

PRESENT: Supervisor, Greg Rueter, Councilpersons Patty Bikowsky, Steve Johnson, Jim Lundrigan & Brad Dixon, Town Clerk Tina Livermore, Highway Superintendent Jeff Bailey, Town Historian Diane Vanslyke and 23 guests.

AGENDA: Steve Johnson made the motion seconded by Jim Lundrigan to accept the agenda. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Minutes from the August 13, 2026 meeting were read by Town Clerk Tina Livermore. Patty Bikowsky 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; Bookkeeper Report; Code Enforcer Report; Court Justice Report; Historian Report

Reports were presented and viewed by the Board

We as the Town Board and the entire staff of the Town Of Madison would like to give our deepest condolences to the family of Sally Maine. Sally was an important figure here in the Town of Madison for many years until her retirement. We are all saddened by her passing, but will all hold the memories that she brought to everyone she came in contact with. May she rest in peace...God Bless

Jeff said the highway guys have been mowing, doing ditch work, cutting down trees and limbs, working on culverts and doing shop work. The salt is in good shape for winter. The trucks are all working well. The security alarm system is being updated as the mice have been chewing the wires and letting moisture set the alarm off. The speed sensor went to a new location on East Lake Rd, we are trying to get the speed limit reduced. The boys were rewarded a safety box worth \$2500.00 from Perma with safety gear and signs. Dutcher's bid for the 2003 dump truck was accepted for \$8500. On September 10th the highways guys attended a customer appreciation luncheon put on by Callanan's. It's nice when you see companies acknowledge their customers and let them know that they are appreciated.

Diane said The Madison American 250 team will continue to research the Indian Opening Cemetery histories and develop a better brochure with QR codes to listen to a recording and each person's history. She's still waiting to hear about the mitigation money from the Hoffman Falls Wind project. There may also be money coming from James Madison Chapter DAR too. The Historical Dances will start up again September 26. They hold them once a month through the winter and spring.

Diane has been in contact with many different people and organizations on different projects as always. We can express enough how much appreciation we all have for Diane with all the time and dedication she puts into the Historical Program in the Town of Madison. She spends countless hours talking with different people or just doing research on various projects, rather it be for the Town of Madison, Chenango Canal Association or Historical Society. Again, thank you Diane for all you do for the Town of Madison it is greatly appreciated.

On September 3rd there was a Madison Feeder Rehabilitation meeting to determine ownership, food trails, tree & debris cleanout with County and State officials.

Greg announced that the E.D.P. 2027 Wind Turbine Project has been cancelled for the Town of Madison, no more wind turbines will be going back up at this time.

If you see a Sheriff on September 20-26 thank them for their service as its NYS Sheriff's week. We want to thank one of our Board Members Jim Lundrigan for the time he served as Captain for the Madison County Sheriff's Dept. Thank you Jim, for your service!

Greg said that the Madison County sales tax revenue is 7.04% over 2025. On September 26 there will be an open house at the Madison County Landfill.

We are still waiting for the paperwork to come back from the state on the houseboat law. Greg is also working on more signage for the lake. There will be a budget workshop coming up soon, the date is TBD

Greg announced that Oct 1st Madison Ambulance will be taken over by Madison County Ambulance. It will be a bittersweet day as the Madison Ambulance has been in service in our community for over 50 years serving many town and village residents along with neighboring areas.

Greg commented on the wonderful work that Pat Kitchen is doing with the Trailer Park. He has brought in new trailers to replace the outdated ones, he will be working on the driveways. Pat was here and said that it is a work in progress but he will have that trailer park looking great again. It's nice to see a business man who cares about their community and will give its all to make it better. Thank you Pat for all the hard work you have put into the park so far.

We had 4 resolutions:

- #13-26 Lowering the speed limit on East Lake Rd
- #14-26 Sand & Ice contract with Madison County
- #15-26 Fee Schedule updated to include boundary line change
- #16-26 Adopting NYAOT Bill of Rights

We had a motion by Patty Bikowsky and seconded by Brad Dixon to have Supervisor Reuter sign and accept the Hamilton Sidewalk Agreement. All in favor, motion carried.

We had a few people speak during a public presentation on the changing of Madison Ambulance to the County Ambulance. The biggest concern was the response time for an ambulance to get to anyone in the Town or Village of Madison when there is an emergency call. Some wondered why it can't stay in the Village of Madison at all times. One concern was they didn't like the short notice on an email that everyone had received about the change. Someone would like to see the Town give Madison Fire Dept more money now that they don't have to give it to the Village Ambulance anymore. Supervisor Reuter listened to all the comments that were made and he assured everyone that he is working with Madison County EMS Supervisors to keep this change running smoothly and keep the County Ambulance in the Madison Station as much as possible. This is a big change for the Town and Village of Madison, along with Madison County, but if everyone works together as a team this should all work out in the end. No one likes change but unfortunately that's part of the world we live in, we just have to accept the change and work toward a solution to better everyone.

We had no executive session.

Patty Bikowsky made a motion, seconded by Brad Dixon to pay the General bills in the amount of \$27,068.70 and the Highway Bills in the amount of \$56,615.87 with a grand total of \$83,684.57 Motion carried

At 8:30 pm Patty Bikowsky made a motion seconded by Brad Dixon to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,
Tina Livermore, Town Clerk