

**PRESENT:** Greg Reuter, Supervisor, Brad Dixon, Jim Lundrigan, and Steve Johnson, Councilpersons; Susan Anderson, Deputy Town Clerk, and 10 guests.

Supervisor Greg Reuter 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 October 12, 2023 meeting were read by Deputy Town Clerk, Susan Anderson. Jim Lundrigan 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: Dog Control Officer Report Bookkeeper Report: Code Enforcer Report: Ambulance Report:  
Reports were presented and viewed by the Board.

Roy Kirley reported that the crew is maintaining equipment and getting ready for winter and working on the parking lot next door.

Greg Reuter stated that John Becker, Supervisor of Sullivan and Chairman of the Madison County Board of Supervisors, was defeated in the election this week. The Board of Supervisors will be looking for a new chairman.

Diane VanSlyke, Historian, reported that the Town of Madison Historical Society has applied for grants through the CNY Community Foundation and the MidYork Foundation. They are still getting estimates for the work that needs to be done to bring the building up to code. She stated that Jim Ford is still doing presentations on the Bouckville Summits baseball team. Diane met with Elise, Madison County Tourism Coordinator, to trade contacts and to market events on the tourism website. She also attended a 1/2 day conference at "The Hub" which was sponsored by the Partnership for Community Development and Colgate University. This conference addressed concerns from non-profits on obtaining staff and volunteers, qualifying for grants, gaining board members, and more. She also stated that Habitat for Humanity finished painting the kitchen and two bathrooms at the Historical Society and that a new kitchen floor was laid by Susan and Gary Anderson. She has been doing various research for people and showing the Chenango Canal documentary to various groups. She has applied to the Hamilton Community Chest for a grant for \$440 to purchase a projector. The woodchipper has been used by the Hamilton College Men's Lacrosse team to work on the Canal Road north section. Many groups were involved in setting up 100 pumpkins for a display at the Canal Museum. Habitat for Humanity is scheduled to clean, patch, and paint the interior of the Cottage Museum on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>.

Greg Reuter told Diane that if the money does not come through for the projector, let the Board know as they can help.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** On Tuesday, November 14, there will be a public information meeting on the Koen property for the 25 transient rental cabins on Lake Moraine.

A meeting was held for elected officials on the Dam Rehabilitation Project that included canal officials, power authority representatives, state police, and sheriffs. There will be a public hearing in the spring. Construction will take place in 2026-2027. There are 5 islands on the lake; the lake will be drained for almost a year during the project. Some of the original pipes dating back to 1873 are still being used but need replacing due to leaks. The whole center part of the dam and the spillway, and East Lake Road section all have leaking pipes and is considered a high hazard dam. If the dam were to go, a 14 foot high wall of water would go to the golf course, down Payne Street, and leave Hamilton under 6 feet of water.

On November 7, a workshop was held with board members and Amy Coleman, Lake Director. It was suggested to let non-residents use the lake but it would up the liability for the town. Therefore, it was suggested that Madison residents and Madison School students/staff/faculty and their families would be able to use the lake park. Signage to this would be made and posted. We are still working on getting the cameras down to the lake. and motion sensor lights in the bathrooms. It was also suggested to take the chains off the boat launch for the winter to avoid any issues with snowmobilers and put them back up in the spring.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Jim Lundrigan made a motion seconded by Steve Johnson to authorize the town clerk to advertise for fuel bids that will be opened at the December Board meeting.

Steve Johnson made a motion seconded by Jim Lundrigan to open the public hearing.

**PUBLIC HARING:** Greg Reuter stated that the fire contract with the Village of Hamilton is \$179,540. Steve Johnson made a motion seconded by Brad Dixon to accept the contract. Motion carried.

Greg Reuter stated the Village of Madison will receive \$165,000 for the fire contract. Jim Lundrigan made the motion seconded by Steve Johnson to accept the contract. Motion carried.

Greg Reuter stated that the Madison Ambulance will receive \$170,000 for ambulance coverage for the town. Brad Dixon made a motion seconded by Jim Lundrigan to accept the contract. Motion carried.

Greg Reuter stated the Hubbardsville Fire District will receive \$11,759 for the fire contract. Steve Johnson made a motion seconded by Jim Lundrigan to accept the contract. Motion carried.

Jim Lundrigan made a motion seconded by Brad Dixon to close the public hearing. Motion carried.

Adoption of the 2024 budget from tentative to preliminary has been approved. Any changes hereon will have to come before the board.

Greg Reuter stated that the Madison County Sales Tax for 2023 is 6.8%.

Greg Reuter congratulated Brad Dixon and Steve Johnson on being elected to serve as councilmen on the Town Board and to Ken Hepburn on being elected to serve as Town Justices. Pending Mike Hynes on being elected 2nd Town Justice.

Greg reported that the county was informed that Governor Hochul is not letting out money for Medicaid. This will result in a tax increase of almost 19%. However, the Board of Supervisors agreed to use some savings to cut the increase to 9 ½ to 10 percent.

Amy Coleman said that a gate to keep vehicles off the beach but enable the tractor to clean the sand would be a good idea.

Greg said that the salvaged tin and windows from the demolished building next door will be used for repairs at the lake.

**PUBLIC PRESENTATION:** None.

**RESOLUTIONS:** 23-13. The Town of Madison Board approves to adopt the 2024 preliminary budget as the adopted budget. Motion made by Brad Dixon and seconded by Jim Lundrigan. Voting Aye: Greg Reuter, Steve Johnson, Jim Lundrigan, Brad Dixon. No nays.

23-14. The Town of Madison Board authorizes Supervisor Reuter to sign the Madison Fire Protection 2024 contract. Motion made by Steve Johnson and seconded by Jim Lundrigan. Voting Aye: Greg Reuter, Steve Johnson, Jim Lundrigan, Brad Dixon. No nays.

23-15. The Town of Madison Board authorizes Supervisor Reuter to sign the Hamilton Fire Protection 2024 contract. Motion made by Brad Dixon and seconded by Steve Johnson. Voting Aye: Greg Reuter, Steve Johnson, Jim Lundrigan, Brad Dixon. No nay votes.

23-16. The Town of Madison Board authorizes the Town of Eaton Planning Board to be the lead agency of the new Auto Dealership being built by the Uvanni Family Ltd on Route 12B on the Eaton/Madison town line. Motion made by Steve Johnson and seconded by Brad Dixon. Voting Aye: Greg Reuter, Steve Johnson, Jim Lundrigan, Brad Dixon. No nay votes.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:** Jim Lundrigan made a motion seconded Steve Johnson to pay the General Bills in the amount of 33,882.96 and Highway Bills in the amount of \$ 74,150.73 for a total of \$ 108,033.69. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Brad Dixon made a motion seconded by Steve Johnson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Anderson, Deputy Town Clerk