

Town of Malone
Regular Board Meeting
January 25th 2012

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A regular meeting of the Malone Town Board was held Wednesday January 25th 2012, at the Malone Town Offices, 27 Airport Rd., Malone, NY, commencing at 6:00pm.

PRESENT: Supervisor Howard Maneely
Deputy Supervisor Paul Walbridge
Councilor Louise Taylor
Councilor John Sullivan
Councilor Mary Scharf

ALSO PRESENT: Susan Hafter, Town Clerk
Sherri Smith, Deputy Town Clerk
Lillian-Anderson Duffy, Town Attorney

Ronnie Benware, Malone	Floyd A. Lamica, Malone	John Picaro, Malone
Brandon Picaro, Malone	Timothy LaMay, Malone	William Lamica, Malone
Martin Lamica, Malone	Scott Lamica, Malone	Steve Garneau, <u>ComLinks</u>
Sam Brody, Malone	Robert Brody, Westville	Darrell Lamica, Malone
Judy Lamica, Malone	Rupert Lamica, Malone	Joseph Lamica, Malone
Bruce A. Monette, III, Malone	Mike Sharrow, Malone	Dan Doust, Fulton
Rachel Selsky, <u>Camoin Associates</u>	Rob Camoin, <u>Camoin Associates</u>	
Trisha Livernois, <u>Malone Telegram</u>		

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Maneely called the meeting to order at 6:00pm, with a pledge to the flag.

PRESENTATION TO BOARD:

6:00 PM – Camoin Associates: Rob Camoin, addressed the Board in regard to the administration of a Micro-enterprise grant. He said his firm has extensive experience with this and other grant programs. He noted their history of success with the Village and Town of Malone, garnering \$3.7 million in funding, including the 2010 Micro-enterprise program. Rachel Selsky, an associate at Camoin spoke of the eligibility factors, application and selection process, environmental review, administrative, monitoring, reporting and close-out requirements involved with Micro-enterprise. The application spells out the amount of money allowed for program delivery \$18,000 and administration \$8,000.00. She said Camoin would do all the necessary work for the amount noted, with no cost to the Town. A written proposal was submitted with the presentation. Councilor Scharf commented that she would have liked more advance time to study the proposal.

6:15 PM –Comlinks: Steve Garneau addressed the Board for ComLinks, a local agency interested in administering the Town Micro-enterprise grant. He read aloud a proposal outlining the history, purpose and goals of the agency. He said their services target low-income families and businesses and his particular specialty is in housing. He estimated a cost of 5 – 8% of the award for administration and 5- 7% for delivery (around \$30,000.00) to administer the Town grant. He submitted a written proposal for Board review. Councilor Scharf reiterated that she would have liked advance time for study.

Cartier International – Bob Brody addressed the Board for Cartier International, a firm that submitted qualifications in regard to the Micro-enterprise grant. He was told that a second RFP would be going out, due to the non-specificity of the first request. He was unaware that other firms would have the opportunity to address the Board with a presentation, and would have liked the opportunity to do the same. He concluded by saying that his firm would provide all deliverables for \$26,000.00.

Lower Park Street Residents – Ron Benware, a resident of Lower Park Street in the Town of Malone, addressed the board on behalf of those residents who have been affected by repeated flooding in their neighborhood. He spoke of the silt deposits choking off the natural flow of the river, the damage to fish habitat and sport and especially the flood damage to homes and wells. He said that although the Army Corps of Engineers is

aware and has inspected the problems 6 years ago, they have done no follow up. Mr. Benware asked that the Town, Village and County get involved in finding a solution to the flooding problems and restoring the river. He wants the NYS DEC and Brookfield Management to be involved also. Supervisor Maneely said he is waiting for a report on

the Survey done by ACE three years ago. Councilor Scharf suggested a committee be formed to petition our State and Federal representatives for assistance. Supervisor Maneely said the Town will take the initiative on this issue and report progress to Mr. Benware.

MINUTES & REPORTS:

Supervisor Maneely WAIVED acceptance of the minutes for the regular meeting of 1/11/12 as the Board has not had ample time to review.

Motion – Deputy Supervisor Walbridge

Second – Councilor Sullivan

Resolved (# 25-2012): to accept the following reports as presented and place on file: Superintendent of Highways – 12/2011

Airport Manager – 12/2011 Justice Court – 12/2011

CARRIED (5 - 0) – Supervisor Maneely - Aye Deputy Supervisor Walbridge – Aye Councilor Sullivan - Aye Councilor Taylor - Aye Councilor Scharf - Aye

OLD BUSINESS:

Fire Protection Contract – (Tabled from 12/28/11 & 1/11/12) Attorney Anderson-Duffy reported that she has not had a chance to review the proposed 2012 contract. She shares Councilor Scharf's concerns in regard to the hold harmless clause and she wants to confer with the DOS in regard to Town responsibilities.

West Side Water District – Attorney Anderson-Duffy reported that all the documents related to Bonding for hydrant repair in the West Side Water District, have been sent to Bond Counsel, with copies to board members. She asked that Supervisor Maneely join her in a call to bond counsel to finalize the process.

Dog Control Agreement – Attorney Anderson-Duffy said her assistant had delivered the completed dog control contract for 2012 to the Town offices today, but she was mistaken. The assistant picked up a working copy of the agreement from the office today.

Joint Recreation Commission – A vacancy exists on the Joint Recreation Committee, requiring Town Board appointment.

SUPERVISOR REPORTS

Water/Sewer -

Motion – Deputy Supervisor Walbridge

Second – Councilor Taylor

Resolved (# 26-2012): that the Town Board approves the application by Cerebral Palsy of the North Country for water and sewer service in the IDA Park.

CARRIED (5 - 0) – Supervisor Maneely - Aye Deputy Supervisor Walbridge – Aye Councilor Sullivan - Aye Councilor Taylor - Aye Councilor Scharf - Aye

Schedule Change -

Motion – Deputy Supervisor Walbridge

Second – Councilor Taylor

Resolved (# 27-2012): that the Malone Town Board alters the regular meeting schedule for February, due to The NYSAT Conference; and will hold 1 meeting only, at 6:00pm, Wednesday February 15th 2012.

CARRIED (5 - 0) – Supervisor Maneely - Aye Deputy Supervisor Walbridge – Aye Councilor Sullivan - Aye Councilor Taylor - Aye Councilor Scharf - Aye

Ethics Policy – The Attorney General's Office has sent a letter advising of the requirement for local governments to have a Code of Ethics and a Board of Ethics, and

asking that each municipality send a copy of their code to the Office of the Attorney General. Supervisor Maneely referred the matter to the Policy Committee – Councilors Sullivan and Scharf.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 6:58pm Motion – Supervisor Maneely

Second – Deputy Supervisor Walbridge

Resolved (# 28-2012): that the Town Board enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a personnel issue with all Board Members and the Town Attorney to be present.

CARRIED (5 - 0) – Supervisor Maneely - Aye Deputy Supervisor Walbridge – Aye Councilor Sullivan - Aye Councilor Taylor - Aye Councilor Scharf - Aye

At 7:23pm the executive session ended and the regular meeting resumed.

SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS REPORT:

Superintendent of Highways Shanty was not present to report, but the department has been busy dealing with ice and flood monitoring. Deputy Supervisor Walbridge praised Superintendent Shanty for his efforts in the relocation and rebuilding of the greenhouse at the North Star Industries site. The Deputy Supervisor credited Supervisor Maneely with bringing the project to fruition.

BOARD MEMBER/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilor Scharf – distributed to the Board a chart, rating consultant proposals for Micro-Enterprise and other grant consultant services that have been received by the town since 12/14/2011.

NEW BUSINESS:

Grants Consultant -

Motion – Councilor Sullivan

Second – Deputy Supervisor Walbridge

Resolved (# 28-2012): that the Malone Town Board appoints Boyce Sherwin to administer the Town of Malone Micro Enterprise grant program.

Discussion – Councilor Sullivan stated that the decision was made to keep the Town’s business local. Supervisor Maneely said that the decision was also based on experience; and that he has worked with Mr. Sherwin through MEDCO. Councilor Scharf said she must abstain due to her personnel relationship with the Sherwin family.

CARRIED (4- 0 - 1) – Supervisor Maneely - Aye Deputy Supervisor Walbridge – Aye Councilor Sullivan - Aye Councilor Taylor - Aye Councilor Scharf - Abstain

Senior Tax Exemption - Councilor Taylor requested the Board consider raising the income ceiling level for Senior Tax exemption. She reported that amount has been the same for the last 10 years, at \$13,500.00. She said conversation with low income seniors has made her realize that a change is needed. She said Assessor Cashman made a similar request a few years ago, but the Board did not act on it. He estimated that raising the ceiling to \$20,000.00 would affect about 60 senior households and cost the taxpayers about 1 cent per thousand in taxes.

Motion – Councilor Taylor

Second – Councilor Scharf

Resolved (# 29-2012): that the Town Board raises the income ceiling from \$13,500.00 to \$20,000.00 for senior taxpayers (65 years of age and older) to be eligible for the senior tax exemption offered in the Town of Malone.

CARRIED (4- 0 - 1) – Supervisor Maneely - Aye Deputy Supervisor Walbridge – Aye Councilor Sullivan - Aye Councilor Taylor - Aye Councilor Scharf - Aye

CORRESPONDENCE:

From Malone Golf Club – Liquor License renewal notice

BILLS FOR AUDIT & PAYMENT:

Motion – Deputy Supervisor Walbridge **Second** – Councilor Sullivan

Resolved (# 30 - 2011): that the following bills, having been audited,
vouchers #67-110 , be paid:

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General Fund- Abstract #2	2011	\$ 2,993.58
	2012	45,901.45
		48,895.03
Part Town General – Abs. #2	2011	4,000.00
	2012	639.96
		4,639.96
Airport Cap. Proj. Abs. # 1		7,113.40
CDBG – Abs. #1		10,446.92
East Side Water – Abs. #2		14,470.01
West Side Water – Abs. #2		17,686.29
Trust & Agency- Abstract #2		157,544.61
Highway DB- Abstract #2	2011	<u>2,188.97</u>
Grand Total		\$ 262,985.19

**CARRIED (5 - 0) – Supervisor Maneely - Aye Deputy Supervisor Walbridge – Aye
Councilor Sullivan - Aye Councilor Taylor - Aye Councilor Scharf - Aye**

ADJOURN:

At 7: 45 Motion - Deputy Supervisor Walbridge

Second – Councilor Sullivan

Resolved (# -2012): there being no further business to come before
the Board that it adjourn, with the next regular meeting to be 6:00pm,
February 15th 2012 with an IDA meeting to precede it at 5:45pm.

**CARRIED (5 - 0) – Supervisor Maneely - Aye Deputy Supervisor Walbridge – Aye
Councilor Sullivan - Aye Councilor Taylor - Aye Councilor Scharf - Aye**

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

SUSAN M. HAFTER, TOWN CLERK
February 14th 2012

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