

Village of Manley Board Minutes – February 5, 2009

A regular meeting of the Board of the Village of Manley was held on February 5, 2009 at 7:30pm at the Manley Firehouse. Present were Leonard Stohlmann Jr., Tracy Zeorian, Betty Meyer, Bob Gruber. Also present were Jim Woolhiser, representing the Manley Volunteer Fire Department and Steve Eveans representing Windrow Energies, LLC. Denise Swenson was absent. Chairman Leonard Stohlmann Jr. called the meeting to order and stated that the Open Meetings Act is posted on the bulletin board at the entrance to the firehouse.

Notice of the regular meeting was given in advance by posting on the Village Bulletin Boards at the Manley Post Office and Manley Firehouse and also on the Village of Manley Website. Notice to all board members was simultaneously given and acknowledged at the board meeting held January 7, 2009. A tentative copy of the agenda was revised by adding item 9a - Comprehensive Plan and Blight Study Acceptance, and item 10a – An Offer for Mowing Village Property for 2009. Zeorian moves, Meyer seconds to accept revised agenda. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

All proceedings thereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the public.

The scope of services for the engineering services that JEO Consulting Group, Inc. is prepared to provide for the asphalt overlay project tentatively scheduled within the 1 and 6 year street plan was discussed. A letter from Jim Jackson, a representative of JEO Consulting Group, Inc. suggested the possibility of securing funding for street upgrade projects. Chairman Stohlmann contacted Mr. Jackson by phone and was informed that funding is more readily granted for more permanent projects such as concrete as opposed to asphalt. With CDBG grant money paying 50%, it could possibly be within the Village budget to upgrade to a concrete project. Gruber moved to pursue funding for a concrete paving project. Meyer seconds. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Steve Eveans, a representative of Windrow Energies, LLC gave a presentation in support of wind turbines as a form of renewable energy. Manley and surrounding areas have been found to provide sufficient amounts of wind necessary to activate turbines.

Jim Woolhiser representing the Manley Volunteer Fire Department addressed the problem of high humidity inside the firehouse. The Volunteer Fire Departments' suggestion was to install a vent fan in the East wall of the building and a slotted vent in one of the doors on the West wall of the building for an estimated cost of \$700.00. The board felt that venting would not rid the air of humidity and Bob Gruber agreed to compare costs of purchasing a humidifier. The subject will be addressed again at the next board meeting.

Bob Gruber presented a detailed listing of water payments from a resident as proof of payment. After reviewing, the board acknowledged that all payments had been made. The misunderstanding was the result of confusion of the dates payments had been submitted. The December/January water and sewer report as presented by Leonard Stohlmann, Jr., on behalf of Jean Stohlmann, water clerk, was reviewed. Zeorian moved to accept report as submitted. Seconded by Meyer. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Tracy Zeorian reported that the EMC Insurance Company policy for the period of 11/05/08 through 11/05/09 was now completed. Betty Meyer will be added as the contact person for future correspondence.

A thumbnail sketch of proposals received from Stahr & Associates, Hanna:Keelan Associates and JEO Consulting Group was reviewed. These are the three firms that applied for the position of completing a Comprehensive Plan/Zoning Ordinance/Subdivision Regulations & Slum/Blight Study for the Village. Based on the results of the proposal scoring criteria that was completed following interviews of all three applicants, Zeorian moved to award the firm of Hanna:Keelan Associates the contract to complete a Comprehensive Plan/Planning-Zoning and Subdivision Regulations/Blight and Substandard Study-Redevelopment Plan for a base fee of \$22,000 to be cost shared with approximately 75% being CDBG funds and 25% Village of Manley. Meyer seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The firm of Hanna:Keelan Associates had included in their proposal a Community Housing Market Study which would add an additional base fee of \$6000.00 that would also be cost shared with approximately 75% CDBG funds and 25% Village of Manley. Gruber moved to decline the Community Housing Market Study. Meyer seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Letters will be mailed to all three firms advising them of the boards decision.

Tracy Zeorian presented the treasurer's report for the month of January, 2009. Gruber moved to accept report. Meyer seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Tracy Zeorian presented on offer that had been submitted by Steve Hauschild for mowing and trimming of the grass surrounding the Manley Firehouse, the Manley Town hall and Garage, the Manley Community Building (Old School House) and the Manley Park for 2009. Zeorian moved to publicize a request for bids for the mowing of these properties for 2009 with Mr. Hauschild's offer being retained as a bid. Gruber seconded. Motion carried with unanimous vote.

Betty Meyer presented general correspondence. No actions were taken.

Minutes from the regular board meeting held January 7, 2009 at the Manley Firehouse were reviewed. Zeorian moved to accept as written. Seconded by Gruber. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Wednesday March 4, 2009 at 7:30pm was designated as the next official meeting time. Meyer moved to adjourn. Gruber seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

I certify this to be a true copy of the proceedings had and done by the Manley Village Board. These minutes were in written form and available for the public within 10 working days. Copies of all minutes and reports are on file at the home of the village clerk.

Betty Meyer

Village Clerk