

**VILLAGE OF MANLIUS
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
August 9, 2022 Regular Meeting**

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

OTHERS: Lisa Baker, Clerk/Deputy Treasurer; Ted Spencer, Village Attorney; Chris Sherwood, DPW Superintendent; Mike Decker, Codes Enforcement Officer; Jansen Casscles, Fire Chief; Rob Oley, Lisa Lucken, Kate Hill, Ann Smith, David Haase, Rob Furey, Greg Vandyke

Mayor Whorrall opened the meeting at 7:03pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. The Mayor welcomed everyone to the board meeting.

PUBLIC FORUM

The Mayor opened with a reminder of the guidelines for public comments and opened the Public Forum.

- Rob Oley had some questions on the DOT project and the study that was performed for the project. Mayor Whorrall explained this is a paving project, not a project to reconfigure the streets, so there will be no changing of the lanes. All avenues were investigated and the best thing the DOT could do was put parking on the North side of Seneca St, which will help slow traffic. Trustee McGrew and Trustee Chapman confirmed the DOT is not budging from this plan. Mr. Sherwood also stated this is strictly a maintenance program.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Fee Schedule for the Ambulance Service has been updated and made effective July 18, 2022.

Chicken request at 521 Pleasant St.

Motion by Trustee Chapman, seconded by Trustee Pilewski to approve the Chicken request submitted. **MOTION CARRIED 4-0**

Pig request at 4608 Brookhill Dr. S., several neighbors were not in favor of this.

Motion by Trustee Chapman, seconded by Trustee Pilewski to deny the request based on the neighbors' concerns. **MOTION CARRIED 4-0**

The Mayor shared a thank you letter from the Senior Centre in regards to the money received to help support and provide services for the senior members.

AGREEMENT

LOSAP Agreement- The Mayor read a letter that was received to approve the points earned by the participants in 2021 so that they can release payments to the members.

Motion by Trustee Chapman, seconded by Trustee Pilewski to approve the release of payment. **MOTION CARRIED 4-0**

41J Agreement- This benefit allows employees to apply unused sick leave time to their retirement, excluding the Fire Department.

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Manlius held at Manlius, New York, on August 9, 2022. Trustee Abdo-Rott offered the following resolution seconded by Trustee Pilewski: "BE IT RESOLVED: that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Manlius does hereby elect to provide the pension benefit of Section 41J of the Retirement and Social Security Law, as presently or hereafter amended." "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the effective date of such shall be the 9th, day of August 2022."

Motion by Trustee Abdo-Rott, seconded by Trustee Pilewski to approve the Retirement Agreement.

MOTION CARRIED 4-0

Waste Management Service Agreement- The name was corrected, and contract renewed. In doing so, the new contract fee was less.

Motion by Trustee Chapman, seconded by Trustee Pilewski to approve the signing of the new contract.

MOTION CARRIED 4-0

Fire Department Staffing Committee Report-

Chief Casscles, Assistant Chief VanDyke, Dave Haas and Rob Fury were present to discuss the staffing issues and concerns.

- Besides our own village, we contract with the Town of Manlius and Town of Pompey, if we do not provide the service then we are not doing our due diligence.
- There has been a decrease in interest with volunteer help not only here but nationwide.
- There have been issues with the Ambulance Service being detained at the Hospitals, plus they have been providing service outside of our jurisdiction.
- Once Well Now is established that will increase service calls.

The request is to hire 7 new career staff. 4 for EMS and 3 for Fire Fighters. Chief Casscles concern is on maintaining the work force between volunteer and career staff. They also realize it is not the numbers but the quality of the career staff and to be successful in providing the service.

Trustee Chapman expressed his concerns on the cost and questioned why this was not presented at budget time.

Trustee Abdo-Rott feels it is a large proposal and still has a lot of questions and concerns. She is not against it; she just would like more details.

Trustee Pilewski understands since we have a fire service action needs to be taken. He is concerned on the volunteers and if this may increase down the road. Trustee McGrew commented on how hard it is to get volunteers during the day since at work. Mayor Whorrall commented volunteers do not realize the involvement and it becomes an issue, therefore do not participate for long. Average life span is 3 years of service volunteering.

Trustee Chapman stated it is significant to know that Fayetteville is doing this.

The Mayor would like to give them a direction. Trustee McGrew commented that if we just hired 2 FF/EMT's there would not be an increase because of the increase revenue on the Ambulance fees. Positions may be a lateral move so there would not be a lot of added expenses.

Motion by Trustee McGrew, seconded by Trustee Pilewski to approve the 2 EMT/Fire Fighter positions to include further discussion on the other EMT positions, plus discussion with the Town of Manlius.

MOTION CARRIED 4-0

DEPARTMENT REQUISITIONS

DPW

- EPS Environmental Paving Solutions Sidewalk Installation Cost: \$69,961.50

Motion by Trustee Abdo-Rott, seconded by Trustee Pilewski to approve the Sidewalk Installation requisition as submitted.

MOTION CARRIED 4-0

MINUTES

- July 12, 2022 Regular Meeting

Motion by Trustee Pilewski, seconded by Trustee McGrew to approve the July 12, 2022, minutes as submitted.

MOTION CARRIED 4-0

ABSTRACT

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF CLAIMS
August 9, 2022

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 003	\$312,343.74	(V737-831)
Trust & Agency	Abstract 349	\$ 1,723.50	(V94)
Main Street Revitalization	Abstract 418	\$ 4,967.20	(V15)

and

July Payroll Expenses for Payroll #14 & #15 (attached) \$232,460.23

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Board of Trustees of the Village of Manlius approve the payment of claims **totaling \$551,494.67** by the Village Treasurer as outlined above.

Motion by Trustee McGrew, seconded by Trustee Chapman to approve the abstract and payroll.

MOTION CARRIED 4-0

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

DPW- Superintendent Chris Sherwood was present.

- There were no questions from the trustees in regard to his report.

FIRE/EMS – Chief Casscles was present for the meeting.

- Request to convert part-time Firefighter/EMT Cody Beckwith to full-time status.

Motion by Trustee Pilewski, seconded by Trustee Abdo-Rott to hire a P/T FF/EMT Cody Beckwith to F/T status.

MOTION CARRIED 4-0

- Request to hire two new part time Firefighter/EMT positions, Jason Pierce and Blake Parry.

Motion by Trustee McGrew, seconded by Trustee Pilewski to approve to hire two part-time positions.

MOTION CARRIED 4-0

- Lieutenant Halliday has announced his retirement with his final day in the station being July 29, 2022.

Motion by Trustee Pilewski, seconded by Trustee McGrew to accept his retirement.

MOTION CARRIED 4-0

- Request for Halliday to stay on part-time for public education activities and transitioning community risk reduction programs to a different member at \$23.23 per hour.

Motion by Trustee Pilewski, seconded by Trustee McGrew to approve staying on P/T for training purposes.

MOTION CARRIED 4-0

CODES -Codes Officer Mike Decker was present.

- Trustee Chapman questioned discussion on the Marijuana Paraphernalia. Decker commented even though we are still waiting till regulations finalize it does not mean that the topic dies.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT - Recreation Director Christine Roet was not present due to the concert and movie night.

- Concert nights have been a success.

SENIOR CENTER – Director Ann Smith was present.

- Thanked us for all our support.
- Has received a Grant from the CNY Foundation. Presented ideas for a gathering space in the dining area.

CLERKS - Lisa Baker was present for her report.

- Auditorium request for an educational event for Medicare on 10/13/22 open to the public.

Motion by Trustee Chapman, seconded by Trustee McGrew to approve the Auditorium Request.

MOTION CARRIED 4-0

- Discussion of the Sexual Harassment Training.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- DOT report and the public meeting. Most comments were positive.
- Electronic Message Board has been ordered. Design needs to be completed. Trustee Abdo-Rott and Trustee Chapman will be working on this.
- EV Charging Stations, waiting for the quotes to complete the grant.
- FEMA issues. Last meeting went well. Resident attended also.
- Met with 2 representatives for Post Road on speeding. Very appreciative of what we are doing.
- Second round of ARPA funds are being issued shortly.
- Mayor Associations Dinner is August 17, if interested let him know.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Pilewski-

- Attended a committee meeting with the Police Department on active shooters, very informative. Very proud of our police department.
- Mayor Whorrall commented that we will need to discuss the new lease agreement.

Trustee Abdo-Rott-

- Commented on Clock Project
- Looks forward to working on the tree project with the DOT.
- Spoke with the Mayor on the Y where the school signage is. Would like to donate the sign back to the school.
- Looking for new signage for some of the businesses that are located outside of the village on Seneca St.
- The Mayor commented he completed a letter of intent to get a grant to improve the village.

Trustee Chapman-

- Commented even though no events were being held within the village, people are still utilizing the table areas and benches.
- Summer Concert Series has been a success. Fire Auxiliary and Senior Centre selling food was a great help and success also.
- Playground program- last week and has been a huge success.
- Parks and Recreation Board have completed their tours of the parks and will be writing up their recommendations and bringing them to the board.
- Podcast completed with the Mayor.
- Trustee Abdo-Rott suggested to have new signs instead of the sandwich board signs.

Trustee McGrew –

- No comment except that DPW is doing a great job.

Attorney Hunt-

- Business to be discussed in executive session.

ADJOURN

Mayor Whorrall motion to adjourn to executive session at 8:49pm.

Motion by Trustee Pilewski, seconded by Trustee McGrew to move to executive session at 8:49 pm.
MOTION CARRIED 4-0

Mayor Whorrall motion to adjourn the executive session at 9:40pm.

Motion by Trustee Pilewski, seconded by Trustee McGrew to adjourn the executive session at 9:45pm.
MOTION CARRIED 4-0

Mayor Whorrall asked for approval for a onetime \$4000.00 stipend plus percentage increase for Captain Hoham.

Motion by Trustee Abdo-Rott, seconded by Trustee McGrew to approve benefits for Captain Hoham.
MOTION CARRIED 4-0

Mayor Whorrall asked for approval for Chief Casscles to approve the percentage increase and stipulations with the vehicle.

Motion by Trustee Abdo-Rott, seconded by Trustee McGrew to approve the benefits for Chief Casscles.
MOTION CARRIED 4-0

Mayor Whorrall asked for approval for hiring Amy Reed part time at \$17.00 per hour for help in the office with the DPW.

Motion by Trustee McGrew, seconded by Trustee Abdo-Rott to approve Amy Reed part time at \$17.00 per hour.
MOTION CARRIED 4-0

Mayor Whorrall motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:45pm.

Motion by Abdo-Rott, seconded by Trustee McGrew to adjourn the meeting at 9:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Lisa Baker
Village Clerk