

**VILLAGE OF MANCHESTER  
REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING  
HELD AT 8 CLIFTON STREET, MANCHESTER NY  
ON February 06, 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, Newton St; Joseph & Maureen Robert, Cheyenne Sweinhart 49 Clifton St; Ron Mitchell, Matt Haggerty, RJB; David Wright, Victor NY, Rail Club.

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 January 09, 2023 were read. A motion was made by Trustee Henry, seconded by Trustee Fine, to approve the January meeting minutes, unanimously carried.

The Clerk presented the January Treasurer's Report. A motion was made by Trustee Henry, seconded by Trustee Fine, to accept the Treasurer's report for January, voted on and unanimously carried subject to audit. Bills were authorized for payment on Abstract #9 of Audited Vouchers, General Fund totaling \$19,259.70; Water Fund totaling \$562.36; Sewer Fund totaling \$49,896.76; ARPA totaling \$0.00 and Trust & Agency Fund \$11,888.98.

**Requested – FRIENDS OF RED JACKET COMMUNITY CENTER**

This committee would like to utilize our Boardroom for their meetings. After discussing this request the Board said that use could be during office hours if the room is not in use. Also, if needed, to arrive during business hours, then could stay and then lock up when leaving.

**Reported – EMINENT DOMAIN AT THE END OF NEWTON STREET**

When contacting an appraiser that was recommended to place a value on this section of land; the gentleman stated it would be minimum three weeks before they could get to us. The clerk will contact another appraiser.

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 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 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> 2022. The thirty (30) days were up January 13, 2023. No contact regarding this Eminent Domain procedure.

**Discussed - TOWN OF MANCHESTER - VILLAGE WATER CUSTOMER ON ROUTE 96**

There was a meeting January 23 between the Town and Village concerning the shared water line on Route 96. Another meeting has been scheduled for March 13, 2023 at 5:00 pm to try to come to an agreement on this section of pipe/water (State Street Pump House to East side of the Canandaigua Outlet) as to the billing of five (5) customers. Trustee Henry feels that instead of having another meeting where one side says this and the other says that, he feels the Village should go straight to arbitration and not waste more time. Trustee Fine feels not to cancel the meeting, as discussions are good. It means we are still talking. The original agreement is up in 2025. It is agreed to start on that soon.

**Discussed – TRAFFIC CONCERNS/SPEED IN VILLAGE**

There was a discussion on traffic concerns within the village. Topics were speed bumps, signage and other traffic aids. DPW Supervisor George Hotchkiss presented what he found on speed bumps. He said the ones he found would be temporary and able to move around the village. \$500 a set and would need two at least. George will have to check for signage etc. that would be also needed. Trustee Henry said we have to try to deal with some of our traffic concerns.

Joseph and Maureen Robert at 49 Clifton Street, along with their daughter, Cheyenne Sweinhart, want the new "No Parking" sign across from their home removed. The sign is inconvenient to them. DPW Supervisor Hotchkiss stated that the sign was put up because if anyone parks there, the snow plow cannot get by as the road narrows there. They asked if it could be widened. Mr. Robert stated rarely do they park long term. They are a non-for-profit program to trap, neuter/spay, vaccinate and return stray cats. He said it is drop off or pick up.

After a lengthy discussion, Trustee Fine stated that there is a 30 minute time limit for cars in No Parking Zones after the "tire mark". The Board noted that if it is snowing they must abide and NOT be in the street and use caution to load.

Mr. & Mrs. Robert also mentioned the drainage problem that is on Clifton Street. The Village is aware of Clifton Street drainage issues and has worked on it.

### **Reported – RED JACKET JR BASEBALL**

Ronald Mitchell, representing RJB, requested use of the ball fields on West Avenue. It is an ongoing lease each year. Day of Pride will be Saturday April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Opening Day will be May 6, 2023. Parade line up will be at Dollar General around 9:00 am, with the parade starting at 9:30 am and opening ceremonies at 10:00 am at the ballfields. Various things were discussed: Turn the water on before April 22<sup>nd</sup>, Propane tank filled, new soil for the field (same amount as last year), dumpster availability. They attempted to clean ansul system over grill. They are working on a project for a soft back drop and fence. Needs are: soil, clean ansul, need help financing bleachers, fence, back drop and dumpster. Westplex Drive needs fixing also. Concession contact is Michelle Mitchell.

### **Reported – BUDGET WORKSHOP**

A Budget Workshop is scheduled for February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:30 am.

### **Discussed – SUMMER CONCERTS 2023**

We have received a few requests for this summer's concert series. This was tabled until next Board meeting.

### **Reported – SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM 2023**

Tentative dates for the Rec program are 7/10/23 to 8/18/2023.

### **Reported – LEHIGH VALLEY RAILROAD MEMORIAL PARK**

Mayor Buttaccio presented more information from the Modeling Railroad Club trying to fix up the box cars. They would like funding from the village to help continue working. Trustee Henry felt today's presentation was detailed and more informative. A motion was made by Trustee Fine, seconded by Trustee Henry to allot \$3500 out of A7110.4 Parks to move forward on the project. Mr. David Wright from Victor Friends of the Railroad, feels this is a worthwhile project that will be an asset to the Village. He has been involved with putting model railroads together for many years and is on the committee. Mr. Wright also thanked the Board.

### **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.

### **Email read – JEFF GRAFF, ATTY**

An email was received from Attorney Jeffery Graff from Clifton Springs. He would be pleased to be appointed the village attorney upon hearing of John Tyo's retirement. The Mayor stated that Mr. Tyo has not retired as yet so is still the Village Attorney. It was discussed there may be a conflict of interest as Mr. Graff is the Town of Manchester's attorney.

### **DPW REPORT**

- Boy Scout Canoe launch is not safe and not functioning. Needs repair. Scout Leader to be contacted.
- Looking into fencing and cameras at highway garage, maybe trail cams also
- DPW would like Internet at highway garage.
- Also two summer help, one of them to water flowers
- Trustee Henry is going to contact BOCES to see if they have anyone who may work
- Purchase 21-25 banners, 4 angels
- Will fix Westplex Avenue by ball fields

### **POLICE REPORT**

- Manchester Police Department has been dissolved.
- Police car needs to be stripped down before going to auction.

### **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