

MINUTES
TOWN BOARD
May 12, 2021

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:

Karen Green, Councilor
Sara Bollinger, Councilor
Elaine Denton, Councilor
John Deer, Councilor
Heather Waters, Councilor

Absent Katelyn M. Kriesel, Councilor

1. Supervisor Theobald introduced the Town Board Members and Town Officers that were in attendance.

Tim Frateschi, Attorney for the Town
Mike Crowell, Police Chief
Doug Miller, Town Engineer

Allison A. Weber, Town Clerk
Rob Cushing, Highway Superintendent
Ann Oot, Town Manager

Virtual Meeting Attendees: Jillian McGuire, David & Louis Muraco, Ales Behm, Maggie N, Joe Messineo, Andrew Bushnell, Deborah Tooker, Roni Morganstern, Faith Binder, Taylor Bottar, Olivia Hicklen, Ken Knutsen, Rich Andino, Grete Day, Judith Poltenson, Stuart Ben, Michelle Romano, Lesley Pease, John Bartolotti, Terry Andrianos, Jim Romano, Mat Zlomek, Deb Kuntz, Warren Linhart, Arnold Poltenson, Eric Wiehenstroer, Fred & Vicki Keeney, Joe Dodd, Susan Button, Erin T, Mark, Prerna Deer, Nicole Potocki, Donna Edgar, Andrea Belton, Nancy PC, Cindy, Dave Scamehorn, David Lockrow, Jamie Freemansaks, Shauna Teelin, John Penizotto.

2. The Pledge of Allegiance

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

3. Open Podium

Jillian McGuire, Fremont Neighborhood, stated that she would like to see space for walkers, runners, and bikers on Bowman Rd. and on N. Burdick St. from Bowman Rd. to the Canal entrance on the bridge. Ms. McGuire stated that this could be as simple as an extension of the shoulder of the road or a bike lane to ensure the safety of pedestrians.

After a brief discussion with Highway Superintendent Cushing, Supervisor Theobald stated that the Town will research the history of the road and look at the potential cost.

Councilor Waters encouraged Ms. McGuire and her neighbors to participate in the Comprehensive Plan Survey for the Town.

3. Approval of Minutes – April 14, 2021

Councilor Green made a motion, seconded by Councilor Denton, to approve the minutes of April 14, 2021 as submitted by Town Clerk Weber.

Ayes: Supervisor Theobald, Councilor Green, Councilor Bollinger, Councilor Denton, Councilor Deer, Councilor Waters

Nays: 0 All in Favor. Motion Carries.

4. Approval of Abstract # 9

Councilor Bollinger made a motion, seconded by Councilor Green, to approve Abstract # 9 as submitted by Town Clerk Weber.

TOWN OF MANLIUS		
Fund Summary		
Abstract # 9 - 2021		
CODE	FUND	TOTALS
A	General Fund Townwide	\$76,900.87
B	General Fund Town	\$11,897.96
CM1	Police Trust	\$1,436.00
DA	Highway Fund Townwide	\$13,752.15
DB	Highway Fund Town	\$19,442.30
SD1	Consolidated Drainage # 1	\$1,074.00
SD2	Consolidated Drainage #2	\$1,074.00
SD3	Consolidated Drainage # 3	\$179.00
SL1	Overhead Lighting	\$1,500.81
SL2	Underground Lighting	\$2,193.74
SL3	Entry Lighting	\$97.32
SL4	Garden Park Lighting	\$619.00
SL5	Ratnaur Bridge Lighting	\$2,491.39
SR1	Manlius Trash District	\$112,500.67
SR2	Manlius Res Brush District	\$12,534.33
SS1	Manlius Con Sewer District	\$18.06
TA2	Trust & Agency - Other	\$4,312.00

Ayes: Supervisor Theobald, Councilor Green, Councilor Bollinger, Councilor Denton, Councilor Deer, Councilor Waters

Nays: 0 All in Favor. Motion Carries.

5. Continuation of Public Hearing – Skyridge Water District Improvements

Councilor Waters made a motion, seconded by Councilor Denton, to re-open the public hearing at 6:46 PM in the matter of the proposed Skyridge Water District Improvements.

Ayes: Supervisor Theobald, Councilor Green, Councilor Bollinger, Councilor Denton, Councilor Deer, Councilor Waters

Nays: 0 All in Favor. Motion Carries.

Town Clerk Weber stated that a Q&A document has been posted to the agenda that answers the questions that were submitted during the last public hearing.

David & Louis Muraco stated that they own 57 acres on the corner of MacClenthen and Salt Springs Rd. and 14 acres across the street on Salt Springs. David Muraco stated that he is in favor of the water project and he has had problems with his well.

Alex Behm, Executive Director at Clear Path for Veterans, stated that they are in favor of the proposed joint water district project. Mr. Behm stated that they would like to expand their infrastructure and because of the well access on the property they are not able to expand. Alex explained that just last week they had a problem with the well and had to shut down the facility for a day and a half.

Maggie (Name as registered in Zoom) asked the Board if the Salt Springs Water District is not passed, will the Skyridge Water still get the improvements they need. Supervisor Theobald stated if the Salt Springs Water District does not pass, the Skyridge Water District would have to fund any maintenance or upgrades on their own. Maggie stated her main concern regarding the water districts is that it will bring more homes and commercial building such as Clear Path and the Golf Course.

Joe Messineo asked why the Horseshoe Lane residents have not prepared financially for the repair or replacement of their system. Mr. Messineo asked why the Town is pressing that expense on the people on Salt Springs Rd.

Supervisor Theobald discussed funding for the Skyridge Water District and the process to obtain that funding.

Mr. Messineo stated that what he is hearing is that the Skyridge District did not plan for the care of the system and did nothing. Supervisor Theobald stated that the residents have increased their contributions to their district when needed.

Town Clerk Weber read written questions from attending residents.

Andrew Bushnell asked if the Board could delineate which lots are included in each of the three water districts. Supervisor Theobald stated there is a map provided on the agenda on the Town website and also on the Barton & Loguidice website.

Deborah Tooker stated that Horseshoe Lane (Skyridge) has a reserve but not enough for a new system.

Roni Morganstern stated that Horseshoe Lane residents have been talking to the Town of Manlius for years and have been paying for water and potential improvements.

Faith Binder stated that Skyridge has been working with the Town for years, but the Town did not explore the possibility until Clear Path and the Town of Sullivan required water.

Councilor Waters made a motion, seconded by Councilor Denton, to close the public hearing at 7:12 PM in the matter of the proposed Skyridge Water District Improvements.

Ayes: Supervisor Theobald, Councilor Green, Councilor Bollinger, Councilor Denton, Councilor Deer, Councilor Waters

Nayes: 0 All in Favor. Motion Carries.

Councilor Waters stated that Mr. Knutsen has indicated at prior meetings that currently infrastructure funding is at its ripest moment and timing is important.

Joe Messineo, Manlius, asked the Board to let people know what the response from Congressman Katko’s office was in regard to project funding. Councilor Bollinger stated the Congressman Katko did not select this project for federal funding.

Councilor Deer read a comment submitted by Joe Dodd. Mr. Dodd asked how many homes are proposed or how many could be served? Councilor Bollinger stated that the area does not have public sewer and it would not be possible to place that many homes using septic systems.

Taylor Bottar from Barton & Loguidice reviewed part one of the SEQR EAF which was started in April. Mr. Bottar stated that after waiting the required thirty days for any objection for the lead agency intent they are ready to proceed with Part II and III of the SEQR review.

Attorney Andino reviewed Part II and III of the environmental assessment form with the Town Board. After review of Part II of the EAF, the Town Board determined that each of the environmental factors would have no to small impact. After further discussion, the Board agreed that there would be no significant environmental impact from the action taken tonight based on the reasons set forth in the SEQR Resolution drafted by Barton & Loguidice and proposed to issue a negative declaration under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

Councilor Bollinger made a motion, seconded by Councilor Waters, to issue a negative declaration under the State Environmental Quality Review Act as set forth in the SEQRA Resolution.

Ayes: Supervisor Theobald, Councilor Green, Councilor Bollinger, Councilor Denton, Councilor Deer, Councilor Waters

Nayes: 0 All in Favor. Motion Carries.

Councilor Bollinger made a motion, seconded by Councilor Waters, to adopt the Public Interest Order 202-b of the Skyridge Water District.

Ayes: Supervisor Theobald, Councilor Green, Councilor Bollinger, Councilor Denton, Councilor Deer, Councilor Waters

Nayes: 0 All in Favor. Motion Carries.

Discussion ensued about the project moving forward and the petition process that will be used.

6. Highway Superintendent

Highway Superintendent Cushing stated the CHIPS funding letter should arrive next week.

7. Planning & Development – No New Business

8. Attorney Frateschi stated he has reviewed and made comments on the draft contract with MJ Engineering, and it should be completed by June 1st.

9. Town Clerk – No New Business

Ayes: Supervisor Theobald, Councilor Green, Councilor Bollinger, Councilor Denton, Councilor Deer, Councilor Waters

Nays: 0 All in Favor. Motion Carries.

Councilor Waters wanted to remind all the school budget vote is Tuesday May 18th.

There being no further business to come before the Board, upon motion duly made by Councilor Denton and seconded by Councilor Deer the Board voted unanimously to adjourn regular session at 7:48PM.

Ayes: Supervisor Theobald, Councilor Green, Councilor Bollinger, Councilor Denton, Councilor Deer, Councilor Waters

Nays: 0 All in Favor. Motion Carries.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Allison A. Weber
Town Clerk