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Regular Meeting

Village of Manchester Board of Trustees

Monday, May 6, 2019

4:30 p.m., at the Village of Manchester Office, 45 Union Street

In Attendance: President, Brian Knight; Trustees: Jim Lewis, Nina Mooney, Clerk/Treasurer/Tax Collector, Julia Arvin, Secretary/Assistant Clerk & Assistant Treasurer, Missy Bell-Johnson

Absent: Trustees: Tom Deck and Bill Mariano

Public: Marion Mueller, Anthony MacLauren, Donald Brodie, Marian Haines

At 4:30 President Knight called the meeting to order.

Trustee Lewis motioned to approval the minutes for the last Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees held April 1, 2019. Trustee Mooney seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Updates on Outstanding Issues:

- **Traffic at Route 7A/ West Road/Seminary Avenue** - The two issues at hand regarding this intersection were briefly discussed: 1) The possibility of having a person directing traffic was revisited and, 2) The potential for a roundabout and preparation for such a decision was discussed.
- **Equinox parking matters** – Trustee Lewis said the Equinox is going ahead with the project at their front parking area. The materials for the curb are coming in and the road crew will install it before paving starts. The paving project appears to be on schedule
- **Bennington County Courthouse** – President Knight voiced belief that the Town of Manchester will be taking over the Courthouse this summer. It is believed that a task force meeting will be scheduled sometime in June and President Knight and Trustee Mooney will attend. It was mentioned that Donald Brodie gave the Historical Society a tour of the building.

Reports:

Roads and Trees (J. Lewis): The recent heavy rain caused some flooding on Brightwood which prompted the installation of a new culvert prior to paving of the road. Paving is expected to start on Brightwood and Whiterall within the next two weeks. The scheduled sidewalk projects should

also be completed within the next couple of weeks. Work is also underway on the tree inventory and the budget for the tree work which is expected to be higher than normal.

The state grant application recently submitted to the state was denied for River Road.

President Knight mentioned that the budget may look like we have a surplus at this point but that is due to the current paving projects and sidewalk projects.

Treasurer/Tax Collector (J. Arvin): No tax report was distributed as nothing changed from last month although new payments were received today. As far as expenses go, we should end up right on budget. The first budget meeting was held and the highway budget was hashed out. The next meeting is Wed at 8:30 am. Administrative items will be discussed along with consideration of items not previously budgeted for.

Trustee Mooney questioned the process of bringing items not previously budgeted for to the table. President Knight indicated that a request for the item with specific information on cost and benefit, and notification that others are interested in the item are necessary for review by the BOT.

Administrative Officer (E. Scott): review of written Zoning Report: Copy on file.

Other/New Business: Marian Haines provided the BOT with an estimate received by Electrician, Randy Novotny for retrofitting the Village lamp posts for the lighting of holiday wreaths. President Knight reiterated what is expected to have this project considered at the budget meeting.

At 5:53 pm, Trustee Mooney requested to go into executive session for a personnel matter. No vote took place upon exiting executive session.