

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD OCTOBER 4, 2004

Present: Bruce E. Miles, Mayor
Nancy W. Johnsen, Trustee
Norman E. Folts, Trustee

Others: Chief William Dean, Cub Scout Leaders William Lawrence and Janine Boor and Members of Cub Scout Pack #49, Girl Scout Leader Tammy Harshfield, Josie and Timmy Harshfield, Matt Schaertl

Recording: Angela D'Arduini, Clerk/Treasurer

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Miles. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by five members of Cub Scout Pack #49. Minutes of the meeting held on September 7, 2004 were read and approved as presented. Bills were authorized for payment on Abstracts of Audited Vouchers #13, General Fund totaling \$8,555.35; #14, Water Fund totaling \$21,937.67; and #15, Sewer Fund totaling \$302.92. The treasurer's report for the month of August was approved subject to audit.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Trustee Nancy Johnsen has formed a committee for the beautification of the Village of Manchester. Their first meeting was held on September 30, 2004. Their first project will be decorating the village for fall and Halloween. They will be soliciting pumpkins and cornstalks to be used at the entrances to the village, the bandstand, the triangle and the village hall. Seasonal flags will hang from the poles surrounding the bandstand. The Cub Scouts will be asked to paint the pumpkins if interested. The next meeting of the committee will be on October 18, 2004 to discuss decorations for Christmas.

HALLOWEEN PARADE & TRICK OR TREAT NIGHT

This year the firemen's Halloween Parade will be combined with the Village of Shortsville. The parade will be held on Saturday, October 30th at 6:30 PM at the Manchester-Shortsville School. Participants will line up in front of the high school and parade into the cafeteria to be judged. Free refreshments and prizes will be donated by the Shortsville-Manchester Chamber of Commerce and the Manchester and Shortsville Fire Departments. The Chamber of Commerce will pay for the ad in the Merchandiser to run the weeks of October 18th and October 25th.

The Villages of Manchester and Shortsville proclaim TRICK OR TREAT NIGHT Sunday, October 31st 6 – 8:30 PM.

NEW RADAR

Chief William Dean told the board that his radar is not working and no longer available to replace. He said he can replace it with something comparable for about \$1,480. The Mayor asked the clerk to check the budget to see if money is available.

PUMPKIN PAINTING – STORE FRONT PAINTING

Cub Scout leaders William Lawrence and Janine Boor and several members of Pack #49 attended the meeting. Mayor Miles asked them if they would be interested in painting pumpkins for the beautification committee to be used along with cornstalks in decorating the village. The village will supply the paint and the scouts will paint the pumpkins in the village pole barn on Vanderwall Drive on Wednesday, October 6th at 7:00 PM. Mayor Miles then opened the floor to questions from the Cub Scouts. Some of the questions asked included what he does as Mayor, if he likes his job, and how old he is.

Girl Scout leader Tammy Harshfield attended the meeting. Ten merchants have agreed to let the girl scouts paint their store fronts for Halloween. The village will supply the paint.

STOP SIGN – EDGEMERE & NEWTON

The clerk received a complaint regarding the huge evergreen that is blocking the stop sign on the south side of Edgemere Drive. The Mayor will discuss this with Highway Superintendent Jeff Liberati.

SUPPORT OF COLLATERAL SOURCE BILL (S.622/A.3483)

The following resolution was offered by Trustee Folts, seconded by Trustee Johnsen who moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, under the provisions of current State Law there exists an anomaly under which the public employer – when sued by one of its employees – is now the sole defendant and is not entitled in tort actions to a reduction of future lost earnings awards for disability pensions, etc., that are meant to serve the same purpose as such awards, and

WHEREAS, this inequity means that the public employer effectively must pay twice for the loss of future earnings, while private employers have to pay only once, and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. S.622A, sponsored by Senators Michael F. Nozzolio, Dale Volker, et. al., and the companion Assembly Bill A.3483 would amend Section 4545 of the Civil Practice Law and Rules to allow public employers such as the Village of Manchester the same right to offset collateral sources against tort wards for the loss of future earnings, thus giving the Village of Manchester and other public employers the same status as private defendants under the current statute, and

WHEREAS, local municipalities are facing a fiscal crisis in the aftermath of the September 11, 2001 disaster and its impact on the finances of New York State;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Manchester Board of Trustees, Ontario County, New York, hereby urges the New York State Senate and Assembly to adopt, and Governor Pataki to sign, this legislation on behalf of all municipalities in New York State, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to New York State Senator Michael F. Nozzolio, Assemblyman Brian M. Kolb, Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, Senate Majority Leader Joseph L. Bruno, and Governor George E. Pataki.

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

Mayor Miles	Voting	“AYE”
Trustee Folts	Voting	“AYE”
Trustee Johnsen	Voting	“AYE”

The resolution was therefore declared duly adopted.

The meeting was adjourned on motion at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela D’Arduini
Clerk/Treasurer