At the Work Session of the Malone Village Board, held on September 22, 2023 at 9:00AM at 343 West Main St. the following were present:

Andrea Dumas Mayor
Norman Bonner Trustee
Archie McKee Trustee
Matthew Boyea Trustee
Brian Langdon Trustee

Also in Attendance:

Kristine Lashway, Treasurer

Rebahka Scaccia, Clerk Chris Labarge Treavor Buchanan Brian Lamondie, Code Officer

Dr. Calvin Martin Mike Maneely

Mayor Dumas opened the meeting at 9:04AM.

## **FLANAGAN DISCUSSION**

> Resolution 155-2023 - Authorization for the Mayor to Enter Negotiations with Franklin County and Stone Mountain Prime Inc. on Flanagan Demolition

## VILLAGE OF MALONE RESOLUTION NO. 155-2023

AUTHORIZATION FOR MAYOR TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH FRANKLIN COUNTY AND STONE MOUNTAIN PRIME TOWARD FLANAGAN DEMOLITION

WHEREAS, the Flannigan has been determined by the code enforcement officer to be an unsafe building as that term is defined in the NY Executive Law, and

WHEREAS, the Village had the Flannigan inspected by a structural engineer, Carr and Associates; and

WHEREAS, in the professional opinion of Carr and Associates, the structural failures of the Flannigan could not be mitigated and the only feasible option for securing the property was to demolish the structure; and

WHEREAS, the Village obtained an estimate for the removal of the structure of \$2,500,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Franklin Board of Legislators passed Resolution No.311, which authorized covering the cost of demolition contingent upon the Village holding title to the property;

**NOW THEREOFRE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Village Board authorizes the Mayor to enter into negotiations with the owner of the Flannigan to convey title of the property to the Village upon terms favorable to the Village and upon review and approval of the Village attorney in order to effectuate the demolition and removal of the structures as proposed by the Franklin County Board of Legislators.

Motion Made By: Trustee Bonner Seconded By: Trustee McKee

Voting as Follows:

Trustee Bonner: Aye
Trustee McKee: Aye
Trustee Boyea: Aye
Trustee Langdon: Aye

Mayor Dumas: Abstain

Approved by Board of Trustees on: September 22, 2023

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Trustee Bonner noted that this opportunity appears to be the first sound, feasible plan to remove this blight and safety concern from the Village.

Trustee Boyea expressed his excitement that the remediation of the Flanagan is finally going to happen.

Trustee McKee agreed.

Trustee Langdon noted that the Village can finally move forward to remove the blight, make safe the land, and sell the property to a developer willing to move this community forward.

Mayor Dumas noted that years have been spent attempting to revitalize this Village and remove this unsafe structure. This latest breakthrough has taken the partnering of many community leaders and municipal partners, coming together to make this happen. All parties involved are hoping to see this completed by the end of 2025.

Trustee Boyea thanked the mayor for her dedication to this project since taking office as the Mayor of the Village.

Dr. Martin inquired as to how the Village will take ownership of the property.

Mayro Dumas noted that the Village Attorney is working with Stone Mountain Prime's attorney to transfer ownership. Sr. Martin also thanked the mayor for her hard work, dedication, and determination to see this needed project come to fruition.

Mayor Dumas reiterated that this project is being made possible through the vision of several individuals and the cooperation of all parties involved.

Mike Maneely thanked the board for their hard work, noting that over the years he has been both for the refurbishing of the Flanagan and its demolition. One Administration in the past had attempted to have this happen and failed to secure the proper permits and cost the Village a great deal of money. He thanked the current Administration for its diligence and for following all aspects of the law in order to bring this project to completion.

Treasure Lashway noted that this can be huge for the entire area, especially the Village. Who knows how much the removal of the blight will advance this community and help it grow.

Trevor Buchanon asked if there would be a cost to the Village to take ownership of the property. He also asked what the Village could offer residents that would bring confidence in the current proposed project.

Mayor Dumas noted that the Village attorney was working on the transfer, and they anticipate no cost to the Village to take ownership. Mayor Dumas also noted that unlike in times past, the County had passed a Resolution to cover the cost of the demolition. This is the guarantee needed to move this project forward.

Trustee Langdon noted that many of the people present in the room could remember the Flanagan Hotel when it was in its prime. But time has taken its toll and it is time to move Malone forward.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon the motion of Trustee Bonner with a second by Trustee Boyea and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:47AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebahka Scaccia, Village Clerk