

June 22, 2023
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The Town Board’s Regular Meeting is being held remotely by Executive Order 202.15 issued on June 2, 2020, by the Governor. The Town of Macedon held the Board meeting on June 22, 2023, at the Town Complex, 32 Main Street, Macedon NY, and was called to order by Deputy Supervisor, David Maul at 7:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon Roll Call, the following members of the Board were

Present:

Councilperson	Bruce Babcock
Councilperson	David McEwen
Councilperson	Richard Roets
Deputy Supervisor	David Maul

Absent

Supervisor	Kim V. Leonard
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Also, Present:

Director of EMS	Paul Harkness
Town Clerk	Karrie Bowers
Town Engineer	Scott Allen

RESOLUTION NO. 164 (2023) EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLVED the Board enters Executive Session at 6:20 p.m. to discuss personnel/litigation
MOTION BY ROETS, SECONDED BY MCEWEN
ROLL CALL VOTE: BABCOCK AYE, MCEWEN AYE, ROETS AYE, LEONARD ABSENT, MAUL AYE, MOTION CARRIED

Declared out of executive at 7:00 pm

RESOLUTION NO. 165 (2023) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLVED The Board approves the minutes from May 25, 2023 (regular meeting)
MOTION BY ROETS, SECONDED BY MCEWEN
ROLL CALL VOTE: BABCOCK AYE, MCEWEN AYE, ROETS AYE, LEONARD ABSENT, MAUL AYE, MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 166 (2023) AMENDED APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLVED The Board approves the minutes from June 8, 2023 (regular meeting)
MOTION BY BABCOCK, SECONDED BY ROETS
ROLL CALL VOTE: BABCOCK AYE, MCEWEN AYE, ROETS AYE, LEONARD ABSENT, MAUL AYE, MOTION CARRIED

Reports:

Town Clerk Report
EMS Report

RESOLUTION NO. 167 (2023) APPROVAL OF REPORTS

RESOLVED the Board approves the report as submitted
MOTION BY ROETS, SECONDED BY MCEWEN
ROLL CALL VOTE: BABCOCK AYE, MCEWEN AYE, ROETS AYE, LEONARD ABSENT, MAUL AYE, MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 168 (2023) CYBERSECURITY

WHEREAS the Town Board wishes to protect its computer infrastructure from unauthorized access and our technology partner offers a Two-factor authentication subscription service also known as an MFA (Multi-factor authentication) and,

WHEREAS the Town Board realizes that this cost was not budgeted in 2023 but feels that this is a risk that cannot wait until next year.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED that the Town enters into an agreement with Integrated Systems to put this service into effect as soon as possible

MOTION BY BABCOCK, SECONDED BY ROETS
ROLL CALL VOTE: BABCOCK AYE, MCEWEN AYE, ROETS AYE, LEONARD ABSENT, MAUL AYE, MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 169 (2023) LOCAL LAW NO. 1 (2023) – TAX CAP – PUBLIC HEARING

RESOLVED the Town Board schedules a public hearing for July 13, 2023, at 7:10 pm prevailing time at the Macedon Town Hall for the purpose of obtaining public comment on the Local Law No. (2023) Tax Cap to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2024 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the limit specified in General Municipal Law, §3-c; and

BE IT RESOLVED the Town Board authorizes the Town Clerk to publish in the legal paper the Times the notice of said hearing.

MOTION BY ROETS, SECONDED BY BABCOCK
ROLL CALL VOTE: BABCOCK AYE, MCEWEN AYE, ROETS AYE, LEONARD ABSENT, MAUL AYE, MOTION CARRIED

A resident spoke regarding the funding of the Hamlet Water Project and that the Village started a water main replacement down Main Street before they dissolved. At the time, it was set up as a fee, which is the green bill that only the Hamlet residents get. It is based on \$240 per year per unit and most places in Hamlet are single units - Car wash, apartments, and ABX would be a different number as they have higher usage of water. Again, this is a quarterly bill so every quarter I get a bill for \$60 and it was explained at the time that \$42.50 goes toward the principal and interest and \$17.50 goes toward the fund balance. So, over the years the fund balance of the 240 I pay 70 of it goes towards the pipes. I did some numbers around what has been collected for these fees and I went from the beginning of 2018 to 2022 which is a five-year period and I used 800 units which is close right now it is 793 so that is because we lost 16 to two fires next door so 800 is not a bad number so that times \$240 plus five years is \$196,000 that went into that account. Coming out of that account would be interest and the principal would be \$171,826 so the rest of that would be part of the fund balance. It was talked about 70 per year for pipes which is on the green bill but if you look at the white bill which everyone gets there is a fixed charge of \$25 per quarter which is \$100. I am paying \$170 for pipes and everyone in the town is paying \$100 if they have a unit of 1 so I am paying \$70 more. I am not sure if the pipes in the hamlet are that bad and we must pay that amount. I would like the board to look at the numbers and see if they are valid. I believe it could be lowered but I do not have the numbers in the account. I would recommend the

following the 4th qtr. charge not be sent out to the Hamlet residents, I believe that is a sufficient amount to cover 2023 that would give WCWSA time to say ok these people pay late and there is a 6 charge or they missed a payment so that in 2024 you can set up a special district line item and we can pay this all at once instead of piecemealing it throughout the year and I would also ask the board review and verify who is being required to pay. I am not sure that the pipes are that bad and will not need to have that much money. Councilman Maul stated that the \$42.50 is paying back the debt that we have already taken on to do the project so that is paying back the debt that is owed and that is not going away until the debt is paid off. So, are you challenging the \$17.50 that we are putting aside in the fund balance for future work? It was a determination that was made back in 2018 that if we put aside a nice round number of 60 then that would put money in the fund balance that would help us pay future expenses and you are saying that five years have gone by and you would like to have the board review the numbers and validate the number and to eliminate the bit by bit amount that you are getting in because if you did that for the sewer project amount went on the taxes and I would like to see this on and this will eliminate the late fees in case they miss it because if you want to bring the bills in together the green bill is due before the white bill so if they miss that now they have a late charge so if you put it on the taxes they wouldn't have late charges. Councilman Maul stated that the tax bill can be big for residents already but so you are making it bigger but the total cost over the year doesn't change. Councilman Maul asks for the resident to explain suspending Qtr. 4 again. You are going to be receiving 3 quarters that everyone will be paying so if you suspend the 4th qtr. because I think you have enough in that account to cover 2023 which is \$148,000 and I believe you have enough in to cover that whole amount because if you don't suspend it they will be getting a bill in early January for those three months plus you put it on the taxes now you will have an additional cost of the taxes for the following year. I believe that there is enough in that account to suspend the 4th quarter. Councilman Maul stated "I am not arguing I am just thinking out loud" if the \$42.50 is used to pay the debt and we suspend that payment how do we have enough money to pay the debt? We need numbers to look at to see if we can possibly use that amount. Councilman Babcock asked if he was talking about the amount that has been collected over the five years in the reserve account, the resident stated he did not count 2017 because it was healthy. How did you calculate what is in reserve based on that \$17.50? The resident calculated 800 x 240 x 5 years = 960,000. The Board will look further into this question.

RESOLUTION NO.170 REAL ESTATE MULTIPLE LISTING SERVICE

WHEREAS the new Assessor Clerk brings with her a membership to MLS (Real Estate Multiple Listing Service) which provides substantial additional real property information not readily available through other channels, and

WHEREAS such membership expires in June 2023, and the anticipated cost to renew for one year is approximately \$1000.00, and

WHEREAS the Assessor has requested to renew this membership as a tool to provide the most accurate assessments possible, and

WHEREAS the Town expects NY State reimbursement aid in an amount between \$7000 and \$15000 for the re-valuation that we just completed in 2022, now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves this unbudgeted expense of \$1000.00 and shall cause a budget adjustment as necessary from Contingence to A1355.400.

MOTION BY ROETS, SECONDED BY MCEWEN

ROLL CALL VOTE: BABCOCK AYE, MCEWEN AYE, ROETS AYE, LEONARD ABSENT, MAUL AYE, MOTION CARRIED

Roundtable:

BUILDING & ZONING:

- Most of the streetlights have been replaced.
- Roof replacement is underway at the Plaza
- Cross Creek Church will be helping with the grounds (weeding & mulching) towards the end of July

COURT:

- Councilman McEwen will reach out to make sure that the phones/electronics have been fixed at the Court Building.

TOWN BOARD:

- Councilman Babcock stated the humidity issue in the Bullis Room at the Library has been fixed.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR:

- Long Cabin Cruise night is still being discussed to come to a solution.
- The Board is trying to find time to meet with everyone regarding the employee survey
- Fertilizing of the parks and town properties was discussed and a RFQ is pretty much together as well.
- The Agreement with the Town of Macedon and the Town of Walworth regarding the shared infrastructure for the new plant for which the attorneys and Walworth have asked for one person from each board to meet as well.
- PCC – the contract that has been submitted to the Town and is very close to being completed.

PUBLIC:

- A resident asked if the park signs could be updated to include all types of smoking (vaping, cigarettes, marijuana)
- Jim Byron thanked the Board for the new street lights.

ABSTRACT NO. 12 (2023)

2023 #895 - 989	\$131,769.15
2023 TA#66	\$ 13,906.50
Total	\$145,675.65

RESOLUTION NO. 171 (2023) PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

RESOLVED the bills be paid as audited

MOTION BY ROETS, SECONDED BY MCEWEN

ROLL CALL VOTE: BABCOCK AYE, MCEWEN AYE, ROETS AYE, LEONARD ABSENT, MAUL ABSTAIN, MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY BABCOCK, SECONDED BY ROETS, THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 8:02 PM.

Karrie Bowers

Town Clerk, RMO