

PRESENT: Greg Reuter, Supervisor, Brad Dixon, Steve Johnson, Jim Lundrigan, Councilpersons; Tina Livermore, Town Clerk, Roy Kirley, Road Superintendent and 27 guests.

Supervisor Greg Reuter opened the public hearing on transient rentals at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. Steve Johnson made the motion seconded by Brad Dixon to close the public hearing. Motion carried.

Resolution 24-05: On this 8th day of February 2024, Local Law #1 of the Year 2024 on the Establishment and Use of Transient Rental Uses within the Town of Madison, Madison County, New York be brought before the Town Board for approval and adoption. Jim Lundrigan made a motion seconded by Steve Johnson to approve and adopt Local Law #1 of the Year 2024. Motion carried. Voting Aye: Steve Johnson, Brad Dixon, Jim Lundrigan, Greg Reuter; Voting Nay: None. Resolution Passed.

Resolution 24-06: On this 8th day of February 2024, to adopt changes to the Town of Madison Office of Codes Enforcement Fees to include Permit Fees of \$200 for the first year of a Transient Rental Permit and a yearly fee thereafter of \$150 a year to renew the permit. Brad Dixon made a motion seconded by Jim Lundrigan to approve and adopt Resolution # 24-06. Motion carried. Voting Aye: Steve Johnson, Brad Dixon, Jim Lundrigan, Greg Reuter; Voting Nay: None. Resolution Passed.

AGENDA: Steve Johnson made the motion seconded by Brad Dixon to accept the agenda. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Minutes from the January 4, 2024 meeting were read by Town Clerk, Tina Livermore. Steve Johnson made the motion seconded by Brad Dixon 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 tax collector collected over \$3 million of the town taxes in January.

Diane VanSlyke, Historian, handed over the 1941-1942 old highway department public records that Gail Abrams bought at an auction. Town records are supposed to be kept with the town. The Madison Historical Society received a \$7,300 grant from CNY Community Foundation for help with the basement. She met with Madison County Tourism at Morrisville State College to brainstorm what the tourism group wants included in their strategic plan for the county. She was invited to a Zoom conference to help brainstorm what to do with a new Market New York grant that is available to help promote events. The grant is a minimum of \$50,000 and requires a 50% cash match. Tina and Dale Utter informed her about signs with the name of abandoned cemeteries through the William G Pomeroy Foundation. They chose Indian Opening Cemetery as one of their first dedications. Joyce Norris, DAR, researched a list of Revolutionary War soldiers, of which she confirmed nine military records to qualify them to be listed on a Patriot Historic sign instead. Bill Lamb called for a list of those buried at Woodman (Rebekah) Cemetery on Lake Moraine Road where 40+ stones were removed and moved to the AMA Village. Lucas Neff requested stories about his grandfather, Ron, who was involved for 23 years with the Chenango Canal and the Madison Historical Society. She has been watching Zoom conferences for small businesses and nonprofits. The Board of Trustees for the Chenango Canal has been reviewing its strategic plan to update it and work has been being done on the Chenango Canal Cottage Museum.

Roy Kirley reported that the crew have been plowing snow which only falls on the weekends it seems. They have been working on equipment, including the roller which they found the problem with and fixed the 1970 piece of equipment. The crew has been patching and picking up branches. He reported that FEMA has not paid the \$483,000 due from the project completed 3 ½ years ago.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: No current information has come in for the Koen project; still waiting for blueprints.

No information or update on the demolition of the windmills on Stone Road has come from EDP Renewables.

The Board received a letter from Jason Mitchell with an attached map showing the parking lot and turnaround to be built on the athletic fields and which MCS is asking for a gift or sale of some town land for the road to the parking lot. Greg said he will hold a conference with the town board after the meeting and then call Mr. Mitchell to schedule a meeting for further discussion.

Greg reported that the work with Verizon for cameras at the Lake Park is ongoing.

NEW BUSINESS: Justice Don Haight gave the first annual report of the Town Court. He covered 483 cases in 2023. He gave information on the County's Traffic Diversion Program that is run by the District Attorney. He stated that the Town receives 33% of money from fines collected by the DA which the County mails to the Town each quarter. The Town Court has sent out over 100 letters to defendants that have fines that are more than a year overdue. They will be given 60 days to comply; otherwise, it will go to the County as a Civil Judgement. The DA rosters with the County Clerk and has sent over 40. The DA can put a lien on property or income to collect fines owed to the court. Judge Haight works for the Madison County Arraignment at which all arraignments are done at the county jail at 8:30 am and 8:30 pm. He also stated that the biggest crime in Madison is using the cell phone while driving. Others include non-moving violations, inspections, equipment—of which 153 cases were dismissed when infractions were fixed/repared. Justice Hepburn has been working with Don for about 8 months, but has been on the job full time for 1 ½ months and is doing a great job as Don was a great mentor.

I contacted Simple Shred out of Morrisville that will supply 2 locked boxes for paper that needs shredding. They charge \$60 a month or \$100 for a pickup with a call-on base with at least 2 required pickups per year. The cost of an industrial shredder costs over \$1,000. Brad Dixon made a motion seconded by Steve Johnson to approve using Simple Shred for shredding documents from the Court and the Clerk's offices. Motion carried.

Resolution 24-03: On this 8th day of February, 2024, the Town Appointed and Designated Positions were put up for approval. Steve Johnson made a motion seconded by Jim Lundrigan to accept the Appointments and Designations. Motion carried. Voting Aye: Steve Johnson, Brad Dixon, Jim Lundrigan, Greg Reuter. Voting Nay: None.

Resolution 24-04: On this 8th day of February, 2024, the Salary Schedule of Appointed and Elected Town Officials was put up for approval. Brad Dixon made a motion seconded by Jim Lundrigan to accept the 2024 Salary Schedule. Motion carried. Voting Aye: Steve Johnson, Brad Dixon, Jim Lundrigan, Greg Reuter. Voting Nay: None.

Susan Anderson asked if it would be possible to find someone to come in once a month to clean, dust, vacuum the town hall. The board agreed and said to start looking for someone.

PUBLIC PRESENTATION: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: Steve Johnson made a motion seconded Brad Dixon to pay the General Bills in the amount of \$608,159.38 and Highway Bills in the amount of \$20,880.15 for a total of \$629,039.53. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Steve Johnson made a motion seconded by Brad Dixon to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Tina Livermore, Town Clerk