MINUTES
TOWN BOARD
February 14, 2018

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
Nicholas J. Marzola, Councilor
Vincent Giordano, Councilor
Karen Green, Councilor
Sara Bollinger, Councilor
Richard Rossetti, Councilor

The following Town Officers were present:

Tim Frateschi, Attorney for the Town
Mike Crowell, Police Chief
Doug Miller, Town Engineer
Randy Capriotti, Director of Codes
Allison A. Weber, Town Clerk
Rob Cushing, Highway Superintendent
Ann Oot, Town Manager
Doug Miller, Town Engineer

Other persons attending: Ellen & Mike McGrew, Manlius. Arnold Poltenson, Manlius. John Penizotto, Manlius.

The Pledge of Allegiance

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

Moment of Silence for David J. Fox

Supervisor Theobald requested a moment of silence for David J. Fox, a retired Town of Manlius Police Officer, who passed away on February 9, 2018.

Approval of Minutes – January 24, 2018

Councilor Rossetti made a motion, seconded by Councilor Loeffler, to approve the minutes of January 24, 2018, as submitted by Town Clerk Weber.

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

Nayes: 0 All in Favor. Motion Carries.

Release of Securities – Shining Stars Daycare

Councilor Rossetti presented a partial release of securities agreement for the demolition of the old Shining Stars Daycare facility. Councilor Rossetti stated that Mr. Penizotto has agreed to the release of $16,000 to John E. Fisher Co. for the initial cost of demolition. Mr. Penizotto signed the release of securities document.

Councilor Rossetti made a motion, seconded by Councilor Marzola, to approve the release of security for the demolition of Shining Star daycare in the amount of $16,000 to John Fisher Construction Company.

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

Nayes: 0 All in Favor. Motion Carries.

Approval of Abstract # 3

Councilor Marzola made a motion, seconded by Councilor Giordano, to approve Abstract # 3 as submitted by Town Clerk Weber.

	TOWN OF MANLIUS	
	Fund Summary	
	Abstract # 3 - 2018	
CODE	**FUND**	**TOTALS**
A	General Fund Townwide	$ 236,015.88
B	General Fund Town	$ 12,656.34
DA	Highway Fund Townwide	$ 201,067.13
DB	Highway Fund Town	$ 1,202.47
SF1	Fayetteville Fire Protection	$ 118,450.00
SL1	Overhead Lighting	$ 2,896.90
SL2	Underground Lighting	$ 2,327.86
SL3	Entry Lighting	$ 128.01
SL4	Garden Park Lighting	$ 658.51
SL5	Ratnaur Bridge Lighting	$ 4,247.35
SR1	Manlius Trash District	$ 159.41
SR2	Manlius Res Brush District	$ 159.41
SS1	Manlius Con Sewer District	$ 1,960.40
TA2	Trust & Agency - Other	17,050.00

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

Nayes: 0 All in Favor. Motion Carries.

Community Comment – Arnold Poltenson – Deer Management

Arnold Poltenson, Manlius, read aloud a statement advocating for the culling of the deer herds in the Town of Manlius. Mr. Poltenson discussed the precautionary measures to prevent tick bites that must be taken every time he and his wife garden. Mr. Poltenson requested that the Town Board consider deer culling to control the deer population. Councilor Bollinger asked if there was an existing assessment of the number of deer in the town and the location of the deer.

Supervisor Theobald stated that the Town of Manlius does not have an assessment of the number of deer in the Town of Manlius. Supervisor Theobald noted that the Village of Fayetteville and the Town of Dewitt had implemented a deer management plan. Supervisor Theobald stated that the town was in the process of developing a deer management plan when the DEC began restricting the current deer management plans. The town put the deer management plan on hold until the DEC completed its review of the existing plans in neighboring municipalities.

Councilor Green reviewed the history of the deer management plans in the Village of Fayetteville and the Town of DeWitt. Councilor Green stated that the Town of Manlius has set aside money in the budget for a deer management program to potentially include an aerial count of the deer in the Town of Manlius.

Councilor Green stated that the Department of Agriculture has been performing camera counts of deer in the area. Councilor Green stated that Senator DeFrancisco had introduced a bill rewriting the conservation law to streamline the deer culling process for municipalities. Councilor Green stated that County Legislator Holmquist had been appointed to the Cornell Cooperative Extension which has focused on deer management in the past.

Supervisor Theobald stated that he had contacted Assembly Stirpe regarding the possibility of obtaining funding for a deer management program. Assemblywoman Hunter had secured state funding for deer management in her district.

Discussion ensued regarding the next steps the town could take to gather information for a deer management program and how to manage the tick problem in the community.

Mr. Poltenson stated that he is requesting that the deer population be managed and not eliminated. Mr. Poltenson stated that there are no natural deer predators in this region.

A conversation ensued regarding the possibility of a joint deer management effort with other municipalities.

Mike McGrew, Manlius, stated that he has a deer fence in his backyard and he also has a problem with ticks in his neighborhood.

Councilor Marzola discussed the high number of deer in Green Lakes State Park.

A deer management committee was formed. Supervisor Theobald, Councilor Green, County Legislator Holmquist and Arnold Poltenson are members of the deer management committee. The committee will meet and report their progress to the Town Board.

Correspondence/New Business

A) Highway Superintendent

Highway Superintendent Cushing requested the purchase of a 2018 International 6 Wheel Truck from Onondaga County Contract #7823 as budgeted for in 2018.

Councilor Marzola made a motion, seconded by Councilor Rossetti, to authorize Superintendent Cushing to purchase a 2018 7500 SFA 4x2 6-wheel truck from Stadium International Trucks in the amount of $193,398.00 from Onondaga County Contract #7823.

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

Nayes: 0 All in Favor. Motion Carries.

Highway Superintendent Cushing reported that he would be presenting a list of items for auction at a future meeting.

B) Planning & Development

Director Capriotti stated that the building permit applications are now online, and contractors have begun to use the online system.

Town Engineer Miller provided an update on the proposed Salt Springs Water System Project. Town Engineer Miller stated that a cost estimate had been developed for the 143 parcels in the area of the proposed joint water district. The initial indications are that the cost to individual homeowners / parcels will exceed the New York State Comptrollers threshold of the average allowable cost to develop a water system. However, there is a possibility of the town securing grant funding to make up the difference of the cost to meet the threshold. As such, a survey has been mailed to all residents within the potential water district to determine if there is enough interest to move forward with the project. Town Engineer Miller discussed the survey process.

Town Engineer Miller stated that there would be a public information meeting at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, March 7, 2018, at Immaculate Conception Church, Dwyer Hall, 400 Salt Springs Road, Fayetteville NY.

C) Attorney –

Attorney Frateschi presented the draft franchise agreement with Spectrum. Attorney Frateschi stated that the Town does not control the cost charged to residents. The franchise agreement allows Spectrum to work within the Towns right of way.

Attorney Frateschi stated that the draft agreement pays the town 5% of Spectrums total revenue. The original agreement with Time Warner has expired, and Spectrum has continued to pay franchise fees based on the previous agreement.

A conversation ensued regarding the installation of cable on existing poles.

D) Town Clerk

Town Clerk Weber stated the Barbara Rivette and John Loosmann have been reviewing the Town of Manlius Environmental Council (TMEC). Town Clerk Weber stated that Chairman Loosmann had provided an update on the status if the records review and the TMEC.

Town Clerk Weber stated that she had received a proposal from BAS (Business Automated Systems) for new clerk software. Town Clerk Weber stated that this new software had been budgeted for in 2018. Town Clerk Weber noted that the new software is provided by the same software company that Planning & Development uses and will make online dog licensing easy. Town Clerk Weber will provide the Town Board with an official agreement for new software once an agreement has been completed.

Town Clerk Weber stated that she recently attended the Old Erie Canal Working Group Meeting. The meeting was informative, and the group is moving forward with great participation from municipalities and other agencies.

E) Police Chief

Chief Crowell stated that New York State Corrections would be inspecting the department's lock-up facilities.

F) Town Board

Councilor Bollinger stated that the Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council route five traffic draft study is complete and a public meeting on the study will be held on February 28, 2018, at 6 PM at Fayetteville Elementary. The draft report is available online, and Councilor Bollinger will provide the report to the Town Board.

Councilor Bollinger discussed the results of the traffic study. A conversation ensued regarding the effect that Towne Center has on the traffic on Route 5.

Councilor Giordano reviewed a quote submitted by Aspinall's for the shoveling of walkways at Town Hall.

Supervisor Theobald stated that the Highway Department is not available to shovel these walkways on a regular basis during a major snow event as the department is busy plowing.

Discussion ensued regarding the number of inches of snowfall per the contract that would trigger Aspinall's to shovel.

Highway Superintendent Cushing stated that the Highway Department will still plow the parking lots at Town Hall.

Councilor Rossetti stated that he recommends the contract be amended to have a definitive number of inches that must fall before Aspinall's will come to shovel Town Hall. Councilor Rossetti recommended amending the require a call from a town hall employee for shoveling once the snow is cleared from town hall in the morning. A conversation ensued regarding other private and public contracts for snow removal and how those contracts define snow removal. The contract was not amended, and the Town Board agreed to monitor the costs for the remainder of the 2018 winter.

Councilor Giordano made a motion, seconded by Councilor Green, to authorize Supervisor Theobald to sign an agreement with Aspinall's for the clearing of sidewalks at Manlius Town Hall from 7:00 Am to 2:30 PM for 2018 at a rate of $140 per time.

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

Nayes: 0 All in Favor. Motion Carries.

Councilor Green stated that she had received complaints from residents regarding the abandoned house located at 5188 Hoag Lane. The neighbors are concerned about the deteriorating conditions and the undesirable activity at the abandoned home.

Director Capriotti stated that the planning department is aware of the vacant home on Hoag Lane. Director Capriotti stated that the federal government seized the home as part of a criminal case. Director Capriotti stated that he would contact the federal government to try and get further action on this matter.

Chief Crowell stated that he would have an officer do a house check.

Councilor Green stated that she attended the Critical Response Committee meeting. Sergeant Chris Cushman will be updating the Town of Manlius Emergency Response Manual.

G) Supervisor

Supervisor Theobald stated that he and other Town Supervisors meet with the County Executive and the Chairman of the County Legislature regarding the new WEP rates. Supervisor Theobald stated that the County agreed to put a moratorium on the current rates and will continue to negotiate future contracts. Supervisor Theobald stated that he would update the Town Board when more information becomes available.

Councilor Marzola made a motion, seconded by Councilor Green, to accept the Supervisor's monthly report December 2017 as presented.

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

Nayes: 0 All in Favor. Motion Carries.

There being no further business to come before the Board, upon motion duly made by Councilor Rossetti and seconded by Councilor Marzola the Board voted unanimously to adjourn regular session at 7:50 PM.

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

Nayes: 0 All in favor. Motion Carries.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Allison A. Weber
Town Clerk