

Town of Mansfield
Regular Meeting of Town Board
July 20, 2026
7pm

Present:

Carl Calarco, Town Supervisor
Mike Telaak, Councilman
Andy Pascarella, Councilman
James Uhrinek, Councilman
John Ditcher, Councilman
Betty Horning, Town Clerk

Also Present:

Jeff Williams, Highway Superintendent
Dale Baldwin, Town Justice
Larry Tocha, Sodum Rd

1. Call to Order

Supervisor Calarco called the meeting to order at 7pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

All present said the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Changes to the Agenda

No changes to the Agenda.

4. Minutes of the last meeting

- a. Additions and/or Corrections.
None-Noted.
- b. Motion by Andy Pascarella, second by John Ditcher to approve minutes of last meeting. Motion carried: Yea-4 Nay-0.

5. Assessor / Code Enforcement / Animal Control

Assessor:

- a. Board discussed equalization rates and how it compares to other towns.
- b. 2026 tax roll year has been finalized as of July 1, these are the assessments that will be used for all 2026 taxes. Changes can no longer be made to the roll, and any complaints will need to go through the Cattaraugus County Department of Real Property Tax Services. A copy of the final roll is available at <https://www.cattco.org/real-property-and-gis/assessment-rolls>
- c. Grievance Day was June 2nd: 49 properties were reviewed by the Board of Assessment Review
- d. In order for the town to maintain 100% rate and a cyclical reassessment plan, the town board must provide the county and state with an updated MOU, due August 1st. the town board acknowledged and signed the MOU.
- e. The assessing office has corresponded with several property owners regarding their assessment, tax bills, and exemptions.
- f. There were 5 property transfers in May, more information about the sales are here <https://www.cattco.org/real-property-and-gis/sales>.

5.5 Public Comment

Mr Tocha, Sodum Road, was present to discuss his concerns with speeding on Sodum Road. This has been a concern since Toad Hollow has been closed. Mr. Tocha expressed concern about the number of Amish horse and buggies as well as the number of Amish children that use Sodum Road. He would like the town to look in to reducing the speed on Sodum. Jeff Williams, highway Superintendent, will look in to it and report back to the town board.

Code Enforcement:

- a. 25 Phone Calls
- b. 11 Inspections
- c. 2 Permits, 7004 Kidney Rd, 6081 Dublin Rd
- d. 5 Violation notices sent
- e. Responded to 1 FOIL request
- f. Fees collected \$122 to Town Supervisor

Animal Control:

- a. All going well, no issues

6. Planning Board

- a. Supervisor and Town Board discussed a proposed local law amending the zoning law to add regulations for short-term rentals. Supervisor will send a copy to Town Attorney for review.
- b. Motion to Approve Town of Mansfield as Lead Agency for the Local law Amending the Zoning Law of the Town of Mansfield to Add Regulations for Short-Term Rentals. Motion by John Ditcher, second by James Uhrineck. Motion carried: Yea-4 Nay-0.
- c. Supervisor asked Town Board to read proposed law and contact him with any questions.
- d. Gil Wiswall is taking over for Margaret Puszcz as she is ill.

- e. Jeff Holler, CEO, stated the trailer at the corner of Kent Rd and Hinman Hollow will be removed before September.

7. Highway Superintendent Report

- a. Week of June 16, cold mix paved bailey Hill Rd. On June 18 strong wind storm, cleared several trees on southern half of town.
- b. Week of June 22, repair work to do on both ten wheelers. Graded the hill on Barse Rd and put a top layer of millings on it and rolled all in. Finished up ditching on Crandall Rd. Now need to resurface the road.
- c. Week of June 29. Blacktopping Schuppenhauer Rd, Meachan Hill Rd and Watson Rd.
- d. Week of July 6, all employees took vacation time.
- e. Week of July 13, Otto came over with their wheeled excavator and helped us repair a washout on Hencoop Rd. Ken finished up road-side mowing, all roads have had one pass. Remainder of employees have been helping the County mill roads, Town of Mansfield gets to keep the millings. Took a skid-boat up top Moss Rd. and put the millings through it up to 6 inches deep and resurfaced the road. Will have a company fog-seal the millings.

8. Supervisors Report

- a. Supervisor discussed options with the Board on retaining an Attorney for the Town. Motion by Andy Pascarella, second by Mike Telaak to authorize Town Supervisor to retain attorney Seth Pullen of Richardson, Pullen and Buck Attorneys.
- b. Supervisor will be attending a meeting at the Great Valley Fire Hall regarding EMS services. NYS Counties and municipalities should meet to develop a comprehensive EMS plan for each county.
- c. Supervisor mentioned a meeting on August 8 regarding stopping solar sprawl. Unfortunately appears to be an in person meeting only.
- d. Acknowledged receipt of a letter from the Seniors thanking the town for their support of the travel group.

9. Town Clerks and Supervisors Monthly Reports

10. Audit of Financial Accounts.

Motion by Andy Pascarella, second by Mike Telaak to acknowledge and approve the Supervisors financial reports. Yea-4 Nay-0.

11. Audit of Bills.

Motion by Mike Telaak, second by John Ditcher that the board authorize payment of the general and highway bills submitted for payment as follows:
General Fund Voucher numbers 125 to 148 in the amount of \$5,759.80.
Highway Fund Voucher numbers 99 to 114 in the amount of \$117,316.96.
Yea-4 Nay-0.

12. General Discussion

Mike Telaak discussed the Trump Accounts. Should the town consider making an initial contribution to each baby born in Mansfield. Parents are responsible to setup accounts.

13. Motion to Adjourn

Motion by Andy Pascarella, second by John Ditcher to adjourn the meeting at 8:31pm.
Motion Carried: Yea-4 Nay-0.

Respectfully Submitted;

Betty J Horning, Town Clerk