

PRESENT: Greg Reuter, Supervisor; Jim Lundrigan, Steve Johnson and Brad Dixon, Councilpersons; Roy Kirley, Highway Superintendent; Diane VanSlyke, Historian; Amy Coleman, Lake Director, Eric Merrill, Ambulance, Ann Brown, Dog Control Officer, Tina Livermore, Town Clerk, and 7 guests.

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

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

MINUTES: Minutes from the June 13 regular meetings were read by Town Clerk, Tina Livermore. Two corrections were made changing "Flex" car to "Fly" car and "House" to "Assembly." Jim Lundrigan made a motion seconded by Brad Dixon 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 Officers have been doing extensive work performing many inspections and issuing many building permits.

Dog Control Officer, Ann Brown, reported that she has been busy with calls, faceBook, texts, and pickups,

Diane VanSlyke, Town Historian, reported that The Historical Society and the Canal Association are looking for a cook to help with the Election Day Chicken & Biscuit Dinner. She reported meeting with Matt Urtz and a Utica Observer Dispatch reporter for a hop tour. Newspaper articles from the hop era, documents, and photos are in the Canal Cottage Museum. She attended a Consolidated Funding workshop for NYS grants and an Empire State Development workshop. A grant from Market NY will be written to include Hamilton events and the Bouckville Antique Show for 2024. She gave an update on the DOT installing some pedestrian signs for crossing Route 20 on the Chenango Canal Trail. The crossing location on Route 46 will be striped and signs put up. She is searching for grant money for parking along the Chenango Canal. BOCES will be bringing 20-28 teens to the Towpath Trail in mid-July under the Madison County sponsored Summer Youth Work Program for one to two weeks to lop back bushes near the Elm Street section going south. She also had a trail work day where branches were cleared off the trail. The deck will be preserved this month and trail sign-books have been ordered.

Greg Reuter and Roy Kirley will get in touch with Madison County Highway Superintendent to see what can be done as the parking will be on County Roads. Diane will get estimates for grant money.

Roy Kirley, Highway Superintendent, reported that Cleanup Days were a success. They took two full loads of computers to Oneida. Roy reported that the weed harvester is working great and will be transported to Hatch Lake this week. His crew has been hauling 2,100 tons of material to shoulder Airport Road, Bonney Hill Road, and Newton Road. He reported that Airport Road was paved with hot mix which lasts twice as long as cold mix.

Greg Reuter reported that July is National Disability Month keeping in mind to help out people in the park, community, and the county. He also reported that James Cunningham, Supervisor for the Town of Nelson, is the new Chairman for the Madison County Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors has agreed to keep the county landfill open. Other Supervisors are in awe of what Amy Coleman has done with Madison Lake Park. The lake is getting much use with the hot weather.

Amy Coleman, Lake Director, reported that 7 kids are signed up for swim lessons with 6 time slots with 6-10 kids in each slot for a ½ hour lesson. The dock will be put out in the water tomorrow. Pavilions are booked for the next 4-5 weeks. The schedule can be viewed online at the town's website. The library program begins next week. Amy gave ideas for signage to be posted at the lake. She also said that one of the rules is "swimming only when a lifeguard is on duty." Amy received the invasive species sign from the DEC. The supplies for repairing the beach house and pavilion roof have been ordered. The motion sensor lights for the bathroom need to be ordered. A gate at the top of the pavilion needs to be put up so people cannot drive down past the pavilion to the lake. She has one gate that can be repurposed. Greg gave Amy and Steve Johnson the go ahead to get signs, gates, and a cabinet to put the DEC invasive species sign in. Steve Johnson recommended that the chain to the boat launch be taken down.

Martha Young was sworn in and took the oath for her appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Dave Young has done a great job at Lebanon Reservoir with the weed harvester. It will go to Hatch Lake, then back to the town barn to be disinfected, then on to Leland's Pond. The harvester was given to the Town of Madison from Madison County which when originally purchased cost one quarter of a million dollars.

The town park has materials and will have the beach house and pavilion roofs repaired. Paint is on hand and the lifeguards will be performing that privilege.

Greg Reuter reported that the Lake Moraine Dam was an Earth Dam built in 1833-1834. It was worked on during the Civil War Era. Reconstruction of the dam will take place starting November of 2025. It is a \$50 million dollar project that has been approved by Governor Hochul. It will entail lowering the level of the water in the lake 10 to 20 feet for the 2 ½ year project. There will be a meeting on July 23 at 7 pm at Love Auditorium in Olin Hall on the Colgate University Campus.

The Koen project has halted as the proposed cabins do not meet NYS building codes. Proper plans need to be submitted before further work can be done.

McCormick Road is a limited-service Road but will become a full-use road for 1,600 feet with trees to be taken down and 10-12 feet width with shoulders and ditches so that emergency vehicles and snowplows can get through. The reason for extending the road is due to the houses being constructed up the road.

The permit was received by the NYS DOT for the August 12-18 Antique Show. Additional help from the County Sheriffs will be provided at no cost to the town. Madison County Tourism will provide more publicity as this is the #1 Antique Show in NYS.

Hop Diner, LLC, has received its Certificate of Occupancy and is pushing to open next week.

The Town of Madison Dog Law Local Law #2-24 needs its verbiage revised for the fine schedule. Justice Haight made a recommendation to change the fine schedule to read up to \$25 for the 1st offense, up to \$50 for the 2nd offense, up to \$75 for the 3rd offense, or as deemed appropriate by the Town Justice. This gives the Justice more leeway dealing with a repeat offender. Jim Lundrigan made a motion seconded by Steve Johnson to accept the amendment. Motion carried. Attorney Nadine Bell will make the adjustment and submit it to the County and the State.

A letter from Clifford Noble of 3972 Augusta Road was read by the town clerk. He stated that the stretch of road needs a speed limit but also surveillance as animals have been killed, his mailbox and barn have been hit, a head-on collision occurred, people are passing on a double line. It is a County Road, so Greg will take it to the county to make them aware of the problem. It was suggested that the town obtain flashing lights that tell the speed of the cars that can be put on county and town roads in the area where excessive speed is a problem.

Martha Young wondered if a memorial sign for Roger Williams can be put on the Village Building or on a plaque in the building.

Steve Johnson made the motion to enter executive session at 8:20 to discuss personnel, Brad Dixon 2nd it At 8:36 pm Brad Dixon made the motion to end executive session, Steve Johnson 2nd it, all in favor so moved..

Bills in the General Account in the amount of \$16,417.96 and bills in the Highway Account in the amount of \$21,407.55 for a total of \$41,173.72 were approved for payment by a motion made by Steve Johnson and seconded by Brad Dixon Motion carried.

At 8:50 pm, Steve Johnson made the motion to adjourn, Brad Dixon 2nd it, all in favor, so moved

Respectfully submitted,
Tina Livemore, Town Clerk