

December 11, 2025

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

7:00 PM

PRESENT: Greg Reuter-Supervisor, Patty Bikowsky, Jim Lundrigan & Brad Dixon Councilpersons, Tina Livermore- Town Clerk, Anne Brown-Deputy Town Clerk, Diane VanSlyke- Historian and 7 guests.

Supervisor Greg Reuter opened the meeting at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA: Patty Bikowsky made the motion seconded by Brad Dixon to accept the agenda with the addition of letter F. Antique Association Meeting. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Jim Lundrigan made the motion seconded by Patty Bikowsky to accept the Nov 9, 2025 minutes with a correction to minutes changing Patty Bikowsky to Steve Johnson. Motion carried

REPORTS: Supervisor's Report: Highway Report, Town Clerk Report, Dog Control Officer Report, Bookkeeper Report, Code Enforcer Report, & Historian Report

Reports were presented and viewed by the Board.

Roy Kirley said the men have been out 2-3 times a day snowplowing. They got salt early-700 tons and they have been working on equipment.

Don Haight gave an end of term report. Starting with a Thank you to the Board and myself for all the support and friendliness he received. He stated it had been a pleasure working with everyone. When he started, the court was disorganized, there was a backlog of cases, over 200 cases spanning 20 years. The court clerk had to be trained. His first DA night, there was no clerk and he had 96 cases. Now DA nights are normal. The court has filed 142 civil judgements against people who owed money. Another 115 letters were sent to people who owe money giving them 60 days pending civil judgement. He is happy to report that all the backlog is cleared. Don will be missed by all of us. It isn't a goodbye but a "see you later".

Anne Brown advised that she is 99% done with the enumeration and has located almost 400 unlicensed dogs. Technically the Town is always doing an enumeration. When she is out driving around and sees dogs she can look up to see if they are licensed.

Diane VanVanSlyke reported on the restoration plans for Indian Opening Cemetery. She has written for grant funds for 2 projects totalling over 26,000.00. She is meeting with Jen Wong from the Cazenovia Preservation Foundation to discuss easements/ownership from the NYS Canal Corp. She reminded the board that the 250th Anniversary of America is next year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: The speed sign originally tried was not large enough. The new one is great. A couple of the highway employees have been trained on how to take care of it.

Notices were sent to 6 owners of transient rentals that were in violation of the transient rental law.

The Solsville bridge has been opened for use for the winter. In the Spring it will have to be closed again for approximately 2 weeks to finish it.

The Town Board wished a happy and well deserved retirement to Roy Kirley and Don Haight.

NEW BUSINESS: Judge Hepburn will be the sole justice starting January 1st 2026. Fuel bids were open and read.

Marabito winter blend- \$3.0202, diesel-\$ 2.8252, kero-\$ 3.4752

Broedel winter blend-\$2.855, summer-\$ 2.514, Propane-\$1.53

Buell Fuel winter blend 2.5975, summer-\$2.4575, propane 1.3175

Motion was made by Patty Bikowsky, seconded by Brad Dixon to accept the bid from Buell Fuels for all 3 products at 2.4575, 2.5579, 1.3175. Motion carried

December 30, 2025 will be the year end meeting at 8:30am.

January 2, 2026 at 7PM will be the January board meeting. New elected officials will be sworn in and sign the oath of office. Various boards will have appointments made.

The Madison-Bouckville Antique Association held a meeting with the Village & Town of Madison & Codes on the 2026 season. Plans were discussed for tent & food truck regulations, ambulance coverage- 24/7 for 8 days. Madison County tourism spent more money advertising and this past year was the best show in 20 years

Public Presentation. A resident said he would like to see dry hydrants put in and received quotes on them. Supervisor Rueter gave him information from Emergency Management..

The Town of Augusta & The Town of Madison had a Kids Shopping Event that went over well and the Town of Madison had Cookies with Santa at the firehouse. Tina advised she would really like to do a food/clothing spot for those in need. The historical society building might be an option. Judge Haight said maybe the JCAP can assist in paying for an electronic sign out front. A thank you letter was read from the Hamilton Food Cupboard.

At 8:19 PM Jim Lundrigan made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personal matters seconded by Patty Bikowsky, motion carried. At 9:00pm Patty made a motion to come out of executive session, seconded by Brad Dixon, motion carried.

A motion by Patty Bikowsky to pay the difference in Jeff Bailey's health insurance coverage, he will continue to pay what his current pays as an MEO, while he is Highway superintendent, Seconded by Brad Dixon. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion by Patty Bikowsky to pay Roy Kirley's medicare reimbursement until his death. Seconded by Brad Dixon. All in favor, motion carried.

Patty Bikowsky made a motion seconded by Brad Dixon to pay the General Bills in the amount of \$47,195.34 and Highway Bills in the amount of \$22,894.09 for a total of \$70,089.43. All in favor, Motion carried.

At 9:45PM Patty Bikowsky made a motion seconded by Brad Dixon to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Tina Livermore- Town Clerk