

MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP
Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday, September 8, 2020

Supervisor DeRossett called regular meeting of the Township of Manchester to order at 7:03p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor Gene DeRossett, Clerk Danell Proctor, Treasurer Laurie Carey, Trustee Lisa Moutinho, Trustee Ron Milkey, Trustee Mike Fusilier and Trustee John Seefeld.

ALSO PRESENT: Fire Chief Bill Scully, Sybil Kolon, Pat Vaillencourt, Kim Thompson, Don Steele, Carl Macomber, Mike Walter

ADDITIONS & DELETIONS TO AGENDA Add to Department Report/Business f) Broadband. Motion Seefeld, seconded Milkey to approve the agenda with changes. Ayes: All. **CARRIED.**

ACCEPTANCE/APPROVAL OF VARIOUS MINUTES: Board received the minutes of the regular meeting of 8/11/2020 and special meeting of 8/22/2020. Moved by Fusilier, seconded Carey to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting of 8/11/2020 and special meeting of 8/22/2020 as presented. Ayes: All. **CARRIED.** The board accepted the minutes from the Planning Commission 9/3/2020.

OTHER MINUTES ON FILE: Manchester Village Council

TREASURER'S REPORT: \$ 1,268,973.89. Motion Moutinho, seconded Seefeld to accept Treasurers report. Ayes: Fusilier, Seefeld, Milkey, Proctor, Seefeld, Carey, Moutinho, DeRossett. **CARRIED.**

PRESENTAION OF BILLS: Bills to be paid \$11,867.80 from the General Fund and \$15,649.28 from General Fund for Building Repair Invoices. Motion Carey, seconded Seefeld to approve payment of bills from the General Fund for \$11,867.80. Ayes: Proctor, Milkey, Fusilier, Seefeld, DeRossett, Carey, Moutinho. **CARRIED.** Motion Fusilier, seconded Milkey to approve payment of Building Repair Invoices from the General fund for \$15,649.28. Ayes: Milkey, DeRossett, Seefeld, Moutinho, Proctor, Carey, Fusilier. **CARRIED.**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

- a) Fire Department Activity Report: On file.
- b) Fire Chiefs Report. Report Given.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS/BUSINESS:

- a) ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: Report on File.
- b) PLANNING COMMISSION: Report Given.
- c) SUPERVISOR: Report Given.
- d) FACILITIES-BUILDING/GROUNDS: Report Given. A tree at Reynolds Cemetery fell and damaged a headstone and fence. Information has been given to our insurance company to file a claim.
- e) BOARDS/MEETINGS: SWWCOG December 2, 2020 at Bridgewater Township 7:00 pm
- f) BROADBAND: Working on hot spots around the county for underserved residents. Press release prepared but has not been released yet.

NEW BUSINESS:

CLOSED SESSION:

Motion DeRossett, seconded Carey to go into closed session to discuss the written confidential written legal opinion from our Township attorney on the current AshKay Island litigation and the short-term rental uses occurring on the same property pursuant to MCL 15.268(h) at 7:50 p.m. Ayes: Seefeld, Fusilier, Proctor, DeRossett, Carey, Moutinho, Milkey. **CARRIED.**

Motion Milkey, Seconded Moutinho to return to open session at 8:07 p.m. Ayes: Milkey, Moutinho, Carey, DeRossett, Proctor, Fusilier, Seefeld. **CARRIED.**

OTHER BUSINESS:

- a) Short Term Rentals. The Board unanimously approved enforcement of the ordinance violations at AshKay Island on October 10, 2017. On May 8, 2018, the decision to pursue enforcement again came before the Board, but this time resulted in a 3-3 tie. This split vote only meant that no further action was to be taken and did not overturn the Township's previous decision to enforce the AshKay Island violations. Motion DeRossett, seconded Seefeld, to affirm the Township's prior decision to commence enforcement proceedings against AshKay Island by: 1) Filing a lawsuit in Circuit Court for the zoning and building code violations on AshKay Island, including the operation of a short-term rental; and 2) Joining the current litigation against AshKay Island in the Court of Appeals as recommended by the Township attorneys. Ayes: DeRossett, Carey, Moutinho, Milkey, Seefeld, Fusilier, Proctor. **CARRIED.**
- b) Building Repair Update. Milkey gave an update on what is left to be done on the building repairs from the damage done on May 10, 2020. Should have everything done by the first of October.
- c) Oak Grove Cemetery. Proctor gave an update on the progress of the change of ownership for Oak Grove Cemetery. Township attorney is working on Perpetual Care Fund transfer with Old National Bank. Once that is done will forward information to the state.
- d) Village of Manchester. Milkey spoke and said we need to make sure we have open communication with the Village.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Pat Vaillencourt, Kim Thompson, Carl Macomber

CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) Washtenaw County Road Commission Staff & Monthly Report

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Milkey, seconded Proctor to Adjourn. Voice vote: Ayes: all. **CARRIED.**
Meeting Adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Danell Proctor, Clerk
Approved: October 13, 2020