

**MANOR BOROUGH COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING – September 14, 2022**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Council President Mr. Tony Gockel called the Special Meeting to Order at 6:00 P.M. on September 14, 2022, in the Manor Community Room and led the
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

3. **ROLL CALL** of Attendance

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| (Present) | Tony Gockel, President | Dawn Lynn, Vice President |
| | Chuck Charrie | Dave Gongaware |
| | Ed Malinoski, Mayor | Chelsea Dice, Solicitor |
| | Ed Antonacci, Engineer | |
| (Absent) | Christine Marchand | Terry Nemitz |
| | George Valmassoni, Chief of Police | Mike Radakovich, Tax Collector (late arrival) |
| | Jim Vacha | Jason Krainbucher, Zoning Office |

4. **OPENING REMARKS** Council President Mr. Tony Gockel stated the purpose for the special meeting is to gather input regarding how the American Rescue Fund money, the CARES Act, should be spent.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

6. **Jean Antoline** 405 Julie Dean Ln. Jeannette, PA 15644 Treasurer of Manor Library Board was representing the Manor Public Library and was requesting money for the Library for lost revenue due to being closed due to COVID and not being able to fund raise. The Library asserts they lost \$12,000 the last 2 years they were unable to hold their Basket Bash.

Jeri Lewis Manor, PA 15665 expressed her feelings regarding the funds received. The money should not have been placed into the Capital Expenditure account, but instead placed into a separate bank account so the \$350,000 can be audited. She further stated the first thing the money should be used for is public health economic impact, rental assistance and to expand the needs of the community. Council was supposed to use the funds to prevent the spread of COVID. Personal protective equipment was not provided, nor was sanitizing. Child care costs should be reimbursed. Ms. Lewis wants the Borough to hire a consultant to recommend how to disburse the funds and an accounting company to manage the funds.

7. **BOROUGH COUNCIL DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS**

Mayor Malinoski brought up water and sewage and the businesses impacted.

Councilman Charrie speaking on behalf of Councilman Vacha, noted the parks are a place to get out into the open air. A portion of the funds should go toward reconstructing the walking bridge that was torn down and making the restroom ADA compliant while getting it out of the flood plain.

Councilman Charrie agreed with some of Jeri Lewis' points, and stated it's not known how the neighborhood has been affected. A portion of the money should be used to solve financial issues of municipal facilities. He also noted relocating the Police

Department. Mr. Charrie also stated that each Council Member could take their ideas and write up more of an explanation for everyone to look at.

Councilman Gongaware stated he also agreed with Jeri Lewis, but how to reach out to those affected. Have the residents reach out to the Borough? He also wanted money given to the Library. Solicitor Dice stated that the Borough could put something out to the public and let individuals come to us.

Councilwoman Lynn offered some money should go towards the parks for restrooms, a new walking bridge or the parks themselves, in addition to the grant match. She is also in favor of relocating the police station, or repairing it, giving money to the Library, and if possible, helping residents.

Council President Gockel stated all ideas are very good and he also suggested using the money for stormwater and sewer lines.

Tax Collector Radakovich had no suggestions.

8. QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION

Jeri Lewis questioned where Council was coming up with their suggestions. Ms. Lewis stated she was looking at version 4.2 dated August 15, 2022 of the Compliance Reporting.

What project should be taken care of first?

Councilwoman Lynn asked the Library about getting state aid, if they have an endowment, and if it can be used towards losses.

9. MOTION TO ADJOURN - Being no further business to discuss, a motion "to adjourn the meeting" was made by Ms. Lynn and was seconded by Mr. Charrie. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:40 P.M.

Joseph N. Lapia
Borough Manager