MINUTES
TOWN BOARD
November 4, 2015

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:

	John R. Loeffler, Councilor
	David M. Marnell, Sr., Councilor
	Nicholas J. Marzola, Councilor
Absent	Vincent Giordano, Councilor
	Karen Green, Councilor
	Richard Rossetti, Councilor

The following Town Officers were present:

Tim Frateschi, Attorney for the Town	Allison A. Edsall, Town Clerk
Fran Marlowe, Manlius Police Chief	Rob Cushing, Highway Superintendent
Ann Oot, Town Manager	Doug Miller, Engineer for the Town

Other persons attending: Ellen & Mike McGrew, Manlius. Hayleigh Gowans, Eagle Bulletin. Garry Nichols, Manlius. Allen Olmsted, Manlius. Ekert C. Beck, 3GI. Daniel Spethman, 3GI.

The Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Theobald, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Councilor Marnell led the Pledge of Allegiance. Supervisor Theobald welcomed everyone and thanked all for attending.

Approval of Minutes – October 28, 2015 - Tabled

Approval of Abstract # 21

Councilor Marzola made a motion, seconded by Councilor Loeffler, to approve Abstract # 21 as submitted by Town Clerk Edsall.

	TOWN OF MANLIUS	
	Fund Summary	
	Abstract # 21 - 2015	
CODE	**FUND**	**TOTALS**
A	General Fund Townwide	$127,858.24
B	General Fund Town	$ 1,920.65
DA	Highway Fund Townwide	$ 6,133.73
DB	Highway Fund Town	$ 29,490.38
SL1	Overhead Lighting	$ 1,928.76
SL2	Underground Lighting	$ 2,156.26
SL3	Entry Lighting	$ 101.98
SL4	Garden Park Lighting	$ 611.85
SL5	Ratnaur Bridge Lighting	$ 3,413.52
SR1	Manlius Trash District	$ 118.80
SR2	Manlius Res Brush District	$ 118.80
SS1	Manlius Con Sewer District	$ 1,165.91
SD3	Consolidated Drainage #3	$ 51,480.30

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

Nayes: 0 All in Favor. Motion Carries

7:05PM - Public Hearing – Town of Manlius Budget

Supervisor Theobald thanked Town Manger Oot and the Department Heads for all of their hard work on the budget.

Councilor Marzola reviewed the 2016 Preliminary Budget. Councilor Marzola stated that the Town's Fiscal Stress Monitoring Score, issued by the New York State Comptroller, is the lowest number possible indicating that the Town of Manlius is in good fiscal health.

Councilor Marzola discussed the Property Tax Cap and stated that the actual tax cap is less than 1% this year. Councilor Marzola stated that the Property Tax Cap calculation includes special districts such as the fire protection districts.

Councilor Marzola stated that the full town tax rate will decrease 0.78% and the part town tax rate will decrease 0.74%.

Councilor Loeffler made a presentation on the preliminary budget. Councilor Loeffler discussed the factors and components used to calculate the tax rate. Councilor Loeffler discussed the effect that flat assessments and the rising cost of retirement has had on the overall tax rate for the Town.

Councilor Marnell made a motion, seconded by Councilor Rossetti, to waive the reading of the public notice in the matter of the public hearing for the 2016 Town of Manlius Budget.

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

Nayes: 0 All in Favor. Motion Carries.

Councilor Marzola made a motion, seconded by Councilor Rossetti, to open the public hearing at 7:33pm in the matter of the 2016 Town of Manlius Budget.

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

Nayes: 0 All in Favor. Motion Carries.

There being no comment from the public, Councilor Marnell made a motion, seconded by Councilor Rossetti to close the public hearing at 7:34pm in the matter of the 2016 Town of Manlius Budget.

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

Nayes: 0 All in Favor. Motion Carries.

3GI – CNYIP Inc. Inland Port Presentation

Eckert C. Beck, 3GI, made a brief presentation on the proposed inland port located on the north side of the CSX rail yard. Mr. Beck proposed developing an intermodal transfer facility on 100 + acre. The facility would be used to transfer rail cars from nearby ports and then transported by truck for distribution to importers.

Mr. Beck stated that the proposed inland port would create jobs in Upstate New York and reduce the cost of exporting goods from Upstate New York. Mr. Beck stated that this inland port would provide local exporters with the ability to offload cargo at the CSX rail yard. Mr. Beck also explained how the rail system works along the East Coast and into Upstate New York.

Dan Spethman, President 3GI, made a presentation on the wetlands located at the proposed inland port and the updated proposal for a road that would move the traffic from Fremont road. Mr. Spethman stated that a mile long road off of Kirkville Road near the I-481 exit would solve the traffic issue that many of the neighbors have complained about in the past.

Conversation ensued regarding the plans that have been presented in the past for an inland port. Mr. Beck stated that the current proposed plan is very different from the plans that have been proposed in the past. Mr. Spethman stated that he has had a great deal of experience building in wetlands. Mr. Spethman stated that the current infrastructure that exists will be repurposed.

Mr. Beck stated that this was an informal presentation to make the Town Board aware of the proposed inland port. Mr. Beck stated that he would like the Town Board to support his proposal for an inland port.
Supervisor Theobald stated that the public can submit questions, comments or concerns to the Town Supervisor Office.

Correspondence/New Business

A) Highway Superintendent – No New Business

B) Planning & Development – No New Business

C) Attorney

Attorney Frateschi stated that the tax rate has not yet been calculated. Attorney Frateschi discussed the tax freeze credit that is available if the tax rate is below the Property tax cap.

Attorney Frateschi stated that in order to be eligible to receive the tax freeze credit the Town would have to rescind property tax cap override legislation in place for the current budget year. Attorney Frateschi stated that the conservative approach is to rescind the override it before the budget is passed. If, at the next meeting the rescission is not necessary, the public hearing can be cancelled.

Councilor Loeffler made a motion, seconded by Councilor Marzola, to set a date for a public hearing on November 18, 2015 at 7:05 PM in the matter of Local Law 2015-7 to Rescind Local Law 2015-4 which overrides the Property Tax Cap in the Town of Manlius for Fiscal Year 2016.

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

Nayes: 0 All in Favor. Motion Carries.

D) Town Clerk – No New Business

E) Police Chief – No New Business

F) Town Board

Councilor Rossetti presented the Town Board with proposed legislation on solar panel arrays.

G) Supervisor
Supervisor Theobald congratulated the elected officials on their recent re-election.

There being no further business to come before the Board, upon motion duly made by Councilor Loeffler and seconded by Councilor Rossetti the Board voted unanimously to adjourn regular session at 8:25 pm.

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

Nayes: 0 All in favor. Motion Carries.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Allison Edsall
Town Clerk