

**VILLAGE OF MANCHESTER
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
HELD AT 8 CLIFTON STREET, MANCHESTER NY
ON DECEMBER 07, 2020**

COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS IN PLACE

Present: Michael J. Buttaccio, Mayor
William F. Henry, Deputy Mayor, Trustee
Nancy W. Johnsen, Trustee
George C. Hotchkiss, DPW Supervisor
Richard Coffey, Police Chief
Ed Ruthven, MFD

Absent: None

Others: Matt Schaertl

Recording: Rita J. Gurewitch, Village Clerk/Treasurer

The Clerk led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Mayor Buttaccio requested a moment of silence for those who died in the Pearl Harbor attack on December 7, 1941 in Hawaii. At that time, President Roosevelt said "a date which will live in infamy."

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Buttaccio opened the Public Hearing on the Real Property Tax Exemption for Persons over 65. The Clerk read the legal notice that was posted in the Daily Messenger. The Mayor asked three times if there were any comments or if anyone wanted to speak. No one spoke for or against the exemption.

The Public Hearing was closed at 6:05 pm.

REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Buttaccio opened the regular meeting at 6:02 pm.

The minutes of the Regular meeting held on November 02, 2020 were read and a motion from Trustee Henry and seconded by Trustee Johnsen to approve the minutes, voted on and carried.

The October 2020 Treasurer's report was approved upon a motion from Trustee Henry, seconded by Trustee Johnsen, voted on and unanimously carried, subject to audit.

Bills were authorized for payment on Abstract #7 of Audited Vouchers, General Fund totaling \$; Water Fund totaling \$; Sewer Fund totaling \$; CDBG totaling \$0.00 and TEP totaling \$0.00; Trust & Agency Fund \$.

Discussed – NEW YORK STATE POLICE REFORM AND REINVENTION COLLABORATIVE

Review: *Governor Andrew Cuomo issued an Executive Order (#203) on June 12, 2020, requiring each local government with a police department to convene their police chief and stakeholders in the community to review and develop a plan to improve current police force deployments. The Plan must be adopted by April, 2021. A committee has been formed consisting of the following people: William F. Henry, Michael Buttaccio, Nancy W. Johnsen, Village of Manchester; Richard T. Coffey, Manchester Police Department; Tricia Garner, Community Member; John Kesel, Retired NYS Trooper; Shirley Stanin, Community Member; Rev. Ron Silver, First Baptist Church; Rose Foster, Rotary International & Business Representative; Karen Hall, Manchester-Shortsville School District; Charles Fine; Community Member. Their first meeting will be December 17, 2020 at 6:00 pm.*

Discussed – PANDEMIC RESPONSE PLAN

A new law requires the development of a Pandemic Operations Plan to be completed by April 1, 2021. The clerk will seek out templates for board review for the next meeting.

Approved - RESOLUTION No. 13 - 2020 - REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR PERSON OVER 65 FOR THE VILLAGE OF MANCHESTER, NEW YORK FOR THE 2022-2023 TAX YEAR

RESOLVED, AND BE IT ORDAINED, by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Manchester as follows:

Section 1. Real Property owned by one or more persons one of whom is sixty-five years of age, or real property owned by husband and wife, one of whom is sixty-five years of age or over shall be exempt from taxation to the extent of fifty per centum of the assessed valuation thereof:

Section 2. No exemption shall be granted:

- a) if the income of the owner or the combined income of the owners of the property exceeds the sum of Twenty-Four Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-Nine and 99/100 Dollars (\$24,299.99) for the twelve consecutive months immediately preceding the date of making application for exemption. Where title is vested in either the husband or the wife, the combined income may not exceed such sum. Such income shall include Social Security and retirement benefits, interest, dividends, rental income, salary or earnings, and income from self-employment, but shall not include gifts or inheritance; and
- b) unless the title of the property shall have been vested in twenty-four months prior to the date of making application for exemption; and
- c) unless the property is used exclusively for residential purposes; and
- d) unless the real property is the legal residence of, and is occupied in whole or in part by the owner or by all of the owners of the property.

Section 3. As allowed by Section 467D of the New York State Real Property Tax Law, a sliding scale income level will be allowed as follows:

If income is More Than / but this amount is Less Than / % of deduction allowed

18,600.01	19,599.99	45%
19,600.00	20,599.99	40%
20,600.00	21,599.99	35%
21,600.00	22,499.99	30%
22,500.00	23,399.99	25%
23,400.00	24,299.99	20%

Section 4. Application for such exemption must be made by the owner, or all of the owners, of the property, on forms to be furnished by the Town of Manchester Assessor, and shall furnish the information and be executed in the manner required or prescribed in such forms, and shall be filed in the office of the Town of Manchester Assessor at least ninety days before the day of filing the final assessment roll.

Section 5. Any conviction of having made any willful false statement in the application for such exemption shall be punishable by a fine of not more than One Hundred Dollars and shall disqualify the applicant from further exemption for a period of five years.

Section 6. This resolution will remain effective until it is amended by resolution of the Village Board of Trustees of Manchester, NY from said date.

The above resolution was put to roll call vote which resulted in the following:

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

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Approved – TOWN OF FARMINGTON FIRE CONTRACT

The Board reviewed a letter received from the Town of Farmington regarding the Town of Farmington’s Fire Contract Proposal for the year 2021. Their proposal is \$60,785.00 during 2021. The Board discussed the proposal presented in the letter. Trustee Henry made a motion that the village accept the amount offered in the Farmington Fire Agreement, seconded by Trustee Johnsen, voted on and unanimously carried. The Town of Manchester Contract for 2021 has not been reviewed at this time. Mayor Buttaccio signed the Farmington Agreement. It will be on file in the Clerk’s office.

PUBLIC LETTERS/EMAILS:

Letter – from Grape Lakes Family Dental, Dr. Julie Labrecque. She is requesting for the village to evaluate the possibility of re-curbng the north side of her property (State Street side) at 2 South Main Street. She feels it will be a problem for her patients and presently allows traffic to cut through her property to avoid the traffic light. After a brief discussion, the Board asked the clerk to send her a response asking for her to attend the next board meeting to clarify what she would like and to also discuss solutions. If she can’t make the next Board meeting, the Board will consider a different date and time.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Sue Barber, Twin Cities Food Cupboard, located in the AM Bennett Building on Center Street, addressed the Board concerning some issues at the Food Cupboard. The freezer chest is having electrical problems and shutting off. She needs someone to fix the electric. She provided a list of needs and wants for the building (owned by the Village of Manchester.) The Board will review her list.

DPW REPORT

- International Truck is now in Henrietta and should be here soon. Old international will go to auction but will keep for employee training for awhile.
- E. Ruthven has to complete the lab portion to complete his Class D Water License.
- TThm's and Haac's water samples came back within normal limits.
- Water issue at 47 Clifton Street. No surface water, but in their basement. No detection on monitor. Will do a test for fluoride in the leak water. If present, will be most like a leak in our system.
- Asbestos testing is required this month.
- The "No Over Night Parking" signs for the Municipal Parking Lot are to go up.
- Continue fixing drainage at Merrick Ave, Merrick Circle
- Have M & S Tree Service assess the oak tree in the cemetery next to the Baptist church.
- Discussion on Salt purchase. Record logs will be maintained.
- Railing outside fire department

POLICE REPORT

- The Manchester-Shortsville Police Department has been dissolved. The Village of Manchester will maintain a part-time patrol officer. We paid \$10,000 to the Village of Shortsville to for the police car.
- Routine Patrol
- Need to keep pushing state to reduce speed limit on Route 96 in the village limits.
- Working with the Committee on Police Reform.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

- 29 calls for October. Report on file in clerk's office. Copies to Town of Manchester, Town of Farmington.
- Keeping safe; using PPE and practicing COVID precautions.
- The Board requested a current roster of the department.
- The Members of the MFD have completed their Harassment and Discrimination Training on 11/30/20
- There will be no Christmas gathering this year due to COVID

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rita J. Gurewitch
Village Clerk/Treasurer