

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
MANLIUS TOWN BOARD
October 30, 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://youtu.be/Ih9BYpkhLFE>

Supervisor John Deer presided, and the following Board members present:

Sara Bollinger, Councilor
Katelyn M. Kriesel, Councilor
Alissa Italiano, Councilor
William Nicholson, Councilor
Heather Waters, Councilor
Elaine Denton, Councilor

The following Town Officers were present: Will Wolfe, Attorney for the Town, Allison A. Weber, Town Clerk, Ann Oot, Town Manager, Kayandra Blythe, Deputy Town Manager. Jason Cassalia, Chief of Police.

1. Attendees

In-Person Meeting Attendees that signed in: Cheryl Matt, Fayetteville. Mark Matt, Fayetteville. John Hodges, Kirkville. Dan Tyrel, Fayetteville. Dave Tyler, Eagle Bulletin. Tim Kelly, Fayetteville. Paul Whorrall, Village of Manlius Mayor. Mark Olson, Village of Fayetteville Mayor. Dan Kinsella, Village of Fayetteville Trustee. Bill Brazill, Village of Minoa Mayor. Bobby Schepp, Village of Minoa Trustee.

Virtual Meeting Attendees: Warren Linhart. Patty Tripoli. Matt Mulcahy.

2. The Pledge of Allegiance

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

3. Modified Intermunicipal Police Agreement

Councilor Waters gave a statement on the original 1984 Intermunicipal Police Agreement.

Councilor Nicholson read the proposed resolution into the record.

Supervisor Deer gave a statement and explained that there would be no changes in police services for residents and that the mayors would still have the same access to the police department as before.

Councilor Nicholson made a motion, seconded by Councilor Waters to adopt the resolution as presented.

Brad Hunt, Attorney representing the Villages, asked the Town Board to consider amending the resolution to include language that does not automatically withdraw the Town of Manlius from the intermunicipal police agreement on January 1, 2024, if the parties are still actively negotiating.

Discussion ensued regarding whether or not the Town board would like to amend the resolution and what language should be added to the resolution that would not automatically withdraw the Town of Manlius from the intermunicipal police agreement if the parties are continuing to negotiate in good faith past December 31, 2023.

The initial motion to approve the resolution was withdrawn.

Councilor Nicholson made a motion, seconded by Councilor Waters to approve the amended resolution as follows;

Resolution Regarding the 1984 Police Agreement

WHEREAS, in 1984, the Villages of Manlius, Fayetteville and Minoa (collectively the “Villages”) entered into an intermunicipal agreement, entitled AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 119-o OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW (the “Agreement”) with the Town of Manlius (the “Town”) which contemplated the abolishment of the then existing Village Police Departments and the creation of the Town of Manlius Police Department;

WHEREAS, the Town of Manlius Police Department has been providing police protection in the Villages and throughout the Town since 1985;

WHEREAS, the Town Board intends to operate the Manlius Police Department in the same manner and practice as it has since 1985, including police protection in the Villages and Townwide with the same superior level of service that all of the Town and Village residents have come to rely upon;

WHEREAS, the Town and Villages have had productive conversations on reaching an updated Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. To the extent the Agreement is still enforceable, and for the Town to protect its rights under the Agreement, the Town hereby withdraws from the Agreement pursuant to Section 16 of the Agreement;
2. That the Manlius Police Department has been established with the Agreement and pursuant to the authority vested in the Town under Section 150 of Town Law and shall continue in all aspects and respects as a Department of the Town;
3. **RESOLVED**, that the Town Board reserves the right to rescind this resolution if the Town Board and the Village Board’s can agree to compromise language pursuant to the productive conversations that have already taken place between the Villages and the Town.
4. **FURTHER RESOLVED**, that is the parties continue to negotiate in good faith past December 31st, 2023 the Town will operate pursuant to the amended and restated agreement in its current form as of that date.

