

**PRESENT:** Greg Reuter, Supervisor, Patty Bikowsky, Deputy Supervisor, Jim Lundrigan and Steve Johnson, Councilpersons; Tina Livermore, Town Clerk, 11 guests.

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

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

**MINUTES:** Minutes from the September 14, 2023, meeting were read by Town Clerk, Tina Livermore. There is one correction under unfinished business: the cemetery survey has not been completed on Center Road. Patty Bikowsky made the motion to accept the minutes with corrections seconded by Steve Johnson. Motion carried.

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

Greg Reuter reported that Roy Kirley is having his crew haul sand and are finishing the shoulders of the road as well as getting ready for winter.

Greg also reported that the county sales tax is up 6% and will be divided up according to assessed value. He also stated that Governor Hochul has canceled all Medicaid payments to the county which means County taxes will probably rise!

Greg reported that the Town Board is working to keep taxes below 2% increase. At this time, a 1.8% to 1.9% increase is on the budget.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** The stairs at Madison Lake are complete. Greg does not know if the park road will be closed this winter as some people like to ice fish.

Center Road Cemetery will have new pins installed after being surveyed on October 16. It was mentioned that it is against NYS Law to remove or move any survey pins.

Demolition has been completed on the building next door. It was an excellent job and no issues were met at the landfill where the demolished house was taken. Roy Kirley will infill the holes and lay stone so that it can be used for parking.

The Koen Property Project hit a snag at the last Planning Board Meeting. They are coming back in November. No permits have been or will be issued until all information is received.

Heritage Logging has been removing old trees at the Indian Opening Road Cemetery and doing a great job.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The Preliminary Budget will be presented on November 9 at a public hearing before the Town Board meeting.

The Town has an attorney working on the transient Rental Law. It should be completed by March. If not, the Town can ask for a 3-month extension.

East Lake Road will be closed next year to install a BOK Culvert Replacement that will be done and paid for by the county as well as Solsville Road when the bridge is replaced.

EDP Renewables representative, Craig Nale, reported that they are working with the NYS review process to take energy off the grid. The windmills off Center Road are expected to be taken down early next summer when the weather is nice. There are two methods of dismantling: 1) control topping method (being done in Texas) or 2) by crane. A decision has not been made yet. The impact on landowners as to the right method, getting parts off site, draining generators of oil, and whether they will want the concrete left or removed will be decided. The company is keeping in touch with the state as to recycling and further developments. New windmills will be erected at sites depending on the landowners agreeing to have them. Environmental studies as well as visual/radar/TV & radio frequency impacts are being done in Madison and Oneida County.

The exact height of new windmills has yet to be determined as they are working with the FAA. Craig will return at the January Town Board meeting to give another update.

Resolution 23-11 dated October 12, 2023, regulates speed on Lake Moraine during periods of high water to 5 mph. Patty Bikowsky made a motion seconded by Jim Lundrigan to accept the resolution. Motion passed. Voting ayes: Steve Johnson, Patty Bikowsky, Greg Reuter, Jim Lundrigan. No noes votes.

Resolution 23-12, dated October 12, 2023, allows the bookkeeper to modify the 2024 budget according to changes. Jim Lundrigan made the motion seconded by Steve Johnson. Motion carried. Voting ayes: Steve Johnson, Patty Bikowsky, Greg Reuter, Jim Lundrigan. No noes votes.

**PUBLIC PRESENTATION:** None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Steve Johnson made a motion seconded by Patty Bikowsky to enter executive session for personnel topics. Motion carried at 7:43 pm. Patty Bikowsky made a motion seconded by Steve Johnson to leave executive session. Motion carried at 8.08pm.

**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