

MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, July 12, 2022

Supervisor Milkey called the regular meeting of the Township of Manchester to order at 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor Ron Milkey, Clerk Danell Proctor, Treasurer Kim Thompson, Trustee John Seefeld, Trustee Lisa Moutinho, Trustee Mike Fusilier, Recording Secretary Brenda Bancroft.

Absent: Trustee Krista Jarvis.

ALSO PRESENT: Fire Chief Scully, Tina Bednarski-Lynch, Don Steele, Laura Gervick, Bill Gervick, Pam Wiseman

ADDITIONS & DELETIONS TO AGENDA: Add to Old Business: C. Community Survey. Motion Milkey, seconded Fusilier to approve the agenda as amended. Ayes: Proctor, Milkey, Moutinho, Fusilier, Thompson, Seefeld. Absent: Jarvis. **CARRIED.**

ACCEPTANCE/APPROVAL OF VARIOUS MINUTES: Board received the minutes of the regular meeting of 6/14/2022. Amend as Jarvis is shown both absent and present – was present for the meeting but late. Board also received minutes for Township Board – Budget Workshop 6/20/2022, and Township Board – Special Meeting 6/27/2022.

Moved by Milkey, seconded Moutinho to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting of 6/12/2022 as amended and approve minutes from 6/20/22 & 6/27/2022 as presented. Ayes: Proctor, Milkey, Moutinho, Fusilier, Thompson, Seefeld. Absent: Jarvis. **CARRIED.**

Board accepted minutes from the Manchester Township Planning Commission – 7/7/2022 meeting.

OTHER MINUTES ON FILE: Manchester Village Council.

TREASURER’S REPORT: \$1,749,029.37.0

Motion Milkey, seconded Fusilier to accept Treasurer’s report. Ayes: Proctor, Milkey, Moutinho, Fusilier, Thompson, Seefeld. Absent: Jarvis. **CARRIED.**

PRESENTATION OF BILLS: Bills to be paid \$26,692.20 from the General Fund.

Motion Fusilier, seconded Milkey to approve payment of bills from General Fund for \$26,692.20. Ayes: Seefeld, Thompson, Moutinho, Milkey, Proctor, Fusilier. Absent: Jarvis. **CARRIED.**

PUBLIC COMMENT: Tina Bednarski-Lynch.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

- a) Fire Department Activity Report: 45 Calls for the month of June.
- b) Fire Chiefs Report. Accepted. Monthly meetings and trainings were held, as noted. Requested site plan review of Solar Farm, which is on hold. Review of site plan for coffee shop in village. Budget request to purchase new utility truck to replace pickup truck and would like to begin soliciting bids. Build on new firetruck may start this month – will hopefully have truck by end of the year. Will have weekly photos of progress. Resignation letter from Assistant Chief Weidmeyer. Will begin to solicit for that position.

Motion Milkey, Second Proctor to accept resignation of Assistant Chief Weidmeyer. Ayes: Seefeld, Thompson, Moutinho, Milkey, Proctor, Fusilier. Absent: Jarvis. **CARRIED.**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS/BUSINESS:

- a) Zoning Administrator: Report on File. 4 permits issued in June, 3 new residences, 1 barn/garage.

b) Planning Commission: Public Hearing on July 7, 2022, was well attended for Solar Farm at the high school. Joint Planning Meeting postponed until August because of Public Hearing on Solar Farm. Significant amount of public participation regarding Solar Farm – motion did not pass to approve it. Seeking additional monies to improve Watkins Lake trail.

c) Supervisor: Buss Road project came in approximately \$13,000 under budget – is considering moving those monies to Herman Road project for ditching and tree clearing from Deer Valley to Sharon Hollow Road. Will get more detailed numbers and adjusted cost for that project and will have those numbers for next month's meeting.

Residents on Wellwood Ct contacted township in regard to setting up a special assessment district. Just finished Timber Lake special assessment district.

Due to complaints from the plant manager at Teijin, reached out to Michigan State Police and ran traffic control for unsafe driving on West Austin. State police will continue to monitor that area with future traffic control at an unspecified date. Looking at eliminating the passing zone in front of the plant and installing a radar sign.

d) Facilities Buildings/Grounds: No report.

e) Boards/Meetings: No report.

f) Broadband: Taskforce meeting 7/20/2022 at 8am on Zoom – information is on county's website. Gap filling portion of Manchester Township internet construction should begin Spring 2023, expected to be completed Fall 2023.

g) Parks & Rec: Jarvis absent – no report.

h) Cemetery: No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

a) Meeting Dates for 2022-2023

Proctor advised that the second Tuesday in August is the Manchester Fair and scheduled the meeting date for August is 8/16/2022. Also, because the second Tuesday in November is an election day, meeting date for November is 11/15/2022.

Motion Milkey, Second Seefeld to approve meeting dates. Voice vote: all ayes. **Carried**

b) Set Wages for Non-Elected Employees

Proctor presented current wages and CPI wage increase for Non-Elected Employees – does not include Sexton or Firefighters.

Motion Fusilier, Second Thompson to increase wages to proposed CPI level for Non-Elected Employees. Ayes: Seefeld, Thompson, Moutinho, Milkey, Proctor, Fusilier.

Absent: Jarvis. **CARRIED.**

Fusilier motioned to increase firefighter wages as recommended and approved by budget, Second Milkey. Ayes: Seefeld, Thompson, Moutinho, Milkey, Proctor, Fusilier. Absent: Jarvis. **CARRIED.**

c) Appoint Township Attorney, Auditor, 2 Banks, and Newspaper of Record.

Township attorney is Bill Fahey from Fahey Schultz Burzych & Rhodes, Auditor is Rana Emmons from PSLZ, LLP, banks are Old National Bank and Level One, newspaper is the Manchester Mirror.

Motion Thompson to approve Township Attorney, Auditor, 2 Banks and Newspaper of Record appointments, Second Moutinho. Ayes: Seefeld, Thompson, Moutinho, Milkey, Proctor, Fusilier. Absent: Jarvis. **CARRIED.**

d) Resolution No. 22-11 Ordinance Established Mineral Extraction Moratorium.

Motion Fusilier to approve Resolution No. 22-11 Ordinance Established Mineral Extraction Moratorium as presented, Second Seefeld. Ayes: Seefeld, Thompson, Moutinho, Milkey, Proctor, Fusilier. Absent: Jarvis. **CARRIED.**

e) Resolution No. 22-12 Ordinance Establishing Commercial Wind Energy Conversion Systems (WECS) Moratorium.

Motion Fusilier to approve Resolution No. 22-12 Ordinance Establishing Commercial Wind Energy Conversion Systems (WECS) Moratorium as presented, Second Thompson. Ayes: Seefeld, Thompson, Moutinho, Milkey, Proctor, Fusilier. Absent: Jarvis. **CARRIED.**

f) Resolution No. 22-14 Resolution for Fire Protection Services Millage.

Motion Fusilier to approve Resolution No. 22-14 Resolution for Fire Protection Services Millage as presented, Second Thompson. Ayes: Seefeld, Thompson, Moutinho, Milkey, Proctor, Fusilier. Absent: Jarvis. **CARRIED.**

OLD BUSINESS:

- a) Village of Manchester. Moving toward getting a 9-person charter commission ready for election in November.

- b) Resolution No. 22-02 “A Resolution to Establish an Intermunicipality Committee Under PA 200 of 1957 of the Public Acts of Michigan”.
Motion Seefeld to approve Resolution No. 22-02 “A Resolution to Establish an Intermunicipality Committee Under PA 200 of 1957 of the Public Acts of Michigan” as presented, Second Milkey. Ayes: Seefeld, Thompson, Moutinho, Milkey, Proctor, Fusilier. Absent: Jarvis. **CARRIED.**

- c) Results from Community Survey
Will address this further at the next meeting as board would like further time to review.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS.

Seefeld: A lot of negative comments on Solar from the public but also a lot of positive. Thought the Solar Farm was a good idea, but the location was not appropriate. There are places in the township that would be more ideal for a Solar Farm.

Fusilier: Voiced concerns on how we should preserve rural character of this town, as we will continue to face pressure from outside forces on this township as it’s ripe for development.

Proctor: Update on election: Primaries are August 2, 2022. Mailed out 1434 applications on June 24-25. Mailed 482 ballots as of the meeting’s date.

Milkey: Concerned about conditional uses in agricultural uses, as it currently allows sawmills, airports, concrete & asphalt plants, water treatment plants, and agricultural implement dealers. Planning commission heard what the public had to say and agrees there should be significant time spent reviewing conditional uses.

Thompson: Tax bills are out.

Moutinho: Seat open for Joint Planning Commission – still seeking applicant. Leveraging ARPA for maximum value for township. Scheduled ARPA workshop for the board – September 13, 2022, at 6 p.m.

Board commented on how to improve the recycle bins’ location and signage as it’s still a work in progress.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) Washtenaw County Road Commission Staff & Monthly Report
Milkey noted reports are on file.
- b) 2022 Millage Rates & Taxes
Report on file.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion Thompson, seconded Seefeld to adjourn. Ayes: All. **CARRIED.**

Meeting Adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Danell Proctor
Clerk
Approved: August 16, 2022