

At the Regular Meeting
of the Malone Village Board,
Held on February 12, 2024 at 5:30PM
At 343 West Main St. the
Following were present:

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

Also in attendance:

Kristine Lashway, Village Treasurer	William Andre, Chief of Police
Rebahka Scaccia, Village Clerk	Brian Lamondie, Code Officer
Tom Schulz	Dr. Calvin Martin
Chris Hastings	Greg Patterson
Boyce Sherwin	Alex Violo, Telegram

Mayor Dumas called the meeting to order at 5:30PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION MEETING 01/22/2024

Upon the motion of Trustee McKee with a second by Trustee Bonner and unanimously carried to approve the minutes and place on file.

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING 01/29/2024

Upon the motion of Trustee Bonner with a second by Trustee Boyea and unanimously carried to approve the minutes and place on file.

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION MEETING 01/31/2024

Upon the motion of Trustee McKee with a second by Trustee Bonner and unanimously carried to approve the minutes and place on file.

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING 02/02/2024

Upon the motion of Trustee Bonner with a second by Trustee Boyea and unanimously carried to approve the minutes and place on file.

TREASURER'S REPORT

PAY BILLS:

Fund	Amount	# of Bills Audited
Debt Service Fund	\$ 281,500.00	1
DPW Building Capital Project	\$ 5,590.00	1
General/Sewer/Water	\$ 455,411.51	83
Joint Recreation Fund	\$ 72.19	3
Trust & Agency	\$ 200,455.95	18
Grand Total	\$ 943,029.65	106

Upon the motion of Trustee McKee with a second by Trustee Bonner and unanimously carried to approve the bills and place them on file.

➤ **Resolution 7-2024 – 2023-2024 Budget Amendment No. 17**

**VILLAGE OF MALONE
RESOLUTION NO. 7-2024
2023-2024 Budget Amendment No. 17**

Related to the appropriation and/or transfer of funds:

Now, therefore be it resolved: The Village Board of Trustees amends their Budget as follows:

FROM	Street Cleaning Wages	A8170.160	\$ 130.00
TO	Zoning Advertising	A8010.443	\$ 130.00
FROM	Chasm Falls Sick Time	F8320.163	\$ 600.00
TO	Chasm Falls OT	F8320.161	\$ 600.00
FROM	Water Fund Social Security	F9030.800	\$ 7,417.60
TO	Water Department Purchased Services	F8340.440	\$ 5,317.60
TO	Water Depart. Bldg. Maintenance	F8340.460	\$ 2,100.00
FROM	Sewer Debt Service	G9901.500	\$ 66,500.00
TO	Sewer Department OT	G8120.161	\$ 1,500.00
TO	Sewer Department Equipment	G8120.200	\$ 65,000.00

Motion Made By: Trustee Bonner

Seconded By: Trustee McKee

Approved by Board of Trustees on: February 12, 2024

➤ **Resolution 8-2024 – 2024-2025 NYMIR Municipal Insurance Renewal**

**VILLAGE OF MALONE
RESOLUTION NO. 8-2024**

AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT MUNICIPAL INSURANCE PROPOSAL FOR 2024-2025

WHEREAS, Patrick Maguire, Sid G. Spear Insurance Agency, has provided the Village of Malone figures for the Village's Municipal Insurance with NYMIR for the 2024-2025 annual premium;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The Village Board of Trustees authorizes the mayor to accept the municipal insurance quote of New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal (NYMIR) at a cost of \$133,988.35.

Motion Made By: Trustee Bonner

Seconded By: Trustee Boyea

Approved By Board of Trustees on: February 12, 2024

➤ **Resolution 9-2024 – Agreement to Waive Remaining Water Account Balances and Charge Only One Quarter Fee for Hydrant Use to Franklin County Fair Association**

**VILLAGE OF MALONE
RESOLUTION NO. 9-2024**

APPROVAL OF REQUEST TO WAIVE WATER SERVICE FEES ON ALL FRANKLIN COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION ACCOUNTS AND TO SET HYDRANT BILLING RATE

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Fair Association has several water service accounts with an outstanding balance; and

WHEREAS, the Association and the Village are working to resolve all water account billing issues and to establish a new baseline for the various fair accounts; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The Village Board of Trustees has approved the waiving of all outstanding balances, in the amount of \$4,985.54, from the Franklin County Fair Association Accounts #2737-0 and 2737-1, bringing them to zero; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: The Village Board of Trustees has approved the Hydrant billing at a single quarter rate of \$300 per year, plus the cost of any overage use.

Motion Made By: Trustee Boyea
Seconded By: Trustee Bonner
Abstain: Mayor Dumas
Approved By the Board of Trustees on: February 12, 2024

POLICE REPORT

➤ **January 2024 Department Report**

Report reviewed and placed on file.

CODE REPORT

➤ **Permit and Violation Reports from 01/23/2024 – 02/12/2024**

Reports reviewed and placed on file.

➤ **Change of Use – 237 West Main Street**

Upon the motion of Trustee Bonner with a second by Trustee Boyea and unanimously carried to approve a Change of Use at 237 West Main Street from Assembly to Mechanical/Business.

➤ **Review of Village Code – Chapter 4; Article 2 – Dogs/Animals**

The Village Board was presented with a draft amendment to the Village Code for Dogs. A Public Hearing will be set and proposed amendments to the Local Law presented.

DPW REPORT

➤ **DPW Departmental Updates from 01/23/2024 – 02/12/2024**

Reports reviewed and placed on file.

➤ **Resolution 10-2024 – Authorization of 2023 Water Usage Forgiveness for the American Legion Ball Field – Account #2591-1**

**VILLAGE OF MALONE
RESOLUTION NO. 10-2024**

**AUTHORIZATION OF 2023 WATER USAGE FORGIVENESS FOR THE AMERICAN
LEGION BALLFIELD**

WHEREAS, the American Legion baseball field has made major improvements to arrange for the Malone Border Hounds of the Empire League to play in Malone; and

WHEREAS, these baseball events will boost the local economy and bring visitors both near and far to Malone;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: The Village Board of Trustees authorizes a one-time Water Usage Forgiveness for the 2023 water charges of \$634.00 from the American Legion Baseball Field water account #2591-1.

Motion Made By: Trustee Bonner

Seconded By: Trustee McKee

Abstain: Trustee Boyea

Approved By Board of Trustees on: February 12, 2024

CORRESPONDENCE

- **National Grid LED Conversion Program Letter -TABLED by Trustee Bonner**
- **Hospice of the North Country – Light Up the Lake Event June 6, 2024 at 8:00PM**

The Village Board looks forward to the event.

SIDEWALK APPLICATION

- **36 William Street – Jason Sweet**

Upon the motion of Trustee Langdon with a second by Trustee McKee and unanimously carried to approve the sidewalk application for Jason Sweet at 36 William Street.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Resolution 11-2024 – Pro-Housing Community Pledge**

VILLAGE OF MALONE RESOLUTION NO. 11-2024

PRO-HOUSING COMMUNITY PLEDGE

Motion By: Trustee Boyea

Seconded By: Trustee Bonner

WHEREAS, the Village of Malone (hereinafter “local government”) believes that the lack of housing for New York residents of all ages and income levels negatively impacts the future of New York State’s economic growth and community well-being;

WHEREAS, the housing crisis has negative effects at regional and local levels, we believe that every community must do their part to contribute to housing growth and benefit from the positive impacts a healthy housing market brings to communities;

WHEREAS, we believe that supporting housing production of all kinds in our community will bring multiple benefits, including increasing housing access and choices for current and future residents, providing integrated accessible housing options that meet the needs of people with sensory and mobility disabilities, bringing economic opportunities and vitality to our communities, and allowing workers at all levels to improve their quality of life through living closer to their employment opportunities;

WHEREAS, we believe that evidence showing that infill development that reduces sprawl and supports walkable communities has significant environmental and public health benefits; and

WHEREAS, we believe that affirmatively furthering fair housing and reducing segregation is not only required by law, but is essential for keeping our community strong and vibrant;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Village of Malone, in order to take positive steps to alleviate the housing crisis, adopts the Pro-Housing Communities pledge, which will have us endeavor to take the following important steps:

1. Streamlining permitting for multifamily housing, affordable housing, accessible housing, accessory dwelling units, and supportive housing.
2. Adopting polices that affirmatively further fair housing.
3. Incorporating regional housing needs into planning decisions.
4. Increasing development capacity for residential uses.
5. Enacting policies that encourage a broad range of housing development, including multifamily housing, affordable housing, accessible housing, accessory dwelling units, and supportive housing.

Passed by the following vote of all Village Board members on February 12, 2024:

Affirmative: 5

Negative: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

- **Resolution 12-2024 – Intent to Claim Lead Agency on Solar Farm Project Within the Village of Malone**

**VILLAGE OF MALONE
RESOLUTION NO. 12-2024**

RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO CLAIM LEAD AGENCY STATUS PURSUANT TO THE STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT FOR THE PROPOSED THOMAS HILL SOLAR FARM PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Village of Malone Board of Trustees (the “Village”) has before it a project (the “Project”) consisting of the proposed construction and connection of a 5.0 MW Solar Farm at 189 Fort Covington Street, situated wholly within the Village of Malone; and

WHEREAS, the Village has prepared a Full Environmental Assessment Form (“EAF”) and other supporting documentation in furtherance of the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Village has determined in accordance with 6 NYCRR 617.6 that: the proposed action qualifies as a Type I Action under the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”); coordinated SEQRA review shall be undertaken and the Village desires to act as SEQRA “Lead Agency” (as that term is defined in SEQRA) for purposes of conducting that coordinated review;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The Village of Malone Board of Trustees hereby declares its intent to act as “Lead Agency” (as said term is defined in SEQRA) with respect to a coordinated review of the Project pursuant to SEQRA.
2. In accordance with the requirements of SEQRA, the Village’s counsel shall arrange for distribution of fits notice of intent to be “Lead Agency” and is hereby authorized to take such actions as are necessary and appropriate to assist the Village in fulfilling the requirements under SEQRA for the Project.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion Made By: Trustee McKee

Seconded By: Trustee Boyea

Approved by Board of Trustees on: February 12, 2024

NEXT MEETING

- Regular Board Meeting, February 28, 2024 @ 9:00AM; Budget Work Session, February 29, 2024 at 9:00AM.

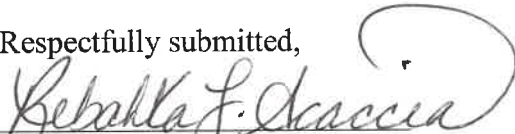
PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chris Hastings asked the Village Board to consider making room in the budget to give Community Connections \$2,500 to assist in establishing a PEER Specialist Training course.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon the motion of Trustee McKee with a second by Trustee Bonner and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:26PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Rebahka Scaccia, Village Clerk