

**PRESENT:** Greg Reuter, Supervisor, Patty Bikowsky, Deputy Supervisor, Jim Lundrigan, Steve Johnson, and Brad Dixon, Councilpersons; Susan Anderson, Deputy Town Clerk, 7 guests.

Supervisor Greg Reuter opened the meeting at 7:05 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AGENDA:** Patty Bikowsky made the motion seconded by Jim Lundrigan to accept the agenda. Motion carried.

**MINUTES:** Minutes from the November 14, 2024, meeting were read by Deputy Town Clerk, Susan Anderson. Corrections/changes to be made is that Lake Moraine will be drained down 10 feet in 2025. Patty Bikowsky made a motion seconded by Steve Johnson to accept the minutes as changed. Motion carried. It was also stated that on November 1, the lake was dropped 4 feet and the valves were closed, but with all the rain and snow, the water level has gone back up.

**REPORTS:** Supervisor's Report; Highway Supt. Report; Town Clerk Report; Dog Control Officer Report; Bookkeeper Report; Code Enforcer Report; Ambulance Report; Historian; Court Justice Report: Reports were presented and viewed by the Board.

Diane VanSlyke, Historian, reported that Viola Neff gave her pictures of Gerrit Smith infirmary that she passed on to Sue Greenhagen, Town of Eaton Historian. Matt Urtz, Madison County Historian, will digitize them and post them online for more access to the public. Mishell Manussin donated a scrapbook of newspaper clippings from her family as well as a picture of a one-room schoolhouse graduation. She reported that 32 Madison Seniors attended a holiday dinner at Hotel Solsville followed by a program of the History of the Hotel Solsville. Diane is working with Don Begelow to see how the crossing at Route 46 to Canal Road can be made safer. Diane sat in on a webinar offered by AARP on how to use Google Meets as well as attending a meeting hosted by Upstate Institute, Colgate.

Town Park—Steve Johnson reported that Amy Coleman put antifreeze in the toilets but has not boarded up the bathrooms. He has been checking the cameras. They are still waiting on NYSEG to inspect the entrance so that the electrician can finish. Greg said that he will call.

Greg reported that Roy could not come as he was taking care of brining, sanding, and plowing the roads and fixing an overhead door that wasn't fixed until 5 pm today.

Dog Control Officer—Ann Brown reported that of the 67 roads in the Town of Madison, she has only canvassed 17 roads to date finding over 100 unlicensed dogs so far. The enumeration is taking longer than expected and is very trying. She stated that there will be new regulations put in place in 2025.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** The Madison Lake electrical work is still in the works.

The Koen Transient Rental Project status is the same; the plans were stamped by an architect/engineer in Pennsylvania, not in New York.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The Madison County tax levy for 2025 was lowered to 2.55 percent.

Joe Electric has submitted a bid of \$13,250 for installing LED lights at the Town Garage as well as putting spaces in the breaker box for hooking up another welder. It also includes putting up automatic dawn to dark lights in the new parking lot at the Town Hall.

Jim Lundrigan and Greg met three times, making a few changes in the Teamster contract that is a 3-year agreement signed on December 12, 2024.

EDP Renewables will be attending the January 2, 2025 monthly board meeting to give an update on demolishing the windmills up on Stone Road as well as any proposed plans for new windmills.

Don Haight will continue his Justice duties with Ken Hepburn in 2025. Research is being conducted to determine whether the town will go back to having just one Judge. Ken said he feels he can accommodate being the only judge in the future.

Patty Bikowsky opened the fuel bids: Broedel—propane \$1.399, on road **\$2.346**. 70/30 **\$2.534**; Buell—propane **\$1.3350**, on road \$2.5381, 70/30 \$2.6181; Mirabito—\$propane \$1.57, on road \$2.5986, 70/30 \$2.6736. Steve Johnson made a motion seconded by Brad Dixon to accept the low bid prices for 2025. Motion carried. Broedel will supply the on road and 70/30 fuel, and Buell will supply the propane.

The year-end meeting will be held on Monday, December 30 at 8:30 am.

The January monthly meeting will be held on January 2, 2025.

**PUBLIC PRESENTATION:** A question was asked about the Koen project. They have not supplied the necessary prints. The Koens did purchase the Grove and will be making changes in the future. They are done remodeling the Appley Center where they will be opening a restaurant and holding events. The office rooms will be used as rentals for people to stay.

The speed signs are going to be tested and tried out before being purchased. The County gave permission to try them out on any county roads.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:** Patty Bikowsky made a motion seconded by Brad Dixon to pay the General Bills in the amount of \$69,615.63 and Highway Bills in the amount of \$57,500.72 for a total of \$127,116.35. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Patty Bikowsky made a motion seconded by Brad Dixon to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Anderson, Deputy Town Clerk