

TOWN BOARD AGENDA MEETING
Monday August 30, 2021
6:00 PM
TOWN BOARD MEETING ROOM

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT: Supervisor Darren O'Connor, Deputy Supervisor Mark Hammond, Councilwoman Cynthia Young, Councilman Tim Dunn, Councilman Craig Warner, Councilman John Hartzell (Absent), Superintendent of Highways Roger Crandall, Town Justice Woody Sloat, and Town Clerk Jennifer Holmes

OTHERS PRESENT: Town Attorney Steve Gottmann, Parks & Recreation Director Alyssa Benway, Jaime O'Neill the Building & Planning Coordinator and Paul Perreault the Town Historian

PUBLIC PRESENT: Woody Sloat, Karen Heggen, Marion Crandall, Pete Shaw, Chris Morrell, Travis Fealy, Ann Klotz, Joyce Soltis, Melissa Martin, David Rosenberg, Richard Jennings and Michael Minervini

PUBLIC HEARING: Historic Landmark Designation-Millard-Emigh House – With no comments from the public the Public Hearing was closed at 6:02

SALUTE TO THE FLAG & SILENT PRAYER:

Councilwoman Young had requested a moment to reflect on the passing of a member of the Town family, Rhett Croteau. She said that “Rhett Croteau was an institution in Malta and his death leaves a huge hole in our lives. He was a neighbor and a good friend. If Rhett considered you his friend, he was all in, he considered you a part of the family. He was always with a smile and a friendly hug. He would regularly drive around the neighborhood and just wave at your house whether you were home or not just so you knew he was thinking about you on the way by. He was a local businessman for 50 years and when you went to the shop it was a social visit. You would find yourself going in and there would be other people and you would find yourself in a conversation on almost anything, you always felt welcome. Rhett was a volunteer fireman with Malta Ridge Fire Co. for more than 50 years where he had served as assistant Chief. He was dedicated to his family, our Town, his business and his friends. We knew him as the “Mayor of Malta” up here on the north end of Town. He was taken from us way to soon he had plans to travel in their RV with his wife Bev and their six dogs. Our neighborhood and Malta will deeply feel the loss of this very special man for a long time, it will never be the same again, rest in peace my friend.”

Supervisor O'Connor said that he would also like to recognize the passing of Joan Sweeney. He said Joan was a terrific asset to the community of Malta. She was a long-time member of the Community Emergency Response Team and very active with the Malta Seniors. We pray for Joan and for Rhett.

APPROVE THE TOWN CLERK MINUTES FROM 8/2/2021:

Motioned by: Councilman Dunn **Seconded:** Councilman Warner

Vote: Ayes-4 Nays-0 Absent-1

PRESENTATIONS:

1. **Town Historian Tribute to Diane Moore Parsons- Paul Perreault** – Almost 20 years ago on September 11, 2001 terrorists in four hijacked airplanes killed 2,977 innocent victims in our Country. Of that number 2,753 died in the World Trade Center in New York City they included 343 firefighters, 60 police officers and 8 paramedics. Also killed were 40 members of the NYS Tax Department who were on the 87th floor of the South Tower. One of the Tax Dept. employees was Diane Parsons from Malta. Ironically Diane was there on her once a month trip to the City. Diane was born and raised in Stillwater, she was 58 years old the time of her death, a mother of three and a grandmother. She and her husband Howard Parsons lived on Thimbleberry road and Diane was also popular weekend hostess at the family owned Bishop Gate restaurant in the Parade Ground Village. We are all saying goodbye in this world, always standing at the edge of loss, attempting to retrieve some

understanding of the meaning of life. Perhaps the meaning we should derive from Diane's death was given to us by her Frank at her memorial service 20 years ago. He said her death was caused by blind hatred. We cannot allow ourselves to sink to that. May she rest in peace.

- 2. GlobalFoundries-Town of Malta Foundation 2021 Kickoff Grant Announcement-**
Emily Reilly announced the kick off of the GlobalFoundries/Town of Malta foundation 10th year of grant season. The grants started in 2011 and has since then contributed 1.4 million dollars over many worthy causes in the community that directly benefit the residents of Malta. She said they are very proud and humble to be able to continue with the program that will be launching today. The press release went out today that the grant applications are now open and will be accepted until October 31,2021. They are really looking forward to helping out all kinds of worthy organizations. Emily said that since we weren't here last year she wanted to announce some changes that has occurred with the Board. Emily is now President of the Board, Steve Grossclose has moved on. Woody Sloat has joined recently as Vice President, Karen Heggen is continuing as Secretary, Dave Meager handles the money as Treasurer and Melissa Martin has joined as Communications Chair. She said we are very privileged to be in those positions making tough but great decisions on the money that will be given out this year. Each year the Foundation distributes about \$150,00 that gets donated between 40-45 organizations in the community. Emily said they are looking forward to a great year and thank you for your support.

Supervisor O'Connor said the Town is extremely grateful for the contributions made by the Foundation. Thank you to all the members of the Foundation.

TONIGHTS ACTION ITEM:

RESOLUTION NO. 136 AUGUST 30, 2021

APPOINT PART-TIME CLERK - PARKS, RECREATION AND HUMAN SERVICES

Motion by: Councilman Dunn **Seconded:** Councilman Warner

Vote: Supervisor O'Connor Councilman Dunn-Aye
 Councilman Hartzell-Absent Councilman Warner-Aye
 Councilwoman Young-Aye

WHEREAS the Town Board of the Town of Malta established an additional part time clerk position not to exceed 20 hours per week in the Department of Parks, Recreation and Human Services in the Town of Malta pursuant to a request from the Town's Recreation Director;

WHEREAS the Town's Recreation Director advertised and conducted interviews for said newly created position;

WHEREAS the Town's Recreation Director recommends the appointment of *Jennifer Catallo* for said position; now therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Malta hereby appoints Jennifer to the position of part-time clerk effective August 31, 2021 at an hourly rate of \$16.50 with said appointment subject to a probationary period of not less than eight weeks and not more than fifty-two weeks.

COMMENTS FROM TOWN BOARD MEMBERS & DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Councilwoman Young said she wanted to say that Friday there was a fire in her neighborhood and despite the fact that Collamer, in Malta, has a Collamer Road, Collamer Drive and Collamer Ave the fire departments were there before anyone even saw any smoke. So, thank you Malta Ridge Fire Co. and to Round Lake Hose for their mutual aid.

Deputy Hammond said he wanted to give a shout out to the staff of Town Hall. Deputy Supervisor Hammond sat in for the Supervisor for a few days last week. The staff helped him out, was very welcoming, showed him around and overall thought it was a great experience.

Supervisor O'Connor said thank you for sitting in it was comforting to know the town was in good hands.

COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FROM TOWN RESIDENTS:

TOWN BOARD DISCUSS FOR POSSIBLE ACTION 9/7/2021 TOWN BOARD MEETING:

- a) Historic Landmark Designation – Millard-Emigh House- *a landmark dedication*
- b) Technology Upgrades for Board Room-*technology upgrade to make meetings more transparently accessible. The amount of \$70,00 will be used from the American Rescue Funds.*
- c) Procurement Policy Amendment-*to add a subdivision to the exemptions that will allow the Town to piggyback on other solicitations that comply with State law. It offers a money savings on certain procurements.*
- d) Authorize Cash Reimbursement Sales Tax from County- *to have a cash distribution from the County sales tax.*
- e) Maltaville Water Grant Application- *one application has been received this period*
- f) Reappoint Board of Assessment Review Member – David Rosenberg
- g) Budget Transfers
- h) Discuss Speed Reduction Request – Nelson Avenue Extension- *a petition was submitted from residents of the neighborhood for speed limit postings to be posted on the road. Nelson Ave. Extension is a rural road that is still traveled with farm equipment such as tractors and there has been recommendation from the Highway safety Committee as well as the petition calling for reduced and posted speed.*

OTHER BUSINESS:

COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FROM TOWN RESIDENTS: Travis Fealy who lives on Hills Road said that the technology upgrade for the Meeting Room is going to be great to keep people informed about what's going on in the Town. He also said with the rise in COVID and the Delta variant is there a point of regulating the amount of people in the room or guidelines of conducting business in the Town of Malta.

Supervisor O'Connor answered yes there is a point. The supervisor said he keeps his eye on the amount of deaths and hospitalizations.

Councilman Dunn when we get clear guidance and recommendations from health experts. That is how the Town acted before when there were clear recommendations from health experts, the County and State Department of Health.

Travis asked where the Town gets their info from because he tried to look at the Saratoga County Health Department and what they are putting out and found it difficult.

Supervisor O'Connor said go to the County Dashboard because that is where Dr. Kuhls team, the department of Health, does a great job with all details and statistics updated daily. The Commissioner of Health for the County, Dr. Kuhls is excellent, has a strong handle on all of the data and we are in touch daily with the task force.

ADJOURN: 6:21 PM

Motioned by: Councilman Dunn **Seconded:** Councilman Warner

Vote: Ayes-4 Nays-0 Absent-1

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Holmes, Malta Town Clerk