

TOWN OF MALONE  
REGULAR MEETING  
June 8, 2022

A Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Malone, County of Franklin and the State of New York was held at the Town Offices, 27 Airport Road, Malone, NY on the 8th day of June 2022.

**PRESENT:** Andrea Stewart Supervisor  
Terry Maguire Deputy Supervisor  
Jody Johnston Councilor  
Paul Walbridge Councilor

**ABSENT:** Brian Taylor Councilor

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Denice Hudson, Budget Officer	Dr. Gerald Cahill, Rec Park
Jean Marlow, Town Clerk	Jennifer Hathaway, Rec Park
Michael Andrews, Highway Superintendent	Carol Ann Lashomb, Rec Park
John Manley, Deputy Highway Superintendent	Wanda Murtagh, Homeward Bound
Alex Violo, Malone Telegram	Valerie Ainsworth, Homeward Bound
Jack LaDuke, News Media	

Supervisor Stewart called the Regular Meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ARPA Fund Presentation**

The Town applied for and received \$869,535.84 in ARPA funds. The town determined the best use for this money is non-profit organizations that were impacted by the pandemic. Last year some of these funds were distributed, and at the May 25, 2022 meeting, it was determined to distribute more of these funds to Homeward Bound, The Rec Park though Dr. Cahill Foundation, Malone Cemetery Association and Malone Fish and Game Club. Representatives from Homeward Bound and Malone Rec Park were in attendance. They talked about what they are doing in their organizations and thanked the Board for the recognition and the money they are receiving. The Board members then presented them with their checks.

**MINUTES:**

**RESOLUTION 162 - 2022 – Minutes**

On a motion of Deputy Supervisor Maguire seconded by Councilor Walbridge the following resolution was

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

Resolved to approve the following minutes:

***May 25, 2022 – Regular Meeting***

**RESOLUTION 163 - 2022 – Minutes**

On a motion of Councilor Walbridge seconded by Deputy Supervisor Maguire the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Stewart, Maguire, Walbridge  
Nays 0

Resolved to approve the following minutes:

***June 2, 2022 – Special Meeting***

*\*Councilor Johnston abstained from voting, as he was not present at this meeting.*

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**REPORTS:**

**RESOLUTION 164 - 2022 – Reports**

On a motion of Councilor Walbridge seconded by Deputy Supervisor Maguire the following resolution was

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

Resolved to approve the following reports:

*Airport Manager* – May 2022  
*Justice Fisher* – May 2022  
*Office of Comptroller, Justice Court Fund* – April 2022  
*Town Clerk* – May 2022  
*Budget to Actual* – May 2022  
*Supervisor's Report* – May 2022

**OLD BUSINESS:**

*Auctions International:* The auction closed on June 2, 2022 and all but a few items have been sold. Some buyers have already picked up their items. The amount that the auction made was \$303,730.50. The Board was very pleased with the auction and thanked all that were involved for making it successful.

*Vacant Positions:* There are two vacant positions and an alternate position open on the Planning Board. There is also a vacant Deputy Town Clerk position.

**SUPERVISOR REPORT:**

**RESOLUTION 165 - 2022 – MCF Physicals**

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

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

Resolved to give permission for Supervisor Stewart to sign the MCF Physicals for Robert Miles, and add them to the County Self Insurance Plan.

**RESOLUTION 166 - 2022 – CDBG 2021 Housing Grant**

On a motion of Councilor Johnston seconded by Deputy Supervisor Maguire the following resolution was

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

Resolved to approve that the Town of Malone will only assist clients who have equity available based on their fair market value and any applicable liens.

*Section 205 Study:* The Army Corps of Engineers has been approved for funding for a Section 205 Study of the Salmon River for ice jams, and all the issues we deal with annually. There was a kick off meeting last Friday June 3, 2022 and the next meeting is this Friday June 10, 2022. In the meantime, we have received a questionnaire and list of required documentation to prepare for this meeting to give them an idea of the impact/burden that these floods cause the community. They will be on site later this month to view in person.

**SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS:**

-The Highway Committee met to discuss the open Seasonal Laborer position. Seven resumes were received. The Committee agreed that Austin LaBrake, who has been working with the Highway through the BOCES program, should be hired for that position.

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**RESOLUTION 167 - 2022 – Hire Austin LaBrake – Highway Seasonal Laborer**

On a motion of Councilor Johnston seconded by Deputy Supervisor Maguire the following resolution was

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

Resolved to hire Austin LaBrake to the Seasonal Laborer position in the Highway Department, at a rate of \$13.20 per hour, to start as soon as possible after all the appropriate paperwork is complete.

-The YMCA parking lot paving is complete. Superintendent Andrews ran in to a few issues with cars parked on the lot that were not using the YMCA. He would like the Board to approve putting signs up that state the lots at the YMCA are for patrons only and all other vehicles will be towed. As a result, the following resolution was adopted:

**RESOLUTION 168 - 2022 – YMCA Parking Lot Signs**

On a motion of Deputy Supervisor Maguire seconded by Councilor Walbridge the following resolution was

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

Resolved to approve for Superintendent Andrews to put signs up at the YMCA parking lot stating parking lots are for YMCA patrons only and all other will be towed.

-Mr. Deuyour on Lower Park Street has had an ongoing water issue on his property when it rains. To solve the problem Superintendent Andrews would like to install a new culvert. It would need to run through a property owned by the estate of Paul Cantwell. He has received permission from them to go across the property with a culvert; they have even offered to give that land to the Town. After some discussion the board decided to begin with the letter of permission to use the property, install the culvert and then have further discussion regarding obtaining the land from his estate.

-The Highway Roof Project is still going on. The Village assisted the Town with the YMCA parking lot and the Town Highway crew has been helping the Village with milling. All the roadsides have been mowed and the crew has worked on grading roads.

-Superintendent Andrews would like to meet with the Highway Committee for ideas of what to do with the proceeds from the auction.

**BOARD MEMBER / COMMITTEE ITEMS:**

Councilor Walbridge attended the Rec Park meeting where they approved going forward with the bid they received to begin the Building Project. They have asked the Town Board to pass resolution supporting their decision. As a result, the following resolution was adopted:

**RESOLUTION 169 - 2022 – Support for Joint Rec Commission Building**

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

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

Resolved to support the Malone Joint Recreation Commission in their decision to expend \$218,000.00 for the building, \$29,750.00 for the window and door package, and to spend up to \$75,000.00 out of the J fund toward the new building at the Rec Park.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

*From NYS Dept. of Taxation and Finance:* State Equalization Rate for 2022 Assessment Roll of 68.50.

*From Friends of the North Country:* NYS Office of Community Renewal 2021 Housing Rehab Grant Status of Grant Progress.

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*From John Leclerc:* Interest in continuing service on Board of Variance and Appeals. New term would end 11/18/2025.

**RESOLUTION 170 - 2022 – Appoint John Leclerc to the Board of Variance and Appeals**

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

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

Resolved to appoint John Leclerc to the Board of Variance and Appeals, with a term ending 11/18/25.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**RESOLUTION 171 - 2022 – Journal Entry**

On a motion of Deputy Superintendent Maguire seconded by Councilor Johnston the following resolution was

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

Resolved to give permission for Budget Officer to make the following Journal Entry as Per Comptroller Notice for April 2022: From A690 Clearinghouse \$3,685.00 to A980 Revenues \$3,685.00 (A2610 court fines & fees).

**RESOLUTION 172 - 2022 – Journal Entry**

On a motion of Councilor Johnston seconded by Deputy Supervisor Maguire the following resolution was

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

Resolved to give permission for the Budget Officer to make the following journal entry for Brush & Weeds expenditures from DA9060.8 (Hospital & Medical Insurance) to DA5140.4 (Brush & Weeds Contractual) \$304.40.

**RESOLUTION 173 - 2021 – Bills for Audit and Payment**

On a motion of Deputy Supervisor Maguire seconded by Councilor Johnston the following resolution was

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

Resolved to approve the following:

**BILLS FOR AUDIT & PAYMENT:**

*Batch No. 939  
Voucher Nos. 519-555*

<i>General Fund (A)</i>	<i>\$23,289.76</i>
<i>Part Town (B)</i>	<i>99.52</i>
<i>Highway Townwide (DA)</i>	<i>304.40</i>
<i>Highway Outside (DB)</i>	<i>10,558.04</i>
<i>Trust and Agency (T)</i>	<i>427.98</i>
<i>East Water (FE)</i>	<i>123.87</i>
<i>Airport Capital Project (H4)</i>	<i>13,723.19</i>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$48,526.76</b>

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**RESOLUTION 174 - 2021 – Adjourn**

On a motion of Councilor Walbridge seconded by Deputy Supervisor Maguire the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Stewart, Maguire, Johnston, Walbridge

Nays 0

Resolved to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 6:47 p.m. There is a Public Hearing and Regular Town Board Meeting scheduled for June 22, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,**

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**JEAN MARLOW, TOWN CLERK**