

At the Regular Meeting of the
Malone Village Board, held on
October 24, 2022, at 5:00PM at
343 West Main St. the following
were present:

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

Excused Absence:

Christopher Premo, Chief of Police
Kristine Lashway, Treasurer

Also in Attendance:

Rebahka Scaccia, Village Clerk	Dave Rohe, DANC
Brian Lamondie, Code Officer	Kevin Feuka, DANC
Steve Fredette, DPW Supervisor	Madisen Hetman, AES
Alex Violo, Telegram	Gregory Swart, AES
Jason Smart, Resident	Allison Trombley, FONC
Tom Schulz, Resident	Chris Hastings, Resident
Bobby Blassingame, Resident	

Mayor Dumas called the meeting to order at 5:00PM.

Madisen Hetman and Gregory Swart presented to the Village Board the findings and recommendations of the Redundant Ground Water Preliminary Engineering Report for Well #3.

Their study found that Primary Well #1 is producing at the necessary rate of 2,880,000 gallons per day. PW #2 has been declining in production as it ages and is currently producing 2,448,000 gallons per day. This means that if PW #1 was to go offline, PW #2 would not be able to meet the demand of the Village. The flow of both PW #1 and PW #2 flow together from the plant. There is currently no way to isolate flow from a single well. If there was a break, there is no way to shut one off, and the break would empty both tanks of treated water.

Their study concluded that there are consistent issues with the generators on cold starts. If the temperature drops below freezing, the generators are having issues automatically starting and the Water Treatment Plant operator must go manually start the generator. The report also notes that there is no cover over the entrance to the well house, which in the winter causes issues with snow and ice.

The study highlighted that most of the infrastructure is in good shape, but that the controls are in the worst shape, and highlighted that the construction of PW #3 is a necessity.

The main component to the suggested project is the new well and new 12'x16' building; new control system across the system and a 20,000-gallon storage tank at the well. Miscellaneous items include an emergency generator, new flow meters, isolation valves, an access road, and a canopy on the existing building.

There were two alternatives to the design of the new well, including alternative one which would have the new well connect directly to the Water Treatment Plant. This alternative is the most expensive of the scenarios, but also the best option. Alternative two would be to connect Well# 3 to Well #2 and then transmission to the main. This is less expensive, while also being less feasible due to the elevation difference. The ability to isolate the wells at the plant as well as in the field is a necessity.

Deficiencies noted by the state as outside of the main project include the impending order to have water meters installed in every building and the issue of lead service lines.

Mayor Dumas asked if there was any way to install meters throughout the Village first as an alternative to constructing the well?

Greg believes that to be a hard sell to the New York State Department of Health who has ordered the need for the third well. Since the Village is consecutively using a high demand of water, the installation of the third well is what the NYS DOH and DEC are looking for.

The WIIA grant application has been submitted and the state is reviewing those applications now. We should receive notification by November or December. Winning applications can receive up to \$5,000,000. The Village of Malone does not currently qualify for the 0% interest hardship loan through the state. The Village's current score of need is 55 and that number needs to be closer to 95.

Next steps in the process to ensure compliance by the 2025 deadline include the following:

First, the Village needs to determine which alternative they plan to go with and to determine if the Village is willing to move ahead without the funding in place yet.

If the Village is willing to move forward without the final funding approval, then:

The Village needs to sign a contract with Hydro Source, for a hydrogeologist.

Complete the access road to the well site.

Have the well drilling and testing completed allowing for the design of the well to move forward to completion.

Submission of reports and plans to the New York State DOH and DEC to get approval to move to final design.

The key is to have the well drilled to finalize the design. This is the most expensive and difficult part of the project.

Trustee Bonner asked if well #1 was a natural casing and if well #2 was manufactured? AES noted he was correct. Trustee Bonner noted perhaps the manufactured, gravel packed well, was an issue in its decline. AES noted it could be.

Trustee Bonner asked if there was any way to know if the third well will be a natural casing or manufactured and AES noted that there is no way to know what will be required until the hydrogeologist has a look.

Trustee Langdon asked Dave Rohe why the generators are such an issue at the Water Treatment Plant?

Dave Rohe noted that they are 20-year-old units, left over from the 2005 hurricane. The heater blocks are insufficient in size causing issues with cold starts.

Trustee Langdon asked what was the definition of a cold start? Dave Rohe noted -20 degrees and the generator won't start – this is a cold start which means the operator has to go to the site of the generator and manually start it.

Trustee Langdon inquired if it would be feasible to put the generators in a shelter or building to alleviate the cold start issues.

Dave Rohe it could help. He further noted that AES is not currently looking to replace the generators, just evaluate the issues and offer guidance for remedying.

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

10/12/2022

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

PAY BILLS:

Fund	Amount	# of Bills Audited
DPW Building Capital Project	\$ 39,523.51	5
General/Sewer/Water	\$ 328,781.45	62
Joint Recreation Fund	\$ 63.43	3
State Grant Fund	\$ 19,485.23	2
Trust & Agency	\$ 157,810.86	11
Grand Total	\$ 545,664.48	83

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

➤ **Resolution 183-2022 – 2022-2023 Budget Amendment No. 10 VILLAGE OF MALONE**

**VILLAGE OF MALONE
RESOLUTION NO. 183-2022
2022-2023 Budget Amendment No. 10**

Related to the appropriation and/or transfer of funds:

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

INCREASE	Clerk Fees	A1255.00	\$ 294.73
INCREASE	Clerk Purchased Services *Birth Certificates	A1410.440	\$ 294.73
FROM	Federal Forfeiture Fund Reserve	A511F	\$ 552.73
TO	Other Expenses - Federal Fort. *PO 23-00616 & PO 23-00723	A3120.490R	\$ 552.73
FROM	Police Special Patrol Officer	A3120.160.02	\$ 2,000.00
TO	Police Supplies & Materials *Washer & Dryer per Contract	A3120.410	\$ 2,000.00
FROM	Contingency Fund	F1990.00	\$ 860.59
	Water Supplies & Materials	F8340.410	\$ 156.92
TO	Water Building Maintenance *New shelving	F8340.460	\$ 703.67
FROM	Contingency Fund	G1990.00	\$ 4,000.00
TO	Sewer Bldg Maintenance	G8120.460	\$ 657.50
	Sewer Purchased Services *New shelving & Leachate Grant	G8130.440	\$ 3,342.50

Motion Made By: Trustee McKee

Seconded By: Trustee Bonner

Approved by Board of Trustees on: October 24, 2022

- **Insurance Rate Increase – TABLED**

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

- **No Report**

DPW REPORT

- **DPW Report as of 10/24/2022**

1. Water main repair on Route 11
2. Finished mixing sand and salt
3. Moved equipment to new garage and cleaned out 88 College Ave
4. Removed tree on 82 Webster Street that fell
5. Leaf and Brush Pick-up underway until November 23rd

Trustee Langdon offered a note of praise to the DPW team on their proficiency and speed in the repair of the water main break at the construction site on Route 11. He also offered a note of thanks to emergency services for the use of their light tower.

- **Updated Sidewalk List**

The current sidewalk list has been narrowed to 20 remaining applications, all of which have been measured and are ready for repairing in the Spring of 2023.

- **Updated Application Forms for DPW**

Updated Application Forms Included:

1. Water Purchase (Hydrant Use) Application
2. Water Service (Tap) Application
3. Sewer Service (Tap) Application
4. Water On/Off Request Form
5. Water Sewer Utility Account Information Update Form
6. Water Meter Application

Upon the motion of Trustee Langdon with a second by Trustee Boyea and unanimously carried to approve the updated DPW application forms as presented.

- **Marion and Sprague Water Drainage Issue**

Village Board will meet at the site on Tuesday, October 25th at 9:00am to assess the issue and speak with all property owners affected.

CODE REPORT

- **Building Permit Activity Report and Violation Activity Report for 10/12/22 – 10/24/22**

Reports noted and placed on file.

Trustee Langdon noted his concern over the number of electric signs flashing on Main Street. Code Officer Lamondie noted that all main street signs must have prior approval from the New York State Department of Transportation, in addition to a permit from the Village Code office.

Trustee Bonner also noted that there is currently no Village Code against the use of mobile flashing signs on the street.

- **Electric Heater – Village Office Entry Way**

The motor on the electric heater in the entry way is making a loud noise. The heater has been shut off for the time being but will need to be serviced. Trustee Langdon asked if the heater was needed? He is concerned about the electric it may draw. Trustee McKee noted that the Village should have the unit looked at by a technician.

CORRESPONDENCE

- **Friends of the North Country – CDBG Grant Project Update**

Update noted and placed on file.

- **Resolution 184-2022 – Authorization of Capital Expenditure for #VOM-20-03**

VILLAGE OF MALONE RESOLUTION NO. 184-2022

AUTHORIZATION OF CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FOR #VOM-20-03

At a regular meeting of the Village of Malone Board of Trustees, a Municipality with offices at 343 West Main Street, New York, duly called (a quorum being present) and held at the Village Hall, located in the Village of Malone, County of Franklin, State of New York, on **October 24, 2022**, the following **Resolution** was duly adopted and is now in full force and effect:

A Motion was made by Trustee Bonner and seconded by Trustee McKee, to authorize the capital expenditure of **\$16,250.00**, plus administrative, project delivery, and other soft costs, in accordance with the Village of Malone Housing Rehabilitation Program, for project **#VOM-20-03**.

Motion Carried.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand as Village Clerk of the Village of Malone, on this 24th day of October, in the year 2022.

➤ **Resolution 185-2022 – CDBG Disbursement Request #7**

**VILLAGE OF MALONE
RESOLUTION NO. 185-2022**

**APPROVAL OF FRIENDS OF THE NORTH COUNTRY PAYMENT APPLICATION #7
FOR CDBG GRANT IMPLEMENTATION**

WHEREAS, the Village of Malone has contracted with the Friends of the North Country to manage and implement the CDBG Grant program; and

WHEREAS, Friends of the North Country has submitted payment application #7 for a disbursement of funds in the following amounts: \$29,295.00 for construction (housing rehab), \$4,683.74 for program delivery; and \$1,820.91 for program administration;

NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED: The Village Board of Trustees does hereby approve payment application #6 for the CDBG program in the amount of \$35,799.65.

Motion Made By: Trustee Boyea

Seconded By: Trustee McKee

Approved By Board of Trustees On: October 24, 2022

➤ **Parade of Lights DOT Application – Carrie Robinson**

Upon the motion of Trustee Boyea with a second by Trustee Bonner and unanimously carried to approve the application to the New York State DOT for the Parade of Lights.

WATER SERVICE APPLICATION

➤ **125 Finney Blvd. Citizens Advocate**

Upon the motion of Trustee Bonner with a second by Trustee McKee and unanimously carried to approve the Water Service Application of Citizens Advocate at 125 Finney Blvd.

➤ **3385 State Route 11 – Parkway Properties Malone LLC – Tim Hortons**

Upon the motion of Trustee Langdon with a second by Trustee Boyea and unanimously carried to approve the Water Service Application of Parkway Properties Malone LLC at 3385 State Route 11.

SEWER SERVICE APPLICATION

➤ 3385 State Route 11 – Parkway Properties Malone LLC – Tim Hortons

Upon the motion of Trustee Bonner with a second by Trustee Langdon and unanimously carried to approve the Sewer Service Application of Parkway Properties Malone LLC at 3385 State Route 11.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

➤ Resolution 186-2022 - Wright-Pierce Engineering - Patnode Street Retaining Wall Project Permitting and Additional Design Fee

VILLAGE OF MALONE RESOLUTION NO. 186-2022

APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR WRIGHT-PIERCE TO SUBMIT PERMITS TO NYS DEC AND FINALIZE PLAN DRAWINGS FOR PATNODE STREET RETAINING WALL ON BEHALF OF THE VILLAGE OF MALONE

WHEREAS, Wright-Pierce has been working to secure funding to repair or replace the Patnode Street Retaining Wall; and

WHEREAS, the replacement of the retaining wall has become a high priority since a portion of the wall has crumbled into the Salmon River and the remaining portion has cracked; and

WHEREAS, Wright-Pierce has several NYS DEC permits to obtain, due to the existence of rubble in the Salmon River, and they have to finalize the newly approved permanent retaining wall design; and

WHEREAS, Wright-Pierce has submitted a request for additional funds to cover their services at requested amount of \$7,500;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of Trustees approves the additional fee of \$7,500 for Wright-Pierce to secure the necessary NYS DEC Permits and finalize the newly approved permanent retaining wall design.

Motion Made By: Trustee Langdon

Seconded By: Trustee Bonner

Approved by Board of Trustees on: October 24, 2022

➤ **Resolution 187-2022 – Amendment of Resolution 131-2022**

**VILLAGE OF MALONE
RESOLUTION NO. 187-2022**

AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION 131-2022 – CORRECTED PRICING

WHEREAS, the Village of Malone passed Resolution 131-2022 approving Westelcom’s quote for the DPW Building Project at a cost of \$548.99 per month for 36 months, including the necessary copper line; and

WHEREAS, the original quote was for a one-time fee of \$548.99 for materials and installation and a monthly fee of \$236.13 for 36 months;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The Village Board of Trustees approves the amendment of Resolution 131-2022 to correct the monthly cost to \$236.13 for 36 months for Westelcom’s service at the new DPW Building.

Motion Made By: Trustee McKee

Seconded By: Trustee Langdon

Approved By Board of Trustees on: October 24, 2022

➤ **In-Site Architecture Rendering Discussion**

The Village Board is not pleased with either rendering option as submitted by In-Site Architecture. The Board would like to see a rendering that compliments existing architecture.

NEW BUSINESS

➤ **Authorization to Sign Contract with AES Engineering for Writing and Submission of Round 7 of Restore NY Application – TABLED**

The Village Board would like to invite interested business owners with potential projects needing funding for a discussion.

➤ **Letter of Commendation – Elm Manor**

Patrick Lyng, director over Elm Manor, submitted a letter of commendation for the superior actions of the Malone Police Department in connection with the events of October 6th. “Their immediate response and diligence in handling the case show that the Malone Police Department is made up of officers who represent the very best of our community and law enforcement in general.” Mr. Lyng praised the officers for their professionalism, compassion, and courtesy, ensuring other tenants of Elm Manor felt reassured and safe in their homes.

➤ **Green Light for Veterans**

The Village of Malone will burn a Green Light in the front entrance of the Village office from November 7th – November 13th in honor of our Veterans.

NEXT MEETING:

- Regular Board Meeting – Monday, November 14, 2022, at 6:00PM. Next Work Session TBD.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Bobby Blassingame addressed the Board about the up-coming Black history month and the vast amount of underground tunnels within the Village of Malone. Honor past and current Black leaders. He has toured the tunnels and believes the Village should host events offering tours of the underground railroad. He would love to see the tunnels opened to the public for a fee. The Village of Malone has the most passageways than anywhere else in the Country.

He visited the tunnels under the YMCA and was dismayed to see stones added to them. He wants those removed as they are an affront to African Americans and to have the tunnels there opened. The Historical Society should have written an article about the underground railroad and highlighted the mayors of that time for their roll in assisting the “Road to Freedom”.

Mr. Blassingame noted the large number of historic homes and buildings in Malone that the Village could open to public as an event rental for birthdays, weddings, bar mitzvahs, etc. He noted the need for a journal to be compiled that would show pictures of the homes that would be open for events. The Village needs to recognize what it has and take advantage of it.

The Village needs an urban affairs leader – not elected just an average citizen.

Jason Smart thanked the Village Board again for the opportunity to apply for a CDBG grant. He is grateful for the financial assistance to have updates and improvements done to his home.

Tom Schulz asked some clarification questions concerning the Third Well project. HE asked where the proposed water line was going to go. Mayor Dumas noted the line would travel from the new well site to the Water Treatment Plant.

Tom also asked the Board if it was okay for him to replace the trees that had to be removed by his property. The Board agreed he could replant the trees, and the Mayor suggested he call Franklin County Soil and Water for assistance with what type of trees to plant.

Tom also noted that the sign issue is a difficult one and he is unsure as to how the Village will be able to enforce it. It is a huge headache. Mayor Dumas noted that people who put up informational signs along the roadways need to be responsible in coming to remove them after the completion of the event.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon the motion of Trustee Bonner with a second by Trustee McKee and unanimously carried to go in to go into Executive Session on a contractual issue.

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

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

➤ **Resolution 188-2022 – Approval to Hire Laborer Benjamin Bashaw**

**VILLAGE OF MALONE
RESOLUTION 188-2022**

APPROVAL TO HIRE ONE FULL TIME LABORER FOR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

WHEREAS, the Village of Malone has vacancies in the position of Laborer; and

WHEREAS, the Village has conducted a number of interviews;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Village Board of Trustees approves the hiring of Benjamin Bashaw to the full-time position of Laborer at a rate of \$15.16 per hour.

Motion Made By: Trustee Boyea


Seconded By: Trustee McKee

Approved By the Board of Trustees on: October 24, 2022

ADJOURNMENT

Upon the motion of Trustee McKee with a second by Trustee Boyea and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:44PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Rebahka Scaccia, Village Clerk

