has inspected the site and we don't have to put straw in place. Trustee Buttaccio would like the DPW to assist in cleaning up the site.
2. Not two Box cars – He stated that it is not sufficient to have only one box car. Committee feels it doesn't fit their plan. The Board only may agree to one. Trustee Buttaccio is still in favor of two box cars; one educational and the other for a model train layout of the original Lehigh Valley Railroad yard and storage. The school is in favor of this plan.
3. Do the box cars have to be in a line? – No, they can be made into an "L".
4. Parking issues – Trustee Buttaccio feels there is adequate parking.
5. Hours of Operation – Put a Hometown Advertisement in the Penny Saver hopefully the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month, the same as the Lehigh Valley Railroad Historical Society is opened.

#### Comments:

Doug Parmele – he would make them original Lehigh Valley colors, each car different. He feels it would be nice.

Tim Munn – Town Historian. He would volunteer to open the caboose from 10am to noon every Saturday in July and August. Also add display of profiles of people who worked on the railroad.

Mike B. – Todd Jennings had let some people in when requested.

Rand Darrow – he would volunteer and feels it would cheaper to have two cars.

Mike B. – to meet with the Federal Railway Administration to see what needs to be done to move the cars. The box cars are donated by Thompson Grain (Duane Thompson).

Alan Eagley – He is opposed to adding any cars. He only wants one. He feels the village should find another location. Possibly the roundhouse location or A & K lumber yard. I don't want them next to my home. This does not add income for the village, just an expense.

Bill H. – One car now, not sold on two.

Mike B. – There will be no finances to the village for 1 ½ years.

Bill H. – What are 3 box cars going to look like – can we justify a second box car, the whole thing needs to be graded, it doesn't look good. He is ok with one, not sold on two.

N. Johnsen – It seems too much.

Bill H. – Concept is nice, part of our history. Not sold on the second car. It might be gawdy.

N. Johnsen – Not sold on the second car. Does not want to cover the driveway.

Doug P. – He can't understand the negativity. He hears only compliments.

Rand D. – Are there any grants available?

Ed Ruthven – A lot of home schooled households would utilize the additional education available.

Bill H. – Can you find out if they can be moved otherwise a mute point?

**Approved** - Trustee Henry made a motion to approve one box car to be donated to the Railroad Memorial Park, Mayor Johnsen seconded the motion. Trustee Buttaccio was excused from the voting as he is a committee member for the railcars.

The motion was approved – 2 "ayes" 1 excused

### **Reported – WATER RATES REVIEW**

The village was mandated to upgrade the water system with radio read meters as the older style meters are no longer available for purchase. This comes as a larger expense than currently needed to run the water department. The Board will be reviewing various rates to explore what would be needed to run the water department efficiently at the next board meeting.

### **Reported – SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2016-2017 BUDGET REVIEW/ADOPTION**

The Board has set April 04, 2016 for the Public Hearing on the 2016-2017 Budget. The Budget will be available for review by the public prior to the hearing.

### **Requested – RED JACKET CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Sue Franceschi sent an email requesting if the baseball/softball program could use the Mike Griffin Memorial Park fields for practices and/or home games if needed this spring 2016 season. The Board

felt there would be no problem if coordinated with Red Jacket Junior Baseball as they use the fields also. Trustee Henry asked who would be doing the prep work and to check into the liability with our insurance company.

**Requested – GEOCACHE PLACEMENT ON THE TRAIL**

Mayor Johnsen received an email from Kevin Armstrong requesting to place a geocache on the trail. Geocaching is a modern day scavenger hunt by using GPS coordinates. The Board approved the placement on the trail, but must be within the perimeters of village property only and coordinates need to be provided to the village.

**Discussed – 2016 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES**

All four concerts have been booked for the four Wednesdays in July. The time will be 7-8:30pm at the Mike Griffin Memorial Park. Shackwater, 78 RPM, Everhart, and George Hayes. Advertising will begin in May.

**Reported – BUDGET MEETING**

There will be a Budget meeting on Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm.

**Reported – FISCAL STRESS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM STATUS NOTIFICATION**

The Village Board is pleased to receive a *No Designation* in our fiscal stress reporting. No designation is the lowest category for fiscal stress.

**DPW REPORT**

- No report
- The Board would like table tightened in the board room.

**POLICE REPORT**

- February report on file in the clerk's office

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

- Report on file in the clerk's office. Copy to Towns of Manchester and Farmington.
- Total calls for 2016 to 2/29/16 - 34

**NO PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The next regular Village Board meeting, Annual Organizational meeting and Budget Public Hearing will be on Monday, April 04, 2016 at 6:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned upon motion at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita J. Gurewitch  
Village Clerk/Treasurer