

**VILLAGE OF MANLIUS  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
March 9, 2021 Regular Meeting**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Whorrall, Trustee Pilewski, Trustee McGrew, Trustee Abdo-Rott, and Trustee Chapman.

**ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS:** Martha Dygert, Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer; Brad Hunt, Village Attorney; Mike Decker, Codes Enforcement; Fire Chief Jansen Casscles; Lisa Baker, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer; Chris Sherwood, DPW Superintendent, Ann Smith, Manlius Senior Center; Caitlyn Wright, Land Bank CNY; Bridget Maloney, Village Planning Board.

Mayor Whorrall opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and he welcomed those present.

**INFORMAL PRESENTATION – Land Bank CNY**

Caitlyn Wright of the Land Bank CNY was present and explained to the Board the function of the organization – bringing foreclosed, vacant and abandoned properties back to the status where they can be of public use. This organization was established in 2012 and since that time have acquired 2000 properties and sold 1000. They are allowed to open the revitalized properties up for sale via traditional mortgages; historically this has not been the case and were limited sales to cash buyers only. Mayor Whorrall thanked Ms. Wright for coming and presenting and the Village Board will keep Land Bank CNY in mind if the need arises.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

No one from the public wished to speak.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**NYCOM – Elected Officials Academy Graduates**

Mayor Whorrall read a letter from NYCOM which congratulated Mayor Whorrall and Trustee McGrew to be among the first graduating class of the NYCOM Elected Officials Academy.

**Town of Manlius – Proposed Local Law**

The Board was provided with a notice from neighboring Town of Manlius relative to the adoption of a new local law which would allow certain animals to be raised within the limits of the Town. There was no action required by the Board.

**Town of Manlius – Notice of Potential Construction**

The Board was provided with the notice of construction application submitted by Nixon Peabody where a solar farm is proposed on property directly adjacent to the Village of Manlius/F-M High School. There was no action required by the Board.

**Charter Communications – Channel Lineup Change**

As required under the terms of the franchise agreement, submitted to the Village Clerk was the notice outlining changes in the channel lineup for Charter/Spectrum communications.

**Manlius Volunteer Fire Co – Elected Line Officers/Company Officers**

Received from Secretary Rob Furey the following results of the elections were announced to the Village Board:

**Elected Line Officers**

Deputy Chief Greg VanDyke  
Captain Matt Whitford  
Lieutenant Brandon Hefferman  
Lieutenant Joey Grosso  
Fire Police Captain Bob Bennett  
Fire Police Lieutenant Chris Compo  
Director of Medical Operations Chris Compeau  
Deputy Director of Medical Operations (Open)

**Elected Company Officers**

President Dan Eisenson  
Vice President Alan Baker  
Secretary Rob Furey  
Treasurer Dan Stiles  
Sergeant at Arms Glenn Roet

Motion by Trustee McGrew, seconded by Trustee Chapman to ratify the election of Deputy Chief Gregory VanDyke.

**MOTION CARRIED 4-0**

**Manlius Vol Fire Co – Membership Changes**

The following membership changes were presented to the Village Board for approval.

**Resigned from Membership**

Erik Eklund                      Matt Meidenbauer

**Motion by Trustee McGrew, seconded by Trustee Chapman to accept the resignations as submitted.**

**MOTION CARRIED 4-0**

**Voted from Probationary Membership to Full Active Membership**

Rae Earl                      EMS  
Jeff Granger                  Fire/EMS

**Motion by Trustee McGrew, seconded by Trustee Chapman to approve the transitions to active membership as submitted.**

**MOTION CARRIED 4-0**

**MINUTES**

- The minutes of the February 9, 2021 Regular Meeting were distributed to the Board for review. **Motion by Trustee Chapman seconded by Trustee Pilewski to approve the minutes as submitted.**

**MOTION CARRIED 4-0**

- The minutes of the February 26, 2021 Special Meeting were distributed to the Board for review. **Motion by Trustee Pilewski seconded by Trustee Chapman to approve the minutes as submitted.**

**MOTION CARRIED 4-0**

**TRAINING REQUISITIONS**

- Gabriel & Carnie                      Heavy Rescue Conference 9/3/21                      Cost: \$350 each  
**Motion by Trustee Abdo-Rott, seconded by Trustee Pilewski to approve the training requests as submitted.**

**MOTION CARRIED 4-0**

**DEPARTMENT REQUISITIONS**

**DPW**

- Clifton Recycling                      Brush Grinding                      Cost: \$7,500  
**Motion by Trustee Abdo-Rott, seconded by Trustee Pilewski to approve the change order as submitted.**

**MOTION CARRIED 4-0**

**Village Centre**

- CNY Security Solutions                      Annual Maintenance Door Locks                      Cost: \$1300  
**Motion by Trustee Abdo-Rott, seconded by Trustee Pilewski to approve the change order as submitted.**

**MOTION CARRIED 3-1 (Chapman)**

**DPW**

- Environmental Hearing and Vision Consultants                      Audiology Testing Proposal                      Cost: \$40/per employee  
**Motion by Trustee Abdo-Rott, seconded by Trustee Chapman to approve contracting with Environmental Hearing and Vision for audiology testing for DPW employees.**

**MOTION CARRIED 4-0**

**ABSTRACTS**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF CLAIMS**  
**March 9, 2021**

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees desires to audit and pay the claims asserted against it; and

WHEREAS, payment of certain claims in advance of the audit of claims has been approved by the Village Board annually at the Organizational Meeting, as required by law; and  
WHEREAS it is required that all such claims shall be presented at the next Regular Meeting for audit, and

WHEREAS, the Village Board has been presented with the following abstracts for approval and payment;

General Fund	Abstract 010	\$310200.84	(V706-799)
Trust & Agency	Abstract 335	\$420	(V72)
VC Renovations	Abstract 711	\$3515.27	(V58-59)

and

February Payroll Expenses for Payroll #03 & 04 (attached) \$180,612.05

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That on motion by Trustee Abdo-Rott, seconded by Trustee Pilewski that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Manlius approve the payment of claims **totaling \$494,748.16** the Village Treasurer as outlined above DISCUSSION: Trustee Pilewski asked several questions regarding items included in the abstract.

**MOTION CARRIED 4-0**

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**DPW** – He had nothing additional to report to the Board.

Fire/EMS – Chief Casscles had nothing additional to report to the Board.

**Administrator** – Mrs. Dygert sent her report in the form of an email. The only item for review and possible approval is the rates for rental of the Rec Building. She stated that the Board doubled the rates from \$75 (Village) and \$150 (Outside Village) to \$150 and \$300. She feels that this was too much of an increase and asked if the Board would reconsider. The Board discussed the issue and made a determination to reduce the rate for the Village residents.

**Motion by Trustee Chapman, seconded by Trustee Abdo-Rott to reduce the rates for Rec Building rental to \$100 for residents and to leave the \$300 rate for non-residents.**  
**MOTION CARRIED 4-0**

Ms. Baker questioned whether or not the Fire Dept Community Room was open for reservations and the Fire Chief stated that they weren't ready yet to open back up.

**Codes Enforcement** – Mr. Decker was present and gave the Board the following oral report.

- Yo Burrito has opened in the plaza.
- Life Storage expansion is underway.

**Mayor's Report**

1. NYCOM Policy Committee – informed that paid leave for vaccinations is now required.
2. Civil Service Law – looking at eliminating the "rule of 3" for Police or Fire.
3. Attended the "Conducting Elections" Webinar put on by NYCOM.
4. Sexual Harassment Training – stated we need to be compliant with the training requirements and will be implementing this soon.
5. Meeting with County Executive relative to "Relief Fund" money available.
6. Mayor's Association will be meeting March 17<sup>th</sup>.
7. Grant for Community Development – Will be moving forward with the selection of outdoor furniture and clock.
8. SMTC – per minutes of the last meeting, they are meeting with businesses and then with residents to discuss needs.
9. Orange Crate going up for sale.
10. Girl Scout proposal for Pollinator Garden
11. Perry Springs project completed for Eagle Scout and certificate of completion was issued.
12. Read letter from Volunteer Firefighter Mike Everly – Mayor spoke about Mr. Everly and his contribution over the past 40+ years to the Department.

**Trustee Reports:**

**Trustee Abdo-Rott** – the Girl Scouts will be bringing the proposal for the pollinator gardens to her and she will work through the details to bring to the Board.

**Trustee Pilewski** – interested candidates for Summer Playground program part-time director have been made known to him. He and Mrs. Dygert will be discussing.

**Trustee McGrew** – update on last Police Committee meeting. They talked about the difficulties they face with the 15-day discovery period imposed by NYS. There are three (3) vacancies which need to be filled.

**Trustee Chapman** – gave additional information on the Downtown/Community Revitalization project. They have made progress with pocket parks and storefront improvements. SMTC – talked to Danielle Krol and is planning to interview her for the upcoming podcast.

**Attorney Report:**

Attorney Hunt was present and offered the following:

- Sale of Station #1 is scheduled for March 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- OCRRA Hauler Agreement was presented to the Mayor for signature.
- Main Street contracts are complete for those participating in the project.
- Centerfield Development – Road ready for dedication to the Village. (Board discussed)

**Centerfield Phase 2 – Infrastructure Dedication**

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DEED FOR  
LEFT FIELD COURSE AND EASEMENT FOR STORM WATER FACILITIES

WHEREAS, certain parcels of land have been offered for dedication to the Village of Manlius, one for highway purposes (Left Field Course) and the other for an easement over storm water maintenance facilities by the owner, Konrad Developers, LLC, all as shown on a Phase 2 - Centerfield subdivision map prepared by Gary E. Cottrell, RLS, dated February 26, 2018, and most recently revised April 16, 2019, the map filed with the Onondaga County Clerk’s Office as Map No. 12845 on November 4, 2019.

WHEREAS, the Village Engineer has previously approved acceptance of said parcels for highway purposes and storm water maintenance purposes in accordance with Highway Construction and Stormwater Control Agreements executed by owner, and

WHEREAS, the owner has previously deposited funds with the Village as security for the completion of the roadway in according with the Village’s requirements.

NOW, therefore, be it resolved by the Village Board of Trustees agrees to accept the deed of dedication for Left Field Course and the easement agreement over storm water maintenance facilities, all as depicted on the filed map noted above, authorizes the Mayor to sign documents necessary for recording and directs that each document be filed in the Onondaga County Clerk’s Office.

**Motion by Trustee Chapman, seconded by Trustee Abdo-Rott to accept dedication of the streets, lights and infrastructure improvements in Phase 2 of the Centerfield Development as amended to remove the Village responsibility for maintenance of the storm water retention facility installed in Phase 2.**

**MOTION CARRIED 4-0**

- Tax Exempt properties and the issue whether or not to pick up trash and recycling. Mr. Hunt stated the Village would be within their right to exclude tax exempt properties from trash removal. He offered the following options:
  - No collection for any entities
  - Collect & charge a fee for collection which would be deemed a municipal service fee**No decision was made with regard to collection for tax exempt properties.**

**ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Trustee Abdo-Rott, and seconded by Trustee McGrew at 8:50 p.m.

**MOTION CARRIED 4-0**

Respectfully submitted by,

Martha Dygert  
Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer