

Nayes: 0

All in Favor.

6:35 PM Public Hearing – Local Law 2018- 3 Amending Chapter 139-7 of the Code of the Town of Manlius, for an “All Way Stop Intersection” with signs to be placed on Bentbrook Dr. & Drinkwater Lane

Highway Superintendent Cushing discussed the request for the installation of two stop signs at the intersection of Bentbrook Dr. and Drinkwater Ln. Highway Superintendent Cushing reported that the highway department removed a large tree at the intersection that blocked the line of sight.

Highway Superintendent Cushing stated that stop signs are not placed at intersections to help control speed. Highway Superintendent Cushing noted that the proposed stop signs make sense at the intersection of Bentbrook Dr. and Drinkwater Lane to be consistent with the other intersections in that neighborhood.

Councilor Bollinger made a motion, seconded by Councilor Loeffler, to waive the reading of the public notice in the matter of Local Law 2018- 3 Amending Chapter 139-7 of the Code of the Town of Manlius, for an “All Way Stop Intersection” with signs to be placed on Bentbrook Dr. & Drinkwater Lane

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

Nayes: 0

All in Favor.

Motion Carries.

Councilor Rossetti made a motion, seconded by Councilor Loeffler, to open the public hearing at 6:35 pm in the matter of Local Law 2018- 3 Amending Chapter 139-7 of the Code of the Town of Manlius, for an “All Way Stop Intersection” with signs to be placed on Bentbrook Dr. & Drinkwater Lane

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

Nayes: 0

All in Favor.

Motion Carries.

Tiana Tracy, Manlius, stated that high school kids are speeding down Bentbrook to turn left and avoid Enders Road traffic. Ms. Tracy stated that the people driving down that street are not looking or slowing down. Ms. Tracy stated that children wait for the bus and ride their bikes along that street. Ms. Tracy stated that a stop sign is needed, and that intersection is an accident waiting to happen.

Jamie Bullis, Manlius, stated that a cone has to be placed in that intersection for safety. Ms. Bullis stated that 13 small children live near the intersection (Bentbrook Dr. & Drinkwater Ln.)

Supervisor Theobald asked Chief Crowell to provide information on the traffic in that neighborhood. Chief Crowell stated that this type of traffic problem exists in other neighborhoods in the Town of Manlius. Chief Crowell stated that stop signs cannot be used to control speed, but it is odd that the intersection is not an all-way stop like the nearby intersections.

John McCarthy, Manlius, stated that he has lived in the neighborhood for 20 years. Mr. McCarthy stated that he walks up and down Bentbrook Rd. and he is not aware of any accidents that have occurred. Mr. McCarthy discussed the traffic patterns and stated that creating an all-way stop at Bentbrook Dr. & Drinkwater Ln. will only redirect the traffic. Mr. McCarthy stated that he does not see a need for more stop signs but will not object to the new stop signs if there is a safety issue.

Supervisor Theobald read a letter of opposition into the record from David & Susan Kamp (Manlius). Mr. & Mrs. Kamp stated that they are opposed to the installation of the stop signs as they are unnecessary and a waste of taxpayer funds. Mr. & Mrs. Kamp stated that children should not play in the intersection and the traffic is insignificant all day. *A full copy of the letter submitted is on file in the Town Clerk's Office *

With there being no further comments from the public, Councilor Rossetti made a motion, seconded by Councilor Green, to close the public hearing at 6:46 pm in the matter of Local Law 2018- 3 Amending Chapter 139-7 of the Code of the Town of Manlius, for an "All Way Stop Intersection" with signs to be placed on Bentbrook Dr. & Drinkwater Lane

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

Nayes: 0

All in Favor.

Motion Carries.

Highway Superintendent Cushing stated that the town can install "We Love Our Children" signs at that intersection. Highway Superintendent Cushing stated that he and Chief of Police feel that the intersection is protected but stop signs can be installed to remain consistent with the other intersections in that neighborhood.

Councilor Green stated that she does not live very far from the intersection and she has watched the neighborhood grow up. Councilor Green stated that she has never understood why there is no stop sign at that intersection. Councilor Green stated that she believes new stop signs would create safety.

Councilor Loeffler stated that he hesitates to install more stop signs in the town. Councilor Loeffler stated that stop signs could not be used for speed control. Councilor Loeffler stated that a case could be made for safety for this particular intersection.

Councilor Marzola stated that safety is a priority and must be balanced against having a stop sign at every corner in the town.

Councilor Marzola made a motion, seconded by Councilor Green, to pass Local Law 2018- 3 Amending Chapter 139-7 of the Code of the Town of Manlius, for an “All Way Stop Intersection” with signs to be placed on Bentbrook Dr. & Drinkwater Lane

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

Nayes: 0 All in Favor. Motion Carries.

6:40 PM Public Hearing - Preliminary Budget – 2019

Councilor Loeffler gave a presentation on the factors affecting the 2019 budget, the tax rate trends and an overview of how each town fund affected the tax rate.

Councilor Marzola made a motion, seconded by Councilor Bollinger, to waive the reading of the public notice in the matter of the public hearing on the 2019 Town of Manlius Preliminary Budget.

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

Nayes: 0 All in Favor. Motion Carries.

Councilor Rossetti made a motion, seconded by Councilor Green, to open the public hearing at 7:15 PM for the 2019 Town of Manlius Preliminary Budget.

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

Nayes: 0 All in Favor. Motion Carries.

Tom Schepp, Manlius, asked the town board what the total tax levy is? Councilor Marzola stated that the town board is still waiting for key information on certain rates.

Mr. Schepp asked what the dollar amount was that the town could not exceed in order to stay below the tax cap? Councilor Bollinger stated that the tax cap is 2% this year.

Mr. Schepp asked if the town was going to exceed the tax cap in the current preliminary budget.

Councilor Marzola stated that the town was close to exceeding the tax cap without the fire districts included. Mr. Schepp stated that the fire districts are included in the tax cap.

Mr. Schepp asked what the fire budget increases were? Supervisor Theobald stated that the average was 4%.

Supervisor Theobald stated that the fire budgets were presented at a previous meeting.

Mr. Schepp stated the minutes show the rates going up as follows; Fayetteville 17%, Manlius 15%, Minoa 7.5%.

Councilor Loeffler stated that the rates did not go up by that much and reviewed the current rates.

Mr. Schepp stated that the tax rates on the town tax bills show a different rate than what was presented. Councilor Marzola stated that he was provided the rates and he did not tie and tie the rates against a tax bill.

Discussion ensued regarding how the tax rates for the presentations are calculated.

Mr. Schepp stated that the fire district increases will push the town over the tax cap. Supervisor Theobald stated that the town is still working on the budget.

Councilor Loeffler stated that the rates will be very close in terms of the final budget. Councilor Loeffler stated that the town focuses on the special districts and the four main funds for the purposes of the preliminary budget hearing.

Mr. Schepp stated that there is a 17% increase in a fire budget while the town struggles to keep the increase below 1.5%.

Councilor Marzola discussed the key drivers behind the increase in the fire budgets.

Mr. Schepp stated that he has tracked the fire budgets over the years and asked about Mayor Olson's comment in the minutes about the fire contract being a service contract and that no money will be returned to the town.

Councilor Marzola stated that the fire contracts are service contracts and that the town has worked out a more consistent approach to how the budget numbers provided are based on documented financial reports.

Mr. Schepp stated that the villages are not only meeting their budgetary controls they are making a significant profit. Mr. Schepp asked the town board if the town was comfortable with the villages making a profit off of the town taxpayers and the village services?

Councilor Marzola stated that the town board is going forward with a positive relationship with the villages and having open and probative discussions with the data that is given to

the town. Councilor Marzola stated that he is comfortable with the fire budget process and that he feels the village mayors are on board with the concerns the town has had in the past.

Mr. Schepp asked if the town had looked last year's village expenditures (related to the fire contracts)? Councilor Marzola stated that he has reviewed the expenditures that are on file. Councilor Marzola stated that a lot of the expenditures and revenue are on file in the AUD report.

Supervisor Theobald stated that the town is reviewing the revenue and expenditures and making sure that is not a big discrepancy between the two in the final village fire budgets.

Mr. Schepp stated that the town provides numerous services. Mr. Schepp asked if every citizen received the same level of service and every taxpayer pays the same tax rate? Mr. Schepp asked the same question for police, highway, and fire.

Councilor Marzola stated that the villages do not receive town highway services.

Mr. Schepp asked why the town board provides different emergency services at different rates?

Councilor Loeffler stated that state law does not allow a town fire department. Councilor Loeffler stated that the town has reviewed the options presented in the fire study and those did not receive support.

Mr. Schepp stated that the town decides to contract with the villages for fire protection and the town board has the power to create its own fire district.

Attorney Frateschi stated that state law allows the town to contract with a provider for emergency services for those protection districts. Attorney Frateschi stated that state law does not allow towns to provide their own fire protection.

Attorney Frateschi noted that another option for a town would be for the town to provide fire protection through the formation of special districts and those fire districts would then take the responsibility of fire protection away from the town board. Attorney Frateschi stated that the special fire district would have elected fire commissioners that have the authority to levy taxes for fire protection.

Attorney Frateschi stated that the fire protection contracts that are in place are service contracts from service providers. Attorney Frateschi stated that there are limited service

providers for fire protection and that does impact the way the town negotiates the contracts with the villages for fire protection.

Mr. Schepp asked the town board if they were all comfortable with the fact that there are seven different taxation areas, and everyone pays a different rate and receives significantly different services.

Attorney Frateschi stated that the rate differences are a function of the providers of the service.

Councilor Loeffler discussed the different tax areas and the services provided in those areas.

Mr. Schepp discussed a fire study that was completed approximately six years ago. Mr. Schepp stated that the fire study was very clear that more fire service could be provided town-wide for less cost if a fire district was created.

Supervisor Theobald stated that the committee formed to review the study decided that there was not a cost savings.

Councilor Loeffler stated that the study had fewer recommendations and more statements of fact. Councilor Loeffler stated that if a fire district is established the town board gives control to someone else. Councilor Loeffler stated that the structure of elected fire commissioners could cost the taxpayers more in the long run.

Councilor Bollinger stated that the creation of a fire district would create another level of government.

Discussion ensued regarding the outcomes of the fire consolidation study and the recommendations of the fire study.

Mr. Schepp asked what would happen with proceeds from the sale of the old fire stations in the Village of Manlius. Councilor Marzola answered that the Village of Manlius Mayor stated that the proceeds from the sale of the two fire stations would be a reduction on the next fire budget and would be seen as a line item on the next fire budget.

Councilor Marzola stated that the Village of Manlius is very transparent with their revenues.

Councilor Green congratulated the recreation department on a successful Wicked Woods event at Green Lakes State Park. Councilor Green stated that the police department presence was great.

Councilor Marzola stated that the police department received \$2001.38 for reimbursement for overtime expenditures for training for weapons of mass destruction under the Homeland Security Grant.

Councilor Marzola made a motion, seconded by Councilor Loeffler to approve a budget transfer of to increase revenue account A00 4.3389.309 Law Enforcement Grant by \$2001.38 and increase expenditure account A00 5.3120.101 Overtime by \$2001.38.

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

Nayes: 0 All in Favor. Motion Carries.

Councilor Rossetti gave an update on the police building flooring that was damaged. Councilor Rossetti stated that discussions with the Village of Manlius are ongoing.

G) Supervisor

Supervisor Theobald stated that he is working with the New York State Park Police, the Village of Fayetteville, the Town of Manlius Police Department and the Department of Environmental Conservation regarding complaints of a firing range on Route 5 near Signal Hill.

Councilor Marzola made a motion, seconded by Councilor Loeffler, to accept the Supervisor's monthly report for September 2018 as presented.

Ayes: Supervisor Theobald, Councilor Loeffler, Councilor Rossetti, Councilor Marzola, Councilor Bollinger, 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 Loeffler and seconded by Councilor Rossetti the Board voted unanimously to adjourn regular session at 8:11 PM.

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

Nayes: 0 All in favor. Motion Carries.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Allison A. Weber
Town Clerk