

April 13, 2023

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

7:00 PM

PRESENT: Patty Bikowsky, Deputy Supervisor, Brad Dixon and Steve Johnson, Councilpersons; Tina Livermore, Town Clerk, and 10 guests.

Deputy Supervisor Patty Bikowsky opened the meeting at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

MINUTES: Minutes from the March 9, 2023 meeting were read by Town Clerk, Tina Livermore. Steve Johnson made a motion seconded Brad Dixon by to accept the minutes as read with corrections.. 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, Historian, gave a report on how scrapbooks were being documented as to be able to find information in them easily. She reported that she has had requests for information on ancestors. She received old business cards representing local antique shops (many of them closed or changed owners). She also reported that they bought 13 Fiskar 25" telescoping steel loppers with a grant from Hamilton Community Chest to use when volunteers from Colgate, Hamilton College, and the community come to work on cleaning the trail. She reported that 4th graders from Hamilton and Sherburne Earlville Schools will be coming to learn about local history and nature in an outdoor setting. She also reported that there will be a DAR hosted celebration of 16 American Revolutionary War Patriots burying in Madison Center Cemetery on May 6 from 1 to 4 pm.

Darren Ball reported that the Madison Ambulance has had an impact in staffing due to the county program. He reported that the staff is eligible to receive COVID reimbursement for personal protective equipment for an 18 month to 2 year window. He has applied to the state which will forward it to FEMA in hopes to recoup \$4,000 to \$5,000. He stated that the ambulance they purchased at \$170,000 now costs \$300,000. He also stated that the health care program for those working more than 20 hours a week have received money through Medicaid. He also said the assessed value for the Town of Madison stands at \$62,000 as of January 1, 2024. He asked what would the town want done with this money?

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Patty Bikowsky said that the moratorium on transient rentals was approved by the state as of 3/27/23 which gives the town one year to come up with rules and regulations.

NEW BUSINESS: Patty Bikowsky announced that there will be a meeting on April 27 from 6 to 7 pm at the Madison Fire House pertaining to information on the bridge in Solsville. The public is invited to attend to be informed of traffic routes and how long the project will take to replace the bridge. Brad Dixon said that the stone work under the bridge is beautiful cobblestone construction.

PUBLIC PRESENTATION: Craig T Nale, Project Development Manager, Nick Hagemeyer, Asset Manager, and Stan Krueger, Operations Manager of edp Renewables (4th largest operators of renewable energy) gave an update on the windmill farm. They stated that the windmills, built in 2000, were the first to be both built and decommissioned in the State of NY. The windmills have a life of 20 years, and these windmills are now 23 years old. Nothing will happen until next year. They are talking to contractors as to the best methods to be taken down. One way would be by crane and the other way would be to knock them over. They are currently talking with landowners and contractors, as well as doing a study on the impact on soil, habitat, water runoff, and height. A question as to recycling was asked and they are hoping the contractors will give them answers. They are not sure as to who obtains permits—the contractor or edp. There is a process in New York for obtaining a 94C application for permit from the State; they will tell the Town in Advance. It is a lengthy process to take off and put back on the grid.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Steve Johnson made the motion seconded by Brad Dixon to go into Executive Session at 7:50. Steve Johnson made the motion seconded by Brad Dixon to end Executive Session at 8:17.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: Brad Dixon made a motion seconded Steve Johnson to pay the General Bills in the amount of \$25,083.20 and Highway Bills in the amount of \$20,065.99 for a total of \$45,149.19. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Steve Johnson made a motion seconded by Brad Dixon to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Tina Livermore, Town Clerk