

December 8, 2022

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

7:00 PM

PRESENT: Greg Reuter, Supervisor, Patty Bikowsky, Deputy Supervisor, Brad Dixon, Jim Lundrigan, and Steve Johnson, Councilpersons; Tina Livermore, Town Clerk, Roy Kirley, Road Superintendent, 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 Brad Dixon to accept the agenda. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Minutes from the November 12 meeting were read by Town Clerk, Tina Livermore. One correction was made to the minutes. Robinson Hill Road shoulders hasn't been completed. Patty Bikowsky made a motion seconded by Jim Lundrigan to accept the minutes as read. Motion carried.

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

Diane VanSlyke, Historian, said Christmas decorations have been done at the Cottage Museum by neighbors and friends. She said that Ron Neff had maps of Madison dating in the 1960s. The Historical Society building has been rented for Christmas Day for a celebration of a 92-year-old lady. She reported a woodchipper has been purchased for use on the canal trail. She showed the Jim Parker drawings of Bouckville and Solsville and is looking for one of Madison to complete the collection.

Roy Kirley, Highway Superintendent reported all trucks are ready for snow. The summer equipment has been maintained and put away. Shoulders by mailboxes have been put down on Robinson Hill Road. Madison mail carrier Brian Livermore stopped and thanked Roy for filling in by the boxes, much appreciated. and 40 snow markers have been put along that road.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Greg Reuter and Steve Johnson attended a meeting at The Village of Hamilton at which both parties agreed upon a reasonable amount for fire protection. Which resulted in a \$29,000 decrease in funds for the Town of Madison for 2023. They have been invited to attend their budget hearing in March. Greg stated that this will allow Madison Fire Department another year to solicit members and update equipment.
Steve Johnson made a motion seconded by Jim Lundrigan to accept the Village of Hamilton Fire protection contract.

NEW BUSINESS: The Town of Madison received 5 bids for fuel for 2023. After opening the bids, it stood that Broedel Energy will receive the contract for fixed rate fuel for 2023 for summer and winter diesel and propane. Brad Dixon made the motion seconded by Jim Lundrigan to accept Broedel Energy for fuel for 2023. Motion carried. A copy of all bids will be sent to Roy Kirley to be kept on file.

Keith Peavy has agreed to serve a 5-year term on the Board of Assessment Review. Patty Bikowsky made a motion seconded by Steve Johnson to appoint Keith for this 5-year term. Motion carried.

Greg Reuter reported that he received a certified letter from the DEC that reported that the dam of Lake Moraine is leaking. The valve is not the problem. The leak is in and under the dam. This will lead to a major dam project in 2 years. He will send a copy to the Lake Moraine Association.

Greg also talked with a US Assessment Manager about the wind turbines on Stone Road. No plan yet, but they will keep in touch. Roy Kirley said all are running but rusting. The wind turbines are 22 years old. If they are demolished, all must be put back as it was before.

Greg also reported the County EMS ambulance service for transports within the county will be stationed at the Town of Sullivan. This will be a \$40 per year tax residents will pay to fund the County Ambulance. This will help the SOMAC, Madison, and CAVAC through reimbursement by a formula to be set up. More meetings and work to be done.

The Town Clerk received a letter from elected Madison Town Justice James Taylor stated that he chose not to accept the elected position. A search for a new judge will begin and anyone interested should contact the town office if interested. The next training will be in April. The town will pay for training and boarding or mileage. Don Haight from the Town of Hamilton is currently serving as Town of Madison Judge and doing a fine job.

There will be a meeting with the planning board, codes officer, Attorney Getman, and Town Board members on December 20 at 6:30 pm to discuss protocol and land use regulations.

The Town Board will meet on December 20 at 9 am to pay end of the year bills and to hold a public hearing on a franchise agreement with Charter Communications.

Greg stated that he and Clerk Tina Livermore met with representatives from Gates & Cole and David Craine to receive proposals and quotes and bid prices for insurance for the town. Patty Bikowsky made a motion seconded by Jim Lundrigan to continue insurance coverage for the town with Gates & Cole at the lower bid. Motion carried.

Resolution 22-18 dated the 8th of December to accept the Village of Hamilton fire contract for 2023 in the amount of \$176,022 was read by Town Clerk Tina Livermore. A motion was made by Patty Bikowsky and seconded by Steve Johnson to accept the Resolution. It was approved by 5 yes and 0 no votes.

PUBLIC PRESENTATION: Melanic, Village Administrator for the Village of Hamilton, thanked the Town for the support for the fire contract, shared services, and open communication. She offered help on anything else the Board may need.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: Patty Bikowsky made a motion seconded by Brad Dixon to pay the General Bills in the amount of \$41,462.99 and Highway Bills in the amount of \$100,672.40 for a total of \$142135.39. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Patty Bikowsky made a motion seconded by Brad Dixon to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Livermore, Town Clerk