

**TOWN OF MANHATTAN
Special Meeting
June 18, 2020
MINUTES**

Mayor Glen Clements called the meeting to order in the Town Meeting Room, at 207 S. 6th St. at 7:00 P.M. Present were Council Members Callie Hamilton, Betsy Mancuso, Greg Schack, and Dan Ryan. Also present were Town Librarian Trudy Dundas, Fire Chief Mike Ulmen, Wastewater Engineer Robert Seamons, Public Works Supervisor Jeff McAllister, Chief of Police Dennis Hengel, Fire Secretary Audrey Ulmen, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Tonya Owens, Officer Rocky Hamilton and Clerk/Treasurer Pam Humphrey. One members of the public, Alissa Farley was present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

LIBRARY:

Trudy Dundas, Librarian: She gave the Council a report of how the library operated for curb side pickup during the Covid-19 shut down and into Phase II. They lended out over 1300 items. There were 850 downloads during that time. She outlined how they will do the summer reading program and other activities, which are modified versions of what they normally do. The Manhattan Library is a pilot program for lending out hotspots. The State is providing the service throughout the first year. They will utilize one for promoting the Census.

She presented the Library budget. She described expenditure increases and changes in operating costs.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Mike Ulmen, Fire Chief: He presented the capital outlay information from the County side of the budget. He indicated that he would like to get the fire department budget up to close to the Police Department budget. Paid firefighters will be necessary in the near future.

SEWER TREATMENT:

Robert Seamons, Engineer. He stated that everything that they do involves contaminated materials and equipment. Regulations are getting tighter. The area growth also affects the plant. The PER for expansion for 20 years is finished. While waiting for the upgrades they have to operate the plant to the best of their abilities. He commended the plant operators for the job they do. Flushable wipes will be adding to the costs of keeping the plant free of debris and working correctly. He summarized the ongoing costs involved in operating the plant. He also presented his ideas for moving forward with engineering and permitting.

Cost savings from changing to aeration from the biowheels was discussed.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Jeff McAllister, Public Works Supervisor: Currently they are dealing with high water usage and a failure of the North Well. There will be significant costs in getting the North Well back up and running. Another cost is maintaining the dirt roads/ditches. He went over some the requests for public works as a whole, street maintenance, water, and parks. He discussed immediate needs vs. some that could wait a while. He discussed the upcoming capital improvements for equipment. He also requested some additional safety items.

POLICE:

Dennis Hengel, Chief of Police: He commended the fire department for the job that the volunteers do. There is a very good working relationship. He presented his budget requests, which includes an additional part-time officer and some additional supplies and repairs. He described the things that they needed and prioritized some additional capital improvement items.

TOWN OFFICE:

Pam Humphrey, Clerk/Treasurer: She discussed the proposed additions to the Town office budget.

The budget schedule was discussed.

ADJOURN:

Motion- Ryan; Second- Schack; Vote- Unanimous: Motion passed to adjourn the meeting.



Mayor



Clerk/Treasurer