

PRESENT: Deputy Supervisor, Patty Bikowsky, Councilpersons Steve Johnson, Jim Lundrigan & Brad Dixon, Town Clerk Tina Livermore , Highway Superintendent Jeff Bailey, Historian Diane VanSlyke and 4 guests.

Deputy Supervisor Patty Bikowsky opened the meeting at 7:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA: Jim Lundrigan made the motion seconded by Steve Johnson to accept the agenda. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Minutes from the March 12, 2026 meeting were read by Town Clerk Tina Livermore. Jim Lundrigan made a motion seconded by Steve Johnson to accept the minutes as read. Motion carried.

REPORTS: Supervisor’s Report; Highway Supt. Report; Town Clerk Report; Bookkeeper Report; Code Enforcer Report; Court Justice Report; Historian Report

Reports were presented and viewed by the Board

Diane sent in an essay to the NY Association of Towns for their 150th American Project back in November; they have since extended the deadline to March 31st. She would like to purchase 2 books, one for the Town and the other for the Historical Society.

Diane gave us a run down on what's been going on with the town's history. She has been working on getting the Indian Opening Cemetery looking better with the help of Megan Barnes and Melanie Brouillette; they will clean the grave stones up. Unfortunately the woodchucks have raised havoc with holes all over. She is looking into someone to come get rid of them, but funds are low. She has other outlets of money coming in but they won't come until a later time. She asked the board if they will be willing to donate money toward the woodchuck removal along with other necessary projects that need to be done. She has 3 bids for the woodchuck removal. She will be having a dedication ceremony on July 12th at the cemetery. The board discussed the situation and Steve Johnson passed a motion, seconded by Brad Dixon to donate up to \$2500.00 toward supplies and work for the cemetery along with purchasing 2 books. All in favor, motion carried.

Jeff has also been helping Diane out with picking up a load of soil if needed to put into the woodchuck holes along with filling a 150 gallon water tank so they can clean the stones. Jeff also approved a port-a-potty to be set for volunteers to use.

Diane said the Chenango Canal Association will start getting busy with canal clean-up. The athletic team from Hamilton College will help with Trail Day on April 12th from 11-2. Another day of clean up is April 18th 10-12pm. April 19th from 12-2pm is the rain date. April 23rd will be a presentation at the Hamilton Public Library.

Jeff announced that the boys had been busy in March plowing and sanding the roads. They have also been busy getting the roads in better condition from the winter. They have been very busy with culverts on various roads. Crow Hill Rd they had a culvert that needed a hole filled in and a clogged culvert on Camp Rd. They have been working on Hall Rd cutting trees down so it can dry out, the road is in bad shape. They went out to look at Fuess Rd which has gotten really bad too, they will decide what the best route to take with it. Jeff would like the Town Board to do a ride around with him on the roads to determine which roads need fixing as the weather over the last few years has done a lot of damage to some of these roads. Also they will decide what roads to chip seal when the weather gets better. The boys will be attending all day safety classes at the Madison County Highway Garage in Eaton. Jeff said they are very happy with the new 2018 plow/dump truck. Jeff is looking into getting the truck's new lettering.

There was a dangerous tree on Maple Ave that was taken down, the work is completed now. The Highway Garage work is about 90% completed. The new exhaust fan installation is still pending.

The speed study is still pending on Love Joy Road, waiting to hear back from the state as to what they will allow.

Lake Morine is lowering slowly as it's only down about 12” but as time goes on it will go down faster.

Patty announced they have the Solsville Bridge closed and are starting to work on the concert deck. They are hoping to open the road back up around the 1st of June. Unfortunately the weather plays a big part in the opening of the road. Jeff did bring down a speed sensor sign on Indian Opening Road as people tend to speed down it. With all the extra traffic because of the bridge out, people need to be reminded of the speed limit which is 45.

We now have a Road Use Agreement with D.A. Collins Company that pertains to all town roads with the dam work.

After talking with the lawyer, the board members decided to ask for a motion to rescind the previous motion to pay Roy Kirley's medicare payments. Jim Lundrigan made the motion, seconded by Steve Johnson. All in favor, motion carried.

The survey of Town property purchased from the Village of Madison has been completed. The Town has taken over the Memorial Day parade. It will be held on Monday May 25th at 11:00 following a short service over on the Firemen's Field. I encourage everyone to come and join us, rather it be on a float, riding in or on something or just walking with a group. Lets make our parades longer and better. Invite all your friends to participate. Let's make Madison proud! The Madison Fire Department will also hold their annual chicken barbecue after the parade. They will be selling chicken halves only for \$10.00. Hope to see everyone on Memorial day.

I asked the board to upgrade my Town Clerk program and Tax program. Last month they tabled the motion. This month Brad Dixon made a motion, seconded by Jim Lundrigan to accept The Edmunds GovTech for the Town Clerk and Tax Collector Programs. All in favor, motion carried.

I also requested permission to destroy my old record retention papers, which I presented a list. Steve Johnson made a motion, seconded by Jim Lundrigan to accept the list to destroy. All in favor, motion carried.

Steve Johnson discussed Madison Lake, he feels we need better fencing and more signage put up. The board doesn't feel we need any gate across the fishing launch as we have had no problems with fishermen. We do have cameras up so if someone does abuse the privilege we can address the situation then. We have a beautiful lake and want to encourage everyone to come down and enjoy it but be respectful and pick up after yourselves. Not every town gets the luxury of having a lake in their town. Let's keep this one beautiful!

Junk Days will be June 5th & 6th from 8-4 both days.

There was no public presentation

Steve Johnson made a motion seconded by Brad Dixon to pay the General Bills in the amount of \$30,352.84 and the highway bills in the amount of \$24,041.89 with a grand total of \$54,394.73 Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:30 pm Jim Lundrigan made a motion seconded by Steve Johnson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

**Respectfully submitted,
Tina Livermore Town Clerk**