

At a Work Session of the Malone Village Board, held on March 17, 2021 at 9:00 AM via in person and Zoom meeting the following were present:

Andrea Dumas	Mayor
Matt Boyea	Trustee
Norman Bonner	Trustee
Archie McKee	Trustee

By Phone:  
Brian Langdon                      Trustee

Also in attendance:  
Kristine Lashway, Treasurer  
Rebahka Scaccia, Village Clerk  
Alex Violo – Telegram

Work Session called to order by Mayor Dumas at 9:08am.

#### **Review of Water and Sewer Budgets**

- Treasurer removed \$33,600 for the previously proposed hiring of an additional WWTPO line to account for the added Technical Services Agreement with DANC for \$33,600.
- \$1,500 line-item added for a generator at the request of Trustee Langdon.
- Some changes were made in last year's budget in contingency, yet the Village still needs to increase income in the Water Department or decrease expenses. There would have to be an increase of \$65 thousand in revenue in order to keep expenses at what they currently are. The Treasurer noted that some expenses can justifiably be shifted to Sewer from Water to decrease the gap.

#### **General Budget – 9:20 AM**

Treasurer noted a great deal of work cutting expenses was going to be needed to balance this section of the Budget (at least \$400,000) if the Village remains firm in not raising Taxes.

- Treasurer and Clerk salaries presented with a 2% increase consistent with contracted staff projected increases.
- Line item A-1010-150-00 Trustees was tentatively set at \$18,000 – Treasurer to reduce that line back to the original \$16,000.

- Line item A-1210-150-00 Mayor was tentatively set at \$7,000 – Treasurer to reduce that line back to the original \$6,000.
- Line item A-1320-440-00 is for Professional Services – increased due to the increase in Grants being sought by the Village.
- Line item A-1325-446-00 decreased by \$4,000 due to the separating of this expense across all departments that benefit from the software.
- Line item A-1360-443-00 increased by \$ 100.
- Line item A-1420-440-00 increased from \$17,000 to \$25,000 due to a number of items being worked on by the Attorney, including MEDCO and the Flanagan.
- Line item A-1430-440-00 increased by \$2,500 for engineering and grants expenses.
- Line item A-1610-200-00 – Equipment and Capital Outlay – Tentatively increased to \$130,000. Items of critical need include a new roof and boiler at the 343 West Main St. building. The Board discussed the needs of the Village and determined to bid out for the Roof and the Boiler and leave the purchase of a generator for the 2022-2023 budget. The line item will be adjusted to reflect \$80,000 with the understanding that if the bids come in for more than \$80,000 the remaining funds will be drawn out of the reserves.
- Line item A-1620-463-00 reduced due to reduction of use this past year.
- Line item A-3120-480-00 – K9 Supplies and Materials – Increased by \$1,000.
- Line item A-3310-410-00 reduced by \$1,700 based upon previous years' use.
- Line item A-3650-442-00 – Landfill Fees – should reflect \$12,000 not \$120,000, which reduces the General Budgets shortfall by \$108,000.
- Line item A-5110-200-00 – Equipment -- \$18,000 added to this line item to rent a needed sweeper for two months. The cost to purchase the sweeper is \$200,000.
- Decrease in line item A-5130-160-00 – by \$10,500. Mayor Dumas wants to know what employees were being paid from this line item in recent years.
- Reduction in line item A-5142-411-00 – Salt – based on this past years usage and the costs remaining the same for next year.

- Line item A-5182-200-00 left \$25,000 in this line for the replacement of some street lights. Mayor reminded the Board that lights number 14 and 27 both need to be replaced.
- Reduction in line item A-5182-420-30 – due to the benefits of the Solar Farm.
- Line item A-7110-420-30 – Electric Service – 14 Harrison Place for the meter – no service.
- Line item A-8560-160-00 increased from \$2,500 to \$16,000 due to the amount of staff hours spent removing and trimming Village trees.
- Line item A-9040-000-00 – Workers Compensation reduced by \$14,000 due to the projected 7% decrease by the County and reduced employment.
- Line item A-9050-800-R – Unemployment Expenses – Res increased by \$5,000 due to COVID Guidelines set down by the State.
- Line item A-9060-800-00 – Active Employee Health Insurance – Increased roughly \$12,000 in anticipation of increased costs.
- Line item A-9060-800-20 00 Health Insurance, Post Employees – increased \$32,500 due to the number of recent retirements.

Overall budget is up. Still need to make close to \$300,000 in additional cuts or increased revenues to balance.

Preliminary Budget will be filed with the Village Clerk by Friday, March 19, 2021.

### **Correspondence**

#### **➤ Citizen Advocate's Email**

Citizen Advocate's has requested permission to close off a portion of Harison Place (from Duane Street to Main Street intersection) for six – eight weeks during the demolition of the Gorman Building and during the construction phase of the project as deemed necessary by the General Contractor. Citizen Advocate's expects to have their NYS DOT traffic control permits sometime in mid-April.

**VILLAGE OF MALONE  
RESOLUTION NO. 52-2021**

**APPROVAL OF TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE FOR CITIZEN ADVOCATE  
DEMOLITION AND CONSTRUCTION PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, Citizen Advocate’s has secured adequate funding to begin the demolition phase of their multi-year Harison Place Project; and

**WHEREAS**, all NYS DOT traffic control permits and site plans have been applied for and should be awarded by Mid-April of 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, upon receipt of the afore mentioned permits, Citizen Advocate’s plans to commence with the demolition of the Gorman Building, which is expected to last six (6) to eight (8) weeks, with the remainder of the demolition work and start of the larger building project to commence in the Fall of 2021, pending funding approval; and

**WHEREAS**, Citizen Advocate’s is seeking approval from the Village of Malone to close a portion of the street at Harison Place during phases of the demolition and construction as deemed necessary by the General Contractor;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Village Board of Trustees does hereby approve the closure of Harison Place, from Duane Street to the Main Street Intersection during phases of the demolition and construction project as deemed necessary by the General Contractor;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Village of Malone will notify the Village Police, Malone Central School District, 911 and Office of Emergency Management of the impending closures once the dates have been determined.

Motion Made By: Trustee Bonner

Motion Seconded By: Trustee Boyea

Approved by Board of Trustees on: March 17, 2021

➤ **Water Meter Application – 33 First St. – Andrea Dumas**

Upon the motion of Trustee Boyea with a second by Trustee Bonner and unanimously carried to approve Deputy Mayor C. Archie McKee to sign the Water Meter Application.

Upon the motion of Trustee McKee with a second by Trustee Bonner and unanimously carried to approve the Water Meter Application for 33 First Street.

➤ **DEC Urban Community Forestry Grant**

Arbor Day event scheduled for April 30, 2021, to be hosted by the Village of Malone and Franklin County Soil and Water. To be a memorial tree planted in honor of Bess Hannah, in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Park across from Ms. Hannah’s former residence, 36 Third Street. Village will look to Kristin Ballou, District Forester with Franklin County Soil & Water Conservation District.

➤ **Ti-Sales**

Originally intended to place an adapter on the existing meter at the Trails. However, this is not going to work, and a new meter is going to have to be installed. The cost to the Trails will be \$4,805.00. Village Clerk to write a letter informing the Trails of the cost.

➤ **Main Street Façade Grant**

The Village has received a grant in the amount of \$400,000 toward this project.

Upon the motion of Trustee Boyea with a second by Trustee McKee and unanimously carried to go into Executive Session on Employee Contractual issues.

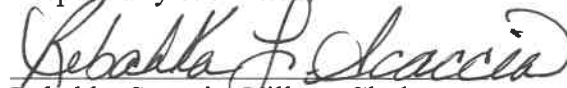
Upon the motion of Trustee Boyea with a second by Trustee Bonner and unanimously carried to come out of Executive Session.

Upon the motion of Trustee McKee with a second by Trustee Boyea and unanimously carried to go back into Regular Session.

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Trustee Boyea at 12:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Rebahka Scaccia, Village Clerk

