

At the Regular Meeting of the  
Malone Village Board, held on  
November 14, 2022, at 6:00PM at  
343 West Main St. the following  
were present:

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

Excused Absence:

Christopher Premo, Chief of Police  
Brian Lamondie, Code Officer

Also in Attendance:

|                                |                             |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Rebahka Scaccia, Village Clerk | Kristine Lashway, Treasurer |
| Steve Fredette, DPW Supervisor | Alex Violo, Telegram        |
| Dr. Calvin Martin              | Bruce Allen, Veteran        |
| Doris Allen                    | Hal Queyor, Veteran         |
| Wei Zhong Zheng                | Lori Ternandini             |
| Dave Rohe, DANC                |                             |

Mayor Dumas called the meeting to order at 6:00PM.

**Veteran's Memorial Park & Soldier's Monument**

Mayor Dumas reminded the Board that the Village is facilitating a grant for the American Legion and Am Vets that was awarded by Assemblyman Jones in the amount of \$250,000 for renovations of the Veterans Memorial and Soldier's Monument Park. DELTA Engineers has been brought in to assist the two organization in designing the upgrades to the park. At the last design meeting in October, the committee selected the final design of the park, which they feel most closely satisfies both organization's wants for the park and benefits the community. Both Assemblyman Jones and Mayor Dumas attended this meeting.

Mayor Dumas opened the floor to the Board for any questions or concerns they have about the project.

Trustee McKee mentioned that he had heard concerns about the removal of the fountain because it can't be repaired.

Mayor Dumas clarified that the fountain is indeed in disrepair, but that the decision had been made by the committee to repurpose the statue in one of the Village's other parks, just like the cannons had been repurposed to Arsenal Green from the Veteran's Park. The ultimate decision of the fountain lies with the Veteran groups involved in the project. The cost to fully renovate and reinstall a working fountain would use up a considerable amount of the grant funds.

Dr. Martin addressed the Board and the Veteran representatives in attendance with his opinion that the design for the park that the group has selected is magnificent. He has a long line of veterans in his family who fought in many wars. He expressed how the design depicts a living park and is such an improvement to what is currently there. He asked if the idea of adding fallen soldier's names to one of the monuments was a consideration? It would be an excellent tribute.

Trustee Bonner agreed that it is the Veteran's park and the ultimate decision of the fountain's inclusion or relocation should be left to them. He would also like to see the fountain saved, but it doesn't have to be put back in Veteran's Park.

Mayor Dumas asserted that no one is looking to diminish the Historical value of the community, only to improve the park for the Veterans who use the park. Mayor Dumas thanked the Veteran's for the event held on November 11<sup>th</sup> and their service to our community. Those who use the park should be at the forefront of making the decisions about the park. The fountain has historical value to the Village which is why it will be repurposed in one of the Village's other parks. The Village must move forward in making upgrades and renovations and will remain mindful of maintaining the historical value when possible while making needed improvements.

**APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**

**10/24/2022**

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**PAY BILLS:**

| <b>Fund</b>                  | <b>Amount</b>        | <b># of Bills Audited</b> |
|------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| Community Development Fund   | \$ 85,082.10         | 2                         |
| DPW Building Capital Project | \$ 490.00            | 1                         |
| General/Sewer/Water          | \$ 83,560.89         | 76                        |
| Joint Recreation Fund        | \$ 1,277.14          | 4                         |
| State Grant Fund             | \$ 17,689.83         | 1                         |
| Trust & Agency               | \$ 119,329.99        | 10                        |
| <b>Grand Total</b>           | <b>\$ 307,429.95</b> | <b>94</b>                 |

Trustee McKee wanted to note that when the Village credit card is used in ordering something, the credit card makes the charge to the account immediately, even though it may take time for the vendor to fill the order. At least three of the bills had late fees on them. Please get the paperwork for the orders to the Treasurer's office in a timely manner to assist in avoiding these charges.

Trustee McKee also note that Walmart charges sales tax if no sales tax exemption card is shown at the time of purchase.

Treasurer Lashway noted that when uniforms are ordered they are increasingly being backordered. Village policy is that bills cannot be submitted for processing and payment until the merchandise has been received. In this instant the late fees are unavoidable and earned bonuses were used to pay the late fees, not Village funds.

Mayor Dumas noted that when reviewing the bills, she saw that the Rec Park is still paying \$600 per month for the rental of Porta Potties. Time to pull those out of the park for the season.

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

➤ **Resolution 189-2022 – 2022-2023 Budget Amendment No. 11**

**VILLAGE OF MALONE  
RESOLUTION NO. 189-2022  
2022-2023 Budget Amendment No. 11**

**Related to the appropriation and/or transfer of funds:**

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

|                 |                              |              |             |
|-----------------|------------------------------|--------------|-------------|
|                 | Clerk                        |              |             |
| <b>INCREASE</b> | Fees                         | A1255.00     | \$ 187.39   |
| <b>INCREASE</b> | Clerk Purchased Services     | A1410.440    | \$ 187.39   |
|                 | *Birth Certificates          |              |             |
| <b>FROM</b>     | Contingency Fund             | A1990.00     | \$ 7,500.00 |
|                 | Police Bldg.                 |              |             |
| <b>TO</b>       | Cleaning                     | A3120.410.80 | \$ 3,000.00 |
| <b>TO</b>       | Police Officers OT           | A3120.161    | \$ 3,000.00 |
| <b>TO</b>       | Control of Cats              | A3520.441    | \$ 500.00   |
| <b>TO</b>       | Code Officer Clerk           | A3620.160    | \$ 1,000.00 |
| <b>FROM</b>     | Contingency Fund             | F1990.00     | \$ 9,769.58 |
| <b>TO</b>       | Water Drug & Alcohol Testing | F8320.447    | \$ 92.00    |

|                 |  |               |              |
|-----------------|--|---------------|--------------|
| <b>TO</b>       | Water Building Maintenance<br>*Modulating Motor Operator | F8320.460     | \$ 9,677.58  |
| <b>FROM</b>     | Contingency Fund   | G1990.00      | \$ 1,247.50  |
| <b>TO</b>       | Sewer Purchased Services<br>*Leachate Grant              | G8130.440     | \$ 1,247.50  |
| <b>INCREASE</b> | Community Dev. CDBG                                      | CD4910.00     | \$ 85,082.10 |
| <b>INCREASE</b> | Program Activity CDBG                                    | CD8668.200.80 | \$ 69,545.00 |
| <b>INCREASE</b> | Program Administration                                   | CD8668.440.70 | \$ 4,330.24  |
| <b>INCREASE</b> | Program Delivery   | CD8668.440.80 | \$ 11,206.86 |

Motion Made By: Trustee Boyea

Seconded By: Trustee Bonner

Approved by Board of Trustees on: November 14, 2022

## **POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT**

- **No Report**

## **DPW REPORT**

- **DANC September 2022 Monthly Report**

Report was reviewed and placed on file.

Dave Rohe wanted to note to the Board that the Sewer Plant received an unauthorized shipment of straight grease last month. This is against policy and a strongly worded letter has been given to each of the Septic Haulers that deliver to the Treatment Plant.

Dave informed the Board that once the SPDES permit was completed, we will be updating the sewer laws and implementing fines of up to \$1,500 for each occurrence of dumping unauthorized substances into the Treatment Plant facility.

- **Change Order Authorizations (CO):**

- 1. Resolution 190-2022 – M-CO.03 – Deduct from Contract Sum of the Balance of the Mechanical Contingency Allowance**

**VILLAGE OF MALONE  
RESOLUTION NO. 190-2022**

**APPROVAL OF DPW FACILITIES BUILDING PROJECT CONTRACT CHANGE  
ORDER M-CO.03**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Malone is nearing the completion of its DPW Facilities Building Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the following changes to the Mechanical Contract have been put forward:

1. Deduct from contract sum the balance of the Mechanical Contingency Allowance:

Deduct: \$20,000;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** The Village Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Change Order M-CO.03 in the amount of \$20,000.00, bringing the new Mechanical Contract Sum to \$253,000.00.

Motion Made By: Trustee Langdon

Seconded By: Trustee Bonner

Approved By Board of Trustees On: November 14, 2022

2. **Resolution 191-2022 – P-CO.03 -- Deduct from Contract Sum of the Balance of the Plumbing Contingency Allowance**

**VILLAGE OF MALONE  
RESOLUTION NO. 191-2022**

**APPROVAL OF DPW FACILITIES BUILDING PROJECT CONTRACT CHANGE  
ORDER P-CO.03**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Malone is nearing the completion of its DPW Facilities Building Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the following changes to the Plumbing Contract have been put forward:

1. Deduct from contract sum the balance of the Plumbing Contingency Allowance:

Deduct: \$6,713.56;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** The Village Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Change Order P-CO.03 in the amount of \$6,713.56, bringing the new Plumbing Contract Sum to \$299,791.44.

Motion Made By: Trustee Boyea  
Seconded By: Trustee Langdon  
Approved By Board of Trustees On: November 14, 2022

➤ **Contingency Allowance Disbursement Authorization (CADA) Reconcile Balance of Contingency Allowance:**

**1. Resolution 192-2022 – M-CADA.01 -- Reconcile Balance of Contingency Allowance**

**VILLAGE OF MALONE  
RESOLUTION NO. 192-2022**

**CONTINGENCY ALLOWANCE DISBURSEMENT AUTHORIZATION M-CADA.01 –  
DPW FACILITY PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, Freedom Mechanical, LLC has submitted a Contingency Allowance Disbursement Authorization form for the following:

1. Reconcile Balance of Contingency Allowance

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** The Village Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Contingency Allowance Disbursement M-CADA.01 in the amount of \$20,000.00, bringing the Contingency Allowance Balance for Mechanical to \$0.00.

Motion Made By: Trustee Bonner  
Seconded By: Trustee McKee  
Approved By Board of Trustees On: November 14, 2022

**2. Resolution 193-2022 – P-CADA.04 -- Reconcile Balance of Contingency Allowance**

**VILLAGE OF MALONE  
RESOLUTION NO. 193-2022**

**CONTINGENCY ALLOWANCE DISBURSEMENT AUTHORIZATION P-CADA.04 –  
DPW FACILITY PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, K&L Plumbing & Heating, Inc. has submitted a Contingency Allowance Disbursement Authorization form for the following:

1. Reconcile Balance of Contingency Allowance

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** The Village Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Contingency Allowance Disbursement P-CADA.04 in the amount of \$6,713.56, bringing the Contingency Allowance Balance for Plumbing to \$0.00.

Motion Made By: Trustee Boyea

Seconded By: Trustee McKee

Approved By Board of Trustees On: November 14, 2022

➤ **DPW Report as of 11/14/2022**

1. Leaf and Brush pickup
2. Battery disconnects in two trucks completed
3. Snowplows getting installed on trucks
4. DPW CPR training completed

Mayor Dumas asked if the DPW could have the lock on the gate checked. It appears to have been installed wrong and is difficult to unlock.

➤ **Resolution 194-2022 – Approval of Repairs to Truck #52 By RR Charlebois, LLC**

**VILLAGE OF MALONE  
RESOLUTION 194-2022**

**APPROVAL OF REPAIRS TO TRUCK #52 BY RR CHARLEBOIS, INC.**

**WHEREAS**, the 2016 Western Star, Truck #52, is in need of repairs; and

**WHEREAS**, RR Charlebois, Inc. provided a diagnostic and repair quote at a cost of \$1,848.95, for the following:

- Diagnostic review at a cost of \$389.95
- Replace outlet NOX sensor and perform regen at a cost of \$1,105.89
- Replace crankcase filter at a cost of \$230.59
- Replace RF hub cap at a cost of \$122.52; and

**WHEREAS**, the diagnostic review cost of \$389.95 has already been paid;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Village Board of Trustees does hereby authorize the above repairs to DPW Truck #52, at the remaining balance of \$1,459.00.

Motion Made By: Trustee Bonner

Seconded By: Trustee McKee

Approved by Board of Trustees on: November 14, 2022

➤ **CSEA - Memorandum of Understanding for Seasonal MEOs**

**VILLAGE OF MALONE  
RESOLUTION 195-2022**

**APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT DPW CONTRACT AMENDMENT  
BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF MALONE AND THE CSEA – SEASONAL MEOs**

This Agreement is made by and between the Village of Malone hereinafter referred to as “VOM” and the Civil Service Employee Association hereinafter referred to as the “CSEA”.

**WHEREAS**, the VOM and the CSEA executed a Collective Bargaining Agreement dated June 1, 2021 – May 31, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the collective bargaining agreement does not allow for temporary employees; and

**WHEREAS**, both the VOM and the CSEA desire to utilize Seasonal Motor Equipment Operators to work through the snow and ice season. This agreement will begin on November 1, 2022, and will sunset on May 1, 2023.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the VOM and the CSEA agree to the following:

1. The CSEA agrees that the VOM may utilize “Seasonal Motor Equipment Operators” that will not be included as part of the bargaining unit, to assist with the snow and ice removal on a call-in basis for the 2022-2023 season.
2. Applicants will be required to hold a NYS CDL Class A or B license, with at least one year experience in the operation of a motor vehicle and experience driving vehicles with four-speed transmissions.
3. The VOM and the CSEA agree that by utilizing “Seasonal Motor Equipment Operators” to assist with completing work typically assigned to the bargaining unit members, does not pierce the exclusivity of any and all work typically assigned to titles within the Bargaining Unit.
4. Seasonal Motor Equipment Operators will be paid at the hourly rate of \$25.00 per hour with no additional benefits from the current collective bargaining agreement.
5. Under no circumstance shall a non-bargaining unit employee be eligible to work in excess of 40 hours per week. Any and all available overtime hours must be worked by bargaining unit members.

Motion Made By: Trustee Boyea



Seconded By: Trustee Langdon  
Approved By Board of Trustees on: November 14, 2022

➤ **Marion and Sprague Water Drainage Issue**

DPW will go and clear the blocked drain.

**CODE REPORT**

➤ **Building Permit Activity Report and Violation Activity Report for 10/25/22 – 11/14/22**

Reports noted and placed on file.

Dr. Martin asked what the status of TAP Industries is. Mayor Dumas noted that the Code Officer has been going over for inspections; no the access road has not been completed; TAP has not met any of the requirements or deadlines for the NYS DEC, but the Attorney General requested and the judge has agreed and granted TAP Industries an extension. The Village is beyond frustrated.

Trustee Langdon wants to remind staff and Villagers alike to check smoke detector, fire alarm and carbon monoxide detector batteries.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

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

Update noted and placed on file.

➤ **Resolution 196-2022 – CDBG Disbursement Request #8**

**VILLAGE OF MALONE  
RESOLUTION NO. 196-2022**

**APPROVAL OF FRIENDS OF THE NORTH COUNTRY PAYMENT APPLICATION #8  
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 #8 for a disbursement of funds in the following amounts: \$6,615.00 for construction (housing rehab), \$880.32 for program delivery; and \$299.64 for program administration;

**NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED:** The Village Board of Trustees does hereby approve payment application #8 for the CDBG program in the amount of \$7,794.96.

Motion Made By: Trustee McKee

Seconded By: Trustee Langdon

Approved By Board of Trustees On: November 14, 2022

➤ **Town of Malone Ambulance District Letter**

Letter notifying the Town of Malone that their new Ambulance District has been established.

➤ **Resolution – Authorization to Extend Malone Ambulance District to Encompass the Entire Corporate Limits of the Village of Malone – TABLED**

Email for more information from the Town of Malone. Will invite a member of the EMS and the Town to come to a future meeting.

➤ **WIIA Grant Award Notice - \$5,000,000 Toward Redundant Ground Water Source**

Announcement received that the Village of Malone's application for a NYS Water Infrastructure Improvement Assistance program has been awarded at \$5,000,000. 00.

➤ **Malone Middle School 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Team Innovate Field Trip Schedule**

Each year the Malone Middle School 8<sup>th</sup> grade makes a tour of Village and other facilities to provide students with a deeper understanding of government and the work behind different operations. Friday, November 18, 2022, beginning at 9:45am the students will visit the Village Wastewater Treatment Plant, Village DPW Garage, Water Reservoir, Pinnacle, FC 911 Dispatch Center, and the Village Police Department.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

➤ **New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal Recommendations**

Noted and under advisement.

➤ **Resolution – Authorization for Mayor to Sign Hydro Source Associates, P.C. Consulting Agreement for Redundant Groundwater Source Project – TABLED**

Will discuss this at the Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> Work Session with DANCE and AES.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Resolution 197-2022 – Return of Uncollected 2022 Village Property Taxes to the Franklin County Treasurer**

**VILLAGE OF MALONE  
RESOLUTION NO. 197-2022**

**UNCOLLECTED TAXES**

**WHEREAS**, there remains outstanding balances for non-payment of taxes in the amount of \$437,484.74 (\$405,321.87 in principal; \$32,162.87 in penalties); and

**WHEREAS**, the Franklin County Treasurer's Office asks that we return our unpaid taxes over to Franklin County by November 9, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, based on the original tax warrant of \$3,366,538.10, we collected 87%;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** The Village Board of Trustees agrees to turn over unpaid taxes to Franklin County in the amount of \$437,484.74.

Motion Made By: Trustee Boyea

Seconded By: Trustee Langdon

Approved By Board of Trustees on: November 14, 2022

- **Resolution 198-2022 – Discharge of Anti-Speculation and Lien Agreement – 103 Ft. Covington Street**

**VILLAGE OF MALONE  
RESOLUTION NO. 198-2022**

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE LIEN RELEASE FOR 103 FT. COVINGTON STREET  
– GARNAR AND JANET LAFAVE**

**WHEREAS**, on May 12, 2009, Garnar and Janet LaFave received Housing Rehabilitation funds in the amount of \$20,000; and

**WHEREAS**, being in receipt of the afore mentioned funds, the LaFaves further entered into an Anti-Speculation Agreement and Property Lien on May 12, 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, the 120-month lien upon said property was recorded in the Office of the Franklin County Clerk on May 12, 2009 as Document #2009-02000535 of volume 69 page 119-121; and

**WHEREAS**, the 120-months have expired;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** The Village Board of Trustees authorizes the mayor to execute the Release of Lien for Garnar and Janet LaFave at 103 Ft. Covington Street and to be

filed with the Office of the Clerk of the County of Franklin, New York by the Law Office of Fischer, Bessette, Muldowney & McArdle.

Motion Made By: Trustee Langdon  
Seconded By: Trustee McKee  
Approved By Board of Trustees on: November 14, 2022

- **Resolution 199-2022 – Discharge of Anti-Speculation and Lien Agreement – 85 Andrus Street**

**VILLAGE OF MALONE  
RESOLUTION NO. 199-2022**

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE LIEN RELEASE FOR 85 ANDRUS STREET – RICHARD ASHFIELD, RANDY ASHFIELD, CHARLES ASHFIELD, AND MARY BENNOR**

**WHEREAS**, on December 16, 2008, Richard Ashfield, Randy Ashfield, Charels Ashfield and Mary Bennor received Housing Rehabilitation funds in the amount of \$19,987.00; and

**WHEREAS**, being in receipt of the afore mentioned funds, the above parties further entered into an Anti-Speculation Agreement and Property Lien on December 16, 2008; and

**WHEREAS**, the 120-month lien upon said property was recorded in the Office of the Franklin County Clerk on December 16, 2008 as Instrument #2009-3831 in miscellaneous recordings; and

**WHEREAS**, the 120-months have expired;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** The Village Board of Trustees authorizes the mayor to execute the Release of Lien for Richard Ashfield, Randy Ashfield, Charels Ashfield and Mary Bennor for 85 Andrus Street and to be filed with the Office of the Clerk of the County of Franklin, New York by the Law Office of Nathan N. Race P.C.

Motion Made By: Trustee Langdon  
Seconded By: Trustee McKee  
Approved By Board of Trustees on: November 14, 2022

- **Resolution 200-2022 – Discharge of Mortgage MEDCO – Larry Pond**

**VILLAGE OF MALONE  
RESOLUTION NO. 200-2022**

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE DISCHARGE OF MORTGAGE – 432 EAST MAIN STREET – LARRY AND JEAN POND**

**WHEREAS**, a certain Note and Mortgage to Enforce Grant, bearing the date of November 26, 2008, made and executed by Larry and Jean Pond of 432 East Main Street with the principal sum of Ninety Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$90,000.00); and

**WHEREAS**, and duly recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Franklin, New York, on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of November in the year 2008 in Liber 1289 of Mortgages at Page 56 is PAID and does hereby consent that the same be discharged of record; and

**WHEREAS**, said mortgage assignment dated January 9, 2013 and recorded on February 22, 2013 in the Franklin County Clerk's Office as Instrument #2013-958, from Malone Economic Development Corporation as Assignor to Village of Malone as Assignee;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** The Village Board of Trustees authorizes the mayor to execute the Discharge of Mortgage for Larry and Jean Pond and to be filed with the Office of the Clerk of the County of Franklin, New York by the Law Office of Brian Stewart.

Motion Made By: Trustee Boyea

Seconded By: Trustee Bonner

Approved By Board of Trustees on: November 14, 2022

➤ **Resolution 201-2022 – Release and Waiver of Assignments of Rents**

**VILLAGE OF MALONE  
RESOLUTION NO. 201-2022**

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE A RELEASE AND WAIVER OF ASSIGNMENT OF RENTS FOR 432 EAST MAIN STREET – LARRY AND JEAN POND**

**WHEREAS**, on November 26, 2008, Larry and Jean Pond of 432 East Main Street gave Absolute Assignment of Leases and Rents to Malone Economic Development Corporation; and

**WHEREAS**, and where this Assignment of Rents was duly recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Franklin, New York, on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of November in the year 2008, instrument Number #2008-00004732 in Liber 1289 at Page 81; and

**WHEREAS**, the associated mortgage has been PAID; and

**WHEREAS**, the above Assignment of Rents having been assigned to the Village of Malone from the Malone Economic Development Corporation through the Assignment dated January 9, 2013 and recorded on February 22, 2013 in the Franklin County Clerk's office as Instrument #2013-958;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** The Village Board of Trustees authorizes the mayor to execute the Release and Waiver of Assignment of Rents for Larry and Jean Pond and to be filed

with the Office of the Clerk of the County of Franklin, New York by the Law Office of Brian Stewart.

Motion Made By: Trustee McKee

Seconded By: Trustee Langdon

Approved By Board of Trustees on: November 14, 2022

### **ADD-ON ITEMS OF MENTION**

Mayor Dumas reminded the Board to spread the information about the Water and Sewer Assistance Program offered through the State of New York. The Village has received several checks already assisting residents with the payment of their water and sewer bills.

Trustee Bonner noted that he accompanied an individual through Village properties as part of a review in connection with a National Grid Savings Plan. A proposed savings comparison has been presented to the Board for review and consideration.

Mayor Dumas noted that the Water Off fee for the American Legion Baseball field had been waived as a continuation of the Village's support of the project.

New York State has announced a Grant Opportunity that will award funds for Bridge and Culvert projects.

Mayor Dumas reminded the Board about the deterioration of the sidewalk in front of the Hearth. The Village maintains its position that the sidewalk is the State's responsibility. The State is rebuffing this assertion. Mayor Dumas has asked the Village DPW to camera what is below the sidewalk in preparation for a discussion with the State DOT.

### **NEXT MEETING:**

- Regular Board Meeting – Monday, November 28, 2022, at 6:00PM. Next Work Session TBD.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Wei Zhong Zheng addressed the Board with a question concerning back water and sewer bills on a property he bought at auction. He didn't use the water and sewer and would like the bills removed from the account. He buys many vacant properties and turns them into apartments and puts them back on the tax roll.

Mayor Dumas and Treasurer Lashway explained that anytime a vacant property is sold at auction it is made clear that the purchaser is responsible for all back taxes and bills due on the property. The Village of Malone encourages anyone considering the purchase of an auction property to contact

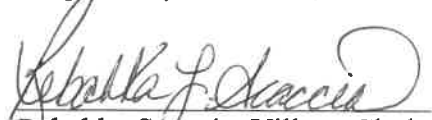
the Village office prior to purchase to determine if there are any back taxes or past due utility bills associated with the property. Those charges follow the property.

Wei Zhong Zheng said he understood and thanked the board for the clarification and would be in to settle the late bills.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon the motion of Trustee McKee with a second by Trustee Bonner and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Rebahka Scaccia, Village Clerk

