

Town of Malone
Regular Board Meeting/ Public Hearing
April 27, 2011

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A regular meeting of the Malone Town Board was held Wednesday, April 27th 2011, at the Malone Town Offices, 27 Airport Rd., Malone, NY, commencing at 6:00pm and preceded by a Public Hearing commencing at 4:30pm.

4:30 PM – Public Hearing-

1st of 2 - for the Town of Malone OCR Housing Rehabilitation grant application

PRESENT: Supervisor Howard Maneely
Deputy Supervisor Paul Walbridge
Councilor Louise Taylor
Councilor John Sullivan
Councilor Mary Scharf

ALSO PRESENT: Susan Hafter, Town Clerk
Andrea Stewart, Budget Officer/Bookkeeper

Vivien Lamica, Malone	Janice Rouselle, Malone	Heath Landry, Malone
Willard Smith, Malone	Irving Cook, Malone	Mary Cook, Malone
William Lamica, Malone	Paul Howard, Malone	Verna Howard, Malone
Theresa Lamica, Malone	Roger Rousell, Malone	Carrie Rivers, Malone
Bruce Lamica, Malone	Robert Recore, Malone	Carol Marlow, Malone
Paulette, Dear, MAC	Phyllis Robinson, Malone	Elayne Goyett, Malone
Brian D’Orio, Malone	Ermine Jock, Malone	Gregory Cromp, Malone
Sally Tvrdik, Malone	Cathy Fleury, Malone	Charlotte Nelson, Malone
Mark Gonyea, Malone	Michael Rousseau, Malone	Susan Wilson-Scott, Malone
Janet Wright, Malone	Mrs.Euranis White, Malone	Joyce Hernandez, Malone

At 4:35pm, Supervisor Maneely opened a Public Hearing on the 2011 application to the New York State Office of Community Renewal for Housing Rehabilitation in the Town of Malone. (The opening of the Hearing was slightly delayed due to the meeting room being used for a Justice Court arraignment.)

Supervisor Maneely announced that the Town is seeking \$400,000.00 in federal grant funding to assist residents in improving their living conditions. He noted that this grant is available to residents of the Town of Malone outside of village limits, only. He read aloud an informational piece, allowed for a question and answer period, and offered assistance in filling out the preliminary resident applications.

Gary Jock of 86 Murray Street, Malone asked for explanation of the household/income chart on the application, and that was provided by Supervisor Maneely. Mr. Jock also asked whether he could act as his own contractor under the grant, and if so, would he need a DBA. The Supervisor said he would get an answer to him.

Randall Cook of SR 37, Malone says his home needs minor repair, but his biggest concern is water. He wanted to know if this grant might address that issue. Supervisor Maneely said that since Mr. Cook’s residence is not within a town water or sewer district, he will have to speak with the Village of Malone regarding water and sewer service.

Phyllis Robinson of Whippleville asked whether the grant would provide for accessibility updates to her home, as her husband is handicapped and may otherwise need to be relocated. The Supervisor replied that, yes, the grant could cover those renovations.

Susan Wilson-Scott from the Franklin County Office for the Aging addressed the assemblage saying that her office has similar and complementary services to offer, but there is always a greater need than they can handle. She fully supports and welcomes the Town OCR grant opportunity. She added that accessibility is an issue for many seniors, and a ramp and/or accessible bathroom can change a person’s life. She offered a letter of support to go along with the Town’s application.

An unidentified Malone resident asked whether she could apply even though she is already on a waiting list for another grant opportunity through ComLinks.

Cathy Fleury of Office for the Aging, urged the resident to apply for anything and everything for which she may qualify.

Janet Wright, a Ft. Covington resident, said she needs a ramp in order to keep her family all under one roof. Supervisor Maneely said, unfortunately, she is not eligible for this Malone opportunity, but urged her to seek assistance through her own town and ComLinks.

Paul Howard asked whether the grant could replace/repair a roof; the Supervisor answered affirmatively.

Michael Rousseau of Valley Road, Malone, asked for the time line from application to work being conducted. Supervisor Maneely said that the deadline for the town application to OCR is May 27th 2011; he estimated award notification by fall. Mr. Rousseau also asked whether he is eligible as a land contract owner, and the Supervisor said he believed so.

Irving Cook of CR 25 Malone said that his home needs a new roof and may contain some asbestos.

Vivian Lamica asked whether it was necessary to attend the second Public Hearing. The Supervisor answered “no”, but anyone may attend the second PH to be held at 4:45pm, Wednesday, May 11th 2011.

Following the question and answer period, members of the Town Board and staff assisted applicants with their forms and collected completed forms.

At 5:15pm, with no further questions from the public, Supervisor Maneely declared the Public Hearing closed.

Regular Meeting

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Deputy Supervisor Paul Walbridge
Councilor Louise Taylor
Councilor John Sullivan
Councilor Mary Scharf

ALSO PRESENT: Susan Hafter, Town Clerk
Andrea Stewart, Budget Officer/Bookkeeper
Mark Besio, Airport Manager

Nancy Legacy, Malone Randy Wood, Malone Bruce Burditt, Malone
William Latreille, Malone Hugh Hill, Malone C of C

At 6:00pm, Supervisor Maneely called the meeting to order with a pledge to the flag.

PRESENTATION TO BOARD:

Randy Wood and Nancy Legacy – representing Malone Minor Hockey, addressed the board with a request for financial assistance to replace the ice surfacer that has “died”. They reported that MMH had hoped to pay for the replacement through fund-raising activities, but after all their efforts they fell short of the \$100,000.00 goal by \$35,000.00. They were able to borrow a surfacer from St. Lawrence Centre in order to complete last year’s schedule, but need to have a new one before the coming season. Mr. Wood and Mrs. Legacy spoke of the economic and social benefits MMH provides to Malone and area. They noted that while they receive annual contractual money from both Town and Village, the cost of maintenance and renovations has risen above MMH income.

* **Motion** – Deputy Supervisor Walbridge **Second** – Councilor Sullivan
Resolved (#81 - 2011): that the Malone Town Board enter into agreement with Malone Minor Hockey in order to allocate \$10,000.00 from contingency toward Youth services.

Discussion – Councilor Scharf asked Budget Officer Stewart if the Town has any money to offer. The budget officer said that there is no place in the 2011 budget from which the monies could be drawn, except contingency. Supervisor Maneely said the Village of Malone and the Malone Central School District should also pay a share in the cost of the new surfacer, and that a lease for purchase option should be considered. Deputy Supervisor Walbridge said that the YMCA should also contribute toward the cost of a surfacer.

CARRIED (4-0-1) – Supervisor Maneely – Aye Deputy Supervisor Walbridge – Abstain
Councilor Taylor - Aye Councilor Sullivan - Aye Councilor Scharf - Aye

Passero Associates, an engineering firm from Rochester, NY, addressed the Board with an overview of their services, especially as related to airport projects. Company President, Wayne Wegman and Shawn Bray, PE provided a prospectus containing lists of customers and projects. They highlighted their expertise in obtaining NYS DOT bond Act funding for improvements to airports; such as fuel stations, security measures, maintenance and fencing. They noted that 50% of their business is devoted to airports, many of which are similar to the Malone-Dufort Airport in size and needs. The firm also assists in marketing their client airports to attract local development, finding appropriate FBO management, and developing leases for airport users. They can facilitate a transfer of services from one consultant to another. They encouraged the Board to call their references.

C & S Engineers, the Town of Malone's current engineering firm for airport projects, addressed the Board with an update of their services and a brief history of their 30 year relationship with the Town of Malone. Jeff Mosyk, Chief Engineer and Tony Basile, Associate Manager of the C& S Airport Group provided a power point presentation. Mr. Basile is also a pilot and liaison/translator in regard to pilot issues. The gentlemen pointed to the 30 year relationship between C & S and the Town of Malone, and their success in finding funding and providing administration for 22 projects at the Malone-Dufort Airport; for a total of \$5.7 million in improvements, with the Town paying 3 cents on the dollar. They credit the face to face relationship they have with the Malone Town Board and FAA representatives. They noted that the Airport Master Plan is due for update this year, and revision will be made to include a fueling station and automated weather information as requested by local pilots. Mr. Mosyk and Mr. Basile expressed their desire to continue working with the Town Board on airport issues, and thanked them for the many years of association. Supervisor Maneely thanked them for the presentation.

Hugh Hill, Director of the Malone Chamber of Commerce addressed the Board with ideas for improvements on Main Street Malone, from the Congregational Church to the YMCA. Most significantly, Mr. Hill thinks a reduced speed zone in that area would benefit the entire community. He said slower moving traffic would serve to decrease danger and noise and improve the pedestrian experience. Spin-off benefits may be increased business and interest in new endeavors downtown. Mr. Hill said he is in the process of crafting a proclamation or resolution, asking the NYSDOT to effect certain inexpensive changes, such as reassignment and painting of traffic lanes, as a first step toward a more pleasant downtown Malone. He asked for the Town's support of his effort, and will return with a resolution, for their consideration, at a later meeting. Supervisor Maneely thanked Mr. Hill for his presentation.

MINUTES:

* **Motion** – Councilor

Second – Councilor

Resolved (#82 - 2011): that the Town Board accepts the minutes of the 4/13/2011- regular meeting as presented and place on file.

Discussion/Clarification – Budget Officer Stewart reported that 2 days after the last meeting, and approval of a CD Fund expenditure in the amount of \$11,221.56, the amount was changed to \$6,471.84.

CARRIED (4-0-1) – Supervisor Maneely – Aye Deputy Supervisor Walbridge – Abstain
Councilor Taylor - Aye Councilor Sullivan - Aye Councilor Scharf - Aye

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 7:55pm, * Motion – Councilor Sullivan **Second** – Councilor Scharf

Resolved (#86 - 2011): to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing a contract issue and a personnel issue, with all Board Members and the Town Attorney to be in attendance.

CARRIED (5 - 0) – Supervisor Maneely - Aye Deputy Supervisor Walbridge – Aye
Councilor Taylor - Aye Councilor Sullivan - Aye Councilor Scharf - Aye

At 8:12pm, the executive session ended and the meeting resumed with no action taken.

BILLS FOR AUDIT & PAYMENT:

Motion – Deputy Supervisor Walbridge **Second** – Councilor Sullivan

Resolved (#87 - 2011): that the following bills, having been audited, vouchers # 413 – 426 , be paid:

General Fund- Abstract #8	\$ 20,883.17
Part Town General Fund- Abstract #7	10.93
Trust & Agency- Abstract #18	32,101.03
East Side Water Fund – Abstract #6	9.03
Airport Capital Project Fund – Abstract #5	<u>27,028.59</u>
Grand Total	\$ 80,032.75

CARRIED (5 - 0) – Supervisor Maneely - Aye Deputy Supervisor Walbridge – Aye
Councilor Taylor - Aye Councilor Sullivan - Aye Councilor Scharf - Aye

ADJOURN:

* At 8:15pm **Motion** – Deputy Supervisor Walbridge **Second** – Councilor Taylor

Resolved (# 88-2011): there being no further business to come before the Board that it adjourn, with the next regular meeting to be held 6:00pm, May 11, 2011 with a Public Hearing at 4:45pm; and a Town IDA meeting at 5:45pm.

CARRIED (5 - 0) – Supervisor Maneely - Aye Deputy Supervisor Walbridge – Aye
Councilor Taylor - Aye Councilor Sullivan - Aye Councilor Scharf - Aye

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

SUSAN M. HAFTER, TOWN CLERK

May 6, 2011