

**TOWN OF MALONE
REGULAR MEETING
July 12, 2023**

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Malone, County of Franklin and State of New York was held at the Town Offices, 27 Airport Road, Malone, NY on the 12th day of July 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Andrea Stewart, Supervisor
Brian Taylor, Councilor

Jody Johnston, Councilor
Paul Walbridge, Councilor

ABSENT:

Terrence Maguire, Deputy Supervisor

ALSO PRESENT:

Denice Hudson, Budget Officer, Town Clerk
Michael Andrews, Highway Superintendent
Michael McMahon, Code Officer
Janet Tacy, Burke Resident
Phil Hans, Franklin County Tourism

Abby Monica, Deputy Town Clerk
John Manley, Deputy Highway Superintendent
Alex Violo, Malone Telegram
Ken Tacy, Burke Resident
Bruce Burditt, Airport Manager

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Stewart called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Phil Hans- County Tourism:

Hans spoke to the board tonight in regard to Franklin County Tourism. He gave us an update as to what the county is doing to help promote Franklin County and outlined how they help support business, municipalities and more with projects to develop Franklin County. Hans states we do this to help drive people to come here and stay the night, eat locally, shop locally. Hans spoke about the programs they currently have and how they work. He handed out a packet about these programs as well. He states they want to help business grow and expand; they have already helped so many great events as well this year. Franklin County Tourism has helped with the annual Fly-In, Gibson Brothers Band, Rec Park, and the American Legion Baseball field. Hans states they are in a partnership with "I Love NY" and WPTZ to advertise Franklin County to get visitors. He also states the natural resources that we already have are our best asset. Councilor Johnston states he wants to thank this program for helping fund the American Legion field. It has been bringing this community together, making the players, adults, and all the little kids happy. This field as well is bringing in people from Tupper Lake, Saranac Lake, Buffalo and other areas to come and check it out. I am very appreciative for what you guys have done for us. Hans thanks us for letting him be here tonight.

MINUTES: For review and approval

RESOLUTION 198-2023 - Minutes

Upon motion by Councilor Johnston, second by Councilor Walbridge the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Stewart, Johnston, Walbridge
Nays 0
Abstain Councilor Taylor

Resolved to approve the following minutes:

June 28, 2023 - Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Reports:

RESOLUTION 199-2023 - Reports

On a motion by Councilor Walbridge, seconded by Councilor Johnston the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Stewart, Johnston, Taylor, Walbridge
Nays 0

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Resolved to approve the following reports:

Budget to Actual – June 2023

Airport Manager- June 2023

Code Officer- June 2023

Supervisor Reports- June 2023

Town Clerk- June 2023

Justice Main- June 2023

Justice Fisher- June 2023

OLD BUSINESS:

Auctions International- Superintendent Andrews states ten (10) items have not been sold. We have received the total amount of \$39,697. We still have four (4) items that have been considered surplus that we will put back out in the fall.

SUPERVISORS REPORTS:

Waterline Route 11B, Pershing Avenue, Lower Park Street- Supervisor Stewart stated she wants to make us all aware that there have been a lot of emails between the Village and the Town about individuals about projects with water and sewer services. I reached out to the individuals involved and spoke to the Village about how we form a district, how the cost is paid for and only the people in them districts are the people who will be paying for it. Some of them individuals have decided to put septic tanks or wells in. I have reached out to the business possibly doing this and it would be a much bigger paying district.

Public Hearing on Local Law #2-2023 Site Plan Review August 2nd at 6:00 P.M

RESOLUTION 200-2023 – Board Motion

On a motion by Councilor Walbridge, seconded by Councilor Johnston the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Stewart, Johnston, Walbridge, Taylor

Nays 0

Permission for Supervisor Stewart to sign MCF Physical for Michael Maneely and Troy Wall and add to the Franklin County Self Insurance Plan.

RESOLUTION 201-2023 – Board Motion

On a motion by Councilor Taylor, seconded by Councilor Johnston the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Stewart, Johnston, Walbridge, Taylor

Nays 0

Airport Lightening & Signage Improvements (Construction) Approval for Supervisor Stewart to sign Grant Closeout Documents.

Airport Capital Improvement Plan 2024-2029- Budget Officer Denice Hudson spoke about the two (2) different proposals. Hudson stated proposal #1 the years 2025,2026 and 2027 would be very difficult, there is a lot of large local share. I thought moving the hanger and taxi lane improvement project phase 1, phase 2 and phase 3 each out a year would help budgeting purposes. Hudson states I am not comfortable with committing so much local share for 2025 right now. My recommendation is going with #2. Airport Manager Bruce Burditt, Supervisor Stewart and Councilor Walbridge agree using proposal #2.

RESOLUTION 202-2023- Airport Capital Improvement Plan Proposal #2

On a motion made by Supervisor Stewart, seconded by Councilor Walbridge the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Stewart, Johnston, Walbridge, Taylor

Nays 0

Accept Proposal number 2 as our Airport Capital Improvement Plan for years 2024-2029. To be submitted through our engineering firm to the FFA.

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BOARD MEMBER/COMMITTEE ITEMS:

Councilor Taylor states he is glad to be back from his vacation as he missed this place.

SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS REPORTS:

Superintendent Andrews states he spoke to the Town of Brandon, and they want to buy one of our items that is already considered surplus. They want to buy the 10-inch Tarco Slide in Sander for the same amount we counteroffered, and we did not get. Andrews states on another note for the past three weeks he has spoken to his committee members and the code officer about his concerns with the highway department. He states he would like to request from the town board to designate from the infrastructure ARPA money for an addition added to the highway department. The addition would be to put my office and my clerk down on the ground level. My biggest concern is to make it handicap accessible, insurance purposes for the general public, they just roam around and have a chance of possibly getting hurt trying to find my office which is upstairs. 80% of the people who come to see me are 70 – 80-year-olds. I have had an incident recently where my mechanic was screaming for help because a 82-year-old gentlemen on the 5th stair was trying to get to my office. It would pertain to a public restroom as it is a public building, the situation we have right now with my clerk is the bathroom does not work for her due to what is in it. I feel that having the offices on ground level would be a lot safer for the public and my employees. The size of the addition would be 24 x 28, in between the two front overhead doors, that way the public cant risk getting hurt by trying to find the offices. Andrews states all the labor would be done by the highway crew. Along with the addition I would like to pave the parking lot, there are many potholes and people walking though have a chance of falling. He states I don't want to blame anybody but three years ago it was allowed for a company to rip up the Blacktop and not was not made to re blacktop it. I am asking for \$87,000 designated from the ARPA money, it will begin within the first two weeks of September. Councilor Johnston states we should do something to spruce up the break room and bathroom in the back for the safety of the employees and it is time for it to be done. Superintendent Andrews states this won't take long at all, we are very lucky that most of our employees have so many other trades as well. Update on the roads, the Wheeler, Clark and Hick Road shoulders are done. Truck is fixed as well was three small filters. The Village of Malone reached out to me as well to let me know their paving starts August 21.

RESOLUTION 203-2023

On a motion by Supervisor Stewart, seconded by Councilor Johnston the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes- 4 Stewart, Taylor, Walbridge, Johnston
Nays 0

Approval for the Town of Brandon to purchase the 10-inch Tarco Slide in Sander for \$2,500

RESOLUTION 204-2023

On a motion by Supervisor Stewart, seconded by Councilor Johnston the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes- 4 Stewart, Taylor, Walbridge, Johnston
Nays 0

**RESOLUTION
Use of ARPA Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds**

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan (ARPA) Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund, enacted in June, 2021 provides funding to State, Local and Tribal governments to address the myriad of economic, financial, and public safety needs due to the Covid 19 pandemic, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Malone submitted a request to receive funds under this program, and

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WHEREAS, the Town of Malone has been allocated \$869,535.84 as follows: \$434,767.91 was received in July, 2021 and July 2022, respectively, by the Office of the NYS Comptroller, and

WHEREAS, specific criteria for use of these monies include a response to the public health emergency and its negative economic impacts and loss of revenue, capital improvements in public facilities to meet pandemic operational needs and/or mitigation tactics, with monies to be obligated by the end of 2024, and expended by the end of 2026, and

WHEREAS, on May 10, 2023, \$317,425.37 of remaining ARPA Funds were designated to Capital Improvements to Town of Malone facilities, roads, and infrastructure.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Malone does hereby designate \$87,000.00 of the designated funds to the Town of Malone Highway Department for a Garage Addition/Paving project.

CORRESPONDENCE:

From Friends of the North Country: Update NYS CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Grant 689HR305-21

From Nancy Legacy: Resignation as Court Clerk, with last workday July 21, 2023. Justice June Fisher states she wants to thank Nancy for everything she has done for the courts and has done a lot for the courts.

RESOLUTION 205-2023

On a motion by Supervisor Stewart, seconded by Councilor Walbridge the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes- 4 Stewart, Taylor, Walbridge, Johnston
Nays 0

Acceptance of Nancy Legacy's resignation letter with regret.

RESOLUTION 206-2023

On a motion by Supervisor Stewart, seconded by Councilor Walbridge the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes- 4 Stewart, Taylor, Walbridge, Johnston
Nays 0

Approval to post notice of Help Wanted on the website, Facebook, newspaper and the board.

NEW BUSINESS:

Justice June Fisher stated Denice McClain has agreed to work more hours to help out the court for the time being until the position is filled. Denice is currently part time 15 hours per week and is willing to work more, she definitely has been a big asset for us.

Airport Manager Bruce Burditt spoke about the FFA Wind Towers and wants us all to still send in or post it on their webpage to stop this project. He has spoken to Bill Keefer who is part of the FFA and has not had much to say.

BILLS FOR AUDIT & PAYMENT:

Batch No. 1208, 1210

Voucher Nos. 557-559, 603-611

<i>General Fund (A)</i>	<i>\$45,977.61</i>
<i>Part Town General Fund (B)</i>	<i>3,282.00</i>
<i>Highway Town Wide (DA)</i>	<i>97.99</i>
<i>Highway Outside (DB)</i>	<i>49,434.72</i>
<i>East Side Water Fund (FE)</i>	<i>193.00</i>
<i>Trust & Agency (T)</i>	<i>1,857.37</i>
<i>Escrow Capital Project (H2)</i>	<i>1,984.50</i>
<i>Consolidated Highway Improvement (H3)</i>	<i>217,239.13</i>

GRAND TOTAL

\$320,066.32

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RESOLUTION 207-2023 Bills

Upon Motion by Councilor Walbridge, second by Councilor Johnston the following resolution was.

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Stewart, Johnston, Taylor, Walbridge
Nays 0

Resolved to pay the bills listed.

RESOLUTION 208-2023 Adjourn

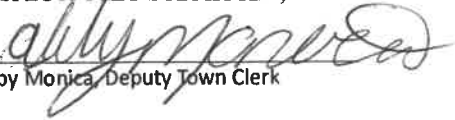
Upon Motion of Councilor Johnston, second by Councilor Taylor the following resolution was.

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Stewart, Johnston, Taylor, Walbridge
Nays 0

Resolved to adjourn Regular board meeting at 6:52 P.M on July 12, 2023.

The next Regular Board Meeting will be July 26, 2023, at 6:00 P.M. at 27 Airport Rd. Malone, NY 12953.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



Abby Monica, Deputy Town Clerk