

**October 13, 2022**

**REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING**

**7:00 PM**

**PRESENT:** Patty Bikowsky, Deputy Supervisor, Brad Dixon, Jim Lundrigan, and Steve Johnson, Councilpersons; Tina Livermore, Town Clerk and 14 guests.

Deputy Supervisor Bikowsky 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 September 8 meeting were read by Town Clerk, Tina Livermore. No corrections were made to the minutes. Steve Johnson made a motion seconded by Brad Dixon to accept the minutes as read. Motion carried.

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

Diane VanSlyke, Town Historian, presented a report to the board. She met with John Bailey of the Chenango Canal Association and Rebecca Sweigart, Fellow from Upstate Institute, Colgate University to create, film and produce a 7-minute promotional video for the 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the Chenango Canal Association and a 21-minute Historic Documentary for the Chenango Canal which will be presented at the November 21 meeting at the Madison Historical Society. Diane also worked to find that the John E and Carolyn M Ford stone in the cemetery is the original stone from 1880. A list of many other activities of the Historian can be seen in her report in the Clerk's Office.

Darren Ball gave a report on the ambulance stating there were 31 total calls this past month. The County Fly Program aided in transporting using their ALS services. The ambulance is using staff from the County on Saturdays. His report also showed mutual aid calls for SOMAC. He stated there has been an uptick of revenue from calls this year. He stated a need for water resources as there are none in Bouckville. He also stated that turnout gear is good for only so long under NFPA and therefore an inventory and good hard records are needed to coordinate replacement in the future. It was also discussed the difficulty in recruiting firefighters due to steep regulations and time commitments for training.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Town Park Update—painting, exterior renovations, toilets, and handicap accessibility will be on the agenda for the spring.

Tentative Budget Update: The ambulance is looking at a 17% increase, the fire department, 18%, and 19% for the Hamilton Fire Department agreement as well as the increase in price for fuel for the highway.

**NEW BUSINESS:** A Public Hearing for Transient Rental Properties will be held November 2, 2022

Brad Dixon made a motion seconded by Jim Lundrigan to open the public hearing to override the NYS 2% tax cap levy. There were no comments or questions by the public. Brad Dixon made a motion seconded by Steve Johnson to close the public hearing. Motion carried. Resolution 22-13 to override the 2% tax cap levy was read by town clerk Tina Livermore. Brad Dixon made the motion seconded by Steve Johnson to adopt the resolution. The resolution passed with 4 yes and 0 no votes.

Resolution 22-12 to increase the petty cash funds for the town clerk, tax collector, and judge was read by Town Clerk Tina Livermore. A motion was made by Brad Dixon and seconded by Steve Johnson to adopt the resolution which passed with 4 yes and 0 no votes.

Resolution 22-14, to accept the Madison County ice and snow agreement whereas the county pays the town to maintain certain county roads was read by town clerk Tina Livermore. Jim Lundrigan made a motion seconded by Brad Dixon to adopt the resolution, which passed with 4 yes and 0 no votes.

**PUBLIC PRESENTATION:** Heather spoke on behalf of Nick Cohen, who is trying to revitalize the Americana Village, hoping to host events. It was recommended that they contact a lawyer to ensure that the Land Site Regulations of 2016 be followed before going forward.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:** Brad Dixon made a motion seconded by Steve Johnson to pay the General Bills in the amount of \$21,891.86 and Highway Bills in the amount of \$170,420.42 for a total of \$192,312.28. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Brad Dixon made a motion seconded by Steve Johnson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tina Livermore, Town Clerk