

**MINUTES**

**Regular Town Council Meeting, Town of Massena**  
**Date/Time:** Wednesday June 15, 2022 at 5:30 PM  
**Location:** Massena Town Hall  
**LIVE-STREAMED ON ZOOM**

**ATTENDANCE:**

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

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Jeannine Brouse, Town Clerk; Sean Lynch, Deputy 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, Linda McQuinn Fishing Don Meissner Fishing Nathan LaShomb, Forevermore Studio (Melissa Thomas, Sue Flynn, Derrick Lucey, Alcoa) Members of the Public, Jason Hendricks, Explore Massena, .

The Supervisor opened the meeting with the **Pledge of Allegiance**.  
 Called to order at 5:30 PM

**Announcements / Notifications**

**Presentations / Discussions.**

Supervisor Bellor read the following Proclamation for Alcoa honoring them for 120 years of service to the Community. She then presented them with a Plaque.

**PROCLAMATION**

**Declaring June 18, 2022 in Massena as Alcoa Day in Anniversary of 120 Years in Massena-**  
**WHEREAS** in 1902 Alcoa, formerly known as the Pittsburgh Reduction Company, established business in Massena, NY; and **WHEREAS** Alcoa broke ground in Massena, New York on what is now the world’s oldest continuously operating smelter in Massena, New York; and  
**WHEREAS** Alcoa’s smelter has stood as an integral part of the dynamic Massena community; and,  
**WHEREAS** in 1907, the Pittsburgh Reduction Company became the Aluminum Company of America; and  
**WHEREAS** we all recognize the Aluminum Company of America as Alcoa; and  
**WHEREAS** the Town of Massena recognizes the important role that Alcoa provided generations of families; and  
**WHEREAS** Alcoa has been critically important to the economic vitality of Massena; and,  
**WHEREAS** Alcoa has provided income for the workers and their families; and  
**WHEREAS** Alcoa has provided a quality of living for thousands of residents; and  
**WHEREAS** The Town of Massena presents this proclamation in care of Massena Operations Manager, Dr. Derrick Lucey; and  
**NOW THEREFORE, We, the Town of Massena do hereby recognize June 18, 2022, as Alcoa Day for 120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and we call this observance to the attention of all of our citizens.**  
**Massena Town Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_**

**Susan J. Bellor**  
 Linda McQuinn and Don Meissner presented a Promotional Video from the Major Fishing League highlighting Massena

<b>Resolution 90 - 2022</b>				
<b>Approval of minutes for May 18, 2022 Regular Meeting</b>				
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		
<b>Motion is Carried.</b>				

<b>Resolution 91 - 2022</b>				
<b>Authorizing the Town Board to Proclaim Saturday June 18, 2022 as Alcoa Appreciation Day for their 120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.</b>				
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		
<b>Motion is Carried.</b>				

<b>Resolution 92 - 2022</b>				
<b>Approval for the Town Board to pay the Village of Massena, Water Department for a Water Bill due to over consumption not to exceed \$300.00.</b>				
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		
<b>Motion is Carried.</b>				

<b>Resolution 93 - 2022</b>				
<b>Approving the Purchase of a Ferris Mower for the Massena International Airport in the amount of \$17,099.00</b>				
Motion by:	Taraska	Vote:		
Second by:	Willer	Aye	Nay	Abstain
	Susan Bellor	X		
	Thomas Miller			X
	Patrick Facteau	X		
	Adrian Taraska	X		
	Debra Willer	X		
<b>Motion is Carried.</b>				

<b>Resolution 94 - 2022</b>					
<b>Authorizing the Town Board to accept the Town of Massena Anti-Discrimination and Harassment Policy.</b>					
Motion by:	Facteau	Vote:			
Second by:	Taraska	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
	Susan Bellor	X			
	Thomas Miller				X
	Patrick Facteau	X			
	Adrian Taraska	X			
	Debra Willer	X			
<b>Motion is Carried.</b>					

<b>Resolution 95 2022</b>					
<b>Approving the assessment for HHSC as follows, 2021-\$3.75M assessed value with refunds but no interest. 2022-\$3.75M assessed value. RPTL 727 to apply, i.e. the assessment will be \$3.75M for 2023/24/and 25, taking into account that this includes the fact the land area has been reduced with the split to WellNow Clinic.</b>					
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			
<b>Motion is Carried.</b>					

<b>Resolution 96 - 2022</b>					
<b>Approving the New Contract with Jason Hendricks. The amount will remain the same as the previous contract.</b>					
Motion by:	Facteau	Vote:			
Second by:	Willer	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
	Susan Bellor	X			
	Thomas Miller				X
	Patrick Facteau	X			
	Adrian Taraska	X			
	Debra Willer	X			
<b>Motion is Carried.</b>					

<b>Resolution 97 - 2022</b>					
<b>BUDGET &amp; CASH TRANSFERS AND AMENDMENTS</b>					
<b>CASH TRANSFER:</b>					
<p><b>TRANSFER</b> \$500.00 from NBT Bank A/C#****8489 Town of Massena General Fund to NBT Bank A/C#****2709 Town of Massena – James Debien <b>TRANSFER</b> \$500.00 from NBT Bank A/C#****8489 Town of Massena General Fund to NBT Bank A/C#****9869 Town of Massena – Brian Chase (These transfers will allow for a portion of the Town’s share of insurance deductibles deposited as needed.)</p> <p><b>TRANSFER</b> \$1,520,806.00 from NBT Bank A/C#****1100 Town of Massena -East Massena Consolidate Water District – Water Main Replacement Project to Town of Massena General Fund to NBT Bank A/C#****8489 Town of Massena General Fund. (This transfer will reimburse the General Fund for the Contractor’s Application for Payment No. 1 to John Kubricky &amp; Sons, LLC) <b>TRANSFER</b> \$34,023.28 from NBT Bank A/C#****5913 Rescue Squad Account to Town of Massena General Fund NBT A/C#****8489 (This transfer is for the Rescue Squad charges prior to 01/01/2022.)</p> <p><b>TRANSFER</b> \$1,279.17 from NBT Bank A/C#****7266 Town of Massena to Town of Massena General Fund</p>					

A/C#\*\*\*\*8489. (This transfer is for retiree Georgette Davis who has moved to United Health Care.) **TRANSFER** \$165.00 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** \$43.10 from Museum Contractual. Office Supplies A/C# A.7450.400.0424 to Museum Contractual. Repairs & Maintenance A/C# A.7450.400.0407 (This transfer will cover the over-run in this general ledger account.) **TRANSFER** \$1,190.00 from BDC Contractual A/C# A.8989.400 to the following accounts: Publicity Contractual. Fishing Tournaments A/C# A.6410.400.0430 \$1,050.00 Other Economic Opportunity & Development Contractual A/C# A.6989.400 \$140.00 (This transfer will cover the over-run in these general ledger accounts.) **TRANSFER** \$178.50 from Airport Contractual. Repairs & Maintenance A/C# A.5610.400.0407 to Airport Contractual Sales Tax A/C# A.5610.400.0410 (This transfer will cover the over-run in this general ledger account.) **TRANSFER** \$287.93 from Joint Recreation Projects A/C# B.7145.000 to Planning Contractual A/C# B.8020.400. (This transfer will cover the over-run in this general ledger account.) **TRANSFER** \$223.32 from General Repairs Contractual A/C# DB.5110.400 to General Repairs Annual Spring Cleanup A/C# DB.5110.410 (This will cover the over-run in these general ledger account.) **TRANSFER** \$1,911.23 from Town of Massena Supervisor Office A/C#\*\*\*\*0120 to Town of Massena Reconstruct Terminal Access Road A/C#\*\*\*\*3733 at Community Bank. (This transfer is for FAA#3.) **TRANSFER** \$13,387.30 from Town of Massena Supervisor Office A/C#\*\*\*\*0120 to Town of Massena Airport Pavement Management Study (APMS) A/C#\*\*\*\*3022 at Community Bank. (This transfer is for FAA#7.) **TRANSFER** \$10,000.00 from Town of Massena Supervisor Office A/C#\*\*\*\*0120 to Town of Massena Airport Pavement Management Study (APMS) A/C#\*\*\*\*3022 at Community Bank. (This transfer is for FAA#8.) **REQUEST PERMISSION TO: OPEN A NEW CHECKING ACCOUNT** at NBT Bank A/C#\*\*\*\*5607 Town of Massena – Timothy Germano This will create a new insurance debit card account for Timothy Germano effective 5/1/2022. **REQUEST PERMISSION TO: CLOSE CHECKING ACCOUNT** at NBT Bank A/C#\*\*\*\*7266 effective 6/1/2022. This will close the account for retiree Georgette Davis who has moved to United Health Care.

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			
<b>Motion is Carried.</b>					

<b>Resolution</b>		<b>98</b>	<b>- 2022</b>		
<b><u>WARRANT #6</u></b>					
<b><u>2022 INVOICES</u></b>					
<b>FUND</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>			<b>AMOUNT</b>	
A	GENERAL			\$189,483.84	
B	GENERAL OUTSIDE			3,585.06	
DA	HIGHWAY			14,571.44	
DB	HIGHWAY OUTSIDE			42,469.64	
HAC	TERMINAL APRON REHAB (CONST)			1,911.23	
HAP	AIRPORT PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (APMS)			13,387.30	
HNO	EAST MASSENA WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT			1,533,243.00	
HPW	WATER DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT			6,000.00	
HTM	FISHING TOURNAMENT MARKETING PROGRAM			78,525.00	
L	LIBRARY			13,366.18	
SSH	HIGHLAND BUCKTOWN SEWER			10,358.20	
SSM	SOUTH MAIN STREET SEWER			129.60	
SWA	E. MASSENA CONSOLIDATED WATER DISTRICT			14,259.09	
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$1,921,289.58</b>	
<b>WARRANT #6 CHECK #S 50058 - 50137</b>				<b>\$297,706.12</b>	
<b>DIRECT PAY (ACH)</b>				<b>11,708.75</b>	
<b>MANUAL CHECKS</b>				<b>1,611,874.71</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$1,921,289.58</b>	
Motion by:	Facteau	Vote:			
Second by:	Willer	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
	Susan Bellor	X			
	Thomas Miller	X			
	Patrick Facteau	X			
	Adrian Taraska	X			
	Debra Willer	X			
<b>Motion is Carried.</b>					

**Committee Reports:**Report Submitted by Frank DiagostinoHighway Department

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Highway Department Unit #22 replaced backup alarm, repaired rear light issue. Unit #33 replaced backup alarm, repaired rear light issue,

repaired tailgate locking mechanism and replace right front air assist bag for front tire suspension. Removed spinners from plow trucks

Picked up unit #50 from 5<sup>TH</sup> wheel Diesel in Malone. Replaced hard coolant line from engine block to dozer injector. Unit #9 pickup truck installed new painted truck box, wired lights, installed bumper and fuel tank port.

Paved driveway on Dennison and Highland. (Waterline and Sewer line breaks) Replaced both rear springs on unit #8 pickup truck.

Prepared units #1, #6, #22, #48 and dozer trailer for NYS Inspection. (All Passed) John Deere riding mower replaced clutch and spindle on mowing deck. Hot patched N. Racquette River Road Chipped brush pile twice. Traveled Town Roads picked up large debris before mowing road

sides. Removed down trees on Dennison, O'Neal and Pontoon Bridge roads Mowed graveyards and all other required town properties.

three times. Clean up ditch by Trippany and S. Grasse River Road intersections. Continue to work on cleanup on Highland Road from sewer line breaks. East Massena waterline project update, six thousand feet of new pipe has been installed. Ten more water services connected to new 10" main. Pressure testing and chlorination completed. Moving temporary services east of O'Neil Road. Spring cleanup done. Numbers for 2022: number of loads 218, total weight 93,442 lbs. (46.80 tons), total cost \$6,214.72 Started mowing roadsides on May 30, 2022. Massena Airport Boutique Air numbers for May 2022 Enplaned 412, Deplaned 433, Total 845, landings 177. Cancelled for weather 4, Cancelled other 5, Total cancelled flights 9 for May 2022. Rifenburg to start Terminal Apron rehab on June 20, 2022. Still working with GSA and TSA on refresh for TSA offices at the Massena International Airport Terminal. Did not receive and bids for RFP that was put out. Need to purchase a new Ferris ISX 3300 40 hp with 72" mowing deck, with Town Board approval.

Airport employees mowing all airport properties.

Massena Library Boiler inspection concealed on May 12, 2022. Rescheduled for June 8, 2022. Massena Museum No issues Massena Town Hall No issues. Trane replaced leaking pressure relieving device and gas regulator on the boiler.

## Museum

Report Submitted by Deb Willer

In May, there were 14 accessions and no deaccessions, 30 visitors and 270 website hits. The Board discussed the current hours that the museum is open, using paid staff Monday through Friday mornings and volunteers Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. Additional coverage is available by appointment. They are planning to be open during the Saturday of the Mega reunion and are working on the appropriate displays. Joe Macaulay introduced our new historian, Josh Davis. Josh has been working on a display regarding the radio stations here in Massena as well as researching some genealogy requests received from the public. The board discussed the need for new museum flyers and instructed Josh to contact Jason at H3 designs to see if he can assist.

Linda asked if board members were interested in having her set up a date that they could visit the museum in Akwesasne. Several members were interested; Linda will make arrangements. Linda also suggested that the museum host a reception to introduce Josh to the public. Board members agreed and decided that having a reception prior to the August meeting would be appropriate.

The contractors are continuing work on the addition. Next meeting is August 4<sup>th</sup>.

## Massena Electric Department

Draft Report Submitted by Pat FacticeauReport by Sue Bellor

## Chamber of Commerce

Sue's Committee Reports June 2022

The Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors met on May 19<sup>th</sup>. The members continue with their work for the Summer Concerts in the Park which begin on June 2 and end on August 18<sup>th</sup>. They begin at 6pm and end at 8pm in the Springs Park; in case of rain, they will be held in the Chamber events center on Church Street. The golf

<p>tournament is planned for June 9<sup>th</sup>. They are planning on a vendor event at no fee to be held the weekend of Mega Reunion. They are talking about a Wine and Food Festival in the fall. The next meeting is June 16<sup>th</sup>. Town Board member Debra Willer and Supervisor Sue Bellor attended the Northern Border CBP and Tribal Community Engagement Day in Hogansburg on May 24<sup>th</sup> as invited. It was very informative with speakers from St. Regis Tribal Police, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, the Mohawk Nation Council of Chiefs, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, and the St. Regis Mohawk Tribal Council along with representatives from Washington D.C. Customs and Border Protection. Communication and cultural sensitivity training were important messages. Sue Bellor attended the annual Assessment Grievance session on May 24<sup>th</sup>. The board plans to meet on June 6<sup>th</sup> for final review of determinations.</p> <p>Ethics Board  <i>No report Submitted</i></p>
<p><b>Old Business</b> (None)</p>
<p><b>New Business</b> (None)</p>
<p><b>Next Scheduled Meeting</b> (July 20,2022 at 4:30 PM Regular Meeting)</p>
<p><b>Closing 15-Minute Comment Period.</b></p>
<p><b>Closing Remarks</b></p>
<p><b>Executive Session</b> Motion by Taraska, seconded by Willer to conduct an Executive Session to discuss litigation. And potential personnel. Motion carried unanimously. The Board went into Executive Session at 6:10 PM.  <b>Returned to Open Session</b> at 7:35 PM</p>

<p><b>Adjournment:</b> The meeting adjourned at 7:37 PM</p>
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Respectfully Submitted,  
 Jeannine L. Brouse