

MINUTES
TOWN BOARD
May 11, 2022

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://youtu.be/Ih9BYpkhLFE>

Deputy Supervisor Bollinger presided, and the following Board members present:

Elaine Denton, Councilor
Heather Waters, Councilor
Katelyn M. Kriesel, Councilor
Alissa Italiano, Councilor
William Nicholson, Councilor
John Deer, Supervisor

Attended Virtually

The following Town Officers were present:

Tim Frateschi, Attorney for the Town
Allison A. Weber, Town Clerk
Rob Cushing, Highway Superintendent
Mike Crowell, Police Chief

1. Attendees

In-Person Meeting Attendees: Mike Friend, Manlius, Stephen Benson, Manlius.

Virtual Meeting Attendees: Roni Morgenstern, Warren Linhart, Tony Germano.

2. The Pledge of Allegiance

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

3. Open Podium

Stephen Benson stated that hundreds of large-scale solar arrays are on hold in the United States because of federal investigations into potential trade violations of solar panel suppliers. Mr. Benson asked the Town Board to be aware of this activity.

4. Police Chief

Chief Crowell and the Town Board discussed union approval of the police officer incentive program.

Councilor Denton stated she is concerned this program may hurt morale with current employees. Councilor Denton would like to recruit employees that are committed to the community.

The Board discussed retention trends and the cost of training new officer.

Councilor Waters made a motion, seconded by Councilor Italiano, to approve the Police Officer Incentive Program as presented.

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

Opposed: Councilor Denton, Councilor Kriesel

Motion Carries.

Chief Crowell presented the County Wide Mutual Aid Agreement and stated that this brings us into compliance of General Municipal Law 209. This agreement has been recommended by PERMA.

The Town Board discussed the proposed County Wide Mutual Aid Agreement.

Attorney Frateschi stated a local law would be required to delegate the authority through the agreement.

The Town Board tabled the matter for further discussion and questions.

5. Town Manager

Councilor Waters presented the Pay Equity Proposal for all non-contractual employees except for the summer part-time recreation staff. Councilor Waters stated this proposal would provide a regression analysis to illuminate any possible differences in pay equity that cannot be explained.

Councilor Waters made a motion, seconded by Councilor Denton, to enter a contract with CW Analytics for the Pay Equity Audit based on the proposal dated April 28, 2022.

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

Nayes: 0 All in Favor. Motion Carries.

6. Highway Superintendent

Councilor Waters made a motion, seconded by Councilor Kriesel, to authorize the tree removal bid specifications as presented and with review of counsel.

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

Nayes: 0 All in Favor. Motion Carries.

Councilor Waters made a motion, seconded by Councilor Denton, to authorize Highway Superintendent Cushing and Supervisor Deer to sign a right-of-way work permit for National Grid to perform work in the town right-of-way on Whetstone Rd.

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

Nayes: 0 All in Favor. Motion Carries.

Councilor Waters made a motion, seconded by Councilor Denton, to approve three years continuation of the uniform/laundry service with Cintas as presented by Highway Superintendent Cushing.

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

Nayes: 0 All in Favor. Motion Carries.

7. Town Clerk

Town Clerk Weber discussed the Video Conferencing local law that the Town must adopt by June 8th in order to continue with the practice of Town Board members being able to attend and vote virtually. Town Clerk Weber stated that the Town Board must define what an extenuating circumstance is and what could be an allowable circumstance.

The Town Board requested that the Attorney for the Town draft a local law for the next meeting.

Town Clerk Weber stated that the Electronic Records Resolution presented would acknowledge that the Town considers their electronic records actual records and can be treated as such under the law.

Councilor Denton made a motion, seconded by Councilor Kriesel, to pass the Electronic Records Resolution to encourage digital record keeping and management pursuant to New York State law and Town policy.

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

Nayes: 0 All in Favor. Motion Carries.

8. Committee Reports

Sustainable Manlius

Councilor Kriesel stated the Earthfest event held at Fayetteville Library on April 30th was a great success with hundreds of people in attendance. Councilor Kriesel stated they were awarded a grant of \$5,000 for their successful community solar campaign.

Comprehensive Planning

Councilor Bollinger stated they were awarded the grant for the boat launch at Poolsbrook.

9. Supervisor

Councilor Italiano made a motion, seconded by Councilor Denton, to authorize the Supervisor to send a letter stating that the Town is interested in negotiating a PILOT agreement with OCEDA (towns negotiating agent) and Meltwater Solar, LLC for a solar PILOT.

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

Nayes: 0 All in Favor. Motion Carries.

Supervisor Deer stated the Town received a letter for the DEC about Lead Agency for the Kinsella Quarry Expansion. Supervisor Deer stated at this time the quarry may have to apply for a zone change and an updated resolution. Supervisor Deer stated because of the history of the quarry he is recommending the Town accept Lead Agency with the support of the DEC.

Councilor Denton made a motion, seconded by Councilor Kriesel, to authorize the Supervisor to send a letter to the DEC requesting the Town be Lead Agency for the Kinsella Quarry Expansion.

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

Nayes: 0 All in Favor. Motion Carries.

Supervisor Deer stated that the delivery date for the new trash carts will begin the week of May 16th which is one week earlier than stated before. Supervisor Deer stated that trash pick-up using the new carts will begin May 31st.

10. Approval of Minutes – April 27, 2022

Councilor Kriesel made a motion, seconded by Councilor Nicholson, to approve the minutes of April 27, 2022, as submitted by Town Clerk Weber.

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

Nayes: 0 All in Favor. Motion Carries.

11. Approval of Abstract # 9

Councilor Denton made a motion, seconded by Councilor Nicholson, to approve Abstract # 9 in the amount of \$ 356,209.52 as submitted by Town Clerk Weber.

TOWN OF MANLIUS
Fund Summary
Abstract # 9 - 2022

CODE	FUND	TOTALS
A	General Fund Townwide	\$ 271,524.62
B	General Fund Town	\$ 28,238.10
DA	Highway Fund Townwide	\$ 35,682.22
DB	Highway Fund Town	\$ 7,673.31
SD3	Consolidated Drainage # 3	\$ 358.00
SL1	Overhead Lighting	\$ 1,584.90
SL2	Underground Lighting	\$ 2,238.20
SL3	Entry Lighting	\$ 103.80
SL4	Garden Park Lighting	\$ 653.41

