

PRESENT: Greg Reuter, Supervisor, Patty Bikowsky, Brad Dixon, Jim Lundrigan and Steve Johnson, Councilpersons; Susan Anderson, Deputy Town Clerk, Roy Kirley, Highway Superintendent and 23 guests, including the Town Historian, Codes Enforcement Officer, and Town Attorney.

Greg Reuter, Supervisor opened the meeting at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA: Jim Lundrigan made the motion seconded by Steve Johnson to accept the agenda. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Minutes from the February 13, 2025, meeting were read by Deputy Town Clerk, Susan Anderson. Brad Dixon made a motion seconded by Patty Bikowsky to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

REPORTS: Supervisor's Report, Highway Supt. Report, Town Clerk Report, Dog Control Officer Report, Bookkeeper Report, Code Enforcer Report: Justice report

Reports were presented and viewed by the Board

Greg reported that the dog control officer is out of town.

Roy Kirley, Highway Superintendent, reported that they have been plowing snow. When snow drifted, the crew went out to plow again. The town has had three washouts on three roads and the crew have been hauling crusher run to fix them. The 2003 truck motor head broke which will be \$40,000-\$60,000 to fix it, with the truck not being worth that much. The new truck has a stainless steel box on the top and bottom which means it will not rust. It carries a 4-year (100%) warranty on the motor. The last truck's warranty costing \$2,700 covered a \$25,000 fix, so the warranty was worth the cost. Roy also reported that the salt supply is in good standing. He also said the trash has not been picked up in 3 weeks, the dumpsters at the lake should be emptied every week, and to call Bert Adams in Norwich for trash removal.

Greg Reuter reported that Madison County Solid Waste offers free yard waste cards which can be picked up in the Clerk's office.

Diane VanSlyke, Historian, reported that she is looking for a picture and history of the Paino farm on Route 46. She reported that Colgate students Habitat for Humanity have been painting at the Historical Society and that 15 men's soccer players from Hamilton College came to clean and move furniture at the Society. She is working with Matt Urtz and Sue Bonafini of the Cobblestone Society and Museum in Albion to take a group on a tour of cobblestone houses in Madison and Pine Woods. She has scheduled a Canal Clean Sweep on the Towpath for April 26 with a rain date of May 3. The Chenango Canal Association is working with Chenango Greenway, Norwich, and The Town of Kirkland with Town of Marshall Trails to try to connect the trails together as well as proposing a biking trail along roadsides to connect the NYS Empire State Trail system with the southern tier of NYS. She is in contact with the Partnership of Community Development in hopes of increasing the Historical Society membership and visibility. The Historical Society's March 15 dance will feature Double Chase. The Society is planning a Cemetery Walk in the Indian Opening Cemetery in May. A dedicated historic marker for at least 9 Revolutionary War soldiers that the DAR researched will be placed at Indian Opening Cemetery in September. The Chenango Canal Association has developed a Trail Committee to determine how to keep motorized vehicles off the towpath.

Amy Coleman, Lake Director, gave thanks to Roy Kirley for the dumpster. She also gave thanks for the Town Board agreeing to pay for her insurance that allowed her to train lifeguards. Her phone keeps ringing from the cameras seeing movement—either from the plows or ice fishermen. She has not talked to Troy Brayman, the electrician, but will do so. She would like to get the walking trail cleaned. NBT has a National Fitness Campaign that would put exercise equipment down to the lake; it has a 25-year guarantee and has to be pressure washed once a year, but a grant would need to be secured to cover the \$150,000 price. Steve Johnson said the brush towards Indian Opening needs to be cleaned. He also said that a coating can be applied on one pavilion to protect the roof. Amy is thinking of opening early, possibly on memorial Day, depending on if she can secure lifeguards for after school and weekends. She can no longer hire 15-year old lifeguards. She reported the lake stewards checked about 500 boats last year and had no issues with checking boats.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Greg reported the school survey is in the process of being completed and will then go to the Superintendent, town attorney, and school attorney.

The Solsville Road \$2.1 million dollar bridge project will start this year. The arc will remain, but the sides will be widened. One lane will be kept open.

The Bishop Road Cemetery is in the hands of the attorney; If the town adopts it, it will be in perpetual care.

Larry Ceserio, Codes Enforcement Officer, has completed 90% of the permit process for the Koen Rental Project.

NEW BUSINESS: Rachel Smith of EDP Renewables distributed a handout addressing the concerns brought up at the January Town Board Meeting. Tom Sheridan, the contractor for taking down the turbines, explained how the turbines will be taken down and the material recycled. Also present to answer questions was John Hecklau from the Environmental Development and Research. Mr. Sheridan explained that explosive charges will weaken the structure—it detonates and is on the ground in 30 seconds. All 7 turbines will be on the ground in one day and it will take 6-8 weeks to clean up and restore the property to the landowners specifications. He said that it would take 4-6 months if cranes were to be used, needing a much bigger footprint. The process for implementing the demolishing plan has to go before the Planning Board. The plan is to demolish the turbines in August when the ground is harder. Questions concerning wells and foundations were brought up, as were the roads to be used for taking out the debris.

Lake Moraine will be drawn down for 2 years or longer starting in November 2025. Graves on the east side of the dam will have to be exhumed.

PUBLIC PRESENTATION: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: **Patty Bikowsky** made a motion seconded by Brad Dixon to pay the bills after corrections—pay the General Bills in the amount of \$24,187.07 and Highway Bills in the amount of \$21,696.89 for a total of \$45,883.96. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: **Patty Bikowsky** made a motion seconded by Brad Dixon to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted , Susan Anderson, Deputy Town Clerk