

MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 11, 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, Trustee Krista Jarvis, Recording Secretary Brenda Bancroft.

ALSO PRESENT: Fire Chief Bill Scully, Representatives from AES (Frank Krawczel, Eric Stock, Katie Haarsager), Attorneys David Landry & Jake Witte, Jim Samonek, Carol Samonek, Corey Rippey, Jeremy Rippey, Carl Radcliff, Patricia Hansen, Jeff Hansen, Pam Wiseman, Todd Wiseman, Laura Gervick, Bill Gervick, Greg Majerle, Sarah Majerle, Devin Jose, Patrick Parkinson, Richard McNutt, Carl Werner, Karen Revill, Sherry Green-Parkinson, Liz Caron, Carl Blaine

ADDITIONS & DELETIONS TO AGENDA:

Motion Fusilier, second Jarvis, to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: Proctor, Milkey, Moutinho, Fusilier, Thompson, Seefeld, Jarvis. **CARRIED.**

ACCEPTANCE/APPROVAL OF VARIOUS MINUTES: Board received the minutes of the Manchester Township Regular Board Meeting of 9/13/2022.

Moved by Seefeld, second Jarvis to approve the minutes from the Manchester Township Regular Board Meeting of 9/13/2022 as presented. Ayes: Proctor, Milkey, Moutinho, Fusilier, Thompson, Seefeld, Jarvis. **CARRIED.**

Board accepted minutes from the Manchester Township Planning Commission – 10/06/2022 meeting.

OTHER MINUTES ON FILE: Manchester Village Council from 09/06/22 & 9/19/22.

TREASURER'S REPORT: \$1,844,168.34

Motion Fusilier, second Milkey to accept Treasurer's report. Ayes: Proctor, Milkey, Moutinho, Fusilier, Thompson, Seefeld, Jarvis. **CARRIED.**

PRESENTATION OF BILLS: Bills to be paid \$20,282.73 from the General Fund.

Motion Fusilier, second Moutinho, to approve payment of bills from General Fund for \$20,282.73. Ayes: Seefeld, Thompson, Moutinho, Milkey, Proctor, Fusilier, Jarvis. **CARRIED.**

Bills to be paid \$8,159.60 from Oak Grove Beautification Fund.

Motion Moutinho, second Seefeld, to approve. Ayes: Seefeld, Thompson, Moutinho, Milkey, Proctor, Fusilier, Jarvis. **CARRIED**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Carl Radcliff, Jeremy Rippey, Laura Gervick

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

- a) Fire Department Activity Report: Fire Chief Bill Scully left for an emergency call during the meeting and was unavailable to present the report.
- b) Fire Chief's Report.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS/BUSINESS:

- a) Zoning Administrator: Zoning Administrator Carl Macomber was unable to attend, and Supervisor Milkey presented the following on his behalf:
Zoning Administrator issued zoning permits for 2 garages/barns, 1 deck, 1 variance, 4 addresses. Working on zoning violation on Lakeside Drive.
- b) Planning Commission: Planning Commission spent considerable time working on an Agritourism Ordinance. Chairman Mike Walter reported he received correspondence from EGLE with regards to the Bustamante Wetland Project, but no site plans yet. Zoning Board of Appeals has a meeting scheduled on 10/20/22. Alissa Starling attended as a representative of Carlisle-Wortman & Associates. SWCOGG meeting was attended by Mike Walter and reported that the broadband taskforce was there and is looking to start connecting by Spring 2023 for this area. Washtenaw County Sherriff is looking to add another county-wide patrol. Manchester Schools Superintendent spoke about Homecoming game and parade and was happy for normalcy. Pat Vaillancourt spoke on the village golf cart ordinance, abandoned building ordinance and potential marijuana dispensary location. Joint Planning Commission agreed at the 10/06/22 meeting that they need more time to work on this project and will have a longer meeting on 10/18/22 at 7pm. Board agreed to temporarily pause working on a potential short term rental ordinance, as state level legislation is currently in process regarding that topic. Camping ordinance is not ready for presentation to the board yet. Chairman Walter has been looking at the long-term plan for Manchester Township, especially in regard to commercial corridors, and influx of population with increase in internet accessibility.
- c) Supervisor: Supervisor Milkey drove out to Hidden Lake RV and reported significant progress in construction. Herman Road project is ready for gravel from Grossman to Deer Valley – road surface is in good shape and will be capped before end of year. Washtenaw County Road Commission took care of fallen trees on Kirk, Logan, Noggles, & Sharon Valley; added 64 tons of gravel patching on Buss, Gieske, Grossman, Lakedrive South, Lamb, Noggles, Parr, & Sharon Hollow; added 32 tons of limestone patch on Grossman & Sandborn; added 14 tons of limestone shoulders on Herman & Austin. Also performed local dust control and primary road dust control.
- d) Facilities Buildings/Grounds: Supervisor Milkey is looking at redoing the township parking lot. Furnace inspection scheduled for October 2022.

- e) Boards/Meetings: No report.
- f) Broadband: Moutinho received correspondence asking when a resident would be hooked up to the broadband network. The website is running – can go to township or county website to check your address. It will tell you who will be serving you and when you can expect service. Also wanted to emphasize that construction and connection are two different things. Broadband taskforce is disbanding – last meeting is 10/20/22 at the Chelsea District Library.
- g) Parks & Rec: Jarvis reported they had their first meeting and have had some good progress. Welcomed Patty Hansen & Cheryl Smith to the team.
- h) Cemetery: Proctor reported they have installed the trashcans.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Washtenaw County Road Commission Third Agreement

First & Second Agreements were to finish Buss Road and then do the first section of Herman from Grossman to Deer Valley. This third agreement is a result from coming under budget on those projects. Supervisor Milkey requested Washtenaw County Road Commission to quote the cost for ditching, roadside berm removal, and restore the edges to prepare for gravel next year on Herman Road from Deer Valley to Sharon Hollow. Contract was presented at a cost of \$12,800.

Motion Milkey, Second Proctor, to sign and approve the Washtenaw County Road Commission Third Agreement, to be paid for with any extra funds as a result of coming under budget from the previous agreements and if additional funds are needed, to be paid from the ARP money.

Ayes: Seefeld, Thompson, Moutinho, Milkey, Proctor, Fusilier, Jarvis.

CARRIED

- b) WWRA Recycling Drop-off Sites Survey

Jarvis gave a report on this survey – mentioned that the option for the village were not included, just the townships on the survey. Will have a meeting later this month to add this to the survey and will present a more detailed report at the next township board meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a) Village of Manchester.
No report.

Closed Session with Township Attorneys

Motion Milkey, Second Proctor, for the board to enter a closed session at 7:45 p.m. regarding Thorn Lake Solar litigation. Ayes: Proctor, Milkey, Moutinho, Fusilier, Thompson, Seefeld, Jarvis. **CARRIED.**

Motion Milkey, Second Proctor, for the board to close the closed session at 8:40 p.m. regarding Thorn Lake Solar litigation and enter the open session. Ayes: Proctor, Milkey, Moutinho, Fusilier, Thompson, Seefeld, Jarvis. **CARRIED.**

Motion Thompson, Second Fusilier, for counsel to proceed as directed by the Manchester Township Board in respect to the Thorn Lake Solar litigation as discussed in the closed session. Ayes: Proctor, Milkey, Moutinho, Fusilier, Thompson, Seefeld, Jarvis. **CARRIED.**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Laura Gervick, Liz Caron, Jeremy Rippey, Carl Werner, Corey Rippey, Greg Majerle, Pat Parkinson, Carl Radcliff, Carl Blaine.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS.

Fusilier – subcommittees have been meeting and is moving forward with working on the Solar Ordinance. Looking forward to having them done. Township will see more pressure from solar/wind and gravel pits and need to be proactive.

Thompson – working on elections and absentee ballots.

Jarvis – thanked the public for their input and for coming and this is a difficult decision.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) Washtenaw County Road Commission Staff & Monthly Report
- b) Washtenaw County Sherriff Monthly Report

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting Adjourned at 9:01 PM

Danell Proctor, Clerk

Approved: November 15, 2022