

**PRESENT:** Greg Reuter, Supervisor, Patty Bikowsky, Deputy Supervisor, Brad Dixon and Steve Johnson, & Jim Lundrigan Councilpersons; Tina Livermore, Town Clerk, Roy Kirley, Road Superintendent and 15 guests.

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

**AGENDA:** Patty Bikowsky made the motion seconded by Steve Johnson to accept the agenda. Motion carried.

**MINUTES:** Minutes from the December 14, 2023 meeting were read by Town Clerk, Tina Livermore. Steve Johnson made a motion seconded by Brad Dixon to accept the minutes as read. Motion carried.  
Minutes from the December 28, 2023 end of the year meeting were read by Town Clerk Tina Livermore. Patty Bikowsky made a motion seconded by Jim Lundrigan to accept the minutes as read. Motion carried.

**REPORTS:** Supervisor's Report: Highway Supt. Report: Town Clerk Report: Dog Control Officer Report: Bookkeeper Report: Code Enforcer Report: Ambulance Report:  
Reports were presented and viewed by the Board.

Dian Van Slyke, Historian, stated that a \$7,300 grant was received by the Town of Madison Historical Society from the CNY Community Foundation for use to address the water and mold issues of the basement of the building. An update was sent to the William Pomeroy Foundation as Diane has applied for a grant for the building from them. The Historical Society Dance is scheduled for January 20 from 7 to 10 pm. She emailed Habitat for Humanity to resume patching and painting the interior of the Canal Cottage Museum. She is scheduled to show the Canal Documentary at the Hamilton Club and Hamilton Rotary Club in April. She left a message for Amy Calhoun who has the old Town of Madison Highway Department records that Gale Abrams bought at an auction.

Roy Kirley, Highway Superintendent, said the crew has fixed 15 washed-out shoulders. Maintenance is being done on the shoulder roller but it is hard to find parts; however, it works good. He said the brine has been working great on the snowy and icy roads.

Greg Reuter stated that he interviewed Anne Brown, currently DCO for the Town of Augusta for the position of Dog Control Officer for our town also. She has equipment and a kennel at her other town, which we will have shared services with. She asked if her husband could be her deputy; so he can cover emergency calls, if she is out of town or unavailable. He will be paid on an hourly rate. The position is effective immediately starting Monday. Brad Dixon made a motion seconded by Jim Lundrigan to appoint Anne Brown as Dog Control Officer for the Town of Madison and her husband as Deputy Dog Control Officer. Motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Greg issued an update on the Koen project stating that no permits have been issued due to no blueprints being submitted.

Gates and Cole insurance increased the premiums this year due to more accidents as well as issuing a million dollar criminal coverage for finances, which costs less than obtaining bonds. It covers a state law.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Don Haight has been appointed as Town of Madison Judge for one more year by the 6th Judicial District. He and Ken will make a great team.

No one came from EDP; therefore, no information on the demolition of the windmills.

Mark Bradbury, Deputy Codes Officer has taken a full-time job in Whitestown but still wants to work as deputy. Therefore, Aaron Camp, current codes officer for the Town of Lebanon, has accepted the position as 2nd Deputy Codes Officer. Steve Johnson made a motion by Patty Bikowsky to approve the 2nd Deputy Codes Officer. Motion carried.

Greg asked if anyone is interested in attending the annual business meeting of the Association of Towns to be held in New York City. No one expressed interest.

Greg has been working on the Transient Rental Law. There will be a public hearing on February 8 prior to the Town Board meeting. The Board has the latest copy and extra copies will be available beginning on Monday at the Town Office.

Resolution 24-1: On this 4th day of January, 2024, be it resolved that the Deputy Codes Officer hourly pay will increase from \$25 to \$30 per hour. Patty Bikowsky made a motion seconded by Brad Dixon to accept the resolution. Motion carried. Voting Aye: Steve Johnson, Patty Bikowsky, Greg Reuter, Jim Lundrigan, Brad Dixon. No Nay Votes.

Resolution 24-2: On this 4th day of January, 2024, be it resolved that the Town will follow the state increase of mileage from .65 to .67 a mile. Jim Lundrigan made a motion seconded by Steve Johnson to approve the increase in mileage reimbursement. Motion carried. Voting Aye: Steve Johnson, Patty Bikowsky, Greg Reuter, Jim Lundrigan, Brad Dixon. No Nay Votes.

**PUBLIC PRESENTATION:** It was asked if the phone number for the Dog Control Officer could be made public. Ann Brown's phone number is 315-280-8087. The number will be put on the Town's website.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:** Patty Bikowsky made a motion seconded Brad Dixon to pay the General Bills in the amount of \$24,404.60 and Highway Bills in the amount of \$42,099.42 for a total of \$109,359.51. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Patty Bikowsky made a motion seconded by Brad Dixon to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tina Livermore, Town Clerk