

**VILLAGE OF MANCHESTER
REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
HELD AT 8 CLIFTON STREET, MANCHESTER NY
ON AUGUST 5, 2024**

Present: Michael J. Buttaccio, Mayor
William F. Henry, Deputy Mayor, Trustee
Charles E. Fine, Trustee
George C. Hotchkiss, DPW Supervisor

Absent: None

Others: Rich Yan, Mike Blazey, Chris Martin and Tyler Korts, MFD; Diane & John Yacuzzo.

Recording: Rita J. Gurewitch, Village Clerk/Treasurer

The Clerk led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The meeting was called order by the Mayor at 6:00 pm.

The minutes of the Regular meeting on July 1, 2024 were read. A motion was made by Trustee Henry, seconded by Trustee Fine, to approve the minutes, and carried.

The Treasurer's Report was not presented at this time. The clerk did request a transfer of \$1,341.33 from the Contingency A1990.04 to Refund Taxes A.1964.04. A motion was made by Trustee Henry to approve the transfer, seconded by Trustee Fine, voted on and carried.

Bills were authorized for payment on Abstract #3 of Audited Vouchers, General Fund totaling \$21,307.00; Water Fund totaling \$1031.85; Sewer Fund totaling \$50967.68; ARPA totaling \$; and Trust & Agency Fund \$15,100.47; Capital Bond totaling \$.

Reported – LIBRARY BOX

The Free Library Box has been installed on the east side of the entrance to the village hall. It is reported it is well received and very active.

Reported – MANCHESTER RAILROAD MEMORIAL PARK – POMEROY SIGN

Plans are in progress to hold a dedication ceremony for The Pomeroy sign (NYS Marker) depicting the 1911 Train Derailment. The event will be held on the actual anniversary 113 years ago on 8/25/24 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Invitations will be sent.

Reported – FREDERICK PROPERTY- DAY ENVIRONMENTAL, INC.

A letter was received from Day Environmental Inc. for the annual site inspection. The site appears to be in good condition, and no actions are required at this time unless there are plans to alter the use. There are no plans at this time. No testing is required until August 2026.

Approved – REQUESTS

Red Jacket School is asking if they could use the board room for regents testing in January, 2025. Ms. Jamie Ann Buttaccio is request use of the Board room on 8/15 for a committee meeting. SMACC would like to use the room for Fraud training on 9/24 at 1:00 – 3:00. All requests were granted.

Approved – OUTDOOR DECORATIONS

There was a discussion on outdoor winter decorations. It was agreed upon to order 6 Christmas banners and 4 snowflakes. Add to the 4 angels we already have , they can span Main Street alternating the decorations.

Discussed – VILLAGE ATTORNEY

The village will look into hiring a new village attorney.

LETTERS/EMAILS:

1. Thank you from the school for the use of the Board room for regent testing.
2. Thank you from MMRA thanking the village for their support.
3. Ms. Lauren Fischer contacted the Mayor to voice her disapproval of the mowing down of the milkweeds along the trail. The milkweeds are so important to the continuance of the Monarch Butterfly. It upset her. The DPW did contact Ms. Fischer stating there needs to be a 12 ft clearing along the trail and they will take care the next time not to 'go overboard'.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

DPW REPORT

- Chlorinator discussion and approximate cost. \$22,000 plus test pit is needed approx. \$2,000.
- According to the new Copper & Lead report all villages need to replace galvanized pipes and lead goose necks. All lead based. Testing stations will be needed also.
- The Health Dept said before getting quotes to paint the water tower, hire a diver to check out its condition.
- 35 Merrick Ave will be getting water and sewer hook up to the village. DPW will try to schedule next week.
- Sidewalks will be started on State Street soon.
- Can't locate Speed humps to purchase.
- Looking to purchase ramp for back door.
- A motion was made by Trustee Fine to proceed in the Chlorinator Project, seconded by Trustee Henry and carried unanimously.
- George Hotchkiss and Sean sheets are approved to attend Water School.
- UDIG charges \$2 for each non answered notification. Last bill was \$30. The Mayor wants this looked into.
- Trustee Henry asked about two cars in the village parking lot. A discussion followed, not action taken at this time.
- Discussed Utility/Salt building
- Discussed Howard Street
- Discussed repairing holes at 51 North Avenue
- Discussed Fencing around the DPW
- Discussed Canoe launch at end of trail at Route 96. The Mayor spoke with the property owner who said it was ok to use his portion of the property along with the easement that is there.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

- 18 Calls for July 2024. The full report is on file in the clerk's office and a copy will be sent to the Town of Farmington and Town of Manchester.
- No news on the grant that has been submitted for the roof and new masonry floor.
- 1781 ladder has been damaged. It will be reported to the insurance company. The 'new' truck is at Ewings getting wrapped. The Fire Dept and the Village will split the cost of wrapping 50/50.
- The was introduced to members Chris Martin and Tyler Korts.
- The clerk handed out beneficiary forms for Interior firefighters for their Cancer Insurance Policies. They are to return them to her as soon as possible.

The meeting was adjourned upon motion at 7:39 pm. Next meeting is Monday, September 9, 2024 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita J. Gurewitch
Village Clerk/Treasurer

