

PRESENT: Greg Reuter, Supervisor; Patty Bikowsky, Deputy Supervisor, Jim Lundrigan, Steve Johnson and Brad Dixon, Councilpersons; Roy Kirley, Highway Superintendent; Diane VanSlyke, Historian; Tina Livermore, Town Clerk, and 9 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 March 11th regular meetings were read by Town Clerk, Tina Livermore. One correction was made as to Chris Parfitt donating five 4 inch -in diameter trees in the Madison Center Cemetery. Patty Bikowsky 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; : All reports were presented and reviewed by the Board.

Dian VanSlyke, Historian, reported Colgate students who are interested in history have been helping sort documents at the Historical Society and that Hamilton College Girls' Ice Hockey and Swim & Dive Teams have been helping at the Canal Cottage and thoroughly cleaned the Historical Building. She reported many meetings, projects, and research she has been busy with including floating boats at the Norwich Public Library, Madison County Tourism on ways to use social media presented by Scrap Paper Social Company in Hamilton, non-profit workshops hosted by Upstate Institute at Colgate and Partnership for Community Development; Harvey Kliman, Irene, and son Justin Brown who will scan 360 degree camera shots to add to each of 17 audio history stops on the Towpath Trail, Jessica Moquin, Chenango County Museum and Derrick, Erie Canal Museum to arrange a round table talk on different NYS Canals, BOCES to be on list for Madison County Youth Group to work 6 weeks using loppers on the Towpath Trail; Crowdfunding with AARP for business & non-profits; showing the Canal Documentary at Hamilton Club and Hamilton Rotary Club (using the new LCD Projector from the Hamilton Community Chest grant), as well as looking up history for various people who have contacted her.

Roy Kirley reported that the crew is getting everything ready for spring/summer work; they have the brooms going for road sweeping.

Greg Reuter, Supervisor, said that county sales tax is down. The county gets half of the tax and the rest is divided among 19 districts in the county. He stated that anything nonmandated will be considered as not being in the budget to help keep the taxes down for the taxpayers.

Anne Brown, Dog Control Officer, reported that there are a lot of unlicensed dogs. She stated that there have been 7 confirmed rabies cases in Oneida County so far this year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Steve Johnson contacted Verizon who stated that the town can buy cameras from Verizon to place at Madison Lake or the town can buy from another vendor as long as they are compatible with Verizon Cellular. Steve said that it is less expensive to buy your own equipment. He will report back at next month's town board meeting.

Rolling Hills Windmill project will place new windmills from Stone Road down to the Hamilton Town line on Quarterline Road. The FAA gave their approval to put new towers in. They are working with local landowners.. Date of in-service is estimated to be 2028. They are close to selecting a demolition contractor.

The Koen group has still not applied for any building permits. Madison County Health approved the use of tapping into existing wells for water.

Greg is still working with the school on the land needed to put in a parking lot. In order to have this transfer of property, the Town has to go through the NYS Department of Parks and Recreation; it can not be given away at this time.

NEW BUSINESS: The Madison Fire Department elected Noah Nassimos as the 2024-2025 Fire Department Chief. He has been with the department for 8 years.

Steve Johnson reported that there is a shortage of manpower in the fire department.

The culverts have been ordered to be placed on East Lake Road by Joe Koen's house, but there are problems with DEC permits. Work should take place in Summer 2024, but may be delayed a bit.

The bridge on Solsville Road in Solsville is going out to bid this summer so there will be no road closure this summer and road closure is not allowed during the winter. Some work under the bridge may be done this summer.

PUBLIC PRESENTATION: David Young asked about the status of the Madison County Landfill. Greg reported that the Madison County Board of Supervisors are not going to sell the landfill and are looking at adjacent lands to extend the use of the landfill for many years. They are working on different routes that trucks can take to get to the landfill.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Patty Bikowsky made a motion to enter executive session @ 7:30pm . Steve Johnson made a motion to end executive session @ 8:15pm

APPROVAL OF BILLS: Patty Bikowsky made a motion seconded by Steve Johnson to pay the bills in the General Account in the amount of \$32,048.69 and bills in the Highway Account in the amount of \$21,806.75 for a total of \$53,855.44 . Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Patty Bikowsky Made a motion seconded by Steve Johnson to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Livemore
Town Clerk