

**VILLAGE OF MANSFIELD  
SPECIAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE MEETING  
January 20, 2020**

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The Village of Mansfield Special Projects Committee met at the Village Building at 101 E. State St. in Mansfield at 6:30pm. Roll was taken with April Manning, Jessica Bartley, and Lucas Gilbert present. Don Deffenbaugh was also present.

Bartley passed out a list of what the Pastor of the Methodist Church had spent in 2019 on the Easter event, which was about \$1400. Manning had a quote of \$1287 for eggs. She said no eggs are left from 2019 because the Pastor let everyone take them home. Gilbert asked what places had been solicited for donations. Manning said the bank usually gives. Gilbert said he would be asking the wind energy company (Apex) for a donation. He is also not comfortable spending the entire allotted line item amount in the budget of \$1200 on the Easter event. Bartley said it would be great if both churches and the bank would give toward the event. Manning said she is not interested in receiving money from Apex Energy. Deena Carico said the bank usually gives about \$250.

Manning said she liked the idea of using Action Inflatables for the bounce house because they bring it, set it up, supervise it, and tear it down. If the bounce house was rented from somewhere like Leroy Ace Hardware, the village would have to do all the work.

Gilbert asked if anyone knew how many kids were there last year? No concrete number was given. No one knew the number of eggs given out last year either, as the Pastor had eggs left from a previous season he used along with new ones purchased.

Bartley said there is a banner for the event with a line where the date can be changed out.

Manning said in previous years there were baskets/toys/prizes given out but there was not a lot of interest from the Committee in doing that in 2020.

Bartley said if there would be free hot dogs again, those would be donated.

Gilbert wanted to know who would fill the eggs. Bartley and Manning said they did it last year with a few others and it took 2 days.

Deffenbaugh said just because money is budgeted, it doesn't mean it has to be spent. He would like to see more homework done on money that can be brought in with donations before bringing it to the board. He suggested businesses like Len Sabato, Plunk Brothers, The Andersons, etc. who could be asked to help. Gilbert said the price of candy could likely come down if they shopped around for sales.

Manning suggested the event be held April 4 with April 11 as a rain date since April 12 is Easter.

Manning said Tim Heard played music at the 2019 event.

Gilbert said he would talk to the local Girl Scouts about helping with egg stuffing or even with the event itself.

Discussion was had about where to store the eggs after the event and that large trash cans with lids would be needed. It was also discussed that someone would be needed to dress up as the Easter bunny. There were ideas about getting money donated to buy a costume to keep. Deffenbaugh mentioned asking someone local to come take photos of the event.

**Bartley moved, Gilbert seconded to adjourn the meeting. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 3-0.**

**Submitted by:**

/s/ Melissa Place  
Melissa Place, Village Clerk