

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING  
OF THE VILLAGE OF MANCHESTER**

**JULY 13, 2015, 7:00 P.M., COURTHOUSE**

**Present: President Brian Knight, Trustees: Tom Dyett; Andrea Ross  
Jim Lewis; Clerk, Treasurer and Tax Collector, Julia Arvin; Village  
Attorney, Rob Woolmington, Accountant, Ron Smith; Administrative  
Officer, Eric Scott; and Secretary, Missy Bell-Johnson**

**Absent: Trustee, Ramsay Gourd**

**President Knight called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed the twelve or so residents and taxpayers present. He then introduced his fellow board members, elected officials, Village Counsel, Village Accountant, the Administrative Officer, Secretary to the Board of Trustees, and the Clerk/Treasurer and Tax Collector.**

**President Knight went on to read the Warning and proceeded to:**

**Article 1. To hear and act upon the reports of the Village Officers and Chairman of the Development Review Board.**

**President Knight requested that an error in the 2015 Annual Report be amended to show that Melissa Greason was not a member of the Village of Manchester Board of Trustees.**

**President Knight then mentioned that the second page of the Annual Report would be reprinted and sent out with the upcoming tax bills. This page pertains to the need for permits and a 45 day timeline needed to adequately process the permits.**

**Article 2. To vote a specific sum of money to defray the expenses of the Village for the ensuing year, plus voted appropriations.**

**President Knight addressed the hard winter we experienced and the effect all of the snow had on the budget and on the timeline of**

**certain projects. The budget presented to the residents does reflect that all projects will be current and up to date. There will be no increase in taxes this year,**

**Other projects upcoming include: the widening of the Union Street Bridge, the complete repaving of River Road and mold remediation in the Village of Manchester offices.**

**Ms. Louise Rivleccio commented on the number of trees being taken down in the Village. She also mentioned that the stumps were unsightly.**

**Mr. Hunter Yager questioned the amount requested for legal fees in the budget as it decreased. He also complimented Mike Nawrath on his helpfulness during his time as the Village attorney. President Knight answered by saying that the fee arraignment with current legal counsel, Rob Woolmington, was not the same as the arraignment with past legal counsel.**

**Mr. Keld Alstrup commented on the condition of River Road – stating “it is like a rollercoaster ride”. Trustee Lewis commented that the River Road project was not yet complete – more work is scheduled to be done this coming year.**

**The motion to approve the budget as presented and approve the amount needed to be raised at tax was made by Mr. Orland Campbell and seconded by Ms. Louise Rivleccio and unanimously voted.**

**Article 3. To set a date that 2015/16 property taxes are due and payable as September 11, 2015 and to impose a penalty of 8% for delinquencies, and to charge the maximum statutory rate of interest of one percent (1%) per month on al delinquent taxes for the first three months and one and one-half percent (1 ½%) thereafter. Government postmarks on due date are considered as timely payment.**

**Treasurer Arvin moved Article 3, setting the date on which taxes shall be payable as September 11, 2015. The motion was seconded by Mr. Orland Campbell and so voted.**

**Article 4. To authorize the Trustees to borrow in anticipation of taxes such sums as are necessary to finance the affairs of the Village.**

**Mr. Keld Alstrup moved to approve Article 4, seconded by Mr. Orland Campbell and so voted.**

**Article 5. To elect Officers for the ensuing year.**

**President Knight encourage all residents to have an interest to serve as a trustee or officer. He then proposed the following slate of Officers:**

**President – (1 year) – Brian Knight**

**Trustee – (2 year) – Tom Dyett**

**Trustee – (2 year) – Tom Deck**

**Auditors – (1 year) – Charles Pufahl, Ariel Rudiakov and Amy Swinarton**

**Clerk/Treasurer/Tax Collector – (1 year) – Julia Arvin**

**President Knight asked if there were any nominations from the floor, and, if so, that these contested races would be voted on separately. Ms. Louise Rivleccio moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot for the slate as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Larry Ross and so voted.**

**Article 6. To transact any other business that may properly come before the meeting.**

**Mr. Hunter Yager questioned the Board about the construction at the Taconic Hotel. He asked if the project was proceeding in accordance with the approved construction plan. President Knight answered that it was.**

**Dr. Kirk Osterland asked why the hotel owners were allowed to acquire the Nicklewhite property. President Knight indicated that the owners had every right to purchase the property. The purchase of the property will result in fewer people crossing the street. Dr. Osterland commented that he was surprised that the Historical Society did not have more to say about the use of the property**

**Ms. Ellen Ogden asked about building permits and enforcement. President Knight indicated that the ordinances do not currently specify what can be done when a party does something not within the permit.**

**Ms. Louise Rivleccio asked that the bylaws be given to realtors so that real property purchasers in the Village can have knowledge of the rules. President Knight indicated that most realtors are aware of the laws including the Village property taxes. He also mentioned that the bylaws and ordinances are on the Village of Manchester website.**

**Dr. Kirk Osterland commented on traffic and speeding on the West Road and requested a reduction in the speed limit. President Knight said that there have been many comments on this problem and the Dr.'s concern was well noted. The Town of Manchester is responsible for policing the traffic on the West Road and the town officials are aware of the issue.**

**Ms. Louise Rivleccio also expressed her concern about truck traffic in the Village stating: "the truck are going 50-60 miles per hour – someone is going to get killed."**

**Dr. Kirk Osterland mentioned damage to his fence made during plowing over the winter and destruction of his hedge. President Knight responded that this was a personal matter that the Village had already addressed.**

**There being no further comments or questions, Mr. Orland Campbell motioned to end the meeting. Mr. Charles Pufahl seconded and so voted.**

**The meeting ended at 8:05 pm.**

**All officials present at the meeting were then sworn in by Village Counsel, Rob Woolmington.**