

**Supervisor Greg Reuter 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 August 10, 2023, meeting were read by Town Clerk, Tina Livermore. Greg Reuter said that RSO is SRO. He also stated that the county tourism director resigned so it is hopeful that the Antique Days will be more publicized at the County site. Patty Bikowsky made a motion seconded by Steve Johnson to accept the minutes as read with corrections. Motion carried.

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

Reports were presented and viewed by the Board.

Roy Kirley, Highway Superintendent said that his crew is getting things ready for winter. Upper Camp Road is ready to pave. He needs to know when to winterize the weed harvester. His crew has been drawing sand; it has to be housed in the sand shed or else the town will have to pay for storage, so his crew is getting it all. The brine operation is good.

Diane VanSlyke, Historian, is seeking grants for the Historical Society Building. The current grant she is working on is for \$25,000-\$30,000. She reported that the fourth historical marker was placed on Canal Road on the ball field where the 3 Wiltse brothers played for the Bouckville Summit Team. A book of Jim Ford's that is no longer in print was donated to the Historical Society. Diane has been successfully researching information for many people including how to restore a cemetery, maps and books on Hatch Lake and Bradley Brook, the dry feeder on the summit of the Chenango Canal (a mistake), and maps from Justin Brown which will be put on Google Map. Update on the Chenango Canal Trails includes a proposed bike lane and trail shelter. Diane also said that Colgate students helped clean and return 17 bags of soda and water bottles which needed 2 trucks to get them to a collection center.

Amy Coleman, Lake Director, said the lake is all cleaned up except the dock. The lifeguards adjusted their sports schedule so they could work on the last week the park was open for swimming, while the weather was nice. No vandalism or rescues were made this summer. We now have new stairs going down to the water from the building. A cover/metal ring of unknown origin was found under the old stairs, which was believed to be part of the septic system of the old roller skating rink or the hotel that was down there years ago. With the extra lumber left over we would like to fix up some of the picnic tables that are getting worn down. The scheduling on the phones worked out very well for the lifeguards. The homecoming and bonfire are still on for October 6, then the lake will close, water shut off and pipes drained.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Madison Lake repairs are ongoing. The stairs are being replaced with newly treated lumber. More information is needed on the cameras. Greg asked Amy to meet with the Town Board and Roy Kirley to discuss how the lake park can be improved. People are still driving on the beach, so it was suggested that signs be put up to prevent people from doing so. Roy will look at it as the tractor still needs access to the beach.

The survey has not yet been done at Center Road Cemetery.

The building next door should be demolished the week of September 23rd. Approved asbestos contractors and carriers of asbestos were received from 2 certified contractors. Contento's Demolition from Cortland submitted a bid for \$22,000; Seymour Excavation of Westmoreland submitted a bid for \$19,000. Therefore, the lower bid of \$19,000 will be accepted. Air monitoring will also be covered. The steel on the roof of the shed will be saved to be used at the lake. Some of the windows will be saved for the lake buildings also. The ground will be leveled out and crusher run will be put down as a good base. Greg will contact the DOT to see if a curb could be cut to enter the parking lot from Route 20.

The Koen Property met with the planning board on September 28. They are moving ahead with the project and working with Madison County and Encon on the wetlands as well as noise, traffic, and lighting concerns. Groundbreaking will be some time this year. No permit has been issued and will not be issued until all questions are answered and all information made available.

Weed harvesting is done, and the harvester can be winterized.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The Madison County Sheriff in Madison County was started in 1806. Thank the sheriffs and SROs for their service.

The Tentative Budget Workshop will be held on September 22 at 8:30 am.

Another Dollar General will be built in the Town of Madison at the foot of Oriskany Falls hill next to Zelinski's business. It will be a Garden Market with fresh vegetables and meat.

Three Resolutions: 23-08—On this day, September 14, 2023, the agreement with the County of Madison on snow and ice removal on county roads. Steve Johnson made a motion seconded by Brad Dixon to approve the contract. Voting Yes: Steve Johnson, Patty Bikowsky, Brad Dixon, Greg Reuter. No: 0 (The county has increased the money the town will get back for taking care of 60 miles of county roads).

Resolution 23-09—On this day, September 14, 2023, the Town Board will add under green energy projects a 3% decommission fee of the total cost of the project. Patty Bikowsky made the motion seconded by Steve Johnson to accept the resolution. Voting Yes: Steve Johnson, Patty Bikowsky, Brad Dixon, Greg Reuter; No: 0

Resolution 23-10—On this 14<sup>th</sup> Day of September, the resolution to increase the yearly building permit renewal fee from \$100 for the first-year renewal and thereafter to \$250.00 for the renewal of a building permit effective January 1, 2024. Patty Bikowsky made a motion seconded by Steve Johnson to approve the resolution. Voting Yes: Steve Johnson, Patty Bikowsky, Brade Dixon, Greg Reuter. Voting No: 0

The next quarterly report from EDP Renewables will be at the November Town Board meeting.

**PUBLIC PRESENTATION:** A question was asked about the process for approval of the Koen project. A submitted detailed plan of structures was presented to the Planning Board. The buildings will be outside the ¼ mile of the lake. They will be situated 35 feet off Lake Moraine Road. There will be one 5,000-gallon septic tank/system. They will be drilling another dedicated well and the water will be treated/chlorinated/UV light system. Water conservation must let them know how far all must be away from the creek. It will be a commercial entity, but the Department of Health and DEC must approve it. There will be a public hearing and all neighbors within 500 feet will be notified. It will be handled like a motel. Madison County will handle traffic issues as it is on a county road. Lighting, noise, parking ability, storm water retention will all be addressed as all other questions that may arise at the public hearing.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Brad Dixon made a motion seconded by Steve Johnson to enter executive session. Motion carried at 8:03 pm. Patty Bikowsky made a motion seconded by Brad Dixon to leave executive session. Motion carried at 8:16 pm.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:** Patty Bikowsky made a motion seconded Brad Dixon to pay the General Bills in the amount of \$24,404.60 and Highway Bills in the amount of \$42,099.42 for a total of \$109,359.51. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Patty Bikowsky made a motion seconded by Brad Dixon to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tina Livermore, Town Clerk