

MINUTES
TOWN BOARD
November 16, 2016

Councilor Marzola made a motion, seconded by Councilor Rossetti, to approve Abstract # 22 as submitted by Town Clerk Weber.

	TOWN OF MANLIUS	
	Fund Summary	
	Abstract # 22 - 2016	
<u>CODE</u>	<u>FUND</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
A	General Fund Townwide	\$ 44,457.49
B	General Fund Town	\$ 5,157.40
DA	Highway Fund Townwide	\$ 15,809.18
DB	Highway Fund Town	\$ 1,543.20
SR1	Manlius Trash District	\$ 88,192.74
SR2	Manlius Res Brush District	\$ 11,048.33
SS1	Manlius Con Sewer District	\$ 308.36
SW3	Skyridge Water District	\$ 15,001.00
HA	Landfill Capital Fund	\$ 1,493.50

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

Nayes: 0

All in Favor.

Motion Carries.

7:05 PM - Public Hearing – Local Law 2016-9 Removing the Real Property Tax Exemption for Solar Wind or Farm Waste Energy

Attorney Frateschi reviewed the draft local law to remove the real property tax exemption for solar, wind or farm waste energy.

Councilor Rossetti asked if there would be any restriction to the Town reinstating the exemption after the Town opts out. Attorney Frateschi said the local law could be amended to reinstate the exemption at the will of the Board.

Councilor Loeffler made a motion, seconded by Councilor Rossetti, to waive the reading of the public notice in the matter of the public hearing for Local Law 2016-9 Removing the Real Property Tax Exemption for Solar, Wind or Farm Waste Energy.

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

Nayes: 0

All in Favor.

Motion Carries.

Councilor Marnell made a motion, seconded by Councilor Rossetti, to open the public hearing at 7:07 p. m. for Local Law 2016-9 Removing the Real Property Tax Exemption for Solar, Wind or Farm Waste Energy.

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

Nayes: 0

All in Favor.

Motion Carries.

There being no comment from the public, Councilor Rossetti made a motion, seconded by Councilor Loeffler, to close the public hearing at 7:09 p.m. for Local Law 2016-9 Removing the Real Property Tax Exemption for Solar, Wind or Farm Waste Energy.

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

Nayes: 0

All in Favor.

Motion Carries.

Councilor Marzola made a motion, seconded by Councilor Rossetti, to approve Local Law 2016-9 opting out of the State Real Property Tax Exemption for Solar, Wind or Farm Waste Energy as outlined in the resolution prepared by the Attorney for the Town.

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

Nayes: 0

All in Favor.

Motion Carries.

Councilor Loeffler stated that an installation of a solar array is an improvement to any property and he does not support other taxpayers paying for that.

Supervisor Theobald stated that the Town revenue stream is decreasing and an exemption of this nature would reduce tax revenue to the Town. Supervisor Theobald stated that reducing the revenue to the Town is not advisable in light of the property tax cap and increasing state mandated costs.

2017 Town of Manlius Budget

Supervisor Theobald stated that the Town Board has had a reduction in the full town and part town tax rate for the second year in a row. Supervisor Theobald stated that the part town tax rate decreased by .88% and the full town tax rate decreased by .87%. Supervisor Theobald stated that the tax rate was below the property tax cap.

Councilor Marzola stated that the Town's fiscal stress score has been 0% for five years and the full town tax rate is the lowest it has been since 2013. Councilor Marzola stated the fiscal health of the Town is a great achievement in light of the continued pressures of state mandates and rising health insurance and pension costs.

Councilor Marzola made a motion, seconded by Councilor Loeffler to approve the 2017 Town budget as presented.

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

Nayes: 0

All in Favor.

Correspondence/New Business

A) Highway Superintendent

Highway Superintendent Cushing stated that New York State Parks has requested that the Town plow the parking lot at Burdick St. and Canal Parks. Highway Superintendent Cushing stated that he is concerned about time to complete the plowing, funding and insurance.

Attorney Frateschi stated that NYS Parks provided the Town with a contract. The contract gave the Town the right to plow the parking lot and requested that the Town hold NYS Parks harmless. Attorney Frateschi stated that the State wants the Town to take on the responsibility of plowing, receive no compensation and insure the State for any damages. Attorney Frateschi spoke with the attorney for the Parks Department and she confirmed this assessment. There are several other parking areas along the Canal that can be used which are plowed by the State or the Town of Dewitt.

The Town Board agreed that the Town should not plow the parking lot at Burdick St. and Canal Parks because of the exposure to the Town with very little benefit to the Town.

B) Planning & Development – No New Business

C) Attorney – No New Business

D) Town Clerk – No New Business

E) Police Chief

Chief Marlowe stated that the CALEA Accreditation has been completed.

F) Town Board

Councilor Rossetti stated that he has requested additional personnel to help cover vacations and assist during busy time periods in the Office of Planning & Development Office. Councilor Rossetti stated that he has received an application from John Williams and he is well qualified to fill the position.

Councilor Rossetti stated that he would like to authorize Mr. Williams to assist in the Planning office on a temporary basis until January 1st 2017 at a rate of \$30.00 per hour with a cap of \$2000.

Councilor Marnell asked how many hours a week Mr. Williams would be working. Councilor Marnell stated that the cap of \$2000 would allow for 60 hours of work in less than 3 months and requested the cap be lowered to \$1500.

Discussion ensued regarding the duties that will be performed by Mr. Williams.

Councilor Rossetti made a motion, seconded by Councilor Marnell, to enter into a contract with John Williams for a trial period ending January 1, 2017 at a rate of \$30 per hour not to exceed \$1500 to assist in the Office of Planning & Development.

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

Nayes: 0

All in Favor.

Motion Carries.

G) Supervisor

Supervisor Theobald discussed the snowplow contract with the County. Supervisor Theobald stated that he and Highway Superintendent Cushing will continue to negotiate on behalf of the Towns to get a fair contract.

Community Comment

Barbara Wilson, Horseshoe Lane, asked for clarification on the proposed grant by the Town of Sullivan for improvements to the water service along Salt Springs Road that may include the Skyridge Water District.

Ms. Wilson asked the Town Board if there is anything the residents of Horseshoe Lane can do to facilitate the proposed improvements?

Supervisor Theobald stated that there are a lot of moving parts with the improvements to the water service in the area of Horseshoe Lane. Supervisor Theobald stated that the most difficult aspect of the project is obtaining the grant money and without the grant money the replacement will be very costly.

Town Engineer Miller reviewed the history of the Skyridge Water District as well as the proposed Salt Springs Road water service. Town Engineer Miller stated that without grant money from the State, the costs appear to be prohibitive and would raise red flags with the State Comptroller's office because the annual cost would exceed the State Comptrollers threshold for such an improvement project.

The improvement project is on hold until further information is obtained on the results of the grant application by the Town of Sullivan.

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

Nayes: 0

All in favor.

Motion Carries.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Allison A. Weber
Town Clerk

EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES
Executive Session
November 16, 2016

Upon motion duly made by Councilor Loeffler and seconded by Councilor Giordano, the Board unanimously agreed to close Executive Session and re-enter Regular Session.

The Town Board re-entered Regular Session at 8:20 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board, upon motion duly made by Councilor Loeffler and seconded by Councilor Marnell, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the Regular Session at 8:21 p.m.

Submitted by:

Tim Frateschi
Attorney for the Town