

**VILLAGE OF MANCHESTER  
REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING  
And PUBLIC HEARINGS  
HELD AT 8 CLIFTON STREET, MANCHESTER NY  
ON DECEMBER 02, 2024**

Present: Michael J. Buttaccio, Mayor  
William F. Henry, Deputy Mayor, Trustee  
Charles E. Fine, Trustee  
Sean Sheets, DPW

Absent: NONE

Others: George Hotchkiss, DPW; Robyn Webb, Mike Blazey, Rich Yahn, MFD.

Recording: Rita J. Gurewitch, Village Clerk/Treasurer

The Clerk led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**PUBLIC HEARING NO. 1  
PROPOSED REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR PERSONS OVER 65**

Mayor Buttaccio opened the Public Hearing at 6:00pm. The Clerk read the notice that was published in the Daily Messenger.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, that a public hearing will be held by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Manchester, New York, on Monday evening December 02, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. at the Village Hall, 8 Clifton Street, Manchester, NY in regard to the adoption of a proposed resolution to grant Real Property Tax Exemptions to persons over sixty-five years of age to the extent of fifty per centum of the assessed valuation thereof, in accordance with the provisions of Section 467 of the Real Property Tax Law.

A copy of the proposed resolution is available for inspection by contacting the Village Clerk at the office in the Village Hall weekdays between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. until the date of the hearing on Monday, December 02, 2024.

Mayor Buttaccio asked if there were any comments. The Mayor asked again two more times if there were any comments. No one spoke for or against the exemption. Mayor Buttaccio closed Public Hearing No. 1.

**PUBLIC HEARING NO. 2  
A LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE TAX  
LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW §3-c**

Mayor Buttaccio opened the Public Hearing. The Clerk read the notice that was published in the Daily Messenger.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, that a public hearing will be held by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Manchester with respect to the adoption of the aforesaid Local Law No.1 at the Village Hall, 8 Clifton Street, Manchester, New York, on the 2nd day of December, 2024 at 6:05 pm., and it is further notice that the Village Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause public notice of said hearing to be given as provided by law.

Mayor Buttaccio asked if there were any comments. Mayor Buttaccio asked two more times if there were any questions. No one spoke for or against Local Law No. 1, Tax Cap Override. Mayor Buttaccio closed Public Hearing No. 2.

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

The meeting was called order by the Mayor at 6:08 pm.

The minutes of the Regular meeting on November 04, 2024 were read. A motion was made by Trustee Henry, seconded by Trustee Fine, to approve the minutes, and carried.

The Board reviewed the October 2024 Treasurer report. A motion was made by Trustee Henry, seconded by Trustee Fine, to transfer \$54.72 from contingency A1990.4 to PW contractual A1490.4, unanimously carried. A motion was made to approve the Treasurer's report for October by Trustee Henry, seconded by Trustee Fine, voted on and unanimously carried subject to audit.

Bills were authorized for payment on Abstract #7 of Audited Vouchers, General Fund totaling \$91,025.17; Water Fund totaling \$518.00; Sewer Fund totaling \$50,434.84; ARPA totaling \$1,948.41; and Trust & Agency Fund \$81,793.87; Capital Bond totaling \$0.00.

**Approved – PAINTING BOARDROOM AND STARTING ROOF VILLAGE HALL**

Mayor Buttaccio asked if he could paint the boardroom. It was ok'd. Proctor starts the roof on Wednesday. Trustee Fine voiced his upset by not meeting with Proctor roofing. He wanted to meet with them beforehand. There was an exchange of feelings on the matter. A motion was made by Trustee Fine, seconded by Trustee Henry to hire Proctor Roofing at \$70,000. Other quotes were higher.

**Reported – MANCHESTER RAILROAD MEMORIAL PARK and OTHER BUSINESS**

Mayor Buttaccio spoke for Tim Record who could not be here. A & K Railroad has over 1000 railroad ties on their property. There was a general discussion on the area. Someone will contact the DEC to check into it. The Village should be on the National Register and become a Certified Local Government for maintaining the historical nature of Manchester. Mr. Record recommends expanding the Railroad Park. The Village has an opportunity to receive a GP9 full Locomotive and small crane from Fingerlakes Railway.

**Approved - RESOLUTION No. 15 - 2024 - REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR PERSON OVER 65 FOR THE VILLAGE OF MANCHESTER, NEW YORK FOR THE 2026-2027 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 Trustees of Manchester, NY from said date.

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

- Mayor Buttaccio                      Voting "AYE"
- Trustee Fine                              Voting "AYE"
- Trustee Henry                            Voting "AYE"

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

**Resolution in Support of Continued and Increased State Aid for Local Governments**

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

**Whereas**, until 2024, cities, villages and towns had not received an increase in unrestricted state aid (AIM funding) in 15 years, significantly impacting their ability to provide essential services to their residents; and

**Whereas**, after a prolonged period without financial support, local governments finally received an increase of \$50 million in unrestricted state aid; and

**Whereas**, local officials express their gratitude for the \$50 million increase in unrestricted state aid, recognizing it as a positive step towards addressing long-standing funding challenges; and

**Whereas**, the State has referred to this new aid as Temporary Municipal Assistance, suggesting that such increase may not continue, jeopardizing the sustainability of crucial municipal programs and services; and

**Whereas**, the property tax cap further limits the ability of local governments to properly fund the programs and services their residents need; and

**Whereas**, increased and ongoing state aid for local governments is vital for maintaining infrastructure, public safety, housing and other municipal services; and

**Whereas**, the challenges of inflation, the increasing costs of labor and supplies, and the end of extraordinary federal aid only accentuate the need for consistent and predictable funding to effectively plan for the future and meet the growing needs of their residents;

**Now, therefore, be it resolved**, that the Village of Manchester calls upon the Governor and the State Legislature to commit to continuing the additional \$50 million in unrestricted state aid in the 2025-26 State Budget and beyond, and

**Be it further resolved**, that the Village of Manchester urges state officials to recognize the need for a long-term plan that ensures consistent and predictable increases in financial support for local governments that keep pace with inflation.

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

Mayor Buttaccio	Voting "AYE"
Trustee Fine	Voting "AYE"
Trustee Henry	Voting "AYE"

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

**Approved - RESOLUTION NO. 17-2024 TO ENACT LOCAL LAW NO. 1-2024**

The following resolution was offered by Trustee Henry, who moved its adoption, seconded by Trustee Fine:

**WHEREAS**, proposed Local Law No. 1-2024 was introduced at the meeting of the Board of Trustees;

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing has been held thereon the 2nd day of December, 2024, at which time all interested persons were given an opportunity to be heard thereon.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that a Local Law No. 1 -2024 be enacted as follows:

**A LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED BY GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW § 3-C**

The question of adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to roll call which resulted as follows:

Mayor Buttaccio	Voting	"AYE"
Trustee Fine	Voting	"AYE"
Trustee Henry	Voting	"AYE"

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted. A copy of said Local Law is appended and made a part hereof.

**LOCAL LAW NO. 1 – 2024 – A LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED BY GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW § 3-c**

The following resolution was offered by Trustee Fine, seconded by Trustee Henry and carried to wit:

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

SECTION 1. Legislative Intent

It is the intent of this local law to allow the Village of Manchester to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing June 1, 2024 through May 31, 2025 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the “tax levy limit” as defined by General Municipal Law § 3-c.

SECTION 2. Authority.

This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law § 3-c, which expressly authorizes a local government’s governing body to override the property tax cap for the coming fiscal year by the adoption of a local law approved by a vote of sixty (60%) of said governing body.

SECTION 3. Tax Levy Limit Override

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Manchester, County of Ontario, is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing June 1, 2025 through May 31, 2026, that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in General Municipal Law § 3-c.

SECTION 4. Severability

If a court determines that any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance is invalid or unconstitutional, the court’s order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder of this local law, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or in its application to the person, individual, fir or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

SECTION 5. Effective date. This local law shall take effect immediately upon its filing with the Secretary of the State of New York.

The question of adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to roll call which resulted as follows:

Mayor Buttaccio	Voting	“AYE”
Trustee Fine	Voting	“AYE”
Trustee Henry	Voting	“AYE”

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted. A copy of said Local Law is appended and made a part hereof.

**Approved - VILLAGE OF MANCHESTER PROCLAMATION  
HONORING STEVEN DEHOND FOR SERVICE TO THE VILLAGE OF MANCHESTER Resolution No. 18-2024**

The following resolution was introduced by Mayor Buttaccio, seconded by Trustee Henry who moved its adoption:

**Whereas:** Steven DeHond was born on Tuesday, March 19, 1957; and

**Whereas:** Steven DeHond graduated from Midlakes High School in 1975; and

**Whereas:** Steven DeHond became an official full time Code Enforcement Officer and Zoning Officer for the Town of Manchester, Village of Manchester, Village of Clifton Springs, Village of Shortsville and the Hamlet of Port Gibson in 2001; and

**Whereas:** Steven DeHond is a lifelong resident of the Clifton Springs New York, living there with his wife Sue, where they raised their family; and

**Whereas:** Steve would and still does, volunteer with our local youth and goes out his way to assist residents and local businesses in the village; and

**Whereas:** It is time to honor Steven DeHond for his dedication, service and absolute commitment to the Village of Manchester; now

**Therefore; be it resolved:**

**I, Michael J. Buttaccio, Mayor of the Village of Manchester,  
Do hereby Proclaim:**

**That the Village of Manchester, in recognizing Steven DeHond, honors his lifelong commitment to Public Service and the Village of Manchester.**

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

Mayor Michael J. Buttaccio	Voting	“AYE”
Trustee William F. Henry	Voting	“AYE”
Trustee Charles E. Fine	Voting	“AYE”

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

**Approved – REMAINING ARPA FUNDS**A motion was made by Trustee Fine, seconded by Trustee Henry, to present the remaining America Recovery funds to the Manchester Fire Department. The amount is \$1,948.09. The Board will present to the Fire Department at the next Board meeting on January 6, 2025 at 6:00 pm.

**LETTERS/EMAILS:**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**DPW REPORT**

- A generator is needed at the garage to open automatic doors when power goes out.
- Lights are needed in new building
- New Chlorinator approved by the Health department
- Changing Clock agreement from Verdin to White’s.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

- There were 8 calls in November. Report on file in the clerk’s office. Copy will be sent to the Town of Farmington and the Town of Manchester.
- Awesome Holiday Festival. Turnout was amazing.
- Lexapol training in progress.
- Pancake Breakfast 12/7
- Discussion on fireman’s reserve and air packs.

The meeting was adjourned upon motion at 8:50pm Next meeting is Monday, January 6, 2025 at 6:00

Respectfully submitted,

Rita J. Gurewitch  
Village Clerk/Treasurer