

**VILLAGE OF MANCHESTER  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING  
HELD AT 8 CLIFTON STREET, MANCHESTER NY  
ON OCTOBER 03, 2011**

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

Absent: Jeff Liberati, DPW Supervisor

Others: Don Blaisdell, Ed Ruthven, Jim Goodall, Fire Department; Anthony Muscolino, ZBA Chairman.

Recording: Rita J. Gurewitch, Clerk/Treasurer

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor Johnsen. The clerk led in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

The minutes of the regular meeting held on September 06, 2011 were read and approved upon motion from Trustee Henry, seconded by Trustee Bogner. The August Treasurer's report was reviewed and approved upon motion from Trustee Henry, seconded by Trustee Bogner, subject to audit, voted on and carried unanimously. Bills were authorized for payment on Abstract #05 of Audited Vouchers, General Fund totaling \$34,272.16; Water Fund totaling \$29,198.01; Sewer Fund totaling \$419.77; CDBG totaling \$0.00 and TEP totaling \$2,311.13.

**TRAIL UPDATE**

There will be a trail meeting on this Thursday, October 6th at 1:00 pm in the boardroom. Waiting for certification/approval on stone dust from the Manchester Dolomite plant. There have been difficult wet areas where the ground has a high clay content. The NYS Dept. of Transportation conducted a construction audit on 9/20/11. Recommendations were noted. The Federal Highway Administration will be here to review the construction phase of the trail on November 9, 2011 at 1:00 pm.

**CABOOSE UPDATE**

Trustee Bogner stated that the caboose, which is not a caboose, it is a work car, is now on its site on South Main Street. This project is now on hold until Spring 2012.

**REAL PROPERTY TAX LEVY LIMIT ("2% TAX CAP") LAW**

The Board discussed the Tax Cap Law. The law limits the total tax levy, not the assessed value or the tax rate. Local governments may not adopt a budget that requires a tax levy that exceeds the prior year's levy by more than 2%, unless the governing board first adopts a local law to override the tax levy limitation. The levy for the Village of Manchester this tax year was actually down 1.2%. There will be no Mandate relief available. After further discussion, and considering the least risk and most protection for the Village of Manchester at the local level, the following resolution was offered by Trustee Bogner, seconded by Mayor Johnsen who moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION NO. 07-2011 – RESOLUTION OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 1-2011**

At a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Manchester, held at the Village Hall, 8 Clifton Street, Manchester, New York, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 2011.

PRESENT: Nancy W. Johnsen, Mayor  
William F. Henry, Trustee  
Gary J. Bogner, Trustee

**WHEREAS**, a Local Law, being proposed as Local Law No. 1 for the Village of Manchester, 2011 was introduced at this meeting by a member of the Board of Trustees:

**A LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE TAX  
LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW §3-c**

**AND WHEREAS**, this Board desires to hold a public hearing with respect to the adoption of said Local Law,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that a public hearing be held by this Board with respect to the adoption of the aforesaid Local Law at the Village Hall, 8 Clifton Street, Manchester, New York, on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2011 at 6:00 pm., and it is further

**RESOLVED** that the Village Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause public notice of said hearing to be given as provided by law.

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

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| Mayor Johnsen  | Voting | “AYE” |
| Trustee Henry  | Voting | “AYE” |
| Trustee Bogner | Voting | “AYE” |

The resolution was duly adopted.

#### **DPW REPORT**

- Mayor Johnsen reported that the hay bales and pumpkins have been ordered for the autumn decorations.

#### **POLICE REPORT:**

- September 2011 Police report on file in the clerk’s office. 93 calls.
- Special Details: 1<sup>st</sup> day of School, traffic increase, Homecoming Bonfire.
- Misc.: Passed school bus complaint, Cow complaint – South Avenue.
- Halloween will be Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

#### **FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

- September report was handed in and on file in the clerk’s office.
- 13 calls were made in September
- Trustee Henry remarked that the Fire Department “100 year” anniversary banquet held October 1<sup>st</sup> at Club 86, Geneva, NY was very nice. The fire department received many honors. He wanted to make note that the Daily Messenger on September 16<sup>th</sup> printed a “cheer” to Chief Chad Romeiser, Captain Ed Ruthven, Curtis Webb and Mike Woodard, all of the Manchester Fire Department, assisted the M. M. Ewing Continuing Care Center’s *Wish Upon a Star* program last month by making a residents wish come true. Being wheelchair bound, he wanted to share a Sunday supper with his wife in her apartment which is on the second story of a farmhouse. So the firefighters assembled at the house to carry him up the narrow flight of stairs and then returned hours later to carry him back down.
- Trustee Henry received the training log (up to August) to keep on file in the clerks office. He will get a copy each quarter.
- Trustee Henry met with the Fire Department Executive Board on September 12<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 pm. This will be a quarterly occurrence.

#### **PARKS & TRAILS NEW YORK**

Anthony Muscolino, Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman, attended a Parks & Trails New York conference at Cornell University in Ithaca NY. Mr. Muscolino reported that our trail will be a great resource for the Village of Manchester, along with great opportunities. He presented pamphlets and ideas for our community. The Village of Manchester will become a member of the Park & Trails New York.

The next regular Village Board meeting will be on Monday, November 07, 2011 at 6:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned upon motion at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita J. Gurewitch  
Village Clerk/Treasurer