

MINUTES  
TOWN BOARD  
January 23, 2018

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  
Vincent Giordano, 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 & Mike McGrew, Manlius. Cheryl & Mark Matt, Fayetteville. Roseann Lorefice, Manlius. Diana Ryan, Manlius. Nancy Durkin, Fayetteville. Debra DeSocio, Fayetteville. Dwight Rhodes, Manlius. Jay Brenner, Manlius. Lauren Young, Eagle Bulletin. John Deer, Fayetteville. Heather Allison Waters, Fayetteville. Paul Berry, Syracuse. David Knapp, LaFayette. Yusuf Abdul-Qadir, Syracuse. Mary Cunningham, Fayetteville. Michael & Donna Smith, Fayetteville. Lourdes Rosario, Manlius.

**The Pledge of Allegiance**

Supervisor Theobald, called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. County Executive Ryan McMahon and County Legislators Kevin Holmquist, Dave Knapp and Tim Burtis led the Pledge of Allegiance. Supervisor Theobald welcomed everyone and thanked all for attending.

**Onondaga County Executive Ryan McMahon – County Legislator David Knapp - County Legislator David Knapp – County Legislator Kevin Holmquist – County Legislator Tim Burtis**

County Executive Ryan McMahon spoke on topics that are affecting both Onondaga County and the Town of Manlius. The topics included:

- Discussion on the impact that cutting the funding for (AIM) Aid and Incentives for Municipalities and (CHIPS) Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement would have on local government including the Town of Manlius.
- Discussed the impact that the legalization of marijuana will have on the health department and local law enforcement. County Executive McMahon stated that he is advocating that local municipalities receive some of the revenue from the sale of marijuana if it becomes legal. That revenue would be used to help offset the costs of any increased services that would have to be provided locally.

- Discussed the focus on economic development and infrastructure improvements in the Town of Manlius. County Executive McMahon reviewed the proposed Meadowbrook Limestone Sewer infrastructure improvement plan and explained his desire to have the County relieve the cost burden of this infrastructure from the towns and villages. County Executive McMahon stated that the infrastructure is important not only because of sewer backups but also so that the community can continue to expand and grow.

County Executive McMahon stated that he would like input from the leaders of the Town of Manlius on local economic development and build the input into the County's plan.

Supervisor Theobald and County Executive McMahon discussed the negative impact the local governments would suffer if the AIM funding was cut from the State budget.

County Legislator Chairman David Knapp discussed the local sales tax agreement that was recently renewed. County Legislator Knapp stated that:

- The sales tax agreement was secured with Onondaga County, the City of Syracuse and the Towns and Villages.
- The county wanted to send a message to the Towns that they are important to the County and to do so, the County Legislature recently included some additional money for towns.
- The snowplow agreement was approved and is a good deal for the Towns.
- The County is continuing to look for funding to help local governments and infrastructure relief is an area that the County is looking at.

County Legislator Kevin Holmquist discussed the history of the (VIP) Village Improvement Program and stated that:

- You cannot have a strong Onondaga County without having a strong City of Syracuse. You cannot have a strong Town of Manlius without having strong villages (inside the town).
- The County worked with the villages to increase the funding for 2020-2030 increasing the funding up to \$6 million dollars for infrastructure.
- There is a great deal of collaboration amongst all local government, which is a marked difference from the past several years.

County Legislator Tim Burtis discussed his participation on the Deer & Tick Advisory Committee and stated that:

- The Deer & Tick Advisory Committee issued a report on the things that the County is doing to try to prevent Lyme disease. The report discussed the number of ticks in the Green Lakes State Park area. The data is still coming in from tick drags in the area and the number of ticks appears to be down.
- The committee will continue to work on the tick issue and monitor the tick population.
- He is glad for the help Karen Green has provided regarding deer management and is pleased to have been able to work with the Town on its new intermunicipal effort with the Village of Fayetteville.

County Legislator Tim Burtis discussed his participation on the Health Committee and stated that:

- Flu season is beginning and encouraged everyone to get their flu shot.
- The Opioid crisis numbers are down but there is still a serious problem that the County continues to focus on.
- The Onondaga County Health Department was recently accredited as an agency.

Supervisor Theobald opened the floor for public comment.

Mark Matt, Fayetteville, stated that he heard a lot of discussion regarding collaboration, but he feels that the public was left out of the discussion on the sales tax agreement. Mr. Matt felt that the agreement was rushed and that it did not follow the normal procedures in the County Legislature. Mr. Matt stated that minutes of the Ways & Means Committee of the County Legislature were not posted online in a timely manner for public review thus removing the ability for public input. Mr. Matt stated that there was no public input on the sales tax extension, and it sends the message that constituents don't matter.

County Executive McMahon stated that he cannot speak to the minutes (referenced by Mr. Matt). County Executive McMahon stated that he held seven town hall meetings and visited other town board meetings where the sales tax agreement was discussed extensively. County Executive McMahon felt that the extension of the existing agreement was received favorably by all the parties that would be affected.

Mr. Matt stated that people had very little access to the bill (the sales tax agreement) to understand what was going on. Mr. Matt stated that citizens could not ask questions and be comfortable (with the sales tax agreement) and there is a real need for the public to be involved.

County Executive McMahon stated that he takes public involvement very seriously and he appreciates the feedback.

Mary Cunningham, Fayetteville, stated that she was glad to hear that County officials recognize that the City of Syracuse has to be well in order for the towns and villages to be well. Ms. Cunningham spoke in favor of the I-81 community grid proposal because it will bring more opportunity for businesses and it will make a cleaner environment. Ms. Cunningham asked if there was going to be a public way for the public to address the issue of I-81 changes?

County Executive McMahon discussed his opinion on the I-81 proposals and stated the proposed tunnel with a grid will be the best approach for the whole County. He expressed frustration that a budget has not been put forward by the State yet. County Executive McMahon stated that no matter what the decision is there will be mitigation with the grid or the tunnel.

Yusuf Abdul-Qadir, Syracuse, stated that he is the director of the ACLU in Syracuse and he has a real bird's eye view on the I-81 issue. Mr. Abdul-Qadir stated that:

- The ACLU has spent a lot of time and money researching the issues surrounding the I-81 decision and it is not clear that the facts suggest that Carmageddon will happen if the community grid is the final option.
- When you go into a tunnel and a car stops inside the tunnel, all of the traffic inside the tunnel stops. It will cost \$500 million dollars to maintain the tunnel and that money must come from somewhere.
- The I-81 issue is a regional issue and everyone needs to be thinking regionally. The trends around the country is to take down viaducts because of the impact it has on the nearby community.
- The NYSDOT has to give 4 acres of land for every acre it takes. The idea that there will be a loss of environmental space is not correct, there will actually be more environmental space. Mr. Abdul-Qadir discussed the issues that NYSDOT will have to address during the I-81 project.
- He supports the idea that you can't have thriving towns and villages without a thriving city.
- In the most egregious case 5 minutes of commute time will be added to peoples travel and that should not outweigh decades of forced concentrated poverty and hyper-segregation.
- Onondaga County is the ninth most segregated county in the country and that is directly attributed to the viaduct.
- The closer you live to the viaduct the more likely you are to have asthma, heart disease and obesity.

Diana Ryan, Manlius, stated that:

- If there is a tunnel, she does not believe there will be a community grid and that is a myth that has been spread.
- Architects agree that a tunnel will not have the structural soundness to put anything on top of the tunnel.
- A tunnel will need to be dug at least 20 feet down and long onramps will be required due to the regulations of high-speed travel. Experts are not even sure that a tunnel could connect to 690 due to the required ramps and therefore lose the connectivity that the community grid is promoting.
- Discussed the impact that the other proposed I-81 options would have on traffic during construction. The other proposed options ( other than the community grid) are going to divert traffic during construction for 3 to 10 years without improvements to 481.

County Executive Ryan McMahan stated that there is a way to find common ground rather than make a decision where there are winners and losers. County Executive McMahan asked residents to contact him directly with any information that they may have. The decisions regarding I-81 will be made by the Governor and not Onondaga County.

County Legislator Knapp discussed the family farms that were destroyed when I-81 was constructed right through the middle of their property.

County Legislator Knapp stated that the clerk that sends out the minutes for the Ways and Means Committee had not been at work and that is why there was a delay in the minutes being completed.

Mr. Matt stated that he felt that there was a rush to bring the sales tax agreement to closure and asked why there wasn't more input from the public.

**Approval of Minutes – 2019 Organizational Meeting & January 9, 2019**

Councilor Bollinger made a motion, seconded by Councilor Rossetti, to approve the organizational minutes of January 9, 2019 as submitted by Town Clerk Weber.

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

Abstain: Councilor Loeffler, Councilor Giordano    Nays: None                      Motion Carries.

Councilor Rossetti made a motion, seconded by Councilor Giordano, to approve the minutes of January 9, 2019 as submitted by Town Clerk Weber.

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

Abstain: Councilor Loeffler, Councilor Giordano    Nays: None                      Motion Carries.

**Approval of Abstract # 26 & 2**

Councilor Marzola made a motion, seconded by Councilor Green, to approve Abstract # 26 as submitted by Town Clerk Weber.

	TOWN OF MANLIUS	
	Fund Summary	
	Abstract # 26 - 2018	
<b><u>CODE</u></b>	<b><u>FUND</u></b>	<b><u>TOTALS</u></b>
A	General Fund Townwide	\$ 66,106.19
DA	Highway Fund Townwide	\$ 881.46
DB	Highway Fund Town	\$ 1,797.56

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

Nays: 0    All in Favor.    Motion Carries.

Councilor Marzola made a motion, seconded by Councilor Rossetti, to approve Abstract # 2 as submitted by Town Clerk Weber.





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

Nays: 0 All in Favor. Motion Carries.

D) Town Clerk

Town Clerk Weber presented a proposal from BAS for an online dog licensing module and stated that the module was budgeted for in 2019. Town Clerk Weber presented a proposal for credit card processing from Forte and stated that the software module only supports credit card processing from a limited number of companies.

Councilor Marzola made a motion, seconded by Councilor Rossetti, to authorize the Supervisor to enter into an agreement with BAS for the online dog licensing module pending legal review.

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

Nays: 0 All in Favor. Motion Carries.

Councilor Rossetti made a motion, seconded by Councilor Green, to authorize the Supervisor to enter into a payment processing agreement with Forte for credit card processing pending legal review.

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

Nays: 0 All in Favor. Motion Carries.

E) Police Chief

Chief Crowell reported the following:

- There are two recruits in Field Training, and they are doing well.
- The department is canvassing to fill three vacancies.
- The January in-service training is complete, and it was very successful
- The two open promotional spots (Captain & Sargent) have been filled.
- The 2019 goals & objectives are almost complete.

F) Town Board

Councilor Green gave an update on the inter-municipal agreement with the Village of Fayetteville for deer management. Councilor Green stated that she attended the Deer Management Committee Meeting at Onondaga County.

Councilor Green stated that the Village of Fayetteville is celebrating its 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

G) Supervisor

Supervisor Theobald stated that he met with County Executive McMahon on a number of issues affecting both the town and the county. Supervisor Theobald stated that Town Manager Oot, Town Clerk Weber and County Legislator Holmquist attended the meeting as well and that many of the topics discussed were covered this evening.

There being no further business to come before the Board, upon motion duly made by Councilor Rossetti and seconded by Councilor Bollinger the Board voted unanimously to adjourn regular session at 7:47 PM.

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

Nays: 0

All in favor.

Motion Carries.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Allison A. Weber  
Town Clerk