

MINUTES  
TOWN BOARD  
June 14, 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
Absent	Katelyn M. Kriesel, Councilor

The following Town Officers were present: Tim Frateschi, Attorney for the Town. Ann Oot, Town Manager. Allison Weber, Town Clerk. Rob Cushing, Highway Superintendent, Jason Cassalia, Police Chief, Maria Lenway, Comptroller, Tom Poitras, Code Officer.

The following Town Officers Attending Virtually: None

### **1. Attendees**

In-Person Meeting Attendees: Karen Ayoub, Manlius. Dr. Tom Neveldine, ESM Schools. Barbara Henry, Fayetteville. Audrea & Dave Scamehorn, Fayetteville, Joe Messineo, Manlius. Margaret Mulvey, Fayetteville. Mark Matt, Fayetteville. RuthAnn Winschel, Manlius. Ken Knutsen, Fayetteville. Bill Gray, Fayetteville. Mike Friend, Manlius. Bill Jansen, Manlius. Mark Stanbro and Beth Scott, Chittenango. Fred Keeney, Chittenango. Barb Wilson & Faith Binder, Chittenango. Andrew Bushnell, Manlius. Eric & Michal Downie, Fayetteville. John & Andrea Belton, Chittenango. Rich Rossetti, Manlius. Dr. Craig Tice, FM Schools,

Virtual Meeting Attendees: Anthony Rojas, Jane Mulvey, Eric Downie, Stephen Benson, Robin (no last name given), Rhonda Weaver, Erin Trojan, Robert Amodie.

### **2. The Pledge of Allegiance**

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

### **3. 6:33 PM Open Podium**

Margaret Mulvey, 5140 Highbridge St., Fayetteville, spoke about her concerns regarding the proposed Garden Park Apartments. Ms. Mulvey submitted a letter and will be attending future meetings.

Joe Messineo, Fayetteville, spoke about his concerns regarding Local Law 2023-7 regarding OCWA. Mr. Messineo gave recommendations to clarify the law. The Town Board and Attorney for the Town discussed the law and will review the recommendations

Erin Trojan, Chittenango sent a letter read aloud by Town Clerk Weber. Ms. Trojan expressed support for the proposed improvements to the Skyridge Water district.

Bill Gray, 5140 Highbridge St., Fayetteville, concerned about the proposed Zone Change on Highbridge St. and will be addressing the Town Board and Planning Board as the project moves along.

**4. 6:51 PM Public Hearing – Local Law – To Create a New Chapter 60 of the Town of Manlius Code Regulating Landscaping and Lawn Maintenance and Setting Certain Enforcement of Same**

Councilor Denton stated the intent of the law is to codify the process the town already has in place and make it easier for property owners to manage natural landscapes.

Councilor Bollinger made a motion, seconded by Councilor Denton, to waive the reading of the public notice in the matter to Create a New Chapter 60 of the Town of Manlius Code Regulating Landscaping and Lawn Maintenance and Setting Certain Enforcement of Same.

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

Nayes: 0 All in Favor. Motion Carries.

Councilor Denton made a motion, seconded by Councilor Nicholson, to open the public hearing at 6:53 PM in the matter of the proposed Local Law to Create a New Chapter 60 of the Town of Manlius Code Regulating Landscaping and Lawn Maintenance and Setting Certain Enforcement of Same.

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

Nayes: 0 All in Favor. Motion Carries.

Joe Messineo, Salt Springs Rd., asked that the board take into consideration certain areas where they have larger lots, and they don't want to cut the grass every week.

Barb Wilson submitted a letter read by Town Clerk Weber. Ms. Wilson expressed concern about the proposed law and the idea that neighbors will be policing neighbors as to what is grown on their properties.

Andrew Bushnell stated there are different kinds of properties in the town and some properties would prefer taller grass and meadows. Mr. Bushnell asked why would the town regulate this?

Rich Rossetti stated that the law needs more attorney review and asked about the capitalization of the word Owner throughout the document.

With there being no further comments from the public, Councilor Bollinger made a motion, seconded by Councilor Waters, to close the public hearing at 7:04 PM in the matter of proposed Local Law to Create a New Chapter 60 of the Town of Manlius Code Regulating Landscaping and Lawn Maintenance and Setting Certain Enforcement of Same.

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

Nays: 0 All in Favor. Motion Carries.

The Town Board has tabled this item for further review.

**5. 7:05 PM Town of Manlius Police Department – Presentation on SIRO/SPO Program**

Officer Kammar and Officer Golden gave a presentation on the SIRO/SPO programs in the schools.

**6. 7:47 PM Skyridge Water District Improvement Project**

Ken Knutsen, Barton & Loguidice Engineering, presented the “Preliminary Report and Map Plan” to the board for the proposed Skyridge Water District Improvement Project. Mr. Knutsen gave an overview of what the plan proposes for the water district and discussed the costs associated with this.

The Town was presented with a preliminary map, plan and report for the proposed water line improvement and extension of the water district.

Supervisor Deer stated this is going to be a long process and this is the first step towards understanding if there is funding available.

Councilor Denton asked why the town is not considering a replacement for the existing water tower. Discussion ensued regarding the replacement option. Mr. Knutsen stated there is no guarantee water will be found digging in the bedrock, this would not provide fire protection or meet today’s water demands by using the alternative system.

Councilor Waters stated the replacement/alternative system would not allow for Clear Path for Veterans to expand their facility. Clear Path has requested and received a commitment from the county of eight hundred thousand dollars to go toward this water district.

Councilor Bollinger made a motion, seconded by Councilor Waters, to declare the Town of Manlius lead agency for SEQRA purposes in the matter of the Skyridge Water District Improvements and Formation of Skyridge Water District Extension No. 1 (T. Manlius) and Skyridge Water District Extension No. 2 (T. Sullivan) Project (Project).

Councilor Nicholson shared his concerns about the cost of the project but believes it is important to explore all options.

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

Abstain: Councilor Denton 5-0 Motion Carries.

Councilor Bollinger made a motion, seconded by Councilor Waters, to accept the Type I action of the Skyridge Water District Improvements and Formation of Skyridge Water District

Extension No. 1 (T. Manlius) and Skyridge Water District Extension No. 2 (T. Sullivan) Project (Project) as a Type 1 Action under the State Environmental Review Act.

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

Abstain: Councilor Denton                      5-0                      Motion Carries.

Mr. Knutsen stated that the town should be setting a date for a public hearing on Skyridge Water District Improvements and Formation of Skyridge Water District Extension No. 1 (T. Manlius). Mr. Knutsen stated that the town has been presented with the preliminary map plan and report and should proceed forward in order to meet the funding deadlines.

The Town Board and the Attorney for Town discussed at length if the public hearing should be scheduled and how to get information to the public.

Councilor Bollinger made a motion, seconded by Councilor Waters, to set a date for a public hearing on July 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:35 PM in the matter of the Skyridge Water District Improvements and Formation of Skyridge Water District Extension No. 1 (T. Manlius).

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

Abstain: Councilor Denton                      5-0                      Motion Carries.

**7. 8:30 PM Zone Change Application – Set Date for a Public Hearing – Turnwood Development – Garden Park Apartments – Highbridge Street (Tax Map # 093.-01-05.1) Commercial A (CA) to Residential (R5)**

Chris Danaher, Attorney representing the applicant in this matter. Mr. Danaher stated the Planning Board recommended that the request be changed from CA to R5. Mr. Danaher asked that the Town Board set a date for a public hearing for the recommended zone change of CA to R5. Mr. Danaher discussed the road access agreement for Gramercy Circle and the request to have the road dedicated to the town.

Councilor Denton made a motion, seconded by Councilor Italiano, to set a date for a public hearing on July 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:35 PM in the matter of the Zone Change Application submitted by Turnwood Development known as Garden Park Apartments located on Highbridge Street to consider changing the zoning from Commercial A (CA) To Residential (R5)

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

Nays: 0    All in Favor.    Motion Carries.

**8. 8:38 PM Set Date Public Hearing – Local Law – Stop Signs – Muscovy Lane**

Councilor Bollinger made a motion, seconded by Councilor Waters, consider a proposed local law to install stop signs on Muscovy Lane between Aylesbury and Widgeon Paths as outlined in the resolution prepared by the Attorney for the Town

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

Nays: 0 All in Favor. Motion Carries.

**9. 8:40 PM Recreation – Ratify FM Bus Lease – Summer Playground**

Councilor Italiano made a motion, seconded by Councilor Bollinger, to ratify the bus lease agreement with the Fayetteville Manlius School District at a rate of \$225 dollars for the summer of 2023.

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

Nays: 0 All in Favor. Motion Carries.

**10. 8:41 PM Employee Assistance Plan Renewal – 2023/2024**

Councilor Nicholson made a motion, seconded by Councilor Italiano, to authorize the Supervisor to sign the agreement with ESI for the EAP plan from July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024, at a rate of \$3402. 09.

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

Nays: 0 All in Favor. Motion Carries.

**11. 8:42 PM Solar Powered Speed Signs – Quote**

Councilor Denton made a motion, seconded by Councilor Bollinger, to authorize the purchase of 8 solar powered speed signs for an amount up to \$26,396 from Crossroads Highway Supply on state contract.

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

Nays: 0 All in Favor. Motion Carries.

**12. 8:46 PM Town of Manlius Justice Court – New Court Hours**

Supervisor Deer stated the Town of Manlius Justice Court will be closed on Fridays until further notice.

**13. Approval of Minutes – May 10, 2023, and May 24, 2023**

Councilor Waters made a motion, seconded by Councilor Denton, to approve the May 10, 2023, minutes as presented by Town Clerk Weber.

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

Nays: 0 All in Favor. Motion Carries.

Councilor Waters made a motion, seconded by Councilor Denton, to approve the May 24, 2023, minutes as presented by Town Clerk Weber.

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

Nays: 0 All in Favor. Motion Carries.

**14. 7:32 PM Approval of Abstract # 11**

Councilor Bollinger made a motion, seconded by Councilor Nicholson, to approve Abstract # 11 in the amount of \$ 908,970.54 as submitted by Town Clerk Weber.

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

Nays: 0 All in Favor. Motion Carries.

**15. Other Business**

Councilor Italiano stated the ribbon cutting for the American Disabilities Act (ADA) approved dock at the Erie Canal at Poolsbrook scheduled for Saturday June 17, 2023, has been changed to July 26, 2023, at 4:00 PM which will be the 33<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the ADA being signed into law.

**16. Adjournment**

By motion made by Councilor Italiano and seconded by Councilor Denton, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 PM.

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

Nays: 0 All in Favor. Motion Carries.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Allison A. Weber  
Town Clerk