

August 3, 2022

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Those present:

Jim Smith	Gary Montel	Isaac Adams	Maddie Shultz
Laura Rager	Adam Penrod	Kody Cook	Jason Allen
Tom Dale	Carrie Mugford	Deb Chalk	Marv Allen
Allen Miracle	Matt Mize	Jerry Egolf	Ron Miller

Those absent: None. A quorum was attained.

The August meeting of the North Manchester Town Council was held at the Public Safety Building, 709 W. Main Street, North Manchester, Indiana, on August 3, 2022 at 7:00 p.m., pursuant to notice duly given in accordance with the rules of the Council. The meeting was called to order by Council President Jim Smith, who presided.

**MINUTES**

Minutes of the 06/22/22 special meeting were presented for approval. Motion to approve the minutes as presented: Dale/Miracle. Motion passes 4-0. Rager abstains.

**VISITOR COMMENTS**

None.

**UPDATES**

None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Center for History Request for Funding – Town Manager Adam Penrod reported that this request was heard at the July council meeting. Penrod reiterated several of the programs held by the North Manchester Historical Society at the Center for History. These programs include cooperative efforts with groups such as Peabody Retirement Community, Manchester Parks and Recreation, Manchester Public Library and Visit Wabash County. Motion to approve financial support in the amount of \$10,000 for the Center for History: Miracle/Montel. Motion passes 4-0. Rager abstains.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**DEPARTMENTAL & COMMISSION REPORTS**

Police Dept. – Report Included.

Fire Dept. – Report Included.

Building Commissioner – Report Included.

Plan Commission –

Board of Zoning Appeals – Report Included.

Traffic Commission – Did not meet

Parks & Recreation – Reports included in packet.

Town Life Center –

Tree Advisory – Report included.

Grow Wabash County –

Redevelopment Commission –

MEDCOR – Did not meet.

Solid Waste – Nothing to report.

Storm Water Board –

Public Works – Reports Included.

### **TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

Town Manager Adam Penrod reported that the Grossnickle Ditch project is up to Beckley Street. The construction crew uncovered a water main. This caused water in the area to be shut off while the main was supported and recovered. Penrod thanked the water department for helping during that time.

Gaunt & Son Asphalt is putting down stone on the Chester Heights trail. Paving should start in a week or two. Jim Smith commented that he walked the trail and it is very interesting scenery. It is nice to walk on since it's eight feet wide.

Penrod provided an update on the water main replacement in the Grant Street area. The pre-bid meeting will be August 8 at town hall. Bid opening is scheduled for August 15. The bid is for labor only as the utility department will be providing the necessary materials. Superintendent Ryan Shock has been accumulating materials because they are hard to find and can have a long lead time. Penrod emphasized that the project needs to be completed soon. This area is scheduled to be repaved with Community Crossing Matching Grant monies. It is a challenge to get everything done with proper timing.

### **CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT**

1. Financial Reports – Approved subject to audit.
2. Claims - The Town claim docket totaling \$779,859.27 and the Public Works docket totaling \$220,765.43 were submitted for payment. Motion to pay our obligations: Rager/Montel. Motion passes unanimously.
3. Conflict of Interest Annual Attestation – Clerk-Treasurer Carrie Mugford stated that three conflict of interest forms will be submitted to the county and placed on Gateway. The forms are from Dan Renz, Allen Miracle, and Carrie Mugford.

**VISITOR COMMENTS**

Deb Chalk, 405 S River Road, read a prepared speech. Chalk considers the enforcement of an order to abate nuisances that is happening their property to be an overreach of power. Chalk feels the harassment is affecting their lives leads to pervasive thinking which is keeping them from sleeping. Chalk acknowledged the material left behind the house and stated it is used for the welding business. Chalk stated enough is enough and asked that they be left alone.

Jerry Egolf questioned council about the appearance of a personal grudge between the council and himself. Councilmember Allen Miracle commented that the situation around the property has gone on for years with multiple councils and multiple council presidents. This has been unanimous decisions to pursue cleaning up the area.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Town Attorney Matt Mize observed that former town attorney Chuck Tiede passed away this week. The council expressed their condolences.

Meeting adjourned at 7:13 pm.

TOWN COUNCIL, TOWN OF N. MANCHESTER

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Jim Smith, President

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Laura Rager, Vice-President

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Tom Dale

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Allen Miracle

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ATTEST

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Carrie Mugford, Clerk-Treasurer