

June 12, 2025

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

7:00 PM

PRESENT: Greg Reuter-Supervisor, Patty Bikowsky-Deputy Supervisor, Brad Dixon, Jim Lundrigan & Steve Johnson Councilpersons, Tina Livermore-Town Clerk, Roy Kirley- Highway Supervisor, Diane VanSlyke-Town Historian and 15 guests.

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

AGENDA: Steve Johnson made the motion seconded by Brad Dixon to accept the agenda. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Patty Bikowsky made the motion seconded by Jim Lundrigan to accept the June 12, 2025 minutes

REPORTS: Supervisor's Report: Highway Supt. Report: Town Clerk Report: Dog Control Officer Report: Bookkeeper Report: Code Enforcer Report: Historian Report & Lake report

Reports were presented and viewed by the Board.

PUBLIC HEARING

Local Law #1-25 Prohibiting the use of houseboats on Lake Moraine in the Town of Madison

Nancy Ries and Mike Caignolin are both strongly in favor of the new law. They are worried about the fishing, environmental impact, along with habitat destruction and waste disposal. They both are worried about the safety and navigation of swimmers and water skiers. Another big issue is taxes not being paid for. There needs to be new regulation and this law would be the start of them.

Brad Dixon made the motion, seconded by Jim Lundrigan to close the public hearing.

Patty Bikowsky made a motion, seconded by Jim Lundrigan to accept the Local Law # 1-25

Diane Vanslyke, Town Historian, discussed happenings over the last month. Highlighting the ½ hour tour at the Living History Cemetery Walk at Indian Opening Road Cemetery with six actors portraying early pioneers. Xavier Jones, a senior at MCS wrote all 5 scripts. There were 3 MCS high school students and 1 graduate along with Kathy Bootie from North Brookfield. Susan Anderson and Matt Urtz did a great job arranging the tour. There was a canal clean up day, where 18 volunteers picked up 10 bags of trash along Canal Rd and the Towpath trail. Diane has also set up field trips for various schools to come learn about the Chenango canal. Diane is still working with Greg and other members to try and keep the Madison feeder open for water flow through the Chenango Canal.

Roy Kirley, Highway Supervisor stated that the crew have been busy getting the roads ready for chip sealing. He hired a new guy for the summer to help with all the mowing and clean-up around the lake. The Town Crew's from Town of Madison, Town of Augusta and the Town of Marshall have been helping each other out on road projects. They replaced a culvert on water st and have been patching potholes up.

Greg announced that will be having junk days June 20-21 from 8-4 at the highway garage. The Delfi Falls park is open now. Madison County has put in a lot of new features. They have upper and lower falls to walk with nice walking paths and picnic areas. It's free to anyone visiting, it's also ADA compliant.

Madison County Tourism has put 20 thousand dollars into advertising for the Madison Bouckville Antique Show in August, as we have the largest antique show in NYS. The June show went well. A little rain but what's a show without rain!

Madison Town Park is open for the season. We have been doing improvements down there, new roof, electric hand dryers in the bathrooms and updated the electric. The town crew will bring in fresh sand for the beach too.

Greg reported there will be a Republican Primary June 24 for town board and town highway.

Greg has not heard from E.D.P. as to the date of the demolition of the wind turbines.

Madison County Fair will be held July 23-27, They are looking for any volunteers that would like to help out in various locations throughout the fair field.

Patty Bikowsky made a motion, seconded by Jim Lundrigan to approve of the record retention disposal of the expired dog license.

As of September 30, 2025 Steve and Rochelle Harris will be retiring from the Assessors position. We will be looking for a new replacement.

Jim Lundrigan made the motion, seconded by Brad Dixon to increase the pay rate for the lifeguards to \$15.50 for new and \$17.00 for returning lifeguards.

During public presentation Martha Young said that after putting the speed meters up, people have started to slow down on East Lake Rd.

Brad Dixon made a motion seconded by Steve Johnson to enter executive session. Motion carried at 7:50 pm. Patty Bikowsky made a motion seconded by Brad Dixon to leave executive session. Motion carried at 8:07 pm.

Patty Bikowsky made a motion seconded Brad Dixon to pay the General Bills in the amount of \$27705.78 and Highway Bills in the amount of \$184905.77 for a total of \$212611.55. Motion carried.

Steve Johnson made a motion, second by Patty Bikowsky to prepay a bill for TB Electric for ½ of the payment to cover parts, second half will be paid upon competition.

At 8:20 pm, Patty Bikowsky made a motion seconded by Brad Dixon to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Tina Livermore, Town Clerk