

**VILLAGE OF MANLIUS  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
February 28, 2017 Regular Meeting**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Whorrall; Trustees Abdo-Rott, Pilewski, Pfeiffer and McGrew.

**ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS:**

Rick James, Village Attorney; Martha Dygert, Administrator/Clerk; David Haase, MFD; Rich DeGuida, MRB Group; Bob Bennett, MFD; Keith Miller, ZBA; Chris Sherwood, DPW; Kevin Holmquist, County Legislature; and Brad Pinsky, Fire Chief

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

**County Legislator Kevin Holmquist – State of the County Update**

Mr. Holmquist stated that he likes to come after the budget or if there is a big issue that we should be made aware of and this time it is due to a big issue. He stated that the Consensus report has been presented to the County Legislature and in the report are 50 items that the Committee has determined to be important. Other than line item #50, which stipulates the "Metrogov" proposal which is, as stated in his press conference with the media, "Dead on arrival", the other 49 items will be reviewed by a sub-committee created by the County Legislature to look at those items and make recommendations back to the Legislature. Mr. Holmquist conveyed the Mission Statement of this subcommittee and their first task will be to prioritize the consensus recommendations. One member of the sub-committee is Mayor Whorrall. All elected officials in the County, whether Democrat, Republican, Conservative, Independent or Liberal, oppose the Consensus recommendation for the Metrogov. The only elected official who supports this is the County Executive for obvious reasons and some other "Tin-Eared Elitists". The County Legislature are unanimous in their opposition of this. He anticipates the Committee to have completed their work by this summer. Mayor Whorrall stated that he is honored to be asked to serve on the sub-committee for Consensus and related to the public present and Mr. Holmquist that he has just attended a NYCOM Legislative conference in Albany where this issue was the prime topic. What is being promoted is this 33 million in savings but no one is coming forward to explain how this will happen. The Mayor applauded Stephanie Miner for coming forward at the latest Consensus presentation and giving some solid examples of why this won't work. Mr. Holmquist stated that if the State would stop the unfunded mandates, there would be NO COUNTY TAX levied on the residents of Onondaga County.

Mayor Whorrall thanked Kevin Holmquist and welcomed Keith Miller, new member of the Zoning Board of Appeals who was in attendance.

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the February 14, 2017 Regular Meeting were presented to the Board for review. **Motion by Trustee Pfeiffer, seconded by Trustee McGrew to approve the meeting minutes as submitted.**

**MOTION CARRIED 4-0**

**TRAINING REQUISITION**

**Fire/EMS**

- Fire Police Training & Education Seminar – March 18, 2017 Provo Approx Cost: \$140.00  
**Motion by Trustee Pilewski, seconded by Trustee Pfeiffer to approve the Fire/EMS training requisition for Mr. Provo as submitted.** **MOTION CARRIED 4-0**

- NYS Ice Rescue - Watson & McCaffer \* Per Chief Pinsky, this training was cancelled.

- NYS Fire Instructor 2 – VanDyke Approx Cost: \$200  
Motion to approve made by Trustee Pfeiffer, seconded by Trustee Abdo-Rott for this training requisition as submitted. **MOTION CARRIED 4-0**

- Fire & EMS Law/Management Seminar @ Turning Stone – Halliday Approx Cost: \$600  
Motion to approve made by Trustee Pfeiffer, seconded by Trustee Pilewski for discussion:

DISCUSSION: The Board questioned Chief Pinsky extensively about the specifics of this training requisition. He was asked about the overtime that would be created. In light of the existing staffing levels the Board questioned whether this would be prudent. The discretionary overtime should be kept at the minimum levels while we have four full-time positions not filled (due to illness & injury and one vacant position). They also questioned the appropriateness of Chief Pinsky approving the expenditure for attendance at his own conference, especially as Mr. Halliday will be assisting in teaching one of the sessions. Attorney James stated that the Fire Chief's interest in this should have been disclosed publicly and doesn't feel it is appropriate to be charging a registration fee for a presenter. Trustee Pfeiffer withdrew her motion to approve as she is opposed to the Village paying for lodging and overtime for this training.

**Motion to approve the registration fee only was made by Trustee Pfeiffer and seconded by Trustee Pilewski. After much discussion, the Mayor called for a vote on the amended motion to approve:**

Trustee Pfeiffer: Aye  
Trustee Pilewski: Nay  
Trustee McGrew: Nay  
Trustee Abdo-Rott: Nay

**MOTION FAILED 1-3**

### **DEPT REQUISITIONS**

#### **Fire/EMS**

- Physio Control LifePak 15 Year 1 of a four (4) year maintenance contract renewal Cost: \$5712.00

**Motion by Trustee Pilewski, seconded by Trustee McGrew to approve the requisition as submitted for the purchase of a fuel tank.**

**MOTION CARRIED 4-0**

#### **Codes**

- WB Mason (8) Series 310 Vertical 4-drawer file cabinet Cost: \$1921.28

**Motion by Trustee Pfeiffer seconded by Trustee Abdo-Rott to approve the WB Mason requisition as submitted.**

**MOTION CARRIED 4-0**

### **ABSTRACTS**

A copy of General Fund Abstract #015 was received and reviewed by the Board in the amount of \$132,974.64. **Motion to approve made by Trustee McGrew, seconded by Trustee Pilewski and order the claims paid.**

**MOTION CARRIED 4-0**

A copy of Capital Fire Station Abstract #815 was received and reviewed by the Board in the amount of \$186,428.10. **Motion to approve made by Trustee Pilewski, seconded by Trustee McGrew.**

**MOTION CARRIED 4-0**

### **DEPARTMENT REPORT**

**DPW** – Chris Sherwood addressed the Board. Mayor Whorrall thanked the DPW for assistance provided with some drainage issues that residents are experiencing. There were no other issues that needed to be discussed relative to the DPW.

**Administrator** – written report received in advance. Mrs. Dygert provided the Board with the 2017-2018 budget meeting dates. She also distributed the KeyBank 2016 Annual Statement outlining purchases made with the Village credit card for the 2016 calendar year. There is an issue that needs to be discussed in Executive Session relative to 207a Status Designation Request for one of the injured Firefighter/Paramedics. Mrs. Dygert also reminded the Board that the Organizational meeting is set for April 3, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

In light of the action taken by the Board at the February 23, 2017 Special Meeting, it is necessary to appoint a Recreation Assistant for Meg Randall to assist with: the interviews for the summer playground program; the planning of the Memorial Day parade; and the planning of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration.

#### **Appointment – Recreation Assistant – Judy Salamone**

**Motion by Trustee Pilewski, seconded by Trustee McGrew to appoint Judy Salamone of Manlius to the position of Recreation Assistant for the month of March with a maximum of 10 hours per week (40 total); for the month of April a maximum of 15 hours per week and for the month of May 20 hours per week (if needed) at a rate of pay \$15.00 per hour.**

**MOTION CARRIED 4-0**

### **Fire Station Security System – Purchasing Procedure**

The Board discussed the need to publicly bid the security system for the new fire station. Chief Pinsky explained that there are three components to the security system – an intercom system, camera system and key fab system. Chief Pinsky to meet with Mayor Whorrall to determine the needs/specifications of the system and once established, will contact Attorney James to finalize specifications. No action taken.

**Recreation** - Trustee Pilewski had asked the Board to consider reviewing these programs that were submitted by the interim Rec Director. The Parks & Recreation Advisory Board has not had a meeting due to lack of a quorum and the prospective instructors for these programs are anxious to have an answer.

### **Rampage Strength & Conditioning Program**

Ben Rayland is asking the Board to consider approval of a Youth Fitness Class. Mr. Rayland is a certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist through the National Strength and Conditioning Association and would like to bring his expertise to the Village Recreation Dept to provide classes for age toddler through age 13. The cost of the program would be as set forth in the Contract Instructor agreement - \$60/participant for 6-week session for Tots, \$50 for Village residents; School aged Classes \$135/participant for 6-week session, \$120 for Village residents.

**Motion by Trustee Pilewski, seconded by Trustee Pfeiffer to approve the Contract Instructor agreement for Rampage Strength & Conditioning with the Village receiving 20% of the registration fees.**

**MOTION CARRIED 4-0**

### **Evergreen Stables Pipsqueaks & Ponies Program**

It was the consensus of the Board that for liability reasons this would not be a good fit for our Recreation programs. Based on the advice of our Attorney, the request was rejected. No action taken by Board.

**Fire/EMS** – Chief Pinsky was present. Chief Pinsky is asking the Board to consider approval of appointing a temporary part-time firefighter/paramedic for a period of 3 months.

### **Appointment – Temporary FT Firefighter/Paramedic – Derek Natoli**

Motion by Trustee McGrew, seconded by Trustee Pilewski to appoint Derek Natoli to the position of full-time temporary firefighter/paramedic for a period of 3 months through May 31, 2017 at a rate of pay as outlined in the TMPFFA Contract. DISCUSSION: Chief Pinsky advised that it was unfortunate that it was unlikely Mr. Natoli would be able to stay the full 3 months as the Dewitt Fire Department wants to hire him and that there hadn't been an open position in Dewitt until today when the Captain was made Fire Chief. He stated that this will be great for DeWitt but bad for Manlius.

**MOTION CARRIED 4-0**

### **Appointment – Part-Time Firefighter/Paramedic (3)**

After following the Civil Service canvass process for the addition of three (3) part-time firefighter/EMT (paramedic) employees the following were considered for appointment: Kyle Riedl, Matthew Karasek and Robert O'Neal. It was on motion by Trustee McGrew, seconded by Trustee Pilewski to appoint Kyle Riedl, Matthew Karasek and Robert O'Neal to the positions of part-time firefighter/paramedics for the Manlius Fire Department.

**MOTION CARRIED 4-0**

### **Memory Lane Property Donation Proposal**

Allen Olmstead and Mr. Jones were present to address the Board. Mr. Jones is considering purchasing the large parcel of land at the end of Memory Lane that is currently undeveloped and donate this property to the Village to preserve it as a park or wetland. The parcel is 45 acres and currently owned by AGB Properties (Abdallah Bizrani) and is currently looking to sell. Mr. Jones stated that his main interest would be to preserve as parkland and to keep it essentially as is with possibly some walking trails but generally no other improvements. He referred to Vision Manlius and the fact that this property is contiguous to other property owned by the Village. He would stipulate that this land be designated as a wildlife preserve. He is also hoping to buy what we commonly refer to as Three Falls Woods but the negotiation for keeping this undeveloped is being handled with the Town of Manlius as the majority of this property lies in the Town outside the Village. The Memory Lane property – other than a couple small cleanup projects on the land – there is nothing that the Village would need to do to this property. Mr. Olmstead will be e-mailing details to the Village Attorney.

### **TRUSTEE REPORTS**

**Trustee Pilewski** – Stated that we are fortunate to have Megan Randall and appreciate the fact that she is willing to stay on with us.

Trustee Abdo-Rott – Made a motion to accept the RFP for engineering services for the HVAC upgrade specifications for the Village Centre.

**Engineering RFP – HVAC Village Centre**

Motion by Trustee Abdo-Rott, seconded by Trustee McGrew to authorize the Clerk to send out the Request for Proposal for Engineering & Design services for the HVAC upgrade at Village Centre. **MOTION CARRIED 4-0**

Trustee McGrew – Reported on the Police Committee.

Trustee Pfeiffer – Continuing to work on the necessary improvements to the Codes office.

**ATTORNEY REPORT** – Sent the Mayor a letter regarding a matter to be discussed in Executive Session.

**MAYOR REPORT**

- Fayetteville will be holding the Mayor’s Dinner at the Fayetteville Senior Center on Sunday March 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm.
- Thanked the Board for attendance at the Consensus Forum that was held in Salina. It was an enlightening evening and Kevin Holmquist has already discussed most of what was discussed at the meeting.
- Thanked Fire Company President, David Haase, for the Installation Banquet.

**Public Forum**

Rich DeGuida made the Board aware of the report put together by MRB to request to reclassify the Glenclyffe Dam from a Class B intermediate hazard dam and Mr. Jim Peet of MRB is proposing to upgrade the dam to a low hazard designation. We are hoping that the NYS DEC will concur.

**Executive Session**

**Motion by Trustee Pilewski, seconded by Trustee McGrew to enter executive session to discuss a personnel matter in the Fire Department and matter regarding pending litigation.**

**Motion Carried 4-0**

*The Board entered executive session at approximately 8:54 p.m.*

Motion by Trustee Pfeiffer seconded by Trustee McGrew to leave executive session and re-enter the regular meeting.

**Motion Carried 4-0**

*The Board re-entered the regular meeting at approximately 9:15 p.m.*

**Motion to table the 207-a designation pending review by labor counsel was made by Trustee Pfeiffer, seconded by Trustee Abdo-Rott.**

**Motion Carried 4-0**

**ADJOURN**

Motion by to adjourn the meeting made by Trustee Pilewski and seconded by Trustee Abdo-Rott.

**Motion Carried 4-0**

*The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:17 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted by,

Martha Dygert  
Administrator/Clerk