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**Minutes
Town Board Meeting
July 8, 2026
6:30 PM**

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 Website, and the Town Facebook page.

Supervisor Bollinger presided, and the following Board members were present:

**Brett Edkins, Councilor
Ingrid Gonzalez-McCurdy, Councilor
Alissa Italiano, Councilor
Katelyn M. Kriesel, Councilor
Mike Nesci, Councilor
William Nicholson, Councilor**

The following Town Officers were present: Carrie Grevelding, Town Clerk. Joseph Frateschi, Town Attorney. Tina Stanton, TMPD Captain. Ann Oot, Town Manager. Maria Lenway, Comptroller. Tom Poitras, Director of Planning and Development.

In-Person Attendees: Craig Dudczak, Fayetteville. Mike Friend, Manlius. Cheryl Matt, Fayetteville. Tom Bassett, Manlius. Harris Lindenfield, Manlius. James Haley, Manlius. Pete Wirth, Fayetteville Climate Change. Melleny Hale, CNY Solidarity Coalition. Scott Endler, Cortland. Brook Gleasman, Fayetteville.

Virtual Attendees: Sari Fordham. Jared Petrosky. Warren Linhart. Roseann Lorefice.

Pledge Of Allegiance

Supervisor Bollinger called the meeting to order at 06:30 PM. Councilor Italiano led the Pledge of Allegiance. Supervisor Bollinger welcomed everyone and thanked all for attending.

Open Podium

Brook Gleasman, of Highbridge Road, spoke in support of the idea of a community pool. He discussed the importance of creating a "third place" where children can gather, socialize, and simply be kids outside of home and school. He noted that young people are often looking for places to go and, without appropriate community spaces, may end up in locations that are not ideal. He emphasized the value of providing a place where families can gather and strengthen community connections.

Councilor Kriesel noted that the concept of a "third place" had also been discussed by the Town Facilities Committee during its review of community facility needs.

Scott Endler, of Cortland, also spoke about the importance of providing a "third place" for youth and families. He referenced the CNY D.I.R.T. page as a resource where individuals can find dirt bike trails and riding opportunities throughout Central New York.

Public Hearing

1. Moratorium - Battery Storage Facilities

Councilor Nesci made a motion, Seconded by Councilor Italiano, to waive the reading of the public notice.

Ayes: Supervisor Bollinger, Councilor Edkins, Councilor Gonzalez-McCurdy, Councilor Italiano, Councilor Kriesel, Councilor Nesci, Councilor Nicholson

Nayes: None

Abstain: None

Results: Passed

Councilor Gonzalez-McCurdy made a motion, Seconded by Councilor Edkins, to open the public hearing.

Ayes: None

Nayes: None

Abstain: None

Results: Passed

Pete Wirth, representing Fayetteville Climate Change, read a statement urging the Board not to delay in determining how battery energy storage facilities should be

addressed and implemented within the Town.

Meleny Hale, representing the CNY Solidarity Coalition Action Network, questioned the need for an extended study of battery energy storage systems. She referenced the NYSEDA Guidebook for Local Governments and stated that she did not believe it should take a year to research the issue. She also expressed concerns regarding blackouts associated with reliance on intermittent energy resources and encouraged the Town to utilize available state resources, noting that the State could assist with public education rather than the Town developing its own approach.

Scott Endler, of Cortland, spoke about battery energy storage safety and available New York State incentives. He stated that battery energy storage systems can help reduce electricity costs and commented that lithium iron phosphate batteries are considered safer and less likely to catch fire than some other battery technologies.

Councilor Kriesel left at 7:03 PM and Finished the meeting Virtually

James Hailey, of Manlius, discussed safety concerns related to battery energy storage systems. He expressed the opinion that the proposed moratorium process was moving too slowly and stated that the electrical grid is facing challenges. He also raised public safety concerns and encouraged the Town to find more flexible ways to work with battery energy storage projects, stating that delays could send the message that the Town is not supportive of such facilities.

Sari Fordham spoke about concerns related to climate change and the importance of addressing those issues when considering battery energy storage facilities.

Craig Dudczak, of Manlius, emphasized the importance of public education regarding battery energy storage systems and related policies.

Tom Bassett, of Manlius, spoke about the request for a rapid review of battery energy storage regulations. He responded to comments regarding public safety and referenced a recent *Eagle* article discussing the battery energy storage ordinances adopted by the Towns of DeWitt and Clay.

Chief Hildreth, of Fayetteville Fire Department, expressed support for battery energy storage facilities while encouraging the Town to ensure that all applicable policies and regulations are in place before approving any projects. He referenced concerns related to a Tesla battery facility and stressed the importance of ensuring first responders are properly prepared to respond to emergencies involving battery energy storage systems.

Councilor Nesci made a motion, Seconded by Councilor Italiano, to close the public hearing.

Ayes: Supervisor Bollinger, Councilor Edkins, Councilor Gonzalez-McCurdy, Councilor Italiano, Councilor Nesci, Councilor Nicholson

No Vote: Councilor Kriesel

Nayes: None

Abstain: None

Results: Passed

Councilor Nesci presented a PowerPoint presentation intended to provide public education on battery energy storage systems. He stated that the Director of Planning and Development, Thomas Poitras, and his office are tasked with protecting the health, life, and safety of Town residents. He noted that while the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code establishes minimum standards, municipalities have the authority to adopt regulations that exceed those minimum requirements. He also discussed the Town's Climate Smart Communities initiatives and how zoning considerations relate to battery energy storage facilities.

The Board engaged in a lengthy discussion regarding the proposed moratorium on battery energy storage facilities, including whether the duration should be six months or twelve months. Board members discussed the advantages and disadvantages of each timeframe, considering the time needed to research the issue, develop appropriate local regulations, and address public safety concerns.

Councilor Nesci made a motion, Seconded by Councilor Italiano, to adopt local law 2026-3 Imposing a 12 Month Moratorium on Battery Energy Storage Systems within the Town of Manlius.

Town Clerk Grevelding Performed a Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Councilor Italiano, Councilor Nesci

Nayes: Supervisor Bollinger, Councilor Edkins, Councilor Gonzalez-McCurdy, Councilor Kriesel, Councilor Nicholson

Abstain: None

Results: Failed

Councilor Edkins made a motion, Seconded by Councilor Gonzalez-McCurdy, to adopt local law 2026-3 Imposing a 6 Month Moratorium on Battery Energy Storage Systems within the Town of Manlius.

Town Clerk Grevelding Performed a Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Supervisor Bollinger, Councilor Edkins, Councilor Gonzalez-McCurdy, Councilor Italiano

Nayes: Councilor Kriesel, Councilor Nesci, Councilor Nicholson

Abstain: None

Results: Passed

The Board directed the Director of Planning and Development to report back to the Board within 90 days with an update on the progress of researching and developing proposed regulations for battery energy storage facilities.

2. Moratorium - Data Facilities

Councilor Italiano made a motion, Seconded by Councilor Nicholson, to waive the reading of the public notice.

Ayes: Supervisor Bollinger, Councilor Edkins, Councilor Gonzalez-McCurdy, Councilor Italiano, Councilor Kriesel, Councilor Nesci, Councilor Nicholson

Nayes: None

Abstain: None

Results: Passed

Councilor Italiano made a motion, Seconded by Councilor Gonzalez-McCurdy, to open the public hearing.

Ayes: Supervisor Bollinger, Councilor Edkins, Councilor Gonzalez-McCurdy, Councilor Italiano, Councilor Kriesel, Councilor Nesci, Councilor Nicholson

Nayes: None

Abstain: None

Results: Passed

Michael Friend spoke about the growth of data centers across the country. He expressed concerns that data centers are being constructed on farmland, negatively affecting quality of life and contributing to increased water demand and potential water shortages.

Pete Wirth stated that he does not support the development of data centers. He commented that there is ample farmland available elsewhere in the United States and did not believe farmland availability is a limiting factor for data center development.

Sari Fordham, of Manlius, expressed opposition to data centers, stating that she does not believe they would provide positive benefits for the Town and voiced concerns about potential impacts on air and water quality.

Tom Bassett, of Manlius, recommended amending the Town's zoning law to make data centers a non-permitted use in all zoning districts. He also commented on the significant capital investment occurring in data center development throughout the country.

Councilor Italiano made a motion, Seconded by Councilor Gonzalez-McCurdy, to close the public hearing.

Ayes: Supervisor Bollinger, Councilor Edkins, Councilor Gonzalez-McCurdy, Councilor Italiano, Councilor Kriesel, Councilor Nesci, Councilor Nicholson

Nayes: None

Abstain: None

Results: Passed

Councilor Nicholson made a motion, Seconded by Councilor Edkins, to adopt local law 2026-4 Imposing a 12 Month Moratorium on Commercial Cryptocurrency Mining Operations and Data Processing Centers within the Town of Manlius.

Ayes: Supervisor Bollinger, Councilor Edkins, Councilor Gonzalez-McCurdy, Councilor Italiano, Councilor Kriesel, Councilor Nesci, Councilor Nicholson

Nayes: None

Abstain: None

Results: Passed

Town of Manlius Police Department

1. Sale of Surplus Vehicles

Councilor Gonzalez-McCurdy stepped out at 8:11 PM

Councilor Nicholson made a motion, Seconded by Councilor Nesci, to declare five former patrol cars as surplus to be auctioned via govdeals as presented by the Town of Manlius Police Department.

Ayes: Supervisor Bollinger, Councilor Edkins, Councilor Italiano, Councilor Kriesel, Councilor Nesci, Councilor Nicholson

No Vote: Councilor Gonzalez-McCurdy

Nayes: None

Abstain: None

Results: Passed

Memorandum of Understanding

1. Village of Manlius - Pickleball Courts

Councilor Italiano made a motion, Seconded by Councilor Nicholson, to authorize the supervisor to sign the memorandum of understanding with the village of Manlius regarding the pickleball facility located in the Village of Manlius.

Ayes: Supervisor Bollinger, Councilor Edkins, Councilor Italiano, Councilor Kriesel,

Councilor Nesci, Councilor Nicholson
No Vote: Councilor Gonzalez-McCurdy
Nayes: None
Abstain: None
Results: Passed

NYS Agriculture and Markets - Shelter Donations

Councilor Gonzalez-McCurdy returned at 8:14 PM

Councilor Nicholson made a motion, Seconded by Councilor Italiano, to authorize the creation of account A00-2.544 Shelter Donations to accept voluntary donations for the CNY SPCA Animal Shelter, with all funds to be remitted to the shelter at the end of each fiscal year.

Ayes: Supervisor Bollinger, Councilor Edkins, Councilor Gonzalez-McCurdy, Councilor Italiano, Councilor Kriesel, Councilor Nesci, Councilor Nicholson

Nayes: None
Abstain: None
Results: Passed

NYAOT Legislative Conference - September 22, 2026 - September 23, 2026

Councilor Edkins made a motion, Seconded by Councilor Nicholson, to authorize the supervisor to attend the NYAOT Legislative Conference September 22, 2026 – September 23, 2026 in Albany, NY.

Ayes: Supervisor Bollinger, Councilor Edkins, Councilor Gonzalez-McCurdy, Councilor Italiano, Councilor Kriesel, Councilor Nesci, Councilor Nicholson

Nayes: None
Abstain: None
Results: Passed

Routine Business

1. Budget Items

Councilor Nicholson made a motion, Seconded by Councilor Italiano, to approve the Budget Transfers as edited by the Town Comptroller.

Ayes: Supervisor Bollinger, Councilor Edkins, Councilor Gonzalez-McCurdy, Councilor Italiano, Councilor Kriesel, Councilor Nesci, Councilor Nicholson

Nayes: None
Abstain: None
Results: Passed

Councilor Nicholson made a motion, Seconded by Councilor Italiano, to approve the Budget Adjustments as presented by the Town Comptroller.

Ayes: Supervisor Bollinger, Councilor Edkins, Councilor Gonzalez-McCurdy, Councilor Italiano, Councilor Kriesel, Councilor Nesci, Councilor Nicholson

Nayes: None
Abstain: None
Results: Passed

2. Comptroller Reports - June 2026

Councilor Nicholson made a motion, Seconded by Councilor Italiano, to authorize the supervisor to sign the Comptroller Reports for June 2026 as presented and the addition of the updated balance sheet for A00 Fund.

Ayes: Supervisor Bollinger, Councilor Edkins, Councilor Gonzalez-McCurdy, Councilor Italiano, Councilor Kriesel, Councilor Nesci, Councilor Nicholson

Nayes: None
Abstain: None
Results: Passed

3. Announcements

Councilor Gonzalez-McCurdy requested that the Maxwell presentation video be added as a banner on the Town website. She also provided information regarding the ACU (Aging Concerns Unit) conference, noting demographic trends related to the aging population, including that 36% of the population is over age 50 and contributes significantly to the economy. She discussed the Age-Friendly Committee's RFA program, which focuses on community-based services.

Councilor Kriesel reported that the Study Group met on July 7 to discuss the Maxwell presentation and identify the group's vision for future Town services. She stated that the group will tour the Police Department next Wednesday, followed by a presentation. The group is also scheduled to meet with department heads at Town Hall on August 6 from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

Councilor Nicholson reported that the Police Committee met and the Village representatives will be meeting with the Village Boards to discuss the Maxwell Study. To help provide advice to the Town Facility Study Group to help ensure the needs of the Police Department are addressed.

Councilor Italiano announced that the 50th Anniversary Musical will be held July 16–18 at Eagle Hill.

Supervisor Bollinger reported that the Skyridge Water Project has been completed.

4. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes were tabled until the next board meeting on July 22, 2026.

5. Approval of Abstract

Councilor Nicholson made a motion, Seconded by Councilor Italiano, to approve Abstract #13 in the amount of \$937,252.71.

TOWN OF MANLIUS		
Fund Summary		
Abstract #13 - 2026		
CODE	FUND	TOTALS
A	General Fund Townwide	\$512,277.95
B	General Fund Part Town	\$6,538.36
CM3	Sustainable Manlius	\$335.00
DA	Highway Fund Townwide	\$46,500.17
DB	Highway Fund Part Town	\$37,709.22
SD2	Consolidated Drainage District #2	\$3,513.09
SL1	Overhead Lighting District	\$1,905.92
SL2	Underground Lighting	\$3,023.62
SL3	Entry Lighting	\$142.31
SL4	Garden Park Lighting	\$928.28
SL5	Ratnour Bridge Lighting	\$2,946.04
SR1	Trash	\$250.99
SR2	Brush	\$250.99
SW3	Skyridge Water District	\$319,726.77
TA2	Trust and Agency - Other	\$1,204.00
Total		\$937,252.71

Ayes: Supervisor Bollinger, Councilor Edkins, Councilor Gonzalez-McCurdy, Councilor Italiano, Councilor Kriesel, Councilor Nesci, Councilor Nicholson

Nayes: None

Abstain: None

Results: Passed

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, upon motion duly made by Councilor Italiano and seconded by Councilor Gonzalez-McCurdy the Board voted unanimously to adjourn regular session at 08:29 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Carrie Grevelding
Town Clerk