

MANOR BOROUGH COUNCIL
MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING ON February 12, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER – Council President Mr. Tony Gockel called the Council Meeting to Order at 6:32 P.M. on February 12, 2025, in the Manor Community Room and led the
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. ROLL CALL

(Present)	Tony Gockel, President Dave Gongaware Jim Vacha Chelsea Dice, Solicitor Mike Radakovich, Tax Collector	Dawn Lynn, Vice-President Terry Nemitz Sonny Brant, Mayor Ed Antonacci, Engineer
(Absent)	Chuck Charrie Randy Carlson, Chief of Police	Ted Dornin Jason Krainbucher, Zoning Office

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES for meeting on 01/08/2025 – Ms. Lynn motioned to accept the meeting minutes for the meeting held on January 8, 2025. Seconded by Mr. Vacha, and the motion carried unanimously.
5. PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY – Ms. Dawson stated that she hopes that Council will consider appointing Ms. Lewis to the Zoning Hearing Board. Ms. Dawson stated that Ms. Lewis can be passionate, but that she is knowledgeable.

Ms. Lewis stated that in December there was a water leak on Harding Street, and the road got icy. She thanked Officer Maier for spreading salt. Ms. Lewis stated that on January 3rd, her neighbor committed suicide, and that she spoke with Officer Lubawski about the cats that were in her neighbor’s home. She thanked him for checking on the cats. Ms. Lewis stated that while he was checking on the cats, he found out that the brother of her neighbor was living in the home. She thanked the Mayor and Chief Carlson for checking on neighbor’s brother.
6. MAYOR’S REPORT – Mr. Brant reported that Council was sent the police log and code enforcement report for January. He asked that Council add to meeting’s agenda a discussion about the GPS tracking in the police vehicles.
7. SOLICITOR’S REPORT – None.
8. ENGINEER’S REPORT – The Engineer reported that new stormwater and sewer mains have been installed on McKelvey Street, and that there is still demolition and restoration to complete.
9. ZONING OFFICER’S REPORT – None.
10. BOROUGH MANAGER’S REPORT – The Borough Manager reported that he received a notice from the MAWC that stated they will no longer do the sewage billing starting in 2026. He stated that he is looking into alternatives and will have a report in a few weeks. The Borough Manager stated that doorbells were installed at the

entrance of the community room and borough office for those who need assistance. He stated that Borough has enough salt for the winter.

11. TREASURER'S REPORT – Mr. Gongaware motioned to approve the treasurer's report for the month of January 2025. Seconded by Ms. Lynn, and the motion carried unanimously.

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

13. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- b. Building & Properties – Mr. Gockel asked if the building and properties committee met to discuss a new building. Mr. Gongaware stated yes, and Mr. Gockel asked that he be included in future committee meetings.
- c. Community Betterment, Parks & Recreation – Ms. Lynn asked Mr. McCracken to speak on behalf of the recreation board, and he stated that there is nothing at this time.
- d. Personnel & Finance – None.
- e. Community Outreach & Communication – Ms. Lynn stated that they are still working on some projects.
- f. Planning & Zoning – Ms. Lynn stated that Planning Commission meeting on Monday was cancelled due to a lack of quorum.
- g. Public Safety & Public Works – Mr. Nemitz stated that several months ago they applied for a grant for an emergency generator for the Municipal Building from the Scott Electric Foundation, and that he recently found out that they have received it.

14. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and/or Deliberation and/or Official Action on request from the Manor VFD for the Solicitor to draft a resolution to allow the Manor VFD to apply for another LSA Grant. – Solicitor Dice stated that that Borough can apply for the grant on behalf of Manor VFD, but Council should see their financing plan first. Ms. Lynn motioned to table this until the Public Safety committee can meet with the fire department. Mr. Gongaware seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.
- b. Discussion and/or Deliberation and/or Official Action on the Borough helping the Manor VFD with the purchase of a new Fire Truck. – Mr. Vacha motioned to table this until the Public Safety committee can meet with the fire department. Ms. Lynn seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

15. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and/or Deliberation and/or Official Action adopting Ordinance 604-25-01 approving a Restrictive License Agreement and Memorandum of Agreement for Tax Parcel ID 19-01-12-0-067. – The Borough Manager stated that this is for a fence for a pool on their property that goes through an easement. Mr. Vacha motioned to adopt Ordinance 604-25-01, and Ms. Lynn seconded. The roll call vote is as follows:

Mr. Gockel	- Yes	Mr. Gongaware	- Yes
Ms. Lynn	- Yes	Mr. Nemitz	- Yes
Mr. Charrie	- Absent	Mr. Vacha	- Yes
Mr. Dornin	- Absent		

The motion carried unanimously.

- b. Discussion and/or Deliberation and/or Official Action on approving Resolution 2025-01 Volunteer Service Credit reciprocity with Penn Township. – Solicitor Dice stated that Penn Township has approve one for Manor. Mr. Nemitz motioned to adopt Resolution 2025-01, and Mr. Gongaware seconded. The roll call vote is as follows:

Mr. Gockel	- Yes	Mr. Gongaware	- Yes
Ms. Lynn	- Yes	Mr. Nemitz	- Yes
Mr. Charrie	- Absent	Mr. Vacha	- Yes
Mr. Dornin	- Absent		

The motion carried unanimously.

- c. Discussion and/or Deliberation and/or Official Action on approving Resolution 2025-02 destruction of public records. – Ms. Lynn asked if these records are able to be destroyed under the rules, and the Borough Manager answered yes. Ms. Lynn motioned to approve resolution 2025-02, and Mr. Nemitz seconded. The roll call vote is as followed:

Mr. Gockel	- Yes	Mr. Gongaware	- Yes
Ms. Lynn	- Yes	Mr. Nemitz	- Yes
Mr. Charrie	- Absent	Mr. Vacha	- Yes
Mr. Dornin	- Absent		

The motion carried unanimously.

- d. Discussion and/or Deliberation and/or Official Action on approving Resolution 2025-03 appointing Jerilyn Lewis to a vacancy on the Zoning Hearing Board. – Ms. Lynn motion to approve Resolution 2025-03, and Mr. Gongaware seconded. Mr. Gockel stated that he interviewed Ms. Lewis, and that it went well. The roll call vote is as follows:

Mr. Gockel	- Yes	Mr. Gongaware	- Yes
Ms. Lynn	- Yes	Mr. Nemitz	- Yes
Mr. Charrie	- Absent	Mr. Vacha	- Yes
Mr. Dornin	- Absent		

The motion carried unanimously.

- e. Discussion and/or Deliberation and/or Official Action on approving Act 172 Eligibility List for 2024. – The Borough Manager stated that Council has a copy of the list, and that this resolution is needed per the ordinance. Ms. Lynn motioned to approve the Act 172 Eligibility List for 2024/ Mr. Nemitz seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.
- f. Discussion and/or Deliberation and/or Official Action on request from Police Department to purchase a taser. – Ms. Lynn asked if the police only have one taser, and Mr. Brant answered yes. Ms. Lynn asked if the taser was first line of defense after talking, and Mr. Brant answered yes. Ms. Lynn motioned to purchase a taser for the police department, and Mr. Gongaware seconded. Mr. Nemitz asked about funding for this. The Borough Manager stated they are budgeted for \$1,000 in equipment, and Mr. Vacha stated the rest can come out of the Act 13 fund. Ms. Lynn amended her motion to include \$1,000

out of the police budget, and \$2,300 out of the Act 13 fund. Mr. Gongaware amended his second. The motion carried unanimously.

- g. Discussion and/or Deliberation and/or Official Action on approving Resolution 2025-04 Barb McGhee to Recreation Board. – Ms. Lynn motioned to approve Resolution 2025-04, and Mr. Gongaware seconded. Mr. Gockel stated he interviewed Ms. McGhee, and that she is very nice. The roll call vote is as follows:

Mr. Gockel	- Yes	Mr. Gongaware	- Yes
Ms. Lynn	- Yes	Mr. Nemitz	- Yes
Mr. Charrie	- Absent	Mr. Vacha	- Yes
Mr. Dornin	- Absent		

The motion carried unanimously.

- h. Discussion and/or Deliberation and/or Official Action on purchasing two garage door openers for the Public Works Garage. – The Borough Manager stated that the two openers for the larger garage doors are starting to go bad, and that it was recommended they be replaced. He stated they would be purchased out of facilities repair and maintenance. Ms. Lynn motioned to purchase two garage door openers for the Public Works Garage not to exceed \$3,760. Mr. Nemitz seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

16. CORRESPONDENCE – None.

17. APPROVAL TO PAY BILLS – Ms. Lynn motioned to pay the bills as of February 12, 2025. Seconded by Mr. Vacha, and the motion carried unanimously.

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION for personnel matters and matters of potential litigation. – Mr. Gongaware motioned to go into executive session. Seconded by Mr. Nemitz, and the motion passed unanimously at 7:02 PM. Ms. Lynn motioned to return to regular session. Seconded by Mr. Nemitz, the motion passed unanimously at 7:41 PM. Discussed were matters of personnel regarding an employee investigation.

19. CITIZEN COMMENTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS (From Sign-Up Sheet) – Ms. Dawson stated that the zoning hearing board attorney has a conflict of interest because he is representing borough residents and the zoning hearing board. Solicitor Dice stated that she will look into this and report back to Council. Ms. Dawson stated that for the past year, the treasurer's reports were not available for the public at the meetings. The Borough Manager asked if she meant the bill list, and Ms. Dawson said no. The Borough Manager stated that the treasurer's reports have never been out for the public. Ms. Dawson asked Council to restrict the Borough parking lot on Election Day to just those who are voting. The Borough Manager stated he does not know how that would work because the Borough office is open. Mr. Gockel stated that it would be hard to do since it is a public lot. Solicitor Dice stated Council can pass a resolution to close the lot on certain days. Ms. Dawson asked that Council consider it. Ms. Dawson stated that there were two speed limit signs installed on her property without notice. She stated that she understands the Borough has a right of way, but asked if the Borough could alert residents as a courtesy.

Mr. Peduzzi wanted to discuss the possibility to allow for residents to have chickens. He stated that he has been in court over the chicken coup he built in his backyard. He stated that he understands the reason for the ban, but believes it should be

readdressed due to recent events such as high egg prices and limited stock. Mr. Peduzzi stated that nearby municipalities do allow chickens, and proposes Council adopt a chicken license that would include other restrictions, such as coup inspections. He stated that there are many benefits to owning chickens, such as mental health benefits, eggs, and teaching children responsibility. Mr. Peduzzi asked Council to review the ordinance. Mr. Vacha asked how many chickens does Mr. Peduzzi own and if he would be open to inspections. Mr. Peduzzi stated that he owns four hens and would be open to inspections. Mr. Nemitz asked if there was an added benefit of the chickens eating insects, and Mr. Peduzzi stated that when his chickens were free ranged, he noticed less ticks.

Mr. Saltzman stated that he is in support of allowing chickens. He stated that he agrees with what was said by Mr. Peduzzi. Solicitor Dice stated that the Borough is in the process of changing the zoning ordinance. She recommends they attend the Planning Commission meeting to speak with them about this.

Mr. Talackine stated that he believes chickens should be allowed because it allows him to be more sustainable, healthy, and it has cost savings. He stated that the chickens do not make a lot of noise, and that there is no odor with proper maintenance. He stated local municipalities allow them and asks Council to consider allowing chickens.

Ms. Lewis stated that she likes the chicken idea, but that she is concerned that it would attract coyotes. Ms. Lewis asked that a light be installed for the veteran's memorial flag. She stated that the memorial needs an M.I.A. flag and that she would be willing to donate it. Mr. Vacha stated that the Legion has had talks about getting a light, and that it would be electric. Ms. Lewis asked when were the fire hydrants last checked, and the Borough Manager stated that the water company was checking them this past week.

20. Motion To Adjourn – There being no business to discuss, a motion "to adjourn the meeting" was made by Mr. Nemitz and was seconded by Mr. Gongaware. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Joseph N. Lapia
Borough Manager