

**MANOR BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING ON February 11, 2026**

1. CALL TO ORDER – Council President Mr. Tony Gockel called the Council Meeting to Order at 6:30 P.M. on February 11, 2026, in the Manor Community Room and led the

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

(Present)	Tony Gockel, President	Jim Vacha
	Dawn Lynn, Vice-President	Sonny Brant, Mayor
	Collin Brant	Chelsea Dice, Solicitor
	Ted Dornin	Ed Antonacci, Engineer
	Dave Gongaware	Mike Radakovich, Tax Collector
	Terry Nemitz	

(Absent) Jason Krainbucher, Zoning Office

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES for meeting on February 11, 2026 – Mr. Gongaware motioned to accept the meeting minutes for the meeting held on January 14, 2026 with the minor corrections under 13 a, Planning and Zoning, and 18 under the Executive Session. Seconded by Mr. Brant, and the motion carried unanimously.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

6. MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Brant stated his gratitude and thanks to Joe for his help in attaining funding for the police to be able to purchase body cameras. Also, the residents on Brandywine are asking for police surveillance and the possibility of placing a stop sign up for that area. There is a lot of traffic moving at a high rate of speeding on Brandywine.

7. SOLICITOR'S REPORT – None

8. ENGINEER'S REPORT – None

9. ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT – None

10. BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT – Mr. Lapia wanted to recognize the Public Works Department for the exceptional job done with the recent snow and ice conditions that we have had. They have worked day and night to keep our community safe for travel.

11. TREASURER'S REPORT – Ms. Lynn motioned to approve the treasurer's report as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Dornin. The motion carried unanimously.

12. TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT – Ms. Lynn motioned to approve the tax collector's report as presented. Seconded by Mr. Collin Brant. The motion carried unanimously.

13.COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Building & Properties – Mr. Lapia sent an email to Buildings and Properties Committee regarding parking in the borough parking lots and asked the Committee to take some time to review it.
- b. Community Betterment, Parks & Recreation – None
- c. Personnel & Finance – None
- d. Community Outreach & Communication – Mr. C. Brant requested a meeting to discuss the possibility of Junior Council.
- e. Planning & Zoning – Ms. Lynn stated that the Planning and Zoning February meeting did not take place because there wasn't a quorum.
- f. Public Safety & Public Works – Mr. Nemitz requested that our police department patrol his street to watch for a particular vehicle that is speeding down his street.

14.OLD BUSINESS – None.

15.NEW BUSINESS –

- a. Discussion and/or Deliberation and/or Official Action on approving Resolution 2026-01, accepting funds from the Westmoreland County District Attorney for the purchase of body cameras. Mr. Gongaware made a motion to accept the funds to purchase body cameras for the police department. Seconded by Mr. Nemitz. The motion carried unanimously.

Roll Call:

Mr. Gockel	- Yes	Mr. Gongaware	- Yes
Ms. Lynn	- Yes	Mr. Nemitz	- Yes
Mr. Brant	- Yes	Mr. Vacha	-Yes
Mr. Dornin	- Yes		

Motion passes unanimously.

- b. Discussion and/or Deliberation and/or Official Action on approving Resolution 2026-01, destruction of public records. Mr. Nemitz made the motion to accept the motion, seconded by Mr. Brant. The motion carried unanimously.

Roll Call:

Mr. Gockel	- Yes	Mr. Gongaware	- Yes
Ms. Lynn	- Yes	Mr. Nemitz	- Yes
Mr. Brant	- Yes	Mr. Vacha	-Yes
Mr. Dornin	- Yes		

Motion passes unanimously.

- c. Discussion and/or Deliberation and/or Official Action on accepting the resignation of Jerilyn Lewis from the Zoning Hearing Board. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Gongaware made the motion to accept the resignation from Jerilyn Lewis. Seconded by Mr. Nemitz. The motion passes unanimously.
- d. Discussion and/or Deliberation and/or Official Action on hiring a Police Chief. Mr. Vacha stated that interviews were conducted on January 4<sup>th</sup>. Three candidates applied for the position of Police Chief. Police Officer, Rich Grande was the leader in the interview. Mr. Vacha stated we would like to hire Officer Grande from a part time police officer position to a full-time position and Manor Boroughs, Chief of Police. Mr. Vacha

made the motion to hire Mr. Richard Grande pending drug screening and a physical, if needed. Seconded by Ms. Lynn.

Roll Call:

Mr. Gockel	- Yes	Mr. Gongaware	- Yes
Ms. Lynn	- Yes	Mr. Nemitz	- Yes
Mr. Brant	- Yes	Mr. Vacha	-Yes
Mr. Dornin	- Yes		

Motion passes unanimously.

- e. Discussion and/or Deliberation and/or Official Action on approving invoices submitted by Sargents Court Reporting for Planning Commission Meeting Minutes. Ms. Lynn made the motion to approve the submitted invoice. Seconded by Mr. Dornin.

Roll Call:

Mr. Gockel	- No	Mr. Gongaware	- No
Ms. Lynn	- No	Mr. Nemitz	- No
Mr. Brant	- No	Mr. Vacha	-No
Mr. Dornin	- No		

Unanimous No Vote.

Mr. Vacha motioned that we table this motion until next month. Seconded by Ms. Lynn  
The motion passed unanimously.

- f. Discussion and/or Deliberation and/or Official Action on approving Act 172 eligibility list for 2025. Mr. Vacha made the motion to approve Act 172. Seconded by Mr. Nemitz. Mr. Gongaware abstained from voting this motion, having a conflict being a member of the Manor Volunteer Fire Department. The motion carried by majority.
- g. Discussion and/or Deliberation and/or Official Action on request from PT Commercial Court for a reduction in the amount of performance bond. Mr. Antonacci made the recommendation to lower the bond cost to \$214,819.55. Mr. Dornin made the motion to reduce the bond cost to \$214,819.55. Seconded by Ms. Lynn.

Roll Call:

Mr. Gockel	- Yes	Mr. Gongaware	- Yes
Ms. Lynn	- Yes	Mr. Nemitz	- Yes
Mr. Brant	- Yes	Mr. Vacha	-Yes
Mr. Dornin	- Yes		

Motion passes unanimously.

16. CORRESPONDENCE –None

17. APPROVAL TO PAY BILLS – Ms. Lynn made the motion to pay the bills. Seconded by Mr. Brant. The motion carried unanimously.

18. EXECUTIVE STSSION - None

19. CITIZEN COMMENTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS (From Sign-Up Sheet)

Ms. McMullen was following up from the June 2025 meeting regarding her having difficulty using her driveway due to vehicles parking on the street. Ms. Mc Mullen was requesting a no parking sign near her driveway to allow her to use her driveway. Mr. Gockel stated that we will add it to the agenda for next month. The area will also have to be looked at for further review.

Ms. J. Lewis asked how many employees Manor borough has and how many police officers. Ms. Lewis also asked who was appointed the Police Chief.

20. MOTION TO ADJOURN- Ms. Lynn made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Brant. The motion carried unanimously at 7:31pm.

Joseph N. Lapia  
Borough Manager