

MINUTES

Public Hearing & Regular Town Council Meeting, Town of Massena

Date/Time: Wednesday February 16, 2022 at 5:30 PM

Location: Massena Town Hall

LIVE-STREAMED ON FACEBOOK

ATTENDANCE:

MEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Supervisor Susan Bellor	X	
Board Member Thomas Miller	X	
Board Member Patrick Facticeau	X	
Board Member Adrian Taraska	X	
Board Member Debra Willer	X	

ALSO PRESENT:

Jeannine Brouse, Town Clerk; Brenda Mossow, Secretary/Bookkeeper; Frank Diagostino, Highway and Airport
Eric Gustafson, Town Attorney; Austyn Allen, IT; Joe Savoca, Library Board; Members of the Press; Members of
the Public. Vance Fleury, Planning Board; Shawn Burke, Planning Board; Brooks Washburn, Architect; Dan
Ramsey, Attorney with Snider & Smith; Dave Grant, Planning Board; James Murphy, BDC;

The Supervisor opened the meeting with the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

Called to order at 5:30 PM

Public Hearing: Board Member Miller and Board Member Facticeau motion to open the public hearing. The public hearing opened at 5:32 PM. Supervisor Bellor read the following:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Massena will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, February 16, 2022 at 5:30 PM in the Massena Town Hall, 60 Main Street, Massena, New York for the purpose of considering a local law extending the moratorium on cryptocurrency mining operations in the Town of Massena. A copy of the draft local law is available for public inspection at the office of the Massena Town Clerk.

Supervisor Bellor opened the floor to the public for their input. Concerned citizens, Diane Major, Joe Gray, Sue Gray, Steve LaVack, David Fenton, and others all voiced their concerns regarding the impact of the Cryptocurrency Business and what it may mean for our area, both economical and environmental. The overall consensus was at the very least to extend the moratorium. Some members of the public do not want it here at all. Dan Ramsey who is a Attorney with Snider and Smith and who represents interested parties for Cryptocurrency, was asked about the construction of a building (how large) and how many jobs it would create. He did not have any answers at this time.

Concerns were raised again as to why they wish to rezone residential property to industrial when we already have large amounts of industrial property sitting vacant. Concerns were also raised as to what becomes of the equipment that is no longer used or working. Attorney Eric Gustafson stated that until there are more regulated guidelines for this business it is better to extend the Moratorium.

Supervisor Bellor thanked everyone for their input. Motion by Board Member Miller and Board Member Facticeau to close the Public Hearing at 6:14 PM.

Announcements / Notifications

Supervisor Bellor announced the retirement of Tim Germano from the Massena Highway Department and thanked him for his years of service to the Town of Massena.

Supervisor Bellor acknowledged John Gustafson and congratulated him on his wonderful run on the US Olympic Luge Team for the Winter Olympics in Beijing China.

Board Member Miller proposed that when Johnny Gustafson is once again in Massena that the Town put together

a celebration in his honor.
 Supervisor Bellor thanked all of the Board Members of the Massena Rescue Squad for all of their years of service.

Presentations / Discussions.

Frank Diagostino spoke briefly on the FAA requirements for Fix Base Aircraft at the Massena International Airport

Resolution 36 - 2022					
Approval to extend the Moratorium on Cryptocurrency in the Town of Massena until April 30, 2022, with the understanding that it can be extended again if needed.					
Motion by:	Miller	Vote:			
Second by:	Facteau	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
	Susan Bellor	X			
	Thomas Miller	X			
	Patrick Facteau	X			
	Adrian Taraska	X			
	Debra Willer	X			
Motion is Carried.					

Resolution 37 - 2022					
Approval of the minutes for January 19, 2022					
Motion by:	Willer	Vote:			
Second by:	Facteau	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
	Susan Bellor	X			
	Thomas Miller	X			
	Patrick Facteau	X			
	Adrian Taraska	X			
	Debra Willer	X			
Motion is Carried.					

Resolution 38 - 2022					
Approval to hire an outside firm to perform the IFE for the Runway 5-23 Project. IFE costs are reimbursable (at least 95%). C&S will provide IFE materials that can be used to get cost quotes from various companies to perform the IFE.					
Motion by:	Miller	Vote:			
Second by:	Taraska	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
	Susan Bellor	X			
	Thomas Miller	X			
	Patrick Facteau	X			
	Adrian Taraska	X			
	Debra Willer	X			
Motion is Carried.					

Resolution 39 - 2022					
Approval for a one year service agreement with Trane for the HVAC Equipment Coverage in the amount of \$3,518.00 (annual) \$293.17 (monthly).					
Motion by:	Facteau	Vote:			
Second by:	Willer	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
	Susan Bellor	X			
	Thomas Miller	X			

	Patrick Facticeau	X			
	Adrian Taraska	X			
	Debra Willer	X			
Motion is Carried.					

Resolution 40 - 2022					
Formal approval from the Town Board for the Transmission Project with Barton & Loguidice.					
Motion by:	Miller	Vote:			
Second by:	Taraska	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
	Susan Bellor	X			
	Thomas Miller	X			
	Patrick Facticeau	X			
	Adrian Taraska	X			
	Debra Willer	X			
Motion is Carried.					

Resolution 41 - 2022					
Approval to advertise for MEO for the Highway Department to replace Tim Germano.					
Motion by:	Facticeau	Vote:			
Second by:	Miller	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
	Susan Bellor	X			
	Thomas Miller	X			
	Patrick Facticeau	X			
	Adrian Taraska	X			
	Debra Willer	X			
Motion is Carried.					

Resolution 42 - 2022					
Approval for Linda McQuinn to administer the Massena Market NY Grant (CFA #111505) for no more than \$5,000.00 which will be paid by the grant.					
Motion by:	Miller	Vote:			
Second by:	Facticeau	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
	Susan Bellor	X			
	Thomas Miller	X			
	Patrick Facticeau	X			
	Adrian Taraska	X			
	Debra Willer	X			
Motion is Carried.					

Resolution 43 - 2022					
Approval to hire a representative through C&S Engineers for the Resident project for the East Massena Waterline Project that will start in Spring 2022.					
Motion by:	Facticeau	Vote:			
Second by:	Will	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
	Susan Bellor	X			
	Thomas Miller	X			
	Patrick Facticeau	X			
	Adrian Taraska	X			
	Debra Willer	X			

Motion is Carried.				
Resolution 44 - 2022				
Approval from the Town Board to accept the proposal from C&S Engineers to render construction observation services in connection with the east Massena Water Line Project for a weekly fee of \$5,765.00. This will include the costs of all direct labor, milage, per diem expenses, and materials, tools and incidentals associated with the C&S's performance of the basic services.				
Motion by:	Facteau	Vote:		
Second by:	Willer	Aye	Nay	Abstain
	Susan Bellor	X		
	Thomas Miller	X		
	Patrick Facteau	X		
	Adrian Taraska	X		
	Debra Willer	X		

Motion is Carried.				
Resolution 45 - 2022				
Approval from the Town Supervisor to approve 2% raise for four part-time employees at the Massena Public Library effective January 1, 2022. A budget amendment will be done. There will be no financial burden to the taxpayers.				
Motion by:	Willer	Vote:		
Second by:	Taraska	Aye	Nay	Abstain
	Susan Bellor	X		
	Thomas Miller	X		
	Patrick Facteau	X		
	Adrian Taraska	X		
	Debra Willer	X		

Resolution 46 - 2022			
<u>WARRANT #2A</u>			
<u>2021 INVOICES</u>			
FUND	DESCRIPTION		AMOUNT
A	GENERAL		\$81,452.38
B	GENERAL OUTSIDE		6,218.93
DA	HIGHWAY		1,007.63
HAC	TERMINAL APRON REHAB (CONST)		385.12
HCG	CARES ACT		20,570.00
HDA	RUNWAY 5-23 REHAB (DESIGN)		30,000.00
HFC	FENCE IMPROVEMENTS & STAB (CONST)		30,804.83
HGR	GA APRON REHAB (CONST)		36,782.09
HNO	N RACQUETTE WATERLINE REPLACEMENT		230.00
HRC	TAXIWAY "C" REHAB (CONST)		55,925.34
HRR	TERMINAL ACCESS ROAD DESIGN		20,000.00
L	LIBRARY		1,041.79
		TOTAL	\$284,418.11
	WARRANT #2A CHECK #S 49605 - 49627		\$88,618.51
	MANUAL CHECKS		<u>195,799.60</u>
		TOTAL	\$284,418.1
<u>WARRANT #2B</u>			

2022 INVOICES		
FUND	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
A	GENERAL	\$195,556.48
B	GENERAL OUTSIDE	47,679.09
DA	HIGHWAY	215,245.99
DB	HIGHWAY OUTSIDE	6,028.50
HNO	N RACQUETTE WATERLINE REPLACEMENT	1,003.80
HPC	DEPT OF PUBLIC WORKS	780.00
L	LIBRARY	21,596.75
SSM	SOUTH MAIN STREET SEWER	172.94
SWA	E MASSENA CONSOLIDATED WATER DISTRICT	7,587.44
TOTAL		\$495,650.99
WARRANT #2B CHECK #S 49628 - 49692		\$380,807.94
MANUAL CHECKS		114,843.05
TOTAL		\$495,650.99

Motion by:	Willer	Vote:			
Second by:	Facteau	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
	Susan Bellor	X			
	Thomas Miller	X			
	Patrick Facteau	X			
	Adrian Taraska	X			
	Debra Willer	X			
Motion is Carried.					

Resolution	47	-	2022		
Transfer and Amendments					
BUDGET & CASH TRANSFERS AND AMENDMENTS					
<p>CASH TRANSFER: TRANSFER \$500.00 from NBT Bank A/C#****8489 Town of Massena General Fund to NBT Bank A/C#****7891 Town of Massena – Dale Peets Jr. TRANSFER \$500.00 from NBT Bank A/C#****8489 Town of Massena General Fund at NBT Bank A/C#****2081 Town of Massena – Richard LaChance TRANSFER \$500.00 from NBT Bank A/C#****8489 Town of Massena General Fund At NBT Bank A/C#****9842 Town of Massena – Donald LaBaff TRANSFER \$500.00 from NBT Bank A/C#****8489 Town of Massena General Fund At NBT Bank A/C#****7891 Town of Massena – Dale Peets Jr. (These transfers will allow for a portion of the Town’s share of insurance deductibles deposited as needed.) TRANSFER \$270,694.27 from Town of Massena – Rescue Squad Billing A/C#5913 to Town of Massena General Fund A/C#****8489 at NBT Bank.</p> <p><i>(This transfer will reimburse the Town of Massena for Rescue Squad expenses for the 4th Qtr 2021 for \$139,383.20 and the balance of \$131,311.07 due to the Town of Massena. Rescue Squad was transferred over to the Village of Massena as of 01/01/2022.) TRANSFER \$1,605.00 from Attorney Contractual A/C# A.1420.400 to Attorney Contractual Hospital A/C# A.1420.400.4510 (This transfer will cover the over-run in this account due to creating a new general ledger account for Massena Memorial Hospital legal fees.) TRANSFER \$1,624.99 from General Repairs Contractual A/C# DB.5110.400 to General Repairs Equipment A/C# DB.5110.200 (This transfer will cover the over-run in this general ledger account.) TRANSFER \$25,378.29 from Town of Massena Supervisor Office A/C#****0120 to Town of Massena GA Apron Rehabilitation (Const) A/C#****3014 at Community Bank. (This transfer is for FAA#11.0) TRANSFER \$6,975.75 from Town of Massena Supervisor Office A/C#****0120 to Town of Massena Fence Improvements and Stabilization (Const) at Community Bank. (This transfer is for FAA#9.) TRANSFER \$47,553.35 from Town of Massena Supervisor Office A/C#****0120 to Town of Massena Fence Improvements and Stabilization (Const) A/C#****2081 at Community Bank. (This transfer is for FAA#10.) TRANSFER \$30,000.00 from the Town of Massena Supervisor Office A/C#****0120 to Town of Massena</i></p>					

Runway 5-23 Rehabilitation (Design) A/C#****2453 at Community Bank. *(This transfer is for FAA#13.)*
TRANSFER \$55,925.34 from the Town of Massena Supervisor Office A/C#****0120 to Town of Massena Taxiway “C” Rehabilitation (Const) a/c#****3113 at Community Bank. *(This transfer is for FAA#13.)*
TRANSFER \$9,500.00 from the Town of Massena Supervisor Office A/C#****0120 to Town of Massena Terminal Access Road (Design) a/C#****3725 at Community Bank. *(This transfer is for FAA#3)* **TRANSFER** \$9,500.00 from the Town of Massena Supervisor Office A/C#****0120 to Town of Massena Terminal Access Road (Design) a/C#****3725 at Community Bank. *(This transfer is for FAA#4.)* **TRANSFER** \$8,981.40 from the Town of Massena Supervisor Office A/C#****0120 to Town of Massena CARES Act A/C#****5241 at Community Bank. *(This transfer is for FAA#2)* **TRANSFER** \$20,570.00 from the Town of Massena Supervisor Office A/C#****0120 to Town of Massena CARES Act A/C#****5241 at Community Bank.

BUDGET AMENDMENT
INCREASE A/C# L.7410.100 Personnel Services \$1,567.80 **INCREASE** A/C# L.9030.800 Social Security \$97.20 **INCREASE** A/C# L.9035.800 Medicare \$22.74
DECREASE A/C# L.7410.410 Library Books and Periodicals \$1,687.74
 This budget amendment represents the 2% increase in wages for the four part-time employees at the Massena Public Library

Motion by:	Willer	Vote:			
Second by:	Facteau	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
	Susan Bellor	X			
	Thomas Miller	X			
	Patrick Facteau	X			
	Adrian Taraska	X			
	Debra Willer	X			
Motion is Carried.					

Committee Reports:
Report Submitted by Frank Diagostino
 Massena Town Board meeting February 16, 2022
Highway Department January 2022 out (14) times between Jan. 1 / Jan. 31, 2022 Worked 215 hours of overtime December 2021.
 Sunday 1/2/2022 Wednesday 1/19/22 Friday 1/7/2022 Sunday 1/23/22 Saturday 1/8/2022 Monday 1/24/22
 Sunday 1/9/2022 Wednesday 12/22/22 Wednesday 1/12/2022 Tuesday 1/25/22
 Thursday 1/13/2022 Thursday 1/28/22 Monday 1/17/2022 Friday 1/29/22 Tuesday 1/18/2022
 Performed maintenance (PM), repairs and service on plow trucks after each weather event. Received and pushed up 1014 tons of road salt. Remove snow from fire hydrants, catch basins, intersection, turn arounds and culdesac’s
 Replaced missing retaining bolt on payloaders lift arm.

Massena Airport
 Boutique Air numbers for January 2022 Enplaned 212, Deplaned 224, Total 436, landings 137. Cancelled for weather 32, Cancelled other 12, Total cancelled flights 44 for January 2022. Maintained runways and taxiways during weather events. Performed maintenance (PM), repairs and service on plow trucks, snowblower and tractors. Airport A12 pickup truck back in service week of 1/24/22, replaced turbo.
 Worked with Baseline King on light issue on Taxiway C, blowing bulbs made and adjustment on regulator in electrical vault. Repaired A55 20 ft plow replaced pin that secures hydraulic cylinder for plow angle position on left side of plow along with 3/8” 90 deg. hydraulic fitting that was damage when pin broke.

Massena Library
 No issues

Massena Museum
 Relaced flame detector on boiler.

Massena Town Hall
 No issues

Report Submitted by Debra Willer

Rescue Squad

The Rescue Squad Board of Managers met on February 8, 2022. Member Greg Fregoe was excused. Both Town liaisons were present. There were no representatives of MVEU in attendance; there were no members of the public. All remaining 2021 bills have been submitted to the Town for payment. A check from the insurance company for ambulance damages has been received and sent to the Town, who will then pay the vendor that completed the repairs. The board directed President Roger Bennett to send an email to Mayor Paquin, asking for follow-up with E-5 regarding the pending patient care reports from August 2021 that still need to be submitted for reimbursement to the Town. As was discussed at the January meeting, this is the final meeting of the Board of Managers. Members and liaisons thanked Roger for his many years of service to the board; they also thanked Greg Fregoe for his years of service.

Report Submitted by Debra Willer

Museum

The Museum Board met on February 10, 2022. All members were present as well as museum staff and Town Board Liaisons. During January there were 22 visitors to the museum, 255 “hits” on their website; there were 6 accessions and no deaccessions. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the need for storage. The current area at Hayden’s needs to be emptied (our contract ends 5/31/22). The Town Board liaisons presented an opportunity to move the storage items to the former Hallmark store at the St Lawrence Centre Mall. This area is 3,000 sq feet with a rear entrance to access the parking lot as well as a gated entrance to the mall; the area has a new roof. The mall is willing to offer us a rental price match to what we currently pay at Hayden’s. Moving can be handled by the Town Highway employees. The museum board is in favor of this arrangement and thinks it might be an opportunity to set up a small display in the front window area to advertise the museum. The board went on to discuss the possibility of working with the Village to obtain some of the DRI money; this money could help the museum to build their own secure storage area on site. More information will follow. The museum staff will continue to investigate other grants that may be available.

Reports by Sue Bellor

Sue’s Committee Reports February 2022

The Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors met on January 20th. The grant was submitted to support the Summer Concerts in the Park; 11 bands are scheduled from June 2 through August 18th. Letters were sent to members for dues and announcing sponsorship opportunities for the concerts. Discussed also was the golf tournament, and several activities were mentioned relevant to the Mega Reunion the first weekend of August. The next meeting is February 17th.

The Business Development Council met on February 9th. Supervisor Sue attended with excused absences of two liaisons. Discussion ensued about an insurance bill issue, and the audit from 2017 now received with two items missing with its invoiced bill. The BDC does not yet have a Comprehensive Plan but they plan to develop a committee for ideas. President Dan will assign members to committees.

The Ethics Board met on January 31st. Tim LaRose was named Chair and Jane Mogle-Besaw as Secretary. The committee began to review the Code of Ethics (adopted December 9, 1970) and compare it to Appendix A2-Code of Ethics in the Town of Massena Employee handbook (dated October 12, 2021). All articles I through IV were reviewed to modify verbiage and specific phrasings. As follow up, members will compare with the Model Code of Ethics for Local Governments and with Frequently Asked Questions to the current Code of Ethics, provided by NYS Office of the State Comptroller. They meet again on February 28th.

Old Business

<p>New Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Member Miller spoke with Matt Gray from MED regarding the lighting at the entrance to the Intake. It is very dark and unsafe. He proposed that a new light be placed to better illuminate that area.
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Resolution 48 - 2022					
Approval from the board to install new lighting at the Entrance to the Massena Intake at a cost of \$8.70 per month.					
Motion by:	Miller	Vote:			
Second by:	Facteau	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
	Susan Bellor	X			
	Thomas Miller	X			
	Patrick Facteau	X			
	Adrian Taraska	X			
	Debra Willer	X			
Motion is Carried.					

Next Scheduled Meeting (February 16, 2022 at 5:30 PM – Public Hearing and Special Meeting)
Closing 15-Minute Comment Period.
Closing Remarks
Executive Session Motion by Board Member Facteau , second by Board Member Miller to conduct an Executive Session to discuss litigation , Motion carried unanimously. The Board went into Executive Session at 6:55 PM.
Returned to Open Session at 7:50 PM
Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 7:51 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Jeannine L. Brouse