

**VILLAGE OF MANCHESTER  
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING  
HELD AT 8 CLIFTON STREET, MANCHESTER NY  
ON DECEMBER 02, 2013**

Present: Nancy W. Johnsen, Mayor  
William F. Henry, Trustee  
Lynda J. Butler, Trustee  
Jeffrey P. Liberati, DPW Supervisor  
Richard T. Coffey, Police Chief

Absent: Harry Bowker, Fire Chief

Others: Roger Lonneville, Clerk of the Works; Patrick Nicoletta, MRB Group; Anthony Cirulli Clark,

Recording: Rita J. Gurewitch, Village Clerk/Treasurer

The clerk led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Mayor Johnsen called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**Mayor Johnsen called the public hearing to order at 6:00 PM.** The clerk read the Notice of Public Hearing on proposed Resolution No. 20-2013 entitled “**REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR PERSON OVER 65 FOR THE VILLAGE OF MANCHESTER, NEW YORK FOR THE 2015-2016 TAX YEAR**” which was listed in the Daily Messenger on November 20, 2013.

Mayor Johnsen asked three times if anyone had any questions or comments.  
No one spoke for or against the resolution.

**The public hearing was closed at 6:05 PM.**

**Mayor Johnsen called the regular meeting to order at 6:06 pm.** The minutes of the regular meeting held on November 04, 2013 were read and approved upon motion from Trustee Henry and seconded by Trustee Butler and unanimously carried. The October Treasurer report was reviewed and approved upon motion from Trustee Butler, seconded by Trustee Henry, subject to audit, voted on and carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Trustee Henry, seconded by Trustee Butler to transfer the following:

\$ 102.06 from A1990.4 Contingency to A1950.4 Taxes/Assess on Property  
\$5,000. from A1990.4 Contingency to A7110.4 Parks Contractual  
\$ 287.80 from A1990.4 Contingency to A7140.4 Playgrounds Contractual  
\$1,000. from A1990.4 Contingency to A7550.4 Celebrations

Bills were authorized for payment on Abstract #7 of Audited Vouchers, General Fund totaling \$19,952.59; Water Fund totaling \$1,356.36; Sewer Fund totaling \$84.89; Trust & Agency totaling \$82,346.52; CDBG totaling \$0.00 and TEP totaling \$0.00.

#### **VILLAGE HALL/FIRE STATION UPGRADE**

Roger Lonneville, Clerk of the Works, updated the Board on the progress of the project. The project is in the final stage and will end soon.

#### **LEHIGH AVENUE WATER TANK**

Patrick Nicoletta, from MRB Group, stated that repairs on the tank have been completed. At the end of this week or next we will need to disinfect/clean/drain etc to end. When the Lehigh Avenue tank gets put back online, we will need monitoring only when the Merrick Avenue tank comes down. Still waiting on the NYS Department of Health to go ahead.

#### **RESOLUTION No. 20-2013 - REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR PERSON OVER 65 FOR THE VILLAGE OF MANCHESTER, NEW YORK FOR THE 2015-2016 TAX YEAR**

**RESOLVED, AND BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Manchester as follows:

Section 1. Real Property owned by one or more persons one of whom is sixty-five years of age, or real property owned by husband and wife, one of whom is sixty-five years of age or over shall be exempt from taxation to the extent of fifty per centum of the assessed valuation thereof:

Section 2. No exemption shall be granted:

- a) if the income of the owner or the combined income of the owners of the property exceeds the sum of Twenty-Four Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-Nine and 99/100 Dollars (\$24,299.99) for the twelve consecutive months immediately preceding the date of making application for exemption. Where title is vested in either the husband or the wife, the combined income may not exceed such sum. Such income shall include Social Security and retirement benefits, interest, dividends, rental income, salary or earnings, and income from self-employment, but shall not include gifts or inheritance; and
- b) unless the title of the property shall have been vested in twenty-four months prior to the date of making application for exemption; and
- c) unless the property is used exclusively for residential purposes; and
- d) unless the real property is the legal residence of, and is occupied in whole or in part by the owner or by all of the owners of the property.

**Section 3.** As allowed by Section 467D of the New York State Real Property Tax Law, a sliding scale income level will be allowed as follows:

If income is More Than / but this amount is Less Than / % of deduction allowed		
<b>18,600.01</b>	<b>19,599.99</b>	<b>45%</b>
<b>19,600.00</b>	<b>20,599.99</b>	<b>40%</b>
<b>20,600.00</b>	<b>21,599.99</b>	<b>35%</b>
<b>21,600.00</b>	<b>22,499.99</b>	<b>30%</b>
<b>22,500.00</b>	<b>23,399.99</b>	<b>25%</b>
<b>23,400.00</b>	<b>24,299.99</b>	<b>20%</b>

**Section 4.** Application for such exemption must be made by the owner, or all of the owners, of the property, on forms to be furnished by the Town of Manchester Assessor, and shall furnish the information and be executed in the manner required or prescribed in such forms, and shall be filed in the office of the Town of Manchester Assessor at least ninety days before the day of filing the final assessment roll.

**Section 5.** Any conviction of having made any willful false statement in the application for such exemption shall be punishable by a fine of not more than One Hundred Dollars and shall disqualify the applicant from further exemption for a period of five years.

**Section 6.** This resolution will remain effective until it is amended by resolution of the Village Board of Manchester, NY from said date.

The above resolution was put to roll call vote which resulted in the following:

Mayor Johnsen	Voting	“AYE ”
Trustee Butler	Voting	“AYE ”
Trustee Henry	Voting	“AYE ”

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

**2014 YOUTH AGREEMENT – TOWN OF MANCHESTER**

The Town of Manchester submitted an agreement for the Youth Recreation Funding between the Town of Manchester and the Village of Manchester for the 2014 year. A decrease in funding was noted from \$2,766.67 to a new amount of \$1,383.34. Neither the agreement nor the voucher was signed at this time. Mayor Johnsen will meet with Town Supervisor Jeffrey Gallahan at a later date to discuss this funding. It was noted that the decrease in funding was due to the Town providing assistance in cemetery maintenance to Brookside Cemetery next summer.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Mr. Anthony Cirulli asked if the village recognizes any residents that turn 100 years old. It was noted that if we are notified then a proclamation will be prepared.

**DPW REPORT**

- Holiday decorations are all in place. Would like to switch to LED lighting next year and to take advantage of sales offered after the holidays.
- Reported that the evergreen tree in the triangle is getting too large, suggested that it could be moved to the Dollar General location for the community lighting of the tree.

**POLICE REPORT:**

- November Police report on file in clerk’s office.

- Parking on streets has been minimal

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

- Monthly report on file

The next regular Village Board meeting on Monday, January 06, 2014 at 6:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned upon motion at 7:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita J. Gurewitch  
Village Clerk/Treasurer