

While the Manchester Township Board of Trustees recognizes and respects the Manchester Village Council's right to explore the viability of transitioning from a village form of governance to a Home Rule city, this board does not feel the time is right for such an endeavor. As elected representatives for both township and village residents, the Manchester Township Board of Trustees firmly believes our community leaders, business owners, educators, residents and all elected officials should work collaboratively to strengthen one Manchester, rather than fracturing into political entities.

The Manchester Township Board of Trustees echo the sentiment that has recently been shared by many of our residents; we need a solid business foundation and a healthy school system in order to thrive as a community. Currently, both are struggling. Dividing this community is not the solution, instead, we must unite and work together to restore Manchester to the vibrant town it once was. It will take time, teamwork and unyielding dedication, but it can be done. This community is as determined as it is resilient.

The Manchester Township Board of Trustees has always been, and will continue to be, committed to our residents, in both the township and the village of Manchester. We welcome the opportunity to work collaboratively with the Village of Manchester to strengthen one Manchester.

As the village council explores the city issue, the township board encourages information sharing so residents of both entities may make informed decisions based on facts.