

MINUTES
TOWN BOARD
October 9, 2019

The Town of Manlius Town Board assembled at the Town Hall, 301 Brooklea Drive, Fayetteville, New York, with Supervisor Edmond Theobald presiding and the following Board members present:

John R. Loeffler, Councilor
Sara Bollinger, Councilor
Nicholas J. Marzola, Councilor
Karen Green, Councilor
Richard Rossetti, Councilor

The following Town Officers were present:

Tim Frateschi, Attorney for the Town	Allison A. Weber, Town Clerk
Mike Crowell, Police Chief	Rob Cushing, Highway Superintendent
Doug Miller, Town Engineer	Ann Oot, Town Manager
Randy Capriotti, Director of Codes	

Other persons attending: Ellen McGrew, Jonathon Zogby, Jason Klaiber, Heather Waters, Jim McKeever, Rob Taylor, Rob Oley.

The Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Theobald, called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Councilor Green led the Pledge of Allegiance. Supervisor Theobald welcomed everyone and thanked all for attending.

Approval of Minutes – September 25, 2019

Councilor Rosetti made a motion, seconded by Councilor Loeffler, to approve the minutes of September 25, 2019 as submitted by Town Clerk Weber.

Ayes: Supervisor Theobald, Councilor Loeffler, Councilor Rossetti, Councilor Marzola, Councilor Green

Abstain: Councilor Bollinger

Nays: 0

All in Favor.

Motion Carries.

Approval of Abstract # 19

Councilor Marzola made a motion, seconded by Councilor Green, to approve Abstract # 19 as submitted by Town Clerk Weber.

<u>CODE</u>	<u>FUND</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
	TOWN OF MANLIUS	
	Fund Summary	
	Abstract # 19 - 2019	
A	General Fund Townwide	\$ 301,547.32
B	General Fund Town	\$ 10,959.51
DA	Highway Fund Townwide	\$ 230,923.63
DB	Highway Fund Town	\$ 120,913.32
SL1	Overhead Lighting	\$ 1,507.72
SL2	Underground Lighting	\$ 2,146.91
SL3	Entry Lighting	\$ 97.34
SL4	Garden Park Lighting	\$ 613.03
SL5	Ratnaur Bridge Lighting	\$ 2,444.25
SR1	Manlius Trash District	\$ 168.44
SR2	Manlius Res Brush District	\$ 168.44
SS1	Manlius Con Sewer District	\$ 1,341.10

Ayes: Supervisor Theobald, Councilor Loeffler, Councilor Rossetti, Councilor Marzola, Councilor Bollinger, Councilor Green

Nayes: 0 All in Favor. Motion Carries.

Public Hearing – Proposed Local Law – Property Tax Cap Override

Supervisor Theobald stated that the property tax cap override has been discussed in detail.

Councilor Marzola briefly discussed the history of the property tax cap and stated that Town has a strong history of being below the tax cap. Councilor Marzola stated that part of the property tax cap legislation includes a penalty for a municipality if the municipality is above the tax cap. Councilor Marzola stated that the calculation for the property tax cap is very complicated and overriding the property tax cap is risk avoidance.

Supervisor Theobald stated that some municipalities pass the property tax cap override during the organizational meeting.

Councilor Loeffler stated that the 2019 full town tax rate is lower than it was in 2014.

Councilor Green made a motion, seconded by Councilor Marzola, to waive the reading of the public notice for the public hearing in the matter of Local Law 2019-5 Overriding the Property Tax Cap for the Fiscal Year 2020.

Ayes: Supervisor Theobald, Councilor Loeffler, Councilor Green, Councilor Bollinger, Councilor Rossetti, Councilor Marzola

Nayes: 0 All in Favor. Motion Carries.

Councilor Rossetti made a motion, seconded by Councilor Loeffler, to open the public hearing at 6:38 PM in the matter of Local Law 2019-5 Overriding the Property Tax Cap for the Fiscal Year 2020.

Ayes: Supervisor Theobald, Councilor Loeffler, Councilor Green, Councilor Bollinger, Councilor Rossetti, Councilor Marzola

Nays: 0

All in Favor.

Motion Carries.

Robert Taylor, Fayetteville, asked if the property tax cap override was something that the Town Board passed annually and if this is part of the normal process? The Town Board answered yes.

Supervisor Theobald discussed the first year that the property tax cap calculation was completed.

Councilor Loeffler stated that the property tax cap calculation is very complicated, and the Town was concerned about making a mistake during the calculation process.

Robert Oley, Manlius, asked the Town Board if the Town has been overriding the property tax cap override every year what have you and the other towns been doing to try and get the property tax cap eradicated? Mr. Oley asked what steps have the Town taken towards that?

Supervisor Theobald stated that he is on the executive committee and the resolution committee for the Association of Towns. Supervisor Theobald stated that every year, one of the resolutions adopted is to get the property tax cap to be more flexible.

Mr. Oley asked if the Town could publish what is discussed (at the executive committee and the resolution committee for the Association of Towns)? Supervisor Theobald discussed the process and stated that he would publish that information.

Supervisor Theobald discussed how the Association of Towns and the resolutions committee works to represent the Towns in Albany.

Mr. Oley stated that the star rebate check is not affected by the property tax cap override. Mr. Oley stated that the rebate check is affected by the school districts ability to stay below the tax cap. Mr. Oley thanks the Town Board for their time.

Mr. Taylor asked how many times the Town has exceeded the tax cap? Councilor Marzola stated that the information he is asking about will be presented during the upcoming presentation.

Councilor Loeffler stated that whenever there has been a threat that the Town would exceed the property tax cap, it is due to things like special districts.

With there being no further comments from the public, Councilor Rossetti made a motion, seconded by Councilor Loeffler, to close the public hearing at 6:45pm in the matter of the Local Law 2019-5 Overriding the Property Tax Cap for the Fiscal Year 2020.

Ayes: Supervisor Theobald, Councilor Loeffler, Councilor Green, Councilor Bollinger, Councilor Rossetti, Councilor Marzola

Nayes: 0 All in Favor. Motion Carries.

Councilor Marzola made a motion, seconded by Councilor Loeffler, to pass Local Law 2019-5 - Overriding the Property Tax Cap in the Town of Manlius for Fiscal Year 2020 as outlined in the resolution prepared by the Attorney for the Town.

Ayes: Supervisor Theobald, Councilor Loeffler, Councilor Green, Councilor Bollinger, Councilor Rossetti, Councilor Marzola

Nayes: 0 All in Favor. Motion Carries.

Adopt 2020 Preliminary Budget

Councilor Marzola presented the 2020 Preliminary Budget and reviewed the budget process.

Councilor Marzola reviewed the scoring methodology for the New York State Comptrollers Fiscal Stress Monitoring System for both financial and environmental factors. Councilor Marzola stated that the Town's financial fiscal stress score is 3.3% and the environmental score is 0.0%. Councilor Marzola stated that both scores are very good.

Councilor Marzola discussed the changes that had been made to the preliminary budget after the tentative budget was accepted. Councilor Marzola stated that the police department had decreased personnel and contractual lines, the Highway DA fund was decreased, and the non-tax revenue was increased due to AIM funding. Councilor Marzola reviewed the property tax cap information from 2013 to present.

Councilor Marzola discussed the budget information that is still being reviewed by the Town and the budget data that the Town is yet to receive.

Councilor Marzola reported the following tax rates:

- Full Town preliminary tax rate is \$4.873 from \$4.830; Up \$0.043 (0.88%)
- Part Town preliminary tax rate is \$3.679 from \$3.636; Up \$0.043 (1.18%)

Councilor Marzola made a motion, seconded by Councilor Loeffler, to adopt the Preliminary Budget for the fiscal year 2020 as presented.

Ayes: Supervisor Theobald, Councilor Loeffler, Councilor Green, Councilor Bollinger, Councilor Rossetti, Councilor Marzola

Nays: 0 All in Favor. Motion Carries.

Set Date – Public Hearing – 2020 Preliminary Budget

Councilor Bollinger made a motion, seconded by Councilor Marzola, to set the date for a public hearing on the 2020 Preliminary Budget for the fiscal year 2020 for October 23, 2019 at 6:35 PM at the Town Hall in the Town of Manlius, located at 301 Brooklea Dr. Fayetteville NY.

Ayes: Supervisor Theobald, Councilor Loeffler, Councilor Rossetti, Councilor Marzola, Councilor Bollinger, Councilor Green

Nays: 0 All in Favor. Motion Carries.

Correspondence/New Business

A) Highway Superintendent

Highway Superintendent Cushing stated that the summer highway projects have been completed and the department is preparing for winter.

Supervisor Theobald stated that the Town will be receiving \$64,000 from the county for the severity factor in the 2019 snowplow contract with Onondaga County.

B) Planning & Development

Director Capriotti stated that inspections are up compared to this time last year and the number of inspections does not appear to be slowing down.

Town Engineer Miller stated that the preliminary field work and surveying is underway for the Hoag Lane drainage study.

C) Attorney – No New Business

D) Town Clerk

Town Clerk Weber presented a renewal contract from Aspinall's Landscaping for the removal of snow from the sidewalks at Manlius Town Hall. Town Clerk Weber stated that the rate for snow removal is the same as last year.

Councilor Rossetti made a motion, seconded by Councilor Marzola, to authorize Supervisor Theobald to sign an agreement with Aspinall's Landscaping for the removal of snow from the

sidewalks at Manlius Town Hall from 7:00 Am to 2:30 PM for 2019-2020 winter season at a rate of \$140 per time.

Ayes: Supervisor Theobald, Councilor Loeffler, Councilor Rossetti, Councilor Marzola, Councilor Bollinger, Councilor Green

Naves: 0 All in Favor. Motion Carries.

E) Police Chief

Chief Crowell gave the following report:

- Calls for service remain steady from last year
- The department continues to plan for legislative changes that will be effective January 1, 2020.
- The 3 recruits are doing very well.
- The department will be conducting interviews to fill 2 sergeant positions
- John Buske has been appointed to the volunteer position of Police Chaplain.

F) Town Board

Councilor Bollinger gave a report on the Planning Process Committee. Councilor Bollinger stated that the committee has been reviewing the sign regulations of the Town Code and will be formally suggesting some changes to the Town Code. Councilor Bollinger asked the Town Board to consider the kinds of signs that exist and the length that those types signs could be displayed. Councilor Bollinger asked the Town Board to also consider increasing the frequency that digital signs may be changed.

Councilor Green stated that the Village of Fayetteville and the Town of Manlius will be hosting a Deer & Tick Education Program at the Village of Fayetteville Hall on October 19, 2019 at 10:00AM.

Councilor Green reminded everyone that Wicked Woods will be taking place at Green Lakes State Park on October 19, 2019.

Councilor Rossetti thanked the Budget & Finance Committee for their work on the 2020 budget.

Councilor Loeffler thanked the residents that attended the meeting for the presentation on the Preliminary Budget and stated that the Town Board can answers any questions residents may have regarding the budget.

Councilor Loeffler stated that the Planning Process Committee will continue to bring code review items forward to the Town Board.

G) Supervisor

Supervisor Theobald stated that the Town has received a re-imbusement check from National Grid in the amount of \$23,230 for the installation of LED lights in the Town of Manlius. The installation of over 400 LED streetlights will help the Town save an estimated \$13,000 per year.

There being no further business to come before the Board, upon motion duly made by Councilor Rossetti and seconded by Councilor Loeffler the Board voted unanimously to adjourn regular session at 7:42PM.

Ayes: Supervisor Theobald, Councilor Loeffler, Councilor Rossetti, Councilor Marzola, Councilor Bollinger, Councilor Green

Nays: 0

All in favor.

Motion Carries.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Allison A. Weber
Town Clerk