

**VILLAGE OF MANCHESTER
REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
HELD AT 8 CLIFTON STREET, MANCHESTER NY
ON JANUARY 09, 2023**

Present: Michael J. Buttaccio, Mayor
William F. Henry, Deputy Mayor, Trustee
Charles E. Fine, Trustee
George C. Hotchkiss, DPW Supervisor

Absent: None

Others: Lee Sanders, MFD; Diane & John Yacuzzo; Renee Tilburg.

Recording: Rita J. Gurewitch, Village Clerk/Treasurer

The Clerk led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Buttaccio called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

The minutes of the Regular meeting on December 5, 2022 were read. A motion was made by Trustee Henry, seconded by Trustee Fine, to approve the December meeting minutes, unanimously carried.

The Clerk presented the December Treasurer's Report. A motion was made by Trustee Henry to transfer \$204.00 from Sidewalks Personal A5410.0 to Sidewalks Contractual A.5410.04 to cover expenses, seconded by Trustee Fine, unanimously carried. A motion was made by Trustee Henry, seconded by Trustee Fine, to accept the Treasurer's report for December, voted on and unanimously carried subject to audit. Bills were authorized for payment on Abstract #8 of Audited Vouchers, General Fund totaling \$ 38,247.69; Water Fund totaling \$ 26987.11; Sewer Fund totaling \$ 42.74 ; ARPA totaling \$ and Trust & Agency Fund \$ 25,218.76.

Discussed – PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR VOLUNTEER FIRST RESPONDERS

NYS has approved a 10% property tax exemption on the primary home for volunteer first responders who have been members of a fire department or ambulance service for at least two years. The village will need to pass a local law to enact. The board tabled this until there is more information gathered.

Reported – 33 NORTH AVENUE WATER METER INSTALLATION

Renee Tilburg addressed the Board regarding the recent installation of the new water meter. The water supply shutoff was damaged during the install. Teflon tape was used to stop the leak which is still holding. She wanted to have this information on record if needed. They plan to replace their line in the spring.

Reported – EMINENT DOMAIN AT THE END OF NEWTON STREET

Under Section 207 of the Eminent domain Procedure Law, there are thirty (30) days from the completion of the Village of Manchester's official Newspaper publication requirement to seek judicial review of the the Village of Manchester's determination and findings. A copy was sent certified mail to Steven Huber and Sarah Huber. It appeared in the Daily Messenger on December 13th and 14th 2022. The thirty (30) days will be up January 13, 2023.

Discussed – LEHIGH VALLEY RAILROAD MEMORIAL PARK

Mayor Buttaccio stated the Model RR Club is a small committee that is trying to fix the box cars. They would like funding from the village to help continue working. A lengthy discussion followed with details of costs. The WNY Modeling Railroad Club will be meeting on January 17th at 6:30. The Board will meet again on this issue January 17th at 4:30 pm.

Discussed – TRAFFIC CONCERNS/SPEED IN VILLAGE

There was a discussion on the speeding cars within the village. Topics were speed bumps, signage and other traffic aids. Trustee Henry will contact A. MacNamara (Clifton Street) for her input.

Approved – RGE LED COBRAHEAD STREETLIGHTING CONVERSION PROGRAM

This RGE program will convert the existing cobra head street lights with LED lights and still maintain ownership of the street lighting system, while allowing to see significant savings. After a brief discussion the Board approved to this conversion.

Approved – MMB+CO (formally known as RAY WAGGER ASSOCIATES) CPA'S

A proposal for Agree-Upon Procedures cost \$6,950.00; for a full financial audit at \$17,000 + or an as needed basis at \$150.00 per hour. The Board approved the "as needed" rate, not the procedural or financial audit at this time. The clerk will contact them when needed.

Discussed – FRIENDS OF THE RED JACKET COMMUNITY CENTER

This committee would like to utilize our Boardroom for their meetings. The Board tabled this request until further information is gathered.

DPW REPORT

- Boy Scout Canoe launch is not safe and not functioning. Scout Leader to be contacted.
- International was towed to Regional for repair
- Looking into fencing and cameras at highway garage, maybe trail cams also
- Looking to sell Police car in the Spring.

POLICE REPORT

- Manchester Police Department has been dissolved.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

- The Fire Department had a total of 264 calls for 2022.
- Trustee Henry inquired about the NYS Thruway Boundaries
- Flooring in east side of building has been cleaned and waxed
- 1731 mirror replacement would go in decal. West Coast Bracket on decal moved.
- Pancake Breakfast was successful.
- Fire Chief Richard Yahn sent a letter to the Board asking if he could use the Police Departments desk and area for his use. The Board tabled for now because the Historian has asked for the space also.
- No word on the grants
- Electrical out rigger problems on 1781

The meeting was adjourned upon motion at 8:10 pm. Next meeting is February 6, 2023 at 6:00 pm. Respectfully submitted,

Rita J. Gurewitch
Village Clerk/Treasurer