

PRESENT: Greg Reuter, Supervisor, Brad Dixon, Steve Johnson, Jim Lundrigan, Councilpersons; Tina Livermore, Town Clerk, Diane VanSlyke, Historian, and 10 Guests

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

MINUTES: Minutes from the April 11, 2024 meeting were read by Town Clerk, Tina Livermore. Steve Johnson made the motion seconded by Jim Lundrigan to approve the minutes as read. Motion carried.

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

The 2024 tax season is over, Books have balanced and been closed.

Diane VanSlyke, Historian, has been working with Joyce Norris, representing DAR with information for the application for a Patriot's marker representing the nine Revolutionary War soldiers buried in Indian Opening Cemetery. The value of the marker, post, and installation is estimated to be \$2,000 and will be installed this fall or next spring to mark the 150th Anniversary for the Revolutionary War. Diane also reported many meetings and workshops with CNY Community Foundation, Upstate Institute & Partnership for Community Development, CNY Arts, and Regional Association for Public Historians. She also mentioned upcoming events including the Historical Society Dance on May 18, The Madison Center Cemetery Tour on May 25, and field trips scheduled on the Towpath Trail in June. She expects the Canal Cottage to be complete and plans on scheduling an Open House and History Tour. She also mentioned a brand new \$700 maple library table donated to the Canal Cottage by the Hamilton Public Library as well as 24 cases of Mott's applesauce and apple juice from Motts which will be given to the field trip attendees from the schools on the field trips.

Greg Reuter reported that the Codes Enforcement Officer has been very busy with a lot of construction and renovations in the Town as well as doing fire inspections. Greg also reported that the Dog Control Officer has been in the process of getting an enumeration started; it is hoped to be in place by the summer.. Most people in the town have gotten their dogs licensed. Greg reported that the highway crew did an excellent job with laying the parking lot next door and are currently working on Airport and Newton Roads.

Greg stated that a Resolution was passed at the County recognizing local officers on May 12-18 as National Police Officer's Week. He also mentioned that the first week of May is National Correctional Officers Week which dates back to May 5, 1984 by President Reagan.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: The Town will get a permit from the NYS DOT for a 20-foot wide curb cut for ingress and egress to the new parking lot next door. This will allow for two ways in and out of the parking lot.

Thirteen people have applied for transient rental permits to date.

The Town Attorney is working on permission and NYS approval to donate part of the town park to the Madison Central School District so that the school can put in a parking lot.

Steve Johnson reported that the cameras with solar panels and cellular connectivity will cost about \$200-\$300 each. Amy Coleman is working with Jim Brackett to ensure the proper equipment is purchased. Steve would also like to see new signs at the entrance to the park stating the park is for use by Town Residents and Madison Central School District Families. He said signs should also be posted stating no smoking or vaping in and around pavilions. He reported that people are parking on the beach so a gate should be put up as well as on the other end of the large pavilion where people are launching boats. The flagpole has to be fixed; Greg told him to work with Amy on getting prices for getting it fixed. Steve also reported that people are swimming without any lifeguards on duty. No lifeguards, no swimming? Or should a sign be installed that with no lifeguards, one will swim at their own risk?

Steve Johnson also reported that the fire department has been busy with quite a few fire calls, one with a fatality on Center Road. He is hoping for volunteers to join the department. He said that there will be a parade and chicken barbeque on Memorial Day.

NEW BUSINESS: Greg Reuter reported that there will be a workshop on land use regulations on May 17 at 9 am, co-hosted by Nadine Bell, the new town attorney. Attendees will include the Town Board, Code Officer, Planning Board, and Board of Appeals.

Greg reported the Madison County Highway Superintendent told him that bids will go out this summer for work on the Solsville bridge, so the road will not be closed this summer. Work under the bridge will be done this summer.

Greg reported that this fall, Lake Moraine will draw down the lake and install the culverts on East Lake Road. Dredging will also take place using a long-reach excavator and bulldozer.

The Madison Clean Up Days will be held at the highway department on Solsville Road on June 14 and 15 from 8 am to 4 pm. Information sheets are available at the town hall as well as on Hamilton Next Door. It was also included in the Madison News in the Waterville Times & The Oneida Dispatch.

Amy Kurt, director of development, and Stanley Kraeger, engineer, of EDP Renewables gave an update on the Rolling Upland Wind Project. It was the first wind farm in New York, built in 2000. The D-66 models producing 1.65 mw was a prototype of only 15 turbines installed in the US. Newer technology discontinued these models which resulted in unavailability of parts to refurbish the turbines. Therefore, deconstruction lasting two to three months will take place. The process will include removing the topsoil, injecting a notch and falling the turbines, removing all debris, and replacing the topsoil. All debris will be recycled and the blades will be repurposed. Traffic control will be needed for trucking all waste out. The concrete will be taken down 36-48" and it will be taken to a concrete recycling facility. Topsoil will be replaced. The tractor trailer loads want to remain under 45,000 lbs/truck.

Access roads will either be preserved or taken out and replaced with new soil. This will be determined with an agreement with the landowners, board, and legal department. They will decommission to the landowners satisfaction and will regrade if a divot is left from falling the towers. A demolition permit from the Town of Madison would go through the codes officer and work with the planning board.

The Next Phase: Rolling Upland Wind Farm is still in the development stage working with 35 landowners and 5,000 acres. A nesting bird study will start next week as well as a wildlife study. Other studies include view/vantage point study, road use and transportation studies, quality of roads to handle the weight, and economic benefit to the community. They are looking at a \$160 million capital investment with either 17-4 ½ mw or 13-6 mw turbines. They will be going through the Office of Renewable Energy. This will be a multi-year, multi-phase project.

Concerns brought up: 1) Have they checked with Madison County Community Emergency Management so as to ensure emergency communications will not be interrupted; 2) Who does the bird study—a consultant has been hired—would blades be painted? They are required to shut down the turbines during certain wind speeds and migration areas; 3) Height? Do not know for sure—depends on the machines—600’ at the tip of the blade, 350’ at the tip of the tower; 4) Noise? Will have to do a noise study to be in a certain decibel range—jagged edges on the tips of the blades make a quieter whooshing sound.

Steve Johnson said that they should keep in contact with emergency services people if the roads will be tied up so that emergency vehicles can get through if needed. They should go through rescue procedures. The new turbines have elevators in place of the stairs. They will email the plan of the day to emergency services.

The grid operator NYISO injects power onto the grid; NYSERTA purchases the renewable power which is price competitive to energy companies.

PUBLIC PRESENTATION: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: Brad Dixon made a motion seconded Steve Johnson to pay the General Bills in the amount of \$33,244.87 and Highway Bills in the amount of \$19,192.80 for a total of \$52,437.67 Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Jim Lungrigan made a motion seconded by Steve Johnson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Tina Livermore Town Clerk