

**Town of Malone  
Regular Board Meeting**

A regular meeting of the Malone Town Board was held Wednesday, July 24<sup>th</sup> 2013, 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  
Andrea Stewart, Budget Officer  
Lillian-Anderson Duffy, Town Attorney  
Tim Lashomb, Malone      Arianna MacNeill, Malone Telegram

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

**MINUTES & REPORTS:**

**Motion** – Councilor Taylor

**Second** – Councilor Scharf

**Resolved (#148-2013):** to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of 7.10.2013 as presented and place on file.

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

**Motion** – Deputy Supervisor Walbridge

**Second** – Councilor Taylor

**Resolved (# 149-2013):** to accept the following reports for review and filing as presented and place on file:

Supervisor – 6/13; Supt. of Highways – 6/13; Airport Manager – 6/13

NYS Comptroller Justice Court report – 6/13; Judges Lamitie & Cositore – 6/13

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Robinson Circle –**

A local businessman, Scott Robinson, has proposed a trade of real property with the Town of Malone, which would provide through traffic from the entrance to Robinson Circle (formerly Grand View Drive) to State Route 37, by way of Mr. Robinson's current driveway. He would take possession of the circle which is currently used as a school bus and emergency vehicle turn-around on the dead-end road. Supervisor Maneely has received a letter from the Malone Callfiremen, Inc. stating that they have no objection, as long as the road will support 35 tons. Town Attorney Anderson-Duffy visited the site with MCS Bus Garage Superintendent Dominic Barse, who said the steep incline and narrow shoulders would be a concern. Attorney Duffy said a legal description would be required, to the end of Robinson Circle. Supervisor Maneely turned the issue over to the Highway Committee to determine cost and feasibility of the proposed project.

**SUPERVISOR REPORTS:**

**Micro Enterprise Grant 2010/11** – Supervisor Maneely reported that the close-out for the MEDCO/Camoin administered grant project 689ME-693-10 is delinquent and must be submitted by July 26<sup>th</sup> 2013. He spoke with Gordon Dewberry, former director of MEDCO and was told that the necessary paperwork and monies for closure are at the Malone Village. The Supervisor has left a message for Rachel Selsky of Camoin Associates, asking that they complete the work.

**Grant Council Meeting** – A meeting of the Regional Economic Development Council will be held in Malone, August 6<sup>th</sup> – details and registration is on-line.

**Certiorari** – 3 notices of claim have been were received, from: K-Mart, K-Mart Plaza, and Border Patrol. The agreement with Border Patrol calls for a 3-year no-claim period. Attorney Duffy will check into the discrepancy.

**Malone Collegetown Communiversity -**

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**Motion** – Councilor Sullivan

**Second** – Councilor Taylor

**Resolution # 150-2013**

**Resolved:** that the Malone Town Board heartily supports the Consolidated Funding Application by North Country Community College to expand their operations into the heart of the Village of Malone; and

**Further Resolved:** that the Board authorizes Supervisor Maneely to sign a letter of support for the NCREDC CFA titled Malone College Town Communiiversity.

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

Councilor Scharf asked whether the properties involved would stay in private hands, and on the tax rolls. Tim Lashomb answered that the buildings will remain in private ownership. Deputy Supervisor Walbridge said he would like to see local businesses develop downtown, rather than chains.

**BOARD MEMBER/COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Solar Power Initiative**

**Councilor Scharf** –reported on a Chamber of Commerce sponsored meeting, where Kimberly DeChance of SciTech in Potsdam, made a presentation. Larson Engineers, representing a group of investors and working through a state initiative (NYSERDA), is offering solar equipment, free of charge and with discounted electric costs, for 20 years. They are looking for “big roofs” and sometimes use solar panels as cover for parking lots. Councilor Scharf asked permission to pursue the opportunity, along with Councilor Sullivan, for the Town. There were no objections.

**Supervisor Maneely** said that in a related matter, he has responded with interest to a state inquiry about the use of the closed landfills as solar parks.

**Storm Damage**

**Councilor Sullivan** asked what is being done about the flood damage on Webster Street Road. Supervisor Maneely said Franklin County has secured an attorney to assist with disaster funding and repair. He attended a meeting this morning on the topic.

**Shared Municipal Garage**

**Councilor Scharf** reported that a new design has been prepared for the proposed shared school/town garage, which would be eligible for 90% funding. Attorney Duffy said we need FAA approval for the site.

**Motion** – Deputy Supervisor Walbridge

**Second** – Councilor Sullivan

**Resolved (#151-2013):** that the Town Board authorizes Attorney Anderson-Duffy to work with Sean Bray of Passero Associates, to seek permission from the FAA for excluding the building site for a shared municipal garage from airport property.

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

**Focus on Ferals**

**Councilor Sullivan** approved the letter of request for funding from Focus on Ferals, which assures the Town Board the money will be used for stray (not feral) cats

**Motion** – Councilor Sullivan

**Second** – Councilor Scharf

**Resolved (#152-2013):** to approve funding for Focus on Ferals, as per their letter of request.

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

**SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS REPORT:**

**Superintendent of Highways Shanty** was not present to report. Supervisor Maneely reported that California Road is now open and work continues on Studley Hill Road to repair flooding damage.

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**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Sewer Upgrade/ Construction Bid Evaluation** – Supervisor Maneely said that easements necessary for the sewer project are being processed and a pre-construction meeting will soon be scheduled. It is expected that the project will be completed before winter.

**Motion** – Deputy Supervisor Walbridge

**Second** – Councilor Taylor

**Resolved (#153-2013):** that the Town Board accept the bid from Fiacco Construction, in the amount of \$324,400.00, for West Side Sewer District Upgrade, as recommended by Kevin Hickey of C2AE and as approved (as to form) by Town Attorney Duffy.

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**From NYS Comptroller** retirement reporting forms for elected & appointed officials.

**From Franklin County IDA,** request for letter of support

**Motion** – Deputy Supervisor Walbridge

**Second** – Councilor Scharf

**Resolved (#154-2013):** that the Malone Town Board will offer a letter of support for the CFA (grant application) to the NCEDC, by the Franklin County IDA, in the amount of \$380,000, for the purpose of putting a new roof on the IDA owned former Cleyn & Tinker building

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Motion** – Deputy Supervisor Walbridge

**Second** – Councilor Taylor

**Resolved (#155 -2013):** that the Malone Town Board authorizes to Budget Officer Stewart to transfer \$6,448.00 from A690 Clearinghouse account to A2610, Court fees & fines, as per the Comptroller notice for the month of June 2013.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**At 6:37pm \* Motion** – Supervisor Maneely

**Second** – Deputy Supervisor Walbridge

**Resolved (#156 - 2013):** that the Town Board enter into Executive Session pertaining to the employment history of, and matters leading to, the employment, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person; and for potential litigation, with Board Members and 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 6:47 pm, the executive session ended and the regular meeting resumed with no action taken.

**BILLS FOR AUDIT & PAYMENT:**

**Motion** – Deputy Supervisor Walbridge

**Second** – Councilor Taylor

**Resolved (#157 - 2013):** that the following bills, having been audited, vouchers #636 - 668, be paid:

General Fund – Abstract #15	\$22,523.87
Part Town General- #13	11.68
Highway Outside (DB) Fund - #14	2,947.83
Airport Capital Project - #7	2,021.40
Agency Fund - #28	<u>32,759.99</u>

**Grand Total:** \$60,364.77

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

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**ADJOURN:**

**At 6:50pm Motion - Councilor**

**Second – Councilor**

**Resolved (#158 -2013):** there being no further business to come before the Board that it adjourn, with the next regular meeting to be held August 21, 2013, at 6:00pm 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,**

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**SUSAN M. HAFTER, TOWN CLERK**

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