

**THE VILLAGE OF MANLIUS
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
April 27, 2010**

PRESENT:

Mayor Serafin, Trustees Abdo-Rott, Baum, Hopkinson, Krouse, McGrew, Miner

OTHERS:

Village Attorney Jeff Brown, Recreation Director Jim Raulli, Clerk Treasurer Lisa DeVona, David Butchko, Dave Bordonara, John Zych, George Davenport, Tammi Zimmerman, Jerry Dardzinski, Judy Dardzinski, Paul Whorrall, Bob Bennett, Ray Dill, David Haase, Adam Fleck, Michael Pfeiffer, Nancy Hough, Matt Hodinger

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Mayor Serafin welcomed those present.

PUBLIC FORUM

Judy Dardzinski, 4898 Ledyard Drive stated she was not in favor of the board passing a budget with an appropriation to the FM Food Pantry using tax payers' money.

George Davenport, President of the Manlius Fire Company introduced Adam Fleck, Recruitment Committee Chairman. Mr. Fleck stated the purpose of the recruitment committee is to build the ranks of the Manlius Volunteer Fire Company, strengthening the department and improving the service to those we serve. The 2010 Recruitment Schedule includes an open house at Station 1 on May 1st, 2nd and 31st, Table Campaign @ True Value & Nice N Easy on May 8th, Open House at Station 2 on May 15th. Orientation and training for any new members recruited during the campaign will begin in June.

SOAP BOX DERBY

Dave Bordonaro and David Butchko gave a presentation of the Syracuse Soap Box Derby organization. The organization would like to hold three races in the village of Manlius, one weekend race in August, September and October. A discussion took place regarding insurance for the event; there would be a fee to the village of \$1,100.00 per race which purchases the insurance certificate. Mr. Butchko stated there would be an informational meeting on May 3, 2010 at 6pm in Village Centre for residents or interested participants to obtain information and material regarding soap box racing.

Trustee Krouse entered the meeting at 7:35pm.

FARMERS MARKET FEE PROPOSAL

The board discussed the fee proposal by Laurie Venditti presented to the board at the last village board meeting as part of the grant proposal. The board discussed the program as outlined in the grant proposal and expressed concerns regarding the existing area used for the market. Ms. Venditti agreed to return with an outline of expenses and options for the village should this grant be awarded.

Mayor Serafin announced the board would be taking a ten minute recess.

Board returned to regular session at 8:42pm.

PARKS AND RECREATION RECOMMENDATION

Trustee Hopkinson apologized to Mr. Rauli for remarks made to him concerning the Recreation Department's operation policies and fees at the last village board meeting. Trustee Hopkinson stated it was an "unprofessional outburst" and should have never been directed to Mr. Rauli.

Trustee Hopkinson stated the village board has never established a policy for village recreation program fees and or charges.

Trustee Hopkinson made a motion to adopt the following resolution;

Whereas in the past the New York State Auditors have recommended that the Village Board perform internal self audits of the Parks and Recreation Department transactions in particular those involving cash;

Whereas the Village Board has not delegated to any group or individual the responsibility for establishing the recreation program fee policy or amount for participation,

Whereas the Village Board establishes other fees and charges for the use of public property and facilities,

Therefore be it resolved that the Parks and Recreation Director present to the Village Board for approval prior to publication, all proposed program recreation fees as reviewed and recommended by the Recreation Advisory Board.

In addition, be it resolved that for all programs the Recreation Director shall be responsible for filing individual registration sheets with the Village Clerk including but not limited to the following information: Date of registration, name, address, program and fee.

Trustee Baum seconded the motion. Motion carried; 7-0.

NEW HIRE – FIRE FIGHTER/EMT – T. McKennan

Trustee McGrew made a motion, seconded by Trustee Abdo-Rott to hire Timothy McKennan at a three year level Fire Fighter/EMT and waive the 90 day waiting period for employee benefits effective May 12, 2010 subsequent to a non precedent agreement. Motion carried; 7-0.

MEETING MINUTES

Trustee Baum made a motion, seconded by Trustee Hopkinson to approve the meeting minutes as amended for April 5, 2010. Motion carried; 7-0.

Trustee McGrew made a motion, seconded by Trustee Abdo-Rott to approve the meeting minutes dated March 29, 2010 as amended. Motion carried; 7-0.

Trustee McGrew made a motion, seconded by Trustee Abdo-Rott to approve the meeting minutes dated March 24, 2010 as amended. Motion carried; 7-0.

REQUISITION/TRAINING REQUESTS

FIRE/EMS

Global Industrial – (4) full size Executive chairs; Cost - \$603.23

Har-Rob Fire Apparatus – Brakes & gauges repair to Truck #2; Cost \$6320.74

Lease of Computer Equipment; Cost – \$28,535.50

DPW

Groesbeck Services – Emergency Repair service to boiler; Cost - \$744.85

VILLAGE CENTRE

Tile & Carpet – replace auditorium flooring; Cost - \$2,970.00

RECREATION

Len LaFollette – Spring Baseball Camp Instructors & Supplies; Cost - \$1,005.00
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Letizia & the Z Band – July 4th Celebrations - \$1,300.00

Gary Modugno – July 4th Celebration - \$850.00

Janice Wilson – Summer Concert Series - \$550.00

Mark Zane – Summer Concert Series - \$200.00

Trustee Miner made a motion, seconded by Trustee Abdo-Rott to approve the DPW requisitions except Tile & Carpet Town as submitted. Motion carried; 6-1.
Trustee McGrew, nay.

Trustee Miner made a motion, seconded by Trustee Hopkinson to approve the Fire Department requisitions with the exception of the Lease of Computer Equipment. Motion carried; 7-0.

Trustee Miner made a motion, seconded by Trustee McGrew to approve the Recreation requisition for Len LaFollette in the amount of \$1,005.00. Motion carried; 7-0.

Trustee Baum made a motion, seconded by Trustee Hopkinson to approve the 2010-2011 requisitions submitted for the Recreation Department. Motion carried; 7-0.

GENERAL FUND ABSTRACT

Trustee Abdo-Rott made a motion, seconded by Trustee Baum to approve the General Abstract dated April 21, 2010 in the amount of \$22,054.00. Motion carried; 7-0.

Trustee McGrew made a motion, seconded by Trustee Abdo-Rott to approve payment of invoice to Barton & Loguidice in the amount of \$60.00 for services rendered on the Westfield Sanitary Sewer Project. Motion carried; 7-0.

2010 – 2011 Budget

Discussion took place regarding the tax rate. Trustee Hopkinson recommends lowering the tax rate for the 2010-2011 fiscal year. Trustee Hopkinson stated it would be better to drop the tax rate now than raise it in a couple of years.

Trustee Krouse stated he is conceptually not against the idea however the village faces unfunded mandates such as GASB 45, with a huge liability of retirement and healthcare costs which could offset our surplus all at once and is uncomfortable shifting this liability to future boards.

Trustee Baum stated Trustee Hopkinson's plan is good and reasonable and it is the taxpayer's money we hold in fund balance. Trustee Baum stated he would not vote for the budget at the current tax rate.

Mayor Serafin stated with the uncertainty of the sales tax agreement he does not feel reducing the tax rate now would be fiscally responsible.

Trustee Hopkinson made a motion, seconded by Trustee Baum to decrease the village tax rate for the 2010-2011 budget to \$7.12. Trustees Baum and Hopkinson, yes; Trustees Miner, McGrew, Krouse, Abdo-Rott, no.

Trustee Abdo-Rott made a motion, seconded by Trustee Krouse to adopt the 2010-2011 budget with a tax rate of \$7.38. Motion carried; 5-2. Trustees Baum and Hopkinson voting nay.

SWAN POND SURVEY

Trustee Abdo-Rott made a motion, seconded by Trustee McGrew to approve Ianuzi & Romans Land Surveying, PC to survey the ponds and village centre property for the swan pond project as referenced in the request for proposal dated 4/9/2010 in the amount of \$5,400.00. Motion carried; 7-0.

BARBARA RIVETTE PRESENTATION – TRAINING CREDITS

Trustee Hopkinson made a motion, seconded by Trustee Abdo-Rott to accept Barbara Rivette's presentation discussing the architecture of the village and historic district issues on Saturday, May 8th from 9am – 11am in the Senior Centre Dining Room as training credits for the planning and zoning board members. Motion carried; 7-0.

PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT - PUD

Trustee Krouse made a motion, seconded by Trustee McGrew to hold a public hearing on May 11, 2010 at 7:10pm for the local law amending Chapter 99 to include a Planned Unit Development zone. Motion carried; 7-0.

TRUSTEE'S REPORTS

Trustee Baum gave an update to the board regarding the VTC Shared Services Committee.

Trustee Miner reported that the Vision Committee has distributed a draft copy of the zoning code to the planning and zoning boards for review.

Trustee Hopkinson stated there are no new developments regarding the dam property.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Serafin stated the spring newsletter would be going out soon. Earthday was a huge success this year and thanked all who participated in the event.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Abdo-Rott made a motion, seconded by Trustee Baum to go into executive session for a personnel matter. Motion carried; 7-0.

The board entered into executive session at 11:00pm.

Trustee Abdo-Rott made a motion, seconded by Trustee Baum to enter into regular session. Motion carried; 7-0.

The board entered into regular session at 11:05pm.

Trustee Abdo-Rott made a motion, seconded by Trustee Hopkinson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried; 7-0.

Mayor Serafin adjourned the meeting at 11:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa DeVona
Clerk Treasurer