

**Village of Manley Board of Trustees Budget Hearing  
Meeting Minutes  
September 19, 2007**

A special meeting of the Village of Manley Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, September 19, 2007 at 7:30pm at the Village Fire Barn. Chairman Stohlmann called the meeting to order at 7:30pm and advised attendees that the Open Meetings Act was posted for review on the bulletin board. Roll Call was taken and members present included Leonard Stohlmann Jr., Brenda Meyer, Ken Hascall and Tracy Zeorian.

**Review and Approval of Agenda.** Zeorian made a motion to accept the meeting agenda. Hascall seconded. Roll call vote was 4:0.

**2008 Village Budget Proposal Review and Approval.** Steve Rishel, CPA, Rishel & Pfeifer, P.C. was present and provided the Board with the 2008 proposed budget and associated documents required by the Cass County Clerk and State Auditor. The Board reviewed and discussed a 3.5% cost of living increase. Mr. Rishel outlined all budgeted items, levy and village comparisons. A \$10,000 capital improvements field was added for possible purchases in year 2008. Meyer asked for confirmation on the noted decrease in motor vehicle taxes from \$2,847 to \$1,500. Rishel will clarify amounts and advise. Board members reviewed the written resolution establishing the 2007-2008 property tax request be set at \$13,282.00. The budget limit for this time period is set using the base limitation percent increase of 2.5% and also using the additional 1% increase approved by this resolution. Meyer mad a motion to approve the resolution as written (see attached) increasing the Village of Manley budget limit at 3.5% as indicated in the request. Zeorian seconded this motion. Roll call vote carried 4: 0.

**Southeast Nebraska Development District's municipal membership update.** Terry Meier, a community development specialist, with the Southeast Nebraska Development District, "Sendd", was present to educate new Board members on what their agency does for our communities. Sendd currently represents 138 communities and 15 counties assisting them with economic development, grand administration, financial assistance, etc. Meier advised that as a member, we can utilize their services to assist as needed without cost. Meier indicated that in addition to the \$250 annual dues that the Sendd Housing dues are a separate and optional service. He suggested that the Board consider completing a Comprehensive Plan for the Village, which would allow us to control development within a 1-mile jurisdiction, governing limitations on newly developing areas. The estimated cost to develop this plan is \$12,000-\$15,000. Grants are available that can offset up to 75% of costs if eligible. Unfortunately based on our last 3-year income survey, we did not qualify for the grant. Meier recommended we complete a new 3-year survey for reconsideration. At least 51% of our households must fall into a low to moderate income to qualify. Based on results we could be considered for a grant as soon as April, 2008. Meier will send survey information to Meyer for Board review and consideration. Meier outlined possible grants available for conversation of properties such as the Manley school property into continuing education course location for colleges, a community building, elderly housing, etc. This would be based on a Village's desire to purchase and control the property use. Hascall made a motion to approve the renewal of the Village's Sendd annual dues, \$250.00. Zeorian seconded and the motion passed 4: 0.

**Upcoming Agenda items:** Several agenda items for the October 3 meeting should include: consideration of a ventilation fan, feasibility of school property purchase by the Village, truck repair, Board training requirements, 2007 budget audit preparation and payment of 2007 meeting wages.

**Adjournment:** Zeorian made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm, Meyer seconded. Motion carried 4:0

**The next regular meeting of the Village of Manley Board of Trustees is Wednesday, October 3 at 7:30pm in the Fire Barn.**

## **Village of Manley Board of Trustees**

September 20, 2007

State Auditor  
P.O. Box 98917  
Lincoln, NE 68509-8917

Cass County Clerk  
Cass County Courthouse  
346 Main, Room 202  
Plattsmouth, NE 68048

Please find enclosed the following documents required to process our 2008 proposed budget:

- ?? Village of Manley proposed 2008 budget
- ?? Proof of Publication of budget notice
- ?? Village board minutes of the budget hearing

Please contact me at 402-351-5776 or 402-699-5510 with any questions.

Thank you,

Brenda Meyer,  
Treasurer and acting Clerk/Secretary  
Village of Manley