

PRESENT: Greg Reuter, Supervisor; Patty Bikowsky, Deputy Supervisor, Steve Johnson and Brad Dixon, Councilpersons;; Diane VanSlyke, Historian; Amy Coleman, Lake Director, Tina Livermore, Town Clerk, and 5 guests.

Supervisor Reuter opened the meeting at 7:04 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA: Patty Bikowsky made the motion seconded by Steve Johnson to accept the agenda. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Minutes from the May 9 regular meeting and The special Town Board meetings were read by Town Clerk, Tina Livermore. One correction was made, the 250th Anniversary of the Revolutionary War, not 150th. Brad Dixon made a motion seconded Patty Bikowsky to accept the minutes with corrections. Motion carried.

REPORTS: Supervisor's Report; Highway Superintendent's Report; Town Clerk Report; Justice Reports: Dog Control Officer Report; Bookkeeper's Report: Code Enforcer Report; Historian Report; Ambulance Report: All reports were presented and reviewed by the Board.

Greg Reuter reported that the Codes Enforcement Officer has been busy following land use regulations and obtaining proper permits.

The Dog Control Officer was absent due to medical reasons and will report next month.

Diane VanSlyke reported that the Historical Society Cemetery Tour had a good turnout and great weather. Matt Urtz, County Historian, wrote the scripts for the tours. Diane attended a Grants Overview by Regional Development Economic Council and said that there is possible money available for buildings, but many require matched funds. She also reported that the Chenango Canal Association Museum is completely renovated. She has picked up a vacuum cleaner and cleaning supplies at the Colgate Salvage Program for the Cottage Museum. She has been arranging trail work with volunteers. She met with engineers from the DOT concerning a pedestrian crossing at the intersection on Route 20 and Route 46. The Madison Highway Department bush-hogged the trail. She had 70 Fourth graders with 15 chaperones attend the hands-on learning about local history and native mammals at 5 sites on the Towpath Trail. She is looking for grant money to support parking areas at the Elm Street intersection, next to the Cottage Museum, on the South side of the Mill, and near the corner of Canal and Route 46.

Greg reported that Roy Kirley, Highway Superintendent's report said that Airport Road and Bonney Hill Road have been paved and that both need the shoulders completed. Steve Johnson gave thanks to the highway crew for mowing the ball fields and helping with traffic during the Memorial Day parade.

Greg reported that sales tax in the county was down in the first quarter but is on the rise at present. He also reported that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors resigned due to personal reasons.

The ambulance has seen an increase in call volumes and the Madison County fly car has been helping when needed.

Amy Coleman, Lake Director, reported that she has 9 returning lifeguards and 5 new lifeguards returning this year and has 4 more taking the course. The lake opened last week and already has the pavilion rented. She has had 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th, and 6th grade classes from MCS holding end of the year parties at the lake. Forty kids have signed up so far for swimming lessons. Lessons start July 10 and are held on Mondays and Wednesdays; Oriskany Falls will attend on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and the pm Library Program will be held on Tuesday evenings. Amy said that a new roof is needed on both the beach house and the large pavilion as they both leak.. She also said that new lights with a motion sensor are needed in the bathrooms. Signage at the top of the roadway is needed. She would like to get information about invasive species from the DEC and have it posted. The lake steward program has 4 trained persons and 4 more to train. Two are high school students and the rest are retired folks. She would like to get a gate up to keep people off the beach and another to keep people from going down by the pavilion to launch boats. She was asking about the chain on the boat launch and Greg said that the board will take information under advisement and get back to Amy as to giving lifeguards a key. She also has a 23-year-old male who would like to do some volunteer work at the lake; Greg will look into insurance coverage for anyone doing volunteer work.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Steve Johnson reported that the signage at the entrance to the town park will have the town logo and state that the park is for use for Town of Madison and Madison School residents. He also supported the idea of having signage from the DEC at the boat launch. He will look into getting some “no” smoking or vaping signs. He said that the flagpole from the firehouse can go to the lake.. Amy and Steve will look into signage and they are still working on the security cameras for the lake.

Greg reported that the town attorney is still working on donating some park land to the school. It will have to go through the State Legislature and be approved by NYS and the Senate.

Clean up days will be held June 14 & 15 from 8 to 4 pm. The dumpsters have been secured.

Greg reported that the workshop/meeting on May 17 was to work on the Comprehensive Plan. A select board of volunteers is working to review and change what is needed. Phase 1 covers environmental, commercial, and residential aspects of the Town; Phase 2, the land use regulations need updating.

NEW BUSINESS: A Democratic Primary will be held at the Madison Fire House on June 25.

Sales tax in the County increased in the second quarter.

The June Antique show was well attended. The August show will take place from the 12th-18th. Madison County Tourism will be contacted to get the information out.

David Young will be using the weed harvester on Lebanon Reservoir June 24-June 30. The highway department will transport the harvester to Lebanon.

In 2023, lifeguard wages were \$14.82/hr for new lifeguards and \$15.32/hr for returning lifeguards. After discussion, Patty Bikowsky made a motion seconded by Brad Dixon to pay the new lifeguards \$15/hr and returning lifeguards \$16.50/hr. Motion carried.

Lake Moraine Stewards will receive \$15/hr. The local DEC would like to be informed of anyone who does not cooperate with the stewards. The Town needs to provide Indemnification with town insurance for the stewards. Steve Johnson made a motion seconded by Patty Bikowsky to provide indemnification with the town insurance for the stewards. Motion carried.

PUBLIC PRESENTATION: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: Bills in the General Account in the amount of \$22,484.96 and bills in the Highway Account in the amount of \$352,834.28 for a total of \$375,319.24 were approved for payment.

ADJOURNMENT:

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Livemore
Town Clerk