

**TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
**Monday November 28, 2022**  
**6:00 PM**  
**TOWN BOARD MEETING ROOM**

**ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Supervisor Mark Hammond, Councilman Tim Dunn, Councilman John Hartzell, Councilman Al Ricci, Councilman Craig Warner, Superintendent of Highways Roger Crandall and Town Clerk Jennifer Holmes

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Town Attorney Steve Gottmann, Deputy Supervisor Matt Mcloughlin, Town Comptroller Kevin King, Transitioning Town Comptroller Julia Smith, Building and Planning Coordinator Jaime O'Neill and Code Enforcement Officer Greg Berg

**PUBLIC PRESENT:** Woody Sloat, Alisa & Kira Davenport, Marian Crandall, Murray & Kathy Eitzmann and John Bablin

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

1. Sewer District #2 2022 Scale of Charges- The scale of charges will be the same as adopted by the County. The County EDU equates to 1 EDU per residential and for businesses it is based on water usage and the rate is \$180.00 per unit. With no other comments from the public the hearing was closed at 6:03 pm
2. Chapter 139 Sidewalk Law Amendment- Clarification and definition of responsibility of homeowners and business owners pertaining to sidewalks. Town Board members weighed in on the time frame being extended to more than 24 hours that had been drafted in the local law. Resident Alisa Davenport added comment that 48 hours was a reasonable time to have snow and ice removed from the sidewalks. She stated the elderly and residents that travel need time to hire people for snow removal. There will be another draft law stating 48 hours and another public hearing will be scheduled. With no other public comment, the hearing was closed at 6:17 pm
3. Condemnation of 2130 Rowley Road- This Public hearing was held for the purpose of a tentative decision by the board for condemnation, repair or razing of 2130 Rowley Road. The determination was based on code enforcement officer, Greg Berg, report of the unsafe conditions of the structure. Many attempts have been made to contact the owner and other interested parties regarding the condition of the dilapidating structure. For the purpose of this public hearing the owner and other interested parties were sent the resolution and order to remedy via certified return receipt mail and neither the owner or other interested parties were in attendance of the public hearing. Code enforcement officer Berg explained that the building is beyond repair and there is no way to secure the building from people entering it and getting hurt or possibly worse. He stated to the Board that he sees no other option than to condemn the building. With no other comments from the public the hearing was closed at 6:22 pm

**ACCEPT TOWN CLERK MINUTES 11/7/22:**

Motioned by: Councilman Hartzell      Seconded: Councilman Warner

Vote: Ayes-5 Nays: -0

**COMMENTS FROM TOWN BOARD MEMBER & DEPARTMENT HEADS:** Kevin King the Town Comptroller explained to the Board that he is in the process of preparing a grant application with the assistance of Creighton Manning for the Route 67 corridor planning study application that is due this upcoming Wednesday. The cost is about \$50,000 and the Towns match will be 25%. The grant is through Capital District Transportation Committee that will improve the corridor from a safety standpoint for all types of users such as bicyclists and pedestrians. Kristan Gottmann the Director of Parks & Recreation informed the Board that the Malta Food Pantry was the recipient of \$6,100.00 from the Market 32 5% donation during their grand opening.

**COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FROM TOWN RESIDENTS:** Kathy Eitzmann the president of the Malta Seniors thanked the Board for their support. She informed the Board that 45 seniors went to New York City and enjoyed the Radio City Rockets

**TOWN BOARD DISCUSSION FOR POSSIBLE ACTION 12/5 BUSINESS MEETING:**

- a) Sewer 2023 Scale of Charges
- b) Chapter 139 Sidewalk Law Amendment- *Another public hearing will be scheduled for the purpose of extending the timeframe of having snow and ice removed from sidewalks.*
- c) Action Under Chapter 60- 2130 Rowley Road
- d) Town-wide GEIS- Old Post/Route 9 Project- *Kevin King explained that the Board adopted the Townwide GEIS and the last amendment was September 14, 2020 where the Board recognized two improvement projects. One being Old Post Road and Malta Avenue/Northline intersection the other being Eastline Road and Route 67 as two transportation project that would require substantial funding from another source in order to be completed, more than likely federal sources. The Town Board amended the findings statement to provide that if those two projects are listed on the New York State Transportation Program the amount to be charged to a developer would be 20% of the projected costs of their total project and 80% being funded with federal monies. With the almost final 2022 New York State TIP the Old Post Road and Malta Ave./Northline Road intersection is no longer on that TIP. A proposed amendment to the GEIS is an alternative for that intersection being a signalized intersection. Creighton Manning has proposed a cost for that project being 1.2 million. The proposed amendment to the findings statement would be a statement to provide for the new costs of 1.2 million which would be used by CDTC to calculate the mitigation fees for potential projects that would impact that intersection. The current TWGEIS has a round-a-bout for that intersection at a cost of 3.5 million so the amendment would bring the cost down.*
- e) Draft Town Comprehensive Master Plan Update- *The update to the COMP Plan is nearing completion and is with LaBella, the Towns Engineers, for SEQRA purposes.*
- f) LaBella Associates-GlobalFoundries 2023 Inspection Services Contract- *Draft Contract hasn't been received yet.*
- g) Three Silos (Thompson Farms)-Issuance of Building Permits- *The Town Board is expecting to receive a letter of credit from the developer for the cost of completing the project as well as a punch list of items that are not completed. Once received there will be a resolution before the Board to authorize building permits but no certificates of occupancy. In May there will be a resolution before the Board to accept road dedication.*
- h) Grant Authorizing Electric Charging Stations- *In may of 2022 the Board authorized a submission for a grant that was awarded to the Town. A resolution will go before the Board to authorize NYREER to construct the electrical portion of electric car charging stations, to install the stations and to train staff on the use of the stations. The proposed are for the charging stations is in the rear parking lot of the Town Hall. This shall be of no cost to the Town as part of the agreement. The effect of cost to the Towns utility bill will be discussed as to whether to offset that cost to the customer/resident using the electric car charging station.*
- i) Personnel Manual Amendments-*Amendments include reimbursement for employee education, free counseling for sexual harassment and a cash in lieu of health insurance for employees who do not require health insurance coverage.*
- j) Actuary Fire Service Award Program Renewal-*Fire Service Award Program renewal.*
- k) Establish 2023 Wage & Salary Structure
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- m) 2022 Vacation Carryover- *There are approximately a dozen employees who have 40 hours or more vacation to be carried over to next year.*
- n) Town Credit Card-Julia Smith
- o) Highway Equipment reserve Sweeper Purchase- *The money will come from the Highway equipment reserve in the amount of \$41,000 the rest will come from the 2023 budget. The resolution will be subject to permissive referendum.*

- p) Community Center Vending Machines-*The two vending machines at the Community Center need replacement. Estimates have been received from three different companies that would bring in their own vending machines, service them and supply them with product. The Community Center will be the recipient of 10% of vending machine sales.*
- q) Budget Transfers- *There will be some budget transfers for the Community Center HVAC unit. There will also be budget transfers for an attenuator for the Maintenance Department.*

**OTHER TOWN BUSINESS:** None

**COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FROM TOWN RESIDENTS:** Malta resident Alisa Davenport suggested that the Board consider renting a truck with an attenuator with personnel that come with it. She stated if the truck were hit its not a town vehicle it would be the responsibility of the contractor and their insurance versus the Town replacing it under Town insurance.

Councilman Hartzell responded saying everybody has to have insurance and the Town is covered if an event like that were to take place.

**ADJOURN:** 7:03 pm

**Motioned by:** Councilman Hartzell     **Seconded:** Councilman Dunn

**Vote:** Ayes-5 Nays-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Holmes  
Malta Town Clerk