

**THE VILLAGE OF MANLIUS  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
January 26, 2010**

**PRESENT:**

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

**OTHERS:**

Village Attorney Jeff Brown, Clerk Treasurer Lisa DeVona, Charles White, Barton & Loguidice, P.C., Tammy Zimmerman, Eagle Bulletin, George Davenport, Manlius Fire Company, Mike Skeele, Greater Manlius Chamber of Commerce

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

**OATH OF OFFICE**

Newly appointed Trustee Paul Lane was sworn into office by Village Justice Koldin.

**TRAINING REQUEST**

Recreation-

New York State Recreation & Parks Society – Annual conference registration and lodging for Jim Rauli for March 2010; Cost: \$638.00

FIRE/EMS

Nector Hose Co. – Registration to “Suburban Firefighting” seminar for Bob Bennett, Steve Cook, Paul Whorrall, Ray Dill, Adam Feck, Jim Corl, on Feb. 13, 2010; Cost: \$90.00

Clerks

Office of the New York State Comptroller – Registration for Lisa DeVona and Trustee Hopkinson to attend the Advanced Accounting School in June 2010; Cost: No Charge.

Trustee McGrew made a motion, seconded by Trustee Abdo-Rott to approve the training requests as submitted. Motion carried; 7-0.

**REQUISITIONS**

**CLERKS**

Laura Peschel – Town & County Real Property Taxes on Village owned properties; Cost: \$1,721.45

Thompson West – New York Law Book Subscription; Cost: \$913.50

**FIRE/EMS**

Vitaid, Inc. – Sternal Drill & Supplies for Ambulance 1, 2 and Medic Car; Cost: \$2,963.00

Global Industrial Equipment – Three Lockers; Cost: \$685.03

Global Industrial Equipment – Starter Unit, Add-on Unit, Wall Mount Kit, Ledges, Shelf Dividers, and Additional Shelves for Lockers; Cost: \$576.45  
Tiger Direct – Two 32” HD LCD HDTVs; Cost: \$759.98 or \$859.98 depending on quote accepted.  
Lewis Uniform – department issued clothing for new hires; Packard, Kreis, and DeBrita; \$4,452.20.

Trustee Abdo-Rott made a motion, seconded by Trustee McGrew to approve the requisitions as submitted. Motion carried; 7-0.

### **ABSTRACT**

Trustee Hopkinson made a motion, seconded by Trustee McGrew to approve the Abstract dated January 27, 2010 in the amount of \$52,469.88. Motion carried; 7-0.

### **BANNER PRESENTATION**

Mike Skeelee, Greater Manlius Chamber of Commerce presented two (2) banner layouts for the board to consider. Proposed material color of the banners are marine blue, slightly lighter than navy blue and burgundy. The committee feels two colors and two designs will give the banners a unique and classy look. The banners would be located at the point south of the village, Academy Street and Military Drive; along Rt 92 to the point in front of Bank of America (approximately 20 poles). The dimensions of the banners are proposed at 30” x 60” made of “sunbrella” material that holds up well to water, sun fading and wind. The banners will be mounted to the poles with two brackets. A 30”x18” “sponsor tag” will hang at the bottom of each banner. Cost of the banner, tag and three brackets will cost approximately \$300.00. The Chamber proposes to sell at least 20 banners this year and estimate the annual fees to be approximately \$2500.00 after the initial year. The chamber proposes that the renewal fees be split 50/50 with the village. The village could use the revenue to off-set the DPW costs for initial installation of the banners then the seasonal maintenance of putting up and taking down and storage.

A discussion took place and a majority of the board agreed that the banners would bring a sense of community and continuity to the area. Trustee Hopkinson objected and feels there are other ways to be unique and he doesn’t want to “copy-cat” other municipalities. Trustee Hopkinson feels this would “visually” pollute the area.

The board asked Mr. Skeelee to include language in the contract for a time period of hanging the banners each year, and to contact John Maher to see how much manpower would be needed for the installation and annual maintenance.

Trustee Krouse asked for a recommendation from the Planning Board regarding the banner proposal.

### **TRUSTEE REPORT**

***Trustee Miner*** – reported the Manlius Historical Society Annual Antique fund raiser will be held on April 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>; the library continues to experience an increase in usage and

it appears in this difficult economic time the library has become destination for village residents. With the increase in usage there has been an increase in staff and costs.

Trustee Miner thanked the Mayor in his efforts to streamline meeting information and agenda items. She stated she would like to receive written department head reports if the department head is not personal present at a meeting.

Trustee Miner shared information with the board regarding the use of solar power at the water filtration plant in the city of Saratoga.

**Trustee McGrew** – announced there will be a presentation from Manlius Green Space Hydrofracking at the January 27, 2010 Town Board meeting; and would like the Clerk to review the cell phone policy for the village and the monthly cell phone bills.

**Trustee Lane** – inquired about the village cell phone policy with regards to personal telephone calls during business hours and on village owned cell phones.

**Trustee Abdo-Rott** – gave an update regarding the four firms that submitted proposals for the Swan Pond Renovation Project.

**Trustee Hopkinson** – Consolidation study will be given to each municipality for final review. Committee hopes to release the RFP early in February.

### **ATTORNEY REPORT**

Attorney Jeff Brown updated the board regarding the Verizon Wireless site plan proposal for upgrades to the cell tower.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Serafin thanked Trustee Abdo-Rott for all her hard work and efforts on the swan pond project and the other board members for their hard work and efforts every day.

Mayor Serafin updated the board on his meeting with the town officials regarding an Emergency Operations Center to be located in the Town of Manlius Town Hall building. He stated he will meet with DEC regarding mutual efforts with neighboring villages to clear out Limestone creek.

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT APPOINTMENTS**

Trustee Hopkinson made a motion, seconded by Trustee McGrew to confirm the following appointments made at the Annual Meeting of the Manlius Fire Company on January 14, 2010:

Paul Whorral, Fire Chief  
Robert Bennett, Deputy Chief  
Ray Dill, Assistant Chief  
John Buskey, 1<sup>st</sup> Captain  
Bradley Pinsky, 2<sup>nd</sup> Captain

Matthew Whitford, Lieutenant  
Charles Provo, Fire Police Captain  
Dan Gramza, Fire Police Lieutenant  
Dr. Joseph Markham, Director of Medical Operations  
Marc Stogran, Deputy Director of Medical Operations  
George Davenport, Fire Company President  
Richard Gesler, Fire Company Vice President  
Judy Fox, Secretary  
David Haase, Treasurer  
Adam Feck, Sergeant at Arms

Motion carried; 7-0.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Trustee Krouse made a motion, seconded by Trustee McGrew to enter into executive session for discussion regarding union negotiations. Motion carried; 7-0.

Mayor Serafin adjourned to executive session at 9:05pm.

Trustee McGrew made a motion, seconded by Trustee Krouse to enter into regular session at 9:53pm. Motion carried; 7-0.

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

Mayor Serafin adjourned the meeting at 9:54pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Lisa DeVona  
Clerk Treasurer