

At the Work Session of the
Malone Village Board, held on
November 16, 2022, at 9:00AM at
343 West Main St. the following
were present:

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

Excused Absence:

Matthew Boyea	Trustee
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Also in Attendance:

Rebahka Scaccia, Village Clerk	Kari Tremper, DANC
Kristine Lashway, Treasurer	Maddison Hetman, AES
Alex Violo, Telegram	Gregory Swart, AES
Dave Rohe, DANC	Kevin Feuka, DANC

Mayor Dumas opened the work session at 9:00AM.

Redundant Groundwater Source Project

Representatives from AES and DANC took questions from the Board of Trustees on the HydroSource Associates Consulting Agreement.

Trustees McKee and Langdon voiced questions over the extent of the price range offered in the agreement and inquired as to why the range was so big.

Maddisen Hetman notes that the price range would ultimately be determined by the level of difficulty of the project.

Greg Swart noted that once the drilling has occurred, samples of the water have to be gathered and sent for a variety of tests to determine the water's usability. The number of times this must occur could affect the cost of the project. Also, there are flow tests that have to be performed as the drilling is being done to determine once an adequate flow rate has been achieved. This too, ultimately affects the cost and is difficult to estimate, thus lending to the size of the current price range.

Trustee McKee mentioned that years ago Barton & Loguidice has completed some work regarding the third well. Are we being sure not to duplicate that work?

Mayor Dumas noted that they had completed some preliminary work walking around at the potential site to scope a possible location for the new Well.

Madisen reminded the Board that the original preliminary work was completed in 2005 by HydroSource. They will use that paperwork to assist in reverifying the viability of the site as they do additional discovery work.

Greg Swart asserted that drilling for wells is the riskiest part in the industry. HydroSource will be building on the preliminary work that has already been completed in the early 2000s.

Dave Rohe noted that in the early 2000s there had been several different sites drilled as test wells. HydroSource now needs to move forward with the drilling. They have the continuity of knowledge with this project, which is of significant importance. A firm without that knowledge would have an even greater price range.

Trustee Bonner asked if we knew how much deeper we may need to drill on the current test site HydroSource will be starting with? We will have to go wider, that much is clear.

Greg noted that he would take that question to Claude with HydroSource and get an answer.

Mayor Dumas asked the Board if they had any additional questions. Hearing none the Board moved the Resolution.

- **Resolution 202-2022 – Authorization for Mayor to Sign a Consulting Agreement with HydroSource Associates, P.C. for New Groundwater Source Project**

**VILLAGE OF MALONE
RESOLUTION NO. 202-2022**

AUTHORIZATION FOR MAYOR TO SIGN A CONSULTING AGREEMENT WITH HYDROSOURCE ASSOCIATES, P.C. FOR NEW GROUND WATER SOURCE

WHEREAS, the Village of Malone is desirous of constructing a third well and has completed a Redundant Groundwater Source Evaluation Preliminary Engineering Report; and

WHEREAS, HydroSource Associates, P.C. has submitted a Consulting Agreement for Professional Services to the Village for the development and permitting of a new ground water source, at a probable cost of \$126,400 to \$183,400;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of Trustees authorizes the mayor to enter into an agreement with HydroSource Associates, P.C. for the development of a new ground water source.

Motion Made by: Trustee Bonner
Seconded By: Trustee McKee

Voting As Follows:
Trustee McKee – Yes
Trustee Langdon – Yes
Trustee Boyea – Absent

Trustee Bonner – Yes
Mayor Dumas – Yes

Dated: November 16, 2022

Trustee McKee asked what would make the cost advance to the \$183,000 mark?

Mayor Dumas and Kristine Lashway noted that all the labor associated with the drilling and the testing would be the determinant of the final cost. It has been 17 years since the preliminary work was completed. Somethings will have to be updated.

Trustee Bonner noted that he believes the Village has selected the best engineers to manage this project. AES has ensured that the last few projects for the Village have come in on budget.

Trustee McKee offered appreciation to both DANC and AES for the work they have done and continue to do.

Dave Rohe noted that there were a few other agenda items that Greg would like to discuss with the Board.

Greg noted to the Board that he believes it will be best to have a series of production meetings, one to two hours in length, to work out the details of the project and move items forward.

Mayor Dumas agreed that Wednesday meetings in the mornings would be acceptable and could be scheduled as needed.

Greg noted that the project is a process, in which case he will bring high level questions to the Board for directions in moving forward, then work out the details with DANC and then bring a formal proposal for each item back to the Village Board for approval. He had a few questions:

1. How would the Village like to proceed with the remaining funding for the project.

We know of the WIIA Grant Award of \$5,000,000, which is a 70% grant. The Village has been denied hardship funding for the 0% loan, so we can't count on that. The Village's system hasn't failed, which precluded the Village from scoring high enough for the interest free option. So, there will still be a loan with interest needed. There are two options. The Village can go for an EFC loan or an RD loan. The EFC is a 30-year term loan and RD is a 38-year term loan. Which way would the Board like to proceed in securing the remaining funding?

Mayor Dumas noted, with the agreement of the Board, that the EFC's 30-year loan would cost less in the long term, so we will go with the EFC. Greg noted that EFC has less paperwork demands which does equate to less cost.

2. In what time frame is the Village looking to complete the project? How aggressive does the Village want to be?

Greg noted that the WIIA Grant funding is confirmed, but that will take close to a year for it to become available. Mayor Dumas noted that the Village has reserves set aside for the project and that preliminary funds can come from there until the grant funds become available and the financing is settled.

Greg recommends that the bidding for the drilling company commence early in the new year. The final design of the Well cannot be completed without the drilling having started.

3. When does the Village prefer to have the designing of the well commence?

The designing of the Well can be completed one of two ways. The design can be completed in stages along with the drilling of the Well. This option leaves room for repeated changes in the design if the drilling runs into unexpected issues. This option would move the project along at a faster pace.

The other option is to begin the design phase once the drilling is complete and all information has been gathered. This option will extend the length of the project by about a year. This option eliminates the need for multiple designs and redesign costs.

Mayor Dumas, with the support of the Board, agreed that the second option which includes the drilling of the Well prior to the design phase is the best option. Taking the project slowly will assist in finalizing the funding aspect.

Greg noted that option two would be his recommendation as well. With this information, he can now work up a revised schedule and begin the process of collecting necessary data and information in preparation of the next work session meeting (date to be determined).

Trustee Langdon asked what would happen if the Well's pump went down and the water building is build over top of the Well? Dave Rohe noted that there is an access hitch placed in the roof of the building which would enable a crane to come in and get the pump.

Greg noted that with the signing of the consulting agreement with HydroSource, they can now begin formalizing the bid documents for the drilling component of the project.

DPW Garage

Mayor Dumas asked Kari Tremper if the lock on the gate at the DPW Garage can be looked at, as it is difficult to unlock in its current position. Kari noted that this had been discussed with the DPW and asked if they wanted it changed, to which she received no response. Mayor Dumas said to leave it as is then.

UV Disinfectant System at Wastewater Treatment Plant

Trustee Langdon asked Dave Rohe if there was any new information on the UV Disinfection System at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Dave noted that there is no new information as of today, but he is hopeful.

Treasurer

- **Resolution 203-2022 – Approval of Additional Funds for Front Office Register Beginning Till**

VILLAGE OF MALONE RESOLUTION NO. 203-2022

APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR FRONT OFFICE REGISTER BEGINNING TILL

WHEREAS, more and more there are customers coming into the Village with large bills when paying on their accounts; and

WHEREAS, the existing petty cash in the Treasurer's office is primarily for unexpected small item purchases;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of Trustees approves to increase the base till amount from \$50.00 to \$250.00.

Motion Made By: Trustee McKee

Seconded By: Trustee Bonner

Approved by Board of Trustees on: November 16, 2022

Village Parking Lot

Mayor Dumas noted that the Village Parking lot is seeing increased activity and there are a number of vehicles that are parked in it during the mornings. Mainly students and staff from the BOCES program that is held at the church and church staff. The Mayor would like a letter sent to the church and BOCES asking that all visitors utilize the lower parking lot to keep the Village parking lot free for Village business and Franklin County Community Housing business.

Main Street Sidewalk

The DPW took the time to camera the hole in the sidewalk near the Main Street Bridge and the Hearth. The sidewalk has fallen through in one spot due to deterioration of the underground truss for the state bridge. The State has continued to contend that the maintenance of the sidewalk falls to the Village of Malone. However, the sidewalk is going to continue to fall due to a lack of

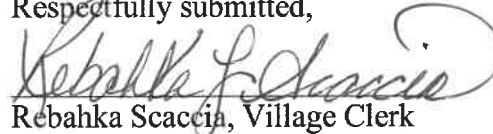
supporting material beneath the concrete. Photos have been sent to the NYS DOT and we are looking to set a meeting.

Trustee Langdon mentioned that Franklin County Community Housing has provided the Village with a high band bay system they no longer use that can be repurposed at the new DPW Garage as an additional means of communication.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon the motion of Trustee Bonner with a second by Trustee McKee and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:59AM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rebahka Scaccia". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Rebahka Scaccia, Village Clerk