

PRESENT: Greg Reuter, Supervisor, Patty Bikowsky, Brad Dixon, Jim Lundrigan and Steve Johnson, Councilpersons; Tina Livermore Town Clerk, Roy Kirley, Highway Superintendent, Diane Vanslyke and 8 guest
Greg Reuter, Supervisor opened the meeting at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

MINUTES: Minutes from the March 13, 2025, meeting were read by Town Clerk Tina Livermore. Jim Lundrigan made a motion seconded by Brad Dixon to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

REPORTS: Supervisor's Report, Highway Supt. Report, Town Clerk Report, Dog Control Officer Report, Bookkeeper Report, Code Enforcer Report, Justice Report

Reports were presented and viewed by the Board

Roy Kirley, Highway Superintendent, reported that they have been busy with equipment maintenance, getting ready for spring and summer. The guys have been out cleaning up brush and tree branches from the winter months, along with road clean up, as there are many potholes that will need to be filled in, and wash outs. The salt supply is in good shape. The salt supply is in good shape.

Steve Johnson, reported that the Madison Ambulance has been busy with calls and when they don't have a call they have been helping out other towns with their calls. He also said that Madison has a great crew. Steve would like to see more volunteers join the Fire Dept as the number of members have decreased.

Diane VanSlyke, Historian, reported that she had a call from Mike Cox from Parkhurst & Kent Construction to discuss the 1840 House in Bouckville that may be sale pending. They are looking to see if it is on the State or National Registries. Diane looked into it and it is not on the registry.

She is in the process of arranging tours of stone houses in the area. One tour will be at Pat Gerow's Octagon house and the 2nd tour will be at Carol Lorenz's farm house.

Diane met with an anonymous donor who wants to donate up to 16 benches to place on the towpath trail. The husband passed away but walked the Hamilton portion with her. He always stretched to be able to reach the bench at Woodman Pond to rest. The donor would like the plaques on the benches to read "In memory of my husband (name) who just wanted to sit".

Diane is very concerned about what's going to happen to the canal when they drain the Lake Moraine dam. It's a very popular fishing area plus it's a natural sprawling area for wild trout. They would like to clear an area in the water that has grown with weeds and fallen trees so people can take their canoes and kayaks. She asked if people would write letters in support of the canal. Greg said he would write one. Greg will work with the canal corp to get a gate in the feeder and see what he can do, as he doesn't want to see the water gone from the canal either.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION #25-4

RESOLUTION TO BE USED BY OFFICERS OF THE TOWN BOARD, TOWN OF MADISON, MADISON COUNTY, STATE OF NEW YORK

WHEREAS, the Town of Madison has two Town Justice positions, one of which has been vacant since November 2022 and

WHEREAS no candidate has sought election for the vacant position with a term ending December 31, 2025; and

Whereas subsection 2 of New York State Town Law §60-a authorizes the Town Board to reduce the number of Town Justices by the adoption of a resolution, subject to permissive referendum, such reduction being effective as of the end of current term of the seat to be abolished; and

WHEREAS, the Madison Town Board has found and determined that two Town Justices are not necessary for the proper functioning of the Town of Madison Justice Court and that the vacant seat is superfluous; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED, that the Town of Madison shall reduce the number of Town Justice seats from two to one, such reduction to be effective January 1, 2026; and

BE FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution shall be published in the official newspaper of the Town of Madison.

The foregoing resolution to reduce the number of Town Justice seats in the Town of Madison by the abolition of the vacant position effective January 1, 2026, was proposed on April 10, 2025, Madison Town Board meeting by Patty Bikowsky, seconded by Steve Johnson, and was carried with vote of 5 yeas and 0 nays. Greg Reuter-yes, Steve Johnson-yes, Patty Bikowsky-yes, Jim Lundrigan-yes, Brad Dixon-yes

Respectfully submitted,
Tina Livermore, Town Clerk

RESOLUTION #25-5

RESOLUTION TO BE USED BY OFFICERS OF THE TOWN BOARD, TOWN OF MADISON, MADISON COUNTY, STATE OF NEW YORK

A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE MADISON LAKE ROAD AS A TOWN HIGHWAY BY USE PURSUANT TO HIGHWAY LAW SECTION 189

WHEREAS, the Town Highway Superintendent has reported to the Town Board of the Town of Madison, a certain roadway in the Town of Madison known as Madison Lake Road extending 2,112 feet (0.40 mile) in a northerly direction from US Route 20 to a dead end, has been used as a public road; since 1977 and

WHEREAS, there is no apparent record of said Madison Lake Road formally dedicated to the Town of Madison as a public road; and

WHEREAS, there is clear evidence that said Madison Lake Road has had a street sign located thereon identifying it as Madison Lake Road, and has been used by the public road for more than 10 years; and

WHEREAS, The Town Board has determined that said road known as Madison Lake Road has been maintained and plowed by the Town since 1977; and

WHEREAS, no other agency has the legal authority or jurisdiction to approve or directly undertake this proposed action, such that there are no other involved agencies within the meaning of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR) with respect to the proposed action; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has considered the designation of Madison Lake Road as a highway by use, has considered the criteria contained in 6 N.Y.C.R.R. Part 617.7 and has compared the impacts which may be reasonably expected to result from the designation of said road as a highway by use against said criteria.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that this action is an unlisted action, that there are no other involved agencies and this Board shall act as lead agency in this matter for purposes of SEQR review; and it is further

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED, the Town Board has determined that this action shall have no significant adverse impact on the environment; that, accordingly, an environmental impact statement shall not be required; and that this resolution shall constitute a negative declaration under SEQR; and it is further,

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Madison hereby finds and determines that the roadway herein identified as Madison Lake Road is a Town of Madison Town Road by use in accordance with the provisions of Section 189 of the New York Highway Law, said road being more particularly described as follows: that tract and parcel of land three (3) rods in width, the center line of which is the centerline of the existing paved roadway extending 2,122 feet (.040 mile) in an easterly direction from the northern boundary of US Route 20 to a dead end terminus, and the Highway Superintendent shall list and report said Madison Lake Road in his annual highway inventory submitted to the State of New York; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Town of Madison shall continue to plow and maintain said Madison Lake Road as a Town road, and that the Town of Madison shall have such rights and authority over said road as may be accorded to the Town with respect to highways by use under the New York Highway Law

On a motion of Jim Lundrigan, Seconded by Brad Dixon. Resolution was unanimously ADOPTED by Town Council Greg Reuter, Steve Johnson, Patty Bikowsky, Jim Lundrigan, Brad Dixon.

Respectfully submitted, Tina Livermore, Town Clerk

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: E.D.P. turbine demolition project has been put on hold as no permits have been issued. The Planning Board is working with them carefully making sure they have all the proper permits in place and are handling the demo with the safety of the town and residents.

Greg reported the land gift project to the school is in the hands of the attorney's. There should be more updates in May.

Koen's 25 unit transient rental permits have been issued and new poles are being put up.

NEW BUSINESS: The Town Board will be eliminating the second judge position as they have decided that only one judge was needed.

Bob Engle served 33 years and Mike Hynes served 14 years before their retirement. The court has received a grant for new file

cabinets, surge protectors and an air conditioner unit. A special thanks goes out to Judge Hepburn for filling the grant.

June 20 & 21 from 8-4 pm, will be the town clean-up days.

Congratulations to all the new elected officers for the Madison Fire Dept along with Noah Nassimos, Chief of the Madison Fire Dept again.

PUBLIC PRESENTATION: Martha Young thanked the town for their contribution to the Hamilton Food Cupboard. She also requested a flashing speed sign put up on East Lake Rd as people drive way too fast down the road.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Patty Bikowsky made a motion seconded by Brad Dixon to enter executive session to discuss personnel. Motion carried at 8:02 pm and Brad Dixon made a motion seconded by Patty Bikowsky to leave executive session. Motion carried at 8:20 pm

APPROVAL OF BILLS: Patty Bikowsky made a motion seconded by Brad Dixon to pay the bills. General Bills in the amount of \$29,722.27 and Highway Bills in the amount of \$32,966.74 for a total of \$62,689.01. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Patty Bikowsky made a motion seconded by Brad Dixon to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Tina Livermore