

**TOWN OF MANHATTAN  
Thursday, November 9, 2023  
Regular Meeting  
MINUTES**

Mayor Traig Howells called the meeting to order in the Town Meeting Room at 207 S. 6<sup>th</sup> St. at 7:00 P.M. Present were Council Members Ryan Engbretson, Betsy Mancuso, Josh Powell, and Morgan Taylor. Also present was Clerk/Treasurer Pam Humphrey. Two members of the public were present. One member of the public was present by Zoom.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None

**WRRF PROJECT UPDATE:**

*Matt McGee, TD&H:* He gave an update on the Wastewater project. It is officially out to bid. They would like to get the treatment improvements portion of the project moving. There will be two schedules, one for the treatment improvements and one for the discharge improvements. Bids will be taken for the entire project. They are hopeful for the DEQ approval within 60 days for the discharge improvements. There will be a pre-bid meeting at the plant at the end of November. Bids will be open on December 19<sup>th</sup> and a recommendation will be presented to the Council at the January Council meeting. He will update all interested parties on moving forward.

Council asked questions for clarifications about the project. Reasons and cost of the Rapid Infiltration Basin were discussed. Different treatment options were discussed.

**MAYOR ACCLAMATION:**

Motion- Engbretson; Second- Powell; Vote- Unanimous: Motion passed to accept the acclamation of Traig Howells to the office of Mayor.

**DECEMBER MEETING DATE CHANGE:**

Motion- Mancuso; Second- Taylor; Vote- Unanimous: Motion passed to move the December meeting from the 14<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup>.

**PARK COMMISSIONER REPORT:**

*Councilman Engbretson:* He showed some pictures of the new equipment in Taylor Park. Public Works has completed the installation. He thanked Martel for helping with the concrete work and setting the equipment in place. The skating rink will be set up soon, with the water put in right after Thanksgiving. He thanked the Town Crew for getting the equipment installed.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

- There has been some backfilling on the walking path in the park to fix some of the steep slopes.
- The merry-go-round will be refurbished and installed by the ball fields.

- He congratulated Betsy Mancuso and Ryan Miller on their Council elections.
- He commended Officer Armstrong for his professionalism and kindness on a recent traffic stop.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Motion- Engbretson; Second- Mancuso; Vote- Unanimous: Motion passed to approve the Consent Agenda.

**Town Licenses:** K&T Divine House Cleaning LLC and George Rabel Excavation

**Approval of Minutes:** Regular Meeting minutes from October 12, 2023.

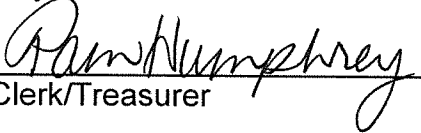
**Claims:** Dated 10/13/23 – 11/09/23 totaling \$289,255.21.

**ADJOURN:**

Motion- Mancuso; Second- Powell; Vote- Unanimous: Motion passed to adjourn the meeting.

  
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Mayor

  
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Clerk/Treasurer