

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 12 guests.

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

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

MINUTES: Minutes from the October 13 meeting were read by Town Clerk, Tina Livermore. One correction was made to the minutes. FNTA should be NFPA. 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:
Dog Control Officer Report: Bookkeeper Report: Code Enforcer Report: Ambulance Report:
Reports were presented and viewed by the Board.

Greg Reuter reported the Town Justice was very busy Monday night with 47 cases.

Roy Kirley, Highway Superintendent, reported that the crew has been getting the equipment ready for winter. The shoulders on Camp Road have been completed. The crew has put fluid protection on all the frames of the trucks.

The dog control report is in the folders.

Diane VanSlyke, Town Historian, said cleaning of the canal museum was done. They received 100 pumpkins which have been carved by various groups and put on display at the canal. Diane played part of a Documentary on the Chenango Canal titled "In Days of Old" that was made by Colgate students that will be shown in its entirety on Monday, the 21st, at the Historical Society Meeting.

Darren Ball gave an update on the ambulance service and the fly car. He stated that with county assistance, the Madison Ambulance can work on a 24/7 schedule. Steve Johnson stated that the Madison Ambulance provides an excellent service to the town. Greg Reuter said that no transport ambulance at the county is being discussed; that it was tabled.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Greg Reuter gave an update on the moratorium. A select committee to study and research rentals will be established with both people for and against transient rentals.

Jim Lundrigan made a motion seconded by Steve Johnson to advertise for propane and fuel bids. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Brad Dixon made a motion seconded by Patty Bikowsky to open the public hearing on the budget.

Noah Nassimos stated that the Hamilton Fire Department asked for \$170,000 last year to cover the southern part of the Town of Madison, but this year is asking \$204,236. The Hamilton Fire Department covers most of Lake Moraine, with a property value of \$82,206,945.50 The Madison Fire Department covers 73% of the Town with a property value of \$90,274.675.75, for a contracted price of \$135,000 Noah asked the board for consideration before awarding such a sizeable increase to the Hamilton Fire Contract.

The Board voted no to sign a contract with the Hamilton Fire Department for coverage.

Steve Johnson stated that outdated equipment needs to be replaced at a cost of about \$50,000 to stay in compliance. Steve Johnson made a motion seconded by Brad Dixon to increase the Madison Fire Department budgeted amount from \$150,000 to \$160,000. Motion carried.

Jim Lundrigan made a motion seconded by Steve Johnson to pay the Hubbardsville Fire Department \$11,204.00 for fire protection in the Town of Madison. Motion carried.

Steve Johnson made a motion seconded by Patty Bikowsky to increase the ambulance budget amount from \$150,000 to \$162,000. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Patty Bikowsky and seconded by Jim Lundrigan to close the public hearing. A motion was made by Patty Bikowsky and seconded by Steve Johnson for the adoption of the 2023 tentative budget to become the 2023 preliminary budget. Motion carried.

Patty Bikowsky asked Noah Nassimos for a copy of the figures that he presented during the public hearing.

Greg Reuter reported that Madison County had a 13.8% increase of sales taxes collected.

Greg Reuter also gave congratulations to Steve Johnson on being elected to the Town Board and to Jim Taylor on being elected as Town Justice.

Resolution 22-16 dated the 10th of November approving the adoption of a preliminary budget to a tentative budget was read by Tina Livermore, Town Clerk. A motion was made by Jim Lundrigan and seconded by Brad Dixon to adopt the resolution. It was approved by 5 yes votes and 0 no votes.

PUBLIC PRESENTATION: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Jim Lundrigan made a motion seconded by Brad Dixon to go into executive session at 8:08. Brad Dixon made a motion seconded by Patty Bikowsky to end executive session at 8:30. Motion carried

Resolution 22-17 dated the 10th of November adopting changes to the 2022 tentative budget with a 3-line modification of Madison Fire District \$160,000, Madison Ambulance \$162,000, and Hamilton Fire Department—no contract, was read by clerk Tina Livermore. A motion was made by Steve Johnson and seconded by Patty Bikowsky. Resolution 22-17 passed with 5 yes and 0 no votes.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: Patty Bikowsky made a motion seconded by Brad Dixon to pay the General Bills in the amount of 29,521.20 and Highway Bills in the amount of \$36,301.16 for a total of \$65,822.36. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Patty Bikowsky made a motion seconded by Brad Dixon to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Tina Livermore, Town Clerk