

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 02, 2008

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

Absent: None

Others: Richard Cirulli, Anthony Cirulli, Deborah Frederick.

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 August 4, 2008 meeting were read and approved as presented. The Treasurer's report was tabled until next board meeting. Bills were authorized for payment on Abstract #4 of Audited Vouchers; General Fund totaling \$62,058.65; Water Fund totaling \$5,008.20; Sewer Fund totaling \$215.93; CDBG totaling \$13,559.18; and TEP funds totaling \$12,278.02.

REQUEST TO NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR SPEED REDUCTION ON NYS ROUTE 96 – RESOLUTION No. 14 - 2008

On file in The Village of Manchester's clerk's office, records show that there have been numerous correspondences with the NYS Department of Transportation beginning June 19, 1978 to April 24, 2008 asking for a speed reduction on NYS Route 96. Also on file in the clerk's office is a previous resolution completed on the 4th Day of November 1996 requesting to lower the speed limit on NYS Route 96 in the Village of Manchester sent to the NYS Department of Transportation and legislative representatives to consider the pedestrian needs in this area.

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

WHEREAS:

- 1) A portion of NYS Route 96, between North Avenue and Pratt Road, including the intersection of NYS Route 21 and NYS Route 96, fall within the boundaries of the Village of Manchester and is currently a 55 mph zone;
- 2) According to documentation within the Manchester Fire Department between January 8, 2004 and May 5, 2008 responded to thirty-three (33) motor vehicle accidents occurring on Route 96 between Pratt Road and North Avenue, and the Ontario County Sheriff's Office records show that between April 1, 2005 and July 16, 2008, they responded to thirty-eight (38) accidents;
- 3) This portion of Route 96 is occupied by a restaurant, a gas station, convenient mart, a produce stand, pipeline construction field office, McDonald's, a motel, a 225 unit mobile home park, a wastewater treatment plant, and a future access to the "Manchester Gateway" Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathway" ;
- 4) The intersection of Route 96 and Route 21 also has a NYS Thruway exchange titled Exit 43 Manchester;
- 5) There is supporting documentation on file in the clerk's office of years of requests and petitions from village residents to reduce the speed on Route 96 and corresponding letters from the Village of Manchester to the NYSDOT to reduce the speed limit and to make the intersection safe for pedestrians;
- 6) The Town of Manchester is in support of a speed limit reduction and to promote pedestrian safety in this area;
- 7) In the Village of Manchester's Comprehensive and Strategic Plans and in the Ontario and Seneca County's Routes 96 & 318 Rural Corridor Study, all mention to reduce speed on Route 96;
- 8) In the Transportation Enhancement Program trail/pathway project it is pointed out that speed reduction is needed on NYS Route 96 for the safety and well-being of that area;
- 9) The NYS Department of Transportation currently has initiated another investigation of Route 96 between North Avenue and Pratt Road relative to the establishment of a lower speed limit;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1) That the Village of Manchester, along with the Town of Manchester, the Ontario County Planning Department and local legislative representatives, request a favorable review in the New York State Department of Transportations study that would show that a speed reduction is warranted at this time on NYS Route 96 from North Avenue to Pratt Road, and that the speed determined be 40 mph;

- 2) That consideration also is given to a solution at the intersection of NYS Route's 96 and 21 to ensure a safe pedestrian crossing area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the NYS Department of Transportation, Honorable Michael F. Nozzolio, Senator, 54th District, Honorable John "Randy" Kuhl, Jr., Congressman, 29th District, and Honorable Brian M. Kolb, Assemblyman, 129th District.

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

Mayor Johnsen	Voting	"AYE"
Trustee Bogner	Voting	"AYE"
Trustee Henry	Voting	"AYE"

The resolution was duly adopted.

MERRICK CIRCLE - EMINENT DOMAIN

A memo was received from Village Attorney John Tyo that correspondence with the property owners along Merrick Circle has been involved. His proposal is to write one more letter, wait two weeks, and then pursue eminent domain. A motion was made by Mayor Johnsen, seconded by Trustee Bogner, that if no positive response and cooperation is given by the bordering property owners, the village will pursue the option of eminent domain to establish officially dedicating Merrick Circle as a village street. The motion was voted on and unanimously carried.

4 PRATT RD – CURBING REQUEST

The tabled decision from last month's meeting of Mr. Moses' request to add a short road curbing in the front of his property, was discussed. It was established that it won't be done this fiscal year as it was not budgeted accordingly. The curbing for the whole village will be assessed at future budgeting workshops.

TEP GRANT UPDATE – BRIAN PITCHER

No area variance is needed if Mr. Pitcher's recreation vehicle is parked on the south side of his property to the rear of the front corner of his house. In order to do so, a curb cut is needed as is the removal of a small tree. To facilitate the trail project, it was determined to allow this curb cut and tree removal.

HALLOWEEN PARADE & TRICK OR TREAT NIGHT

The Firemen's parade will be held on Friday, October 31st at 6:30 PM lining up on Howard Street and proceeding to the Manchester Fire Department for costume judging. Escort will be provided by village police. Refreshments and prizes will be provided by MFD. The Village of Manchester proclaims TRICK OR TREAT NIGHT Friday, October 31, 2008 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. The Mayor directed the clerk to run the ad in the Merchandiser to run the week of October 20th.

CITIZEN HOSE AMBULANCE AGREEMENT

A motion was made by Trustee Bogner to adopt the 2008/2009 Ambulance agreement with the Citizen Hose Company in the amount of \$1,600., seconded by Mayor Johnsen, voted on and unanimously carried.

MANCHESTER FAMILY PARK INSPECTION REPORT

The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation conducted a site inspection on July 24, 2008 of the Manchester Family Park and reported the park to be in good condition. The Equal Opportunity sign needs to be displayed, need to update basketball court, make repairs to fencing, label restrooms, repair tennis court netting. The DPW will begin work on the EO signage and labeling the restrooms. Other items will be addressed at budget workshop.

2006 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)

The project completion date is September 30, 2008. It has been determined that the village will need more time to complete the project. The mayor directed the clerk to request an extension from the Office of Community Renewal to December 31, 2008.

The meeting was adjourned on motion at 7:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita J. Gurewitch
Clerk/Treasurer