

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Village of Malta Council

REGULAR SESSION

Held: March 20, 2025

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The Village of Malta Council convened in REGULAR session at 6:00 p.m. in the Malta Village Council Chambers. Mayor, Terry McGrath called the meeting to order with the following members and visitors present:

Council Member Leslie Robbins	Present
Council Member Homer Weekley	Present
Council Member Jamie White	Present
Council Member Scott Moore	Present
Council Member Devan Vincent	Absent
Council Member Don Larrick	Present

Employees: Bill Smith (VA) and Ashlee Stevens (FO)

Visitor(s): John Woods, Gilbert Hutchison, Ward Coffman (Solicitor)

Invocation: The Invocation was given by Jamie White.

A moment of silence was observed for Leota Casto.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor, Terry McGrath.

Gilbert Hutchison spoke about a garbage truck getting stuck by coming in the wrong way on his street, because the sign is no longer visible. Also asked about moving his mailbox, was informed that that is not up to council that is up to the post office. Asked if road was going to be repaired between village and township. Was informed that township has the authority to repair road. Mayor Terry McGrath suggested he go to a township meeting. Township meetings are the first Saturday of the month at 10:00 A.M.

A motion was made to excuse council member Devan Vincent from the March 20, 2025 meeting by Don Larrick, seconded by Leslie Robbins. Roll call vote, all yeas.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved on a motion made by Jamie White, seconded by Scott Moore. Roll call vote, all yeas, Don Larrick Abstained.

The bills were approved to be paid out of respective funds on a motion made by Leslie Robbins, seconded by Don Larrick. Roll call vote, all yeas.

Ordinance 25-06, AN ORDINANCE TO SECURE SERVICE FOR THE PURPOSE OF FIGHTING FIRES, was adopted on a motion made by Leslie Robbins, seconded by Don Larrick. Roll call vote, all yeas.

The Mayor's Report was read by Mayor, Terry McGrath.

Fiscal Officer, Ashlee Stevens:

* No new business

Bill Smith, Village Administrator:

* Still searching for surveyor

* Lights at roundabout are out

* State Highway \$47,316.00, can be used for construction, reconstruction or repair of sidewalks and curbs

* State not sure when paving is set to begin, double checking with Ryan Mayle

* Sidewalk by township building still has forms up and will be done

* If a building is put on a lot it has to be off line by 10ft x 5ft x 10ft per ORC

* If fencing is put up it has to be 4ft from property lines to allow maintenance of the fence on both sides, unless neighbor agrees can be on property line. Fence must be 5ft from right away.

* Sidewalk repairs and reclaiming walk thru is March 21, 2025 at 8:30 AM with DLZ.

* Columbia Gas working in town replacing lines and abandoning lines (Columbia Gas has been in town since April / May 2024.

* Patching potholes next week

* Talked to someone about the light on 3rd Street

Bill Smith, Village Administrator:

- * Well #5 is working and is almost done, needs test and sanitized
- * Final test on well #7 by EPA was yesterday March 19, 2025
- * Office renovation will begin Monday, March 24, 2025
- * Sewer by Woods is going to get a smoke test
- * Meeting tomorrow, March 21, 2025 for Boat Ramp at 5:30 PM

Council President, Leslie Robbins:

- * Requested a moment of silence for Leota Casto, as she was a long time resident of Malta.

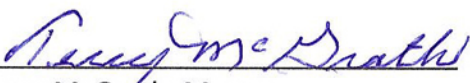
Council Member, Home Weekley:

- * Passed out Hometown Heros applications to council for review
- * Spoke with villages our size, that's how information on application was designed
- * New village garage has been cleaned up around, would like a sign that says Malta Village est. (year), a plastic sign not wood.
- * Walk thru with DLZ with VA Bill Smith, Mayor Terry McGrath, and Michael Betz from DLZ
- * Don added some corrections to the Hometown Heros application, discussion on ways family members can acquire DD214
- * Would like to have Hometown Hero flags up by Memorial Day weekend. Leslie suggests submitting applications in quarters. Possibly order flags twice a year.
- * Flags to be taken down after Veteran's Day to preserve flags from weather

Council Member, Scott Moore:

- * Contacting Ann Bonner next week to apply for grant
- * Ordinance report, letters are the way we want them
- * A few years ago it was agreed upon as a council to put speed bumps on 4th Street, recommends new, bigger speed bumps to slow people down. Bill suggests making it a one way street.
- * Trying to get organized to save our bridge (Veterans Bridge), going to ask fire dept and EMTs for options if it floods and bridge is closed. Plans to get a petition with a few thousand signatures from both towns to try to save the bridge then present to Troy Balderson.
- * Bill adds there is money for bridges but the county must apply, as they are the owners of the bridge.
- * Commissioners don't seem interested in saving the bridge, their response is the county engineer is in charge of the bridge.
- * Flood wall is not the answer it just creates flooding somewhere else

With no further business to bring before Council the meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m. on a motion made by Homer Weekley.


Terry McGrath, Mayor


Ashlee Stevens, Fiscal Officer