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Emergency Meeting
Village of Manchester Board of Trustees
Monday, May 18, 2020
10:00 am via Zoom

In Attendance: President, Brian Knight; Trustees: Richard Moore, Jim Lewis, Secretary/Asst. Clerk & Treasurer, Missy Johnson

Public: Donald Brodie, Orland Campbell

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 am. Trustee Moore requested that a record be made that he previously requested, by an email to the Board of Trustees, that legal counsel be present at the meeting and that the President of the Trustees denied this request without notifying him.

President Knight summarized the reason for the meeting. Ms. Johnson indicated that deadlines for several requirements were rapidly approaching if a change in the manner of the Annual Meeting needed to be made. Mr. Campbell expressed that he felt it would be simple to postpone the meeting for one month in hope that the Governor would ease restrictions for meetings. Trustee Moore read aloud an email from Ms. Arvin expressing her opinion in regard to postponement as far as tax collection was concerned.

There was discussion of planning the meeting as an Informational Meeting with ballots and changing the meeting to a normal in-persona Annual Meeting when the restrictions on meetings are lifted by the Governor. Ms. Johnson indicated this plan would result in the Village incurring expenses for items that may not be used for an in-person meeting. There was discussion about the amount of work involved in getting a ballot together and mailed out.

Trustee Moore inquired about the possibility of moving the meeting to a different place where there would be additional space for social distancing. President Knight indicated that he thought there was plenty of room in the Courthouse for the Annual Meeting. There was discussion on using Zoom for the Annual Meeting. Ms. Johnson explained that according the Director of Elections, Zoom could not be used for the Annual Meeting but could be used for an Informational Meeting. Mr. Campbell reiterated his view that it would be best to postpone the Annual Meeting.

Trustee Moore motioned to postpone the Annual Meeting to Monday, August 10, 2020. Trustee Lewis seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

The meeting ended at 10:42 am.

Respectfully Submitted.
Missy Johnson