

MINUTES
TOWN BOARD
September 23, 2023

The Town of Manlius Town Board held a hybrid meeting with in-person attendees and virtual attendees. The meeting was live streamed on the Town Facebook page and the Town YouTube Channel. The recording of the meeting can be viewed here;
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3pS9-uTiX4l7aEgciGEVSA>

Supervisor Deer presided, and the following Board members were present:

Sara Bollinger, Councilor
Elaine Denton, Councilor
Heather Waters, Councilor
Alissa Italiano, Councilor
William Nicholson, Councilor
Katelyn M. Kriesel, Councilor

The following Town Officers were present: Tim Frateschi, Attorney for the Town. Ann Oot, Town Manager. Deborah Witzel, Deputy Town Clerk. Jason Cassalia, Police Chief, Maria Lenway, Comptroller. Kayandra Blythe, Deputy Town Manager.

1. Attendees

In-Person Meeting Attendees: Tim Kelly, Fayetteville. Dave Barnwell, Manlius. Michael Nesci, E. Syracuse. Craig Dudczak, Fayetteville. Cheryl & Mark Matt, Fayetteville. Mike Friend, Manlius. Brad Sauve, Manlius. Amber Suriani, Manlius. Bill Camperlino, Syracuse. Vince Giordano, Manlius. Carrie Ingersoll-Wood, Manlius. Ashley Parks-Elliot, Manlius. Jessica Gorton, Fayetteville. James & Larissa Dannenberg, Manlius. Karen Ayoub, Manlius. Sarah Longley, Manlius. David Newman, DeWitt. Scott Freeman, E. Syracuse.

Virtual Meeting Attendees: Dawn C., Vicki Meguid, KM, Tom Poitras, Code Officer, Kelly Wells.

2. The Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Deer called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Councilor Kriesel led the Pledge of Allegiance. Supervisor Deer welcomed everyone and thanked all for attending.

3. 6:31 PM Open Podium

Kayandra Blythe, Deputy Town Manager read a loud a comment from Pamela Lapidus concerning the current construction on the solar array on Bowman Rd. The items of concern are the construction noise, the hours of construction, impact on local wildlife and that the array will be fully visible during the winter months.

Councilor Waters stated that the Tree Committee will be looking into the issue of visibility this fall.

Mike Nesci, E. Syracuse stated he is concerned with the Permissive Referendum because he believes Referendum is labeled incorrectly and it is misleading. He does not believe the resolution for the Permissive Referendum should be passed.

Jim Wood, Manlius stated the Permissive Referendum should be reviewed before going forward. If the board does move the resolution for the Permissive Referendum forward, they should expand the voting hours. Mr. Nesci asked that the public vote no on the Permissive Referendum.

Dave Barnwell, Manlius stated that he views the ward system as a way to give representation to more of a local part of the town by dividing the town into six parts.

Tim Kelly, Fayetteville read a prepared statement about the steps taken to bring the Permissive Referendum to this point. Mr. Kelly stated the process started at the end of March, first part of April. The Town Board was aware this was moving forward. Mr. Kelly's statement is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Karrie Wood, Manlius stated she would like a written opinion from the attorney and would like the Permissive Referendum process slowed down.

4. Appoint Jason Cassalia to Provisional Chief of Police

Councilor Waters made a motion, seconded by Councilor Nicholson, to hire Jason Cassalia as Provisional Chief of Police with a salary of \$150,000 per year.

Ayes: Supervisor Deer, Councilor Nicholson, Councilor Bollinger, Councilor Denton, Councilor Italiano, Councilor Kriesel.

Nays: 0 All in Favor. Motion Carries.

Judge David Rothschild swore in Jason Cassalia to the position of Provisional Chief of Police for the Town of Manlius.

5. Town of Manlius Police CIT Presentation

Officer Spinelli and Officer Clarke gave a presentation on the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT).

6. Garden Park Senior Apartments – Planned Unit Development (PUD) Request – Highbridge Street.

Chris Danaher, Attorney for the Applicant, presented a proposed PUD district plan. This proposed plan replaced the applicant's original zone change application. The proposed PUD consists of 8.77 acres, a building height of four floors which includes underground parking. The applicant is now requesting a PUD in order to provide more flexibility.

Councilor Waters made a motion, seconded by Councilor Kriesel to refer the PUD request made by Turnwood Development for the parcel located on Highbridge St. to the Town of Manlius Planning Board and the Onondaga County Planning Board

Ayes: Supervisor Deer, Councilor Nicholson, Councilor Bollinger, Councilor Denton, Councilor Italiano, Councilor Kriesel.

Nays: 0 All in Favor. Motion Carries.

7. Zone Change Application 7078 East Genesee St., Fayetteville NY (Tax Map # 092.-01-05.0)

Mike Vogel, Attorney for the applicant, presented a proposed zone change application to change the zoning from Residential District (R1) to Residential Multiple Use District (RM). The applicant is requesting the zone change to convert the existing residential home to a law firm (Bottar Law, PLLC).

Councilor Denton made a motion, seconded by Councilor Kriesel, to refer the Zone Change Request made by Bottar LLC for the parcel located on East Genesee St to the Town of Manlius Planning Board and the Onondaga County Planning Board

Ayes: Supervisor Deer, Councilor Nicholson, Councilor Bollinger, Councilor Denton, Councilor Italiano, Councilor Kriesel.

Nayes: 0 All in Favor. Motion Carries.

8. Set Date for a Public Hearing – Twin Ponds – Planned Unit Development (PUD) Request 5440 Burdick St.

Councilor Kriesel made a motion, seconded by Councilor Nicholson, to set a date for a public hearing on September 27th at 6:35 PM in the matter of the Planned Unit Development request made by Twin Ponds Housing for the project known as Twin Ponds for the parcel located at 5440 Burdick St.

Ayes: Supervisor Deer, Councilor Nicholson, Councilor Bollinger, Councilor Denton, Councilor Italiano, Councilor Kriesel.

Nayes: 0 All in Favor. Motion Carries.

9. Grant of Easement – 5701 Bowman Road

Supervisor Deer stated the Town has received a request for a Grant of Easement from National Grid to move some utility poles on Bowman Rd.

Councilor Kriesel made a motion, seconded by Councilor Denton, to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Grant of Easement for 5701 Bowman Rd. subject to engineering and legal review.

Ayes: Supervisor Deer, Councilor Nicholson, Councilor Bollinger, Councilor Denton, Councilor Italiano, Councilor Kriesel.

Nayes: 0 All in Favor. Motion Carries.

10. Establishing a Special Election to Consider the Creation of a Ward System for the Town of Manlius

Supervisor Deer outlined the steps the Town will need to take to hold the Special Election to Consider the Creation of a Ward System for the Town of Manlius.

Councilor Denton reviewed the history of Special Elections to Consider the Creation of a Ward System for the Town of Manlius.

Councilor Waters made a motion, seconded by Councilor Kriesel, to adopt the Resolution as amended establishing a special election on Saturday September 23rd, 2023, from 9am to 5pm at the Manlius Town Hall located at 301 Brooklea Dr in Fayetteville, NY. With the amended changes of item number 7 in the resolution to read “special meeting on September 6, 2023, at 6:00 PM.

Ayes: Supervisor Deer, Councilor Nicholson, Councilor Bollinger, Councilor Denton, Councilor Italiano, Councilor Kriesel.

Nayes: 0 All in Favor. Motion Carries.

11. Amended and Restated Manlius Intermunicipal Agreement

Supervisor Deer stated that the Villages (Manlius, Fayetteville, and Minoa) are in the process of reviewing the “Manlius Intermunicipal Agreement”.

12. Special Patrol Officer Agreement between the Town of Manlius and East Syracuse Minoa Central School District

Councilor Waters made a motion, seconded by Councilor Bollinger, to approve the Special Patrol Officer Agreement with East Syracuse Minoa School District for the academic school year 2023-2024 as amended item 5.4 to provide for a substitute if feasible.

Ayes: Supervisor Deer, Councilor Nicholson, Councilor Bollinger, Councilor Italiano, Councilor Kriesel.

Nayes: Councilor Motion Carries.

13. SIRO Program Agreement between the Town of Manlius and Fayetteville-Manlius School District 2023-2024

Councilor Waters made a motion, seconded by Councilor Italiano, to approve the SIRO Program Agreement with Fayetteville-Manlius School District for Officer Palmer for the academic school year 2023-2024 as presented.

Ayes: Supervisor Deer, Councilor Nicholson, Councilor Bollinger, Councilor Italiano, Councilor Kriesel.

Nayes: Councilor Denton.

Motion Carries.

Councilor Waters made a motion, seconded by Councilor Italiano, to approve the SIRO Program Agreement with Fayetteville-Manlius School District for Officer Golden for the academic school year 2023-2024 as presented.

Ayes: Supervisor Deer, Councilor Nicholson, Councilor Bollinger, Councilor Italiano, Councilor Kriesel.

Nayes: Councilor Denton.

Motion Carries.

Councilor Waters made a motion, seconded by Councilor Italiano, to approve the SIRO Program Agreement with Fayetteville-Manlius School District for Officer Grogan for the academic school year 2023-2024 as presented.

Ayes: Supervisor Deer, Councilor Nicholson, Councilor Bollinger, Councilor Italiano, Councilor Kriesel.

Nays: Councilor Denton.

Motion Carries.

14. Special Patrol Officer Agreement between the Town of Manlius and Fayetteville-Manlius School District 2023-2024

Councilor Waters made a motion, seconded by Councilor Nicholson, to approve the Special Patrol Officer Agreement with Fayetteville-Manlius School District for Office Damon for the academic school year 2023-2024 as presented.

Ayes: Supervisor Deer, Councilor Nicholson, Councilor Bollinger, Councilor Italiano, Councilor Kriesel.

Nays: Councilor Denton.

Motion Carries.

Councilor Waters made a motion, seconded by Councilor Nicholson, to approve the Special Patrol Officer Agreement with Fayetteville-Manlius School District for Office Hack for the academic school year 2023-2024 as presented.

Ayes: Supervisor Deer, Councilor Nicholson, Councilor Bollinger, Councilor Italiano, Councilor Kriesel.

Nays: Councilor Denton.

Motion Carries.

Councilor Waters made a motion, seconded by Councilor Nicholson, to approve the Special Patrol Officer Agreement with Fayetteville-Manlius School District for Office Mehlek for the academic school year 2023-2024 as presented.

Ayes: Supervisor Deer, Councilor Nicholson, Councilor Bollinger, Councilor Italiano, Councilor Kriesel.

Nays: Councilor Denton.

Motion Carries.

Councilor Waters made a motion, seconded by Councilor Nicholson, to approve the Special Patrol Officer Agreement with Fayetteville-Manlius School District for Office Leroy for the academic school year 2023-2024 as presented.

Ayes: Supervisor Deer, Councilor Nicholson, Councilor Bollinger, Councilor Italiano, Councilor Kriesel.

Nayes: Councilor Denton.

Motion Carries.

15. Muirfield Drainage Assessment – Select & Authorize Recommended Improvement Option

Councilor Bollinger made a motion, seconded by Councilor Waters, to approve proposed Option 4 as outlined in the Muirfield Drainage Assessment report to improve the drainage retention system as presented.

Ayes: Supervisor Deer, Councilor Nicholson, Councilor Bollinger, Councilor Denton, Councilor Italiano, Councilor Kriesel.

Nayes: 0 All in Favor. Motion Carries.

16. OCWA – One Hydrant and Extension of Water Main – Hoag Rd., Kirkville

Councilor Bollinger made a motion, seconded by Councilor Italiano, to authorize the Supervisor to sign the agreement as submitted by OCWA to install one hydrant (#15240) in conjunction with the 8” water main on Hoag Road, Kirkville N.Y., at the annual rate of \$82.11 as outlined in the agreement presented.

Ayes: Supervisor Deer, Councilor Nicholson, Councilor Bollinger, Councilor Denton, Councilor Italiano, Councilor Kriesel.

Nayes: 0 All in Favor. Motion Carries.

17. Toshiba Copier Lease – Police Department

Councilor Nicholson made a motion, seconded by Councilor Italiano, to approve the Toshiba Copier Lease for the Town of Manlius Police Department

Ayes: Supervisor Deer, Councilor Nicholson, Councilor Bollinger, Councilor Denton, Councilor Italiano, Councilor Kriesel.

Nayes: 0 All in Favor. Motion Carries.

18. Reminder – Budget Workshop – September 6th at 4:00 PM

19. Approval of Minutes – July 26, 2023, and (August 9, 2023 – Tabled)

Councilor Italiano made a motion, seconded by Councilor Kriesel, to approve the minutes of July 26, 2023, as presented.

Ayes: Supervisor Deer, Councilor Nicholson, Councilor Bollinger, Councilor Italiano, Councilor Kriesel.

Abstain: Councilor Denton

Motion Carries.

20. Approval of Abstract # 16

Councilor Bollinger made a motion, seconded by Councilor Nicholson, to approve Abstract # 16 in the amount of \$460,052.48 as submitted by Town Clerk Weber.

TOWN OF MANLIUS		
Fund Summary		
Abstract # 16 - 2023		
CODE	FUND	TOTALS
A	General Fund Townwide	\$102,483.97
B	General Fund Part Town	\$1,750.92
DA	Highway Fund Townwide	\$27,986.46
DB	Highway Fund Part Town	\$94,914.13
SR1	Trash	\$205,581.50
SR2	Brush	\$25,187.50
TA2	Trust & Agency	\$2,148.00
	Total	\$460,052.48

Ayes: Supervisor Deer, Councilor Bollinger, Councilor Nicholson, Councilor Italiano, Councilor Kriesel, Councilor Denton, Councilor Waters.

Nayes: 0 All in Favor. Motion Carries.

21. Adjournment

By motion made by Councilor Kriesel and seconded by Councilor Denton, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the regular session at 8:17 PM.

Ayes: Supervisor Deer, Councilor Nicholson, Councilor Bollinger, Councilor Denton, Councilor Italiano, Councilor Kriesel, Councilor Waters.

Nayes: 0 All in Favor. Motion Carries.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Deborah Witzel
Deputy Town Clerk