

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD AUGUST 04, 2008

Present: Nancy W. Johnsen, Mayor
Gary J. Bogner, Trustee
William F. Henry, Trustee
Debra Gulvin-Chase, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer
Richard Coffey, Police Officer
Jim Goodall, Fire Chief

Absent: None

Others: Richard Cirulli, Anthony Cirulli, Deborah Frederick, Mr. & Mrs. Brian Pitcher, Judy Robinson.

Recording: Rita J. Gurewitch, Clerk/Treasurer

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Johnsen. The Clerk led the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes of the July 2008 meeting were read and approved as presented. A new format of the Treasurer's report was presented (according to new software) and accepted subject to audit. Bills were authorized for payment on Abstract #3 of Audited Vouchers; General Fund totaling \$43,448.53; Water Fund totaling \$1,733.20; Sewer Fund totaling \$48,906.75; Trust & Agency totaling \$12,679.06; CDBG totaling \$0.00; and TEP funds totaling 15,312.57.

TEP GRANT UPDATE – BRIAN PITCHER PROPERTY

Mr. Brian Pitcher again addressed the board concerning the trail going through the rear of his property. He did receive the letter from Village Atty. John Tyo stating they could not use the village sewer easement land as rear access to their property. Mr. Pitcher wants a further explanation and has questions, since they use that area daily. He would like a written agreement to be drawn up concerning the trail. Mr. Pitcher would like use of the trail for motorized vehicles, a water valve to have access to the waterway, a privacy fencing, a curb cut on his property to park his motorhome. After a discussion, Trustee Bogner stated he would look into seeing where exactly the trail goes through Mr. Pitcher's property, check into the curb cut, and due to zoning issues a possible variance will be needed concerning the motorhome.

BENNETT BUILDING

Under the direction of DPW Supervisor, costs of staining the Bennett building can be reduced for much less than the quotes received by utilizing the summer laborers to assist in the staining of the building. A motion was made by Trustee Bogner, seconded by Trustee Henry, to have the summer help, under the supervision of DPW Supervisor, Jeff Liberati, stain the Bennett Building, unanimously carried.

VILLAGE POLICY ON TREES IN THE RIGHT OF WAY AND THEIR POTENTIAL ROOT DAMAGE TO SEWER LINES

Mayor Johnsen recognized Mr. Richard Cirulli who stated he would like clarification as to where the village policy or law is written, and when it was passed, as to responsibilities of water and sewer lines maintenance from a dwelling to a connection, even if it crosses a road.

Trustee Bogner made a motion to remove the tree in front of 144 State Street due to continuous damage to underground sewer line, seconded by Trustee Henry, voted on and unanimously carried.

IKE MOSES – 4 PRATT ROAD

Mr. Moses addressed the board with a request to add a short road curbing in the front of his property. Presently, erosion and invalid parking directly in front of his home is causing extensive water flow into his driveway and he is concerned with the flooding that results. He thanked the board for considering his request and that if it is possible to put a curb there, he would like it extended to 10 feet beyond his driveway. No decision was made at this time and was tabled for further discussion.

2009 DEC ARTS GRANT FOR CONCERT SERIES

Due to the success of the 2008 Summer Concert Series at the Bandstand Park, the board directed the clerk to attend the upcoming DEC Arts Grants seminar in order to be eligible to submit an application for 2009. Again, the Village of Manchester will seek the aid of RJ Community Library Director, Andrea Tillinghast to write the grant application.

OFFICE OF THE STATE COMPTROLLER

Mayor Johnsen reported that she received a telephone call from the Comptroller's office that the Village of Manchester has been selected for an energy audit concerning street lighting which will begin next week.

TOWN HALL PUBLIC HEARING-TRIANGLE TRAILER PARK

Trustee Henry will attend a public hearing at the Town Hall on Tuesday, August 5th, concerning a property that borders along the village boundary. He will represent the village and interests.

SIGN PURCHASE

Due to the increasing amount of dog excrement in the Bandstand Park area, a brief discussion followed as to purchasing a sign to clean up after your pet. A motion was made by Trustee Bogner, seconded by Trustee Henry to purchase said sign. Unanimously carried.

NEW STREET SWEEPER

The Village of Clifton Springs is considering purchasing a new street sweeper and inquired if the Village of Manchester and the Village of Shortsville would like to share the expense and use of this equipment. Clifton Springs would store the unit. The board will look into this idea.

POLICE REPORT

Officer Richard Coffey informed the board that flowers need to be cut at 41 South Main Street. A resident planted tall plants in the right of way and has created poor visibility for traffic. Also that a trend in speeders is that they are mostly out of town, and on South Avenue.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

A motion was made by Mayor Johnsen to donate the old fire rescue truck to a rural fire station that has a need for one and the old brush truck can be now used as a utility fire police vehicle, seconded by Trustee Henry, voted on and unanimously carried. Mayor Johnsen thanked Fire Chief Jim Goodall for his service to the Village of Manchester.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Judy Robinson addressed the Board concerning the 'dip' at the Route 21 road construction, Dollar General, speeding within the village, and cleaning up the old mill wall. The board answered her questions.

The meeting was adjourned on motion at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita J. Gurewitch
Clerk/Treasurer