

MINUTES  
TOWN BOARD  
May 26, 2021

The Town of Manlius Town Board hybrid meeting in-person and virtual live streaming 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  
Katelyn M. Kriesel, Councilor

The following Town Officers were present:

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

Virtual Meeting Attendees: Nick Agrippino, Warren Linhart, Prerna Deer, J. Messineo, Stephen Benson, David Temes, Maggie.

In Person Attendees: Carol Ilacqua, Terry Carguello, John Carguello

### **1. Welcome & Introductions**

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

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

The Town Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Supervisor Theobald, called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

### **3. Open Podium**

Nicholas Agrippino, Manlius, attended virtually and spoke about the legalization of cannabis products in New York State for adults 21 and older. Mr. Agrippino encouraged the Town to discuss this further and spoke in favor of not opting out of the marijuana legislation.

Attorney Frateschi reviewed legislation related to the sales and consumption of marijuana in New York State.

Carol Ilacqua, Manlius, requested that the town bond to form a water district on Appletree Ridge and Armstrong Rd. for three neighbors that include herself, William McGinnis and David Temes. Ms. Ilacqua stated that there are problems with their wells and they would like to connect to public water.

Discussion ensued regarding the process required to form water district. Representatives from the area and Town Officials will meet to discuss the logistics and requirements further.

Supervisor Theobald recognized John Carguello who is working on becoming an Eagle Scout. Mr. Carguello stated his Eagle project is at Green Lakes repairing a community garden.

**4. Approval of Minutes – April 28, 2021 & May 12, 2021**

Councilor Green made a motion, seconded by Councilor Denton, to approve the minutes of April 28, 2021 as submitted by Town Clerk Weber.

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

Nays: 0 All in Favor. Motion Carries.

Councilor Green made a motion, seconded by Councilor Waters, to approve the minutes of May 12, 2021 as submitted by Town Clerk Weber.

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

Abstain: Councilor Kriesel

Motion Carries.

**5. Approval of Abstract # 10**

Councilor Bollinger made a motion, seconded by Councilor Green, to approve Abstract # 10 as submitted by Town Clerk Weber.

TOWN OF MANLIUS		
Fund Summary		
Abstract # 10- 2021		
<u>CODE</u>	<u>FUND</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
A	General Fund Townwide	\$ 72,551.40
B	General Fund Town	\$ 1,008.10
CM1	Police Trust	\$ 781.28
DA	Highway Fund Townwide	\$ 4,810.98
DB	Highway Fund Town	\$ 8,614.16

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

Nays: 0 All in Favor. Motion Carries.

**6. Salt Spring Water District**

Councilor Bollinger stated this is the Manlius portion of the Salt Springs Water District and the map plan and report have been submitted. Councilor Bollinger stated the petitions will be at Town Hall for anyone who wishes to review the documentation and/or sign. Councilor Bollinger also stated there will be two petitions for resident volunteers to go door to door with. Councilor Bollinger stated they would like all the petitions completed by the end of June.

**7. Discussion – Modification of 2 Year Terms for Town Clerk and Highway Superintendent.**

Supervisor Theobald reviewed the information provided by Town Clerk Weber as to how many towns in Onondaga County have two-year or four-year terms for these positions.

Councilor Deer stated he believes this will afford these positions more time for long term planning and projects.

Attorney Frateschi stated the process to change an elected officials term would require a mandatory referendum and the passing of a local law. Attorney Frateschi stated the local law must be passed sixty day or more before a general election.

Highway Superintendent Cushing stated most of the planning that is done is for three to four years out, such as drainage projects, paving as well as the business portion of these positions.

Attorney Frateschi stated he will prepare a draft local law for the change of terms for the June 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **8. Highway Superintendent**

Highway Superintendent Cushing stated they have started the summer paving projects and will notify the residents by postcard when they will be in their area.

### **10. Attorney**

Attorney Frateschi reviewed a resolution that would allow the Town to accept donations/gifts to assist the Sustainable Manlius Committee. Attorney Frateschi stated that under Town law this would be called a publicity fund and would have a separate Town bank account.

Councilor Kriesel stated that members of the Sustainable Manlius Committee offered to donate money to help with ads for marketing of Earth Fest 2021. Councilor Kriesel stated this publicity fund would allow for donations/gifts to be accepted to help support Sustainable Manlius.

Councilor Waters asked if it would be possible to make this fund a not-for-profit later if wanted. Attorney Frateschi stated that towns cannot create a not-for-profit and reviewed how the fund would be managed for Sustainable Manlius.

Councilor Kriesel made a motion, seconded by Councilor Denton, to adopt the resolution as prepared by the Attorney for the Town to create a fund to except donations/gifts for Sustainable Manlius as amended to change the word deposits to expenditures in section five.

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

Nayes: 0

All in Favor.

Motion Carries.

### **11. Town Clerk**

Town Clerk Weber asked the board for a verbal approval to rescind the Resolution for the temporary suspension of commercial peddler permits in the Town do to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Councilor Waters made a motion, seconded by Councilor Bollinger, to rescind the temporary suspension of commercial peddler permits in the town.

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

Nays: 0

All in Favor.

Motion Carries.

Town Clerk Weber stated that the Department of Agriculture and Markets has conducted its annual inspections of our dog control facility (CNYSPCA) and the dog control officer. Town Clerk Weber stated that the report was completed in March of 2021, and the facility and dog control officer were given a satisfactory report.

Town Clerk Weber stated she would like the boards input on updating the Rules of Decorum to include the hybrid meetings which are becoming the standard. Town Clerk Weber stated she would like it to include instructions for participants to provide name and address and to give instructions on how to participate in Open Podium.

## **12. Police Chief**

Chief Crowell gave the following report:

1. Three new officers will be attending the upcoming academy.
2. The Department is finalizing the Village of Fayetteville Memorial Day Parade plans and planning started for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July in the Village of Manlius.
3. Selections for the newly created community unit will be announced the first part of July.
4. Congratulations to Lynn Rybinski on her retirement after 30 years of service.
5. The Town of Manlius Police Department has been responding to a higher volume of calls at Green Lakes State Park in part due to the fact that the State of New York is not supporting the Park Police anymore.

## **13. Town Manager**

### **Workers Compensation Policy Renewal**

Town Manager Oot stated the workers compensation policy is due to expire on May 31<sup>st</sup>. Town Manager Oot stated that PERMA and Comp Alliance both offered quotes with two-year options. Town Manager Oot recommended going with PERMA as their two-year options is significantly lower and there is a year two option if the losses are below 50%.

Councilor Green made a motion, seconded by Councilor Waters, to accept the PERMA quote with the two-year option.

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

Nays: 0

All in Favor.

Motion Carries.

### **457 Deferred Compensation Plan**

Supervisor Theobald stated he had completed a spread sheet and summary of Deferred Compensation Plans for voluntary retirement savings plans, for the board members. Supervisor Theobald stated he would recommend staying with Lincoln Financial because of their service.

Supervisor Theobald introduced Dan Jeffery, Certified Financial Planner and a discussion continued concerning different plans and costs.

Councilor Kriesel made a motion, seconded by Councilor Green, to adopt the plan as presented with Best Times Financial and maintaining the current plan with Lincoln Financial.

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

Nayes: 0

All in Favor.

Motion Carries.

#### **14. Committee Reports**

##### **Sustainable Manlius**

Councilor Kriesel stated that Sustainable Manlius received a \$5,000 grant that was awarded earlier this year for being a NYSERDA Clean Energy Community. Councilor Kriesel stated that a decision was made to spend the money to promote two initiatives, Community Solar and Heat Smart CNY.

Councilor Kriesel made a motion, seconded by Councilor Deer, to authorize the Supervisor to sign a letter of support for the grant application to be used for marketing for Sustainable Manlius and the Community Campaign for NYSERDA.

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

Nayes: 0

All in Favor.

Motion Carries.

##### **Economic Development**

Councilor Kriesel stated that she is working with the Manlius Chamber of Commerce and the FM Education Foundation to hold a co-sponsored dining week in October 2021 in support the FM Education Foundation and to support the local economy. Councilor Kriesel stated she will be working with the Manlius Chamber of Commerce to do a similar economic event in the Minoa, Kirkville area.

Councilor Waters spoke about the CNY Works Program that is sponsored by Onondaga County. Councilor Waters suggested the Town might partner with this program to employ young people looking for summer work and would be paid by the county. Councilor Waters suggested that the Highway and Recreation departments might be able to benefit from this labor.

#### **13. Supervisor**

Supervisor Theobald also congratulated Lynn Rybinski on her retirement from the Police Department.

Supervisor Theobald spoke about the Memorial Tree Planting that took place on May 21<sup>st</sup> at Wellwood School.

#### **14. Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, upon motion duly made by Councilor Green and seconded by Councilor Kriesel the Board voted unanimously to adjourn regular session at 8:43 PM.

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

Nays: 0

All in Favor.

Motion Carries.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Allison A. Weber  
Town Clerk