

MALTA TOWN BOARD MEETING

August 26, 2019

6:00 PM

Malta Town Hall

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT: Supervisor Darren O'Connor, Councilman John Hartzell, Councilman Craig Warner, Councilwoman Cynthia Young, Councilman Tim Dunn, Town Clerk Jennifer Holmes and Highway Superintendent Roger Crandall

OTHERS PRESENT: Deputy Supervisor Vincent DeLucia, Town Attorney Tom Peterson, Comptroller Kevin King, Director of Parks & Recreation Alyssa Benway, Building & Planning Coordinator, Jaime O'Neill, Town Assessor Rae-Lyn Dussault and Town Historian Paul Perrault

PUBLIC PRESENT: Marian Crandall, Darren Persons, Mark E. Hammond, M. Carlito and Kentaro Tan

SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND SILENT PRAYER:

ACCEPT TOWN CLERK MINUTES FROM 8/5/19:

Motioned by: Councilman Dunn Seconded: Councilwoman Young

Vote: 5-Ayes 0-Nays

TONIGHTS PRESENTATIONS: Globalfoundries-Town of Malta Foundation 2019 Grant Kickoff: Trustees present were Karen Heggen, Dave Meager, Emily Reilly & Glenn Rockwood. Karen Heggen announced that the annual grant cycle “is open for business”. Applications will be accepted from non for profit entities that demonstrate a benefit to the Community and residents of Malta. Applications are submitted electronically until October 31, 2019 by visiting the webpage <https://sites.google.com/site/gfmaltafoundationorg/home>. The 2019 grant cycle has \$140,000 to distribute to applicants demonstrating a positive impact with the Town of Malta. The Globalfoundries-Town of Malta Foundation will have a table at this year's Malta Community Day. Grants will be awarded at the Malta Community Center in December. The 2011 through 2018 grant cycle has distributed \$1,066,351 to applicants from the very young and seasoned, to groups and mentors who do good things for Malta. Councilwoman Young commented on last year's award ceremony and the “wide variety of recipients”. Councilman Dunn stated that the grants are awarded to a “diversity of projects”. Councilman Hartzell said the program is a true “service to the community”. Councilman Warner said that organizations like the Robotics would not exist without the support of Globalfoundries-Town of Malta Foundation. Karen Heggen responded that connect-ability with mentors and organizations along with the program “foster the great environment of Malta”.

COMMENTS FROM TOWN BOARD & DEPARTMENT HEADS: Councilman Dunn requested that board members take a look at restructuring fees for building permits. Currently building permits are based on square footage of the project. Councilman Dunn's concern is if there is a sizeable project the building permit fee could become quite costly. Supervisor O'Connor said he has already started to gather information regarding fee schedules from other municipalities. Councilwoman Young said she is not averse to looking over the fees. She also asked Jaime O'Neill the Building and Planning Coordinator if our fees were “out of whack” in comparison to other towns. Jaime responded that she has started working on a spreadsheet of the Towns of Saratoga County. Councilman Hartzell stated that fees bear relation to the actual cost of the project, the town is not looking to profit on building permits.

Councilwoman Young updated TB members and the public that the results of the Comprehensive Plan Survey is on the town website. There is a link to the tabulation of questions and a synopsis of comments from a 116 page document. She stated that if you haven't gone to the website lately please do, it is current and fluid. Supervisor O'Connor informed the public that the website also has a “Notify Me” link very clearly displayed on the front page were residents can sign up to be notified of the topics they choose.

Councilman Warner thanked Roger Crandall, the Highway Superintendent, and his crew for the “excellent job” with the clean-up of the storms. He said with two very heavy downpours

Thimbleberry was flooded twice and Rogers's crew did "one heck of a job". Councilman Warner also thanked the residents who were very patient. "Hopefully we will have relief over time".

COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FROM TOWN RESIDENTS: None

REVIEW DRAFT AGENDA FOR THE 9/9/2019 TOWN BOARD MEETING:

9/9/19 TOWN BOARD MEETING DRAFT AGENDA

Presentations (9/9) TBD – *Scott Lansing from Lansing Engineering may want to have a presentation about a micro-brewery as well as a tap room.*

OLD BUSINESS - NONE

NEW BUSINESS

a) Amendment Chapter 148 Tax Exemption Veterans – *(Set Public Hearing 10/7 6pm)- Concerning an amendment to § 148-16 (Increase of Exemption) of Article V (Alternative Veterans Exemption) of Chapter 148 (Taxation)*

b) Amend Town Meal Policy-*an amendment to the town policy regarding meal reimbursement when meals are provided as part of a workshop or conference. As well as adding a provision to the policy offering appreciation for volunteers to various Town Committees.*

c) Accept Comptroller's Justice Court Reports *(Justice Fauci/Justice Gottmann)*

d) Authorize Property Maintenance Remediation – *22 Lupine- Code enforcement for the Town will be able to bill the property owner with a fee of maintenance for uncut grass (12 inches). If not paid by the homeowner the bill will be attached to property tax bills.*

e) Authorize Historical Information Marker – *Malta Rocket Test Station-A historical marker will be placed recognizing the Malta Rocket Test Station.*

f) Authorize Assessor Conference, 9/22-9/25, Lake Placid, NY

g) Reappoint Board Of Assessment Review Member – *Jens Lobb*

h) Appoint Town Highway Safety Advisory Committee Member – *Anthony Pirrone*

i) Budget Transfers- *TBD*

COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FROM TOWN RESIDENTS None

Councilman Dunn took a moment to remind everyone that an Economic Development Committee Meeting, along with Saratoga County Partners for Prosperity, will be held at the Town Hall meeting room on September 17, 2019 at 6:30 PM.

Councilman Dunn also asked Town Clerk, Jennifer Holmes, to post sign ordinance awareness and no littering information on the front page of the town website.

ADJOURN: 6:47 PM

Motioned by: Councilman Hartzell

Seconded by: Councilman Dunn

Ayes-5 Nays-0

Respectfully Submitted

Jennifer Holmes

Town Clerk