

October 10, 2024

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

7:30 pm

PRESENT: Greg Reuter, Supervisor, Patty Bikowsky, Deputy Supervisor, Brad Dixon, Jim Lundrigan and Steve Johnson, Councilpersons; Tina Livermore, Town Clerk., and 8 guests.

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 September 12, 2024 regular meeting were read by Town Clerk, Tina Livermore. Patty Bikowsky made a motion seconded by Brad Dixon to accept the minutes; Motion carried.

REPORTS: Supervisor's Report; Highway Report; Town Clerk Report; Justice Reports: Historian report; Dog Control Officers Report; Bookkeeper's Report: Code Enforcer Report; Madison Town Park; All reports were presented and reviewed by the Board.

Diane VanSlyke, Town Historian has been working with Laura Caughlin, with Partnership for Community Development on help with a small-mid size non-profit capital grant from NYS Culture & Arts for the Historical Society basement. Laura will be checking to make sure they meet the pre-qualifications to apply for the grant. They will need to have a conceptual design done before January that shows how the finished basement will help expand programs, historical research, ect.

Diane has been busy showing her historic documentary to various organizations. She received a grant for a powerpoint projector to use for the historical documentary. She also attended the Erie Canal Museum "Lunchtime Talk" on the Chenango, Chemung & Genesis Valley Canals. Diane will also have a group of volunteers to help carve pumpkins at the canal, which is always a cute display to see when driving along Route 20 in Bouckville.

Diane was very pleased with all the work on the parking lots and the crosswalks that are in the works for the canal. This will help out tremendously with people wanting to walk the canal and view all the history on it. She also met with some Colgate students who represent the Environmental Action Group. They will be doing some trail work on the canal next spring and possibly some small projects in the meantime.

The Dog Enumeration (or dog census) is still going on. The Dog Control Officer will still be out doing random dog checks on the addresses that the yellow cards weren't sent back to the town office. Please remember to license your dog as it is a NYS AG & MARKETS Law that states all dogs 4 months of age and older must have a dog license.

Roy Kirley, Town Highway Superintendent, that they have installed the shoulders on Bonney Hill Rd and Airport Rd with truck help from the Town of Marshall and the Town of Augusta, and the County Shoulder Machine, which had a County guy operating the machine.

The guys have been busy mowing the cemeteries and also roadside mowing, along with hauling crusher run. Roy said McCormick road was looking good, the guys have been busy up there with various road projects. The equipment is being worked on for the switch over to winter. We are fortunate to have our own Town Crew do about 90% of the mechanical work on the trucks and equipment. Roy has ordered a new Western Star automatic plow truck for \$349,000.00. The truck has a brine unit on the back, which uses less sand.

Supervisor Reuter said that the Madison lake was looking good. Repairs are still in the works, but coming along good. Some sumac and small trees around the poles that the electrician will be working on have been cleared off. The fence will be taken down soon for the snowmobile trail to go through.

Greg said the new culverts on East Lake Rd that the county installed are working well, the water is flowing into the lake now. The landfill prices for dump tickets will be increasing the first of the year. Greg is working with the County so town residents will get a "free" 1 day ticket for 1 pickup load per family visit per year with organic yard waste (leaves, brush, ect).

Greg is working to solve the problem on Lake Moraine with the houseboat. During the public presentation Lake Moraine citizens spoke about all their concerns they had with the houseboat anchored to a public roadway guardrail. Wondering if that is even legal to do, plus there are no visible registration numbers on it. Some of the other concerns were: It interferes with people trying to fish off shore. They were concerned about where all the black and grey water was being discharged.. A few times there was a power boat and a sailboat docked next to it. The citizens that own property on lake Moraine are worried about how this houseboat is affecting what precedent it has on the lake. Greg is going to look into all their concerns and see if we need to pass a no parking law prohibiting any mooring on Lake Moraine.

The Meteorological tower from E.D.P, was dismantled. They did a great job with all the clean-up. Greg reminded everyone not to forget to vote on Election Day November 5th. Also we will be changing our January board meeting on January 9th to January 2nd. Reminders will follow.

On behalf of the entire Town Board, Greg would like to extend their appreciation to the Madison Ambulance Paramedics and staff for their 20th year anniversary with the paramedic program, and a special thank you to David McDonald for his full 20 years into the program and also for Erik Merrell with his 20 years in the program, making it what it is today. Eric has gone above and beyond and still continues to make this paramedics program work. Thank you Erik and David for staying with the ambulance for a full 20 years! We would also like to give a special recognition to The Madison Ambulance which was started 50 years ago. Not many ambulances have stayed in duty that long...kudos to Madison!!

Patty Bikowsky made a motion seconded by Steve Johnson to enter executive session to discuss personnel. Motion carried at 8:10 pm. Patty Bikowsky made a motion seconded by Brad Dixon to leave executive session. Motion carried at 8:30 pm.

Patty Bikowsky made a motion seconded by Brad Dixon to pay the General Bills in the amount of \$29,318.99 and Highway Bills in the amount of \$75,265.77 for a total of \$104,584.76 Motion carried.

Patty Bikowsky made a motion seconded by Brad Dixon to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Tina Livermore, Town Clerk