

PRESENT: Greg Reuter, Supervisor, Brad Dixon 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: Steve Johnson made the motion seconded by Brad Dixon to accept the agenda. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Minutes from the January 12, 2023, meeting were read by Town Clerk, Tina Livermore. Greg Reuter 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: Justice Reports:
Dog Control Officer Report: Bookkeeper Report: Code Enforcer Report: Ambulance Report:

Reports were presented and viewed by the Board.

Town Justice Don Haight reported the up and running justice department is running smoothly and he hopes to continue such. He said he and his clerk are in the process of consolidating all files.

Alex Hughes, Deputy Highway Superintendent says he is keeping in touch with Roy Kirley. His crew has been keeping the roads cleared, sanded, and safe. The crew has been servicing equipment to have it ready for spring. There have been no major problems with equipment and that all repairs have been fixed inhouse. He said that everyone is doing a good job.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: The moratorium on transient rentals was just received by Attorney Getman. The Town board members will have a month to review the document and will vote on accepting it at the March meeting.

The turbines on Stone Road are coming down; they will start the demolition in March. EDP stated that the turbines are no longer producing, and they cannot find parts for the 23-year-old turbines that came from France. The codes officer has not issued a demolition permit. A bond has been secured to pay for any damage to the roads. They are going to do blasting and a bond has been secured to pay for any damage from blasting, including to both wells and structures. They would not address to any turbines going back up. Some concerns addressed as to new 650 feet turbines include EMFs, bird mortality, impact on airport as to the flight paths of aircraft coming into Hamilton Airport, and lights blinking at high distances. Greg reported that no other town has these huge towers and are opposed to such.

NEW BUSINESS: Greg gave a county update. 1) He said the Madison County EMS is taking positive steps forward. An ambulance has been purchased by the Town of Sullivan and by Madison County to cover areas that currently do not have ambulance coverage. 2) The Madison County Landfill will be hiring a private entity to come in to run the landfill. They are currently charging \$100 a ton. 3) The reconnect project received a \$10 million grant from the state to supply internet access to underserved areas. 4) Delphi Falls is finishing its expansion project, providing walking, hiking, picnic, and parking to this beautiful area. 5) The "Buy Madison, Buy Local" campaign is keeping Madison County residents supporting Madison County producers. 6) The DMV saw a 61% increase in revenue in one year; many car dealers are operating through the Madison County DMV due to its efficiency. 7) There are currently 13 Safety Resource Officers in schools in the county keeping staff and students safe. 8) The County is strengthening its partnership with the Oneida Indian Nation; more home rule being done instead of being dictated by Albany. 9) Albany wants to do away with fossil fuel. A new fuel-operated school bus currently sells for \$103,000. A small EV school bus costs \$425,000 with the batteries needing replacement every 4 years at a high cost.

Darren Ball, EMS Coordinator, reported 16 transports for the month of January, 1 refusal, 3 cancelled calls, 4 mutual aid calls to Hamilton, and 1 mutual aid to Oriskany Falls. We also received one aid from the Madison Fly Car, two from SOMAC, and one from SEVAC. He also said that they hired a paramedic and an EMS provider at the Village meeting. The procedures are almost complete, and they expect Albany will be out to inspect the department. He discussed billing for ambulance services. He also said the equipment is good and supplies have been updated.

A motion was made by Steve Johnson and seconded by Brad Dixon to approve use of the Madison Fire House for 2023 elections and primaries. Motion carried.

PUBLIC PRESENTATION: Travis Olivera of the Hamilton Library came to thank the town for the support of the library. He is asking for consideration of support for the library. He also said that he went to the lake for the summer reading program and stated satisfaction with the program.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: A motion was made by Steve Johnson seconded by Brad Dixon to enter Executive Session. Motion passed. Time started was noted at 7:40 pm. Brad Dixon made a motion seconded by Steve Johnson to end Executive Session. Time ended was noted at 8:21 pm.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: Steve Johnson made a motion seconded Brad Dixon to pay the General Bills in the amount of \$579,343.04 and Highway Bills in the amount of \$27,940.18 for a total of \$607,283.22. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Steve Johnson made a motion seconded by Brad Dixon to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Tina Livermore, Town Clerk