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Regular Meeting

Village of Manchester Board of Trustees

Monday, June 1, 2020 at 4:30 pm

Via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85688792439>,

In Attendance: President, Brian Knight; Trustees: Jim Lewis, Bill Mariano, Nina Mooney, Richard Moore; Clerk/Treasurer and Tax Collector, Julia Arvin; Secretary/Assistant Clerk & Treasurer, Missy Johnson

Public: Donald Brodie, Tom Deck, Jock Lawrason

President Knight opened the meeting at 4:32 pm.

Trustee Moore motioned to approve the minutes from the following budget meetings: April 29, 2020; May 6, 2020 and May 20, 2020; and, the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees held May 18, 2020. Trustee Lewis seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Trustee Mooney motioned to approve the First and Third Class Liquor Licenses for the Silver Fork Restaurant at its new location in the old Mark Skinner Library building. Trustee Lewis seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Ms. Johnson and Ms. Arvin indicated that the budget and Articles were not ready for a vote and asked for a special meeting to approve both. It was agreed that these matters would be tabled, and a special meeting called for Tuesday, June 9 at 4:30 pm to review these documents.

The Trustees reviewed the proposed cover for the Annual Report and it was unanimously approved by all.

There was follow-up discussion on the Annual Meeting. Trustee Moore confirmed that the Trustees had previously voted to change the date of the Annual Meeting to August 10, 2020 in light of the pandemic. Having a meeting on the regular date of July 9th, only to postpone the meeting until August 10th, was revisited. It was determined that the Secretary of State had deemed this practice unnecessary and all agreed to only have the one meeting on August 10th. The location of the meeting was then discussed. Ms. Johnson indicated that Burr and Burton Academy had generously agreed to host the annual meeting (at a location on campus to be determined) so that proper social distancing practices could be maintained. President Knight indicated that at this time, he felt the meeting could be held at the regular location in the Bennington County Courthouse. All were in favor of holding the meeting at the Bennington

County Courthouse unless the Governor mandates alternative meeting parameters in the coming weeks.

Trustee Lewis briefed the group on traffic signs and explained that the solar powered traffic sign previously purchased for use on Prospect Street has the capability of being hard wired and can count up to one million vehicles per year. It can also host a video camera if needed. There was discussion on the possibility of purchasing another like sign. President Knight mentioned that he thought the Village should watch the input from the sign and, if necessary, purchase an additional sign at a later date. Trustee Lewis mentioned that he was not in favor of adding cameras to the sign. Both the Dillingham/Franklin signs, and the signs for Prospect/Taconic were discussed. Ms. Arvin mentioned that there was money available in the budget if additional signs were needed.

Trustee Lewis continued by saying the road crew had top soiled and seeded that areas where stumps had recently been ground.

Ms. Arvin provided the Treasurer and Tax Collector report. She mentioned that we are ahead this year, and we are waiting for the Village accountant to obtain final numbers so that the budget will be ready for a vote.

President Knight mentioned that he had received a call from a resident of Long View Drive who was concerned about water runoff from Shaws roof. The resident was referred to Shaws.

Trustee Mariano motioned to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel. Trustee Mooney seconded the motion.

The Trustees exited Executive Session at 4:55 pm and the meeting ended.

Respectfully Submitted,

Missy Johnson