

**Town of Middlesex  
Regular Meeting  
November 10, 2022**

Present: David Adam, Supervisor  
Leon Button, Councilman  
Austin Liddiard, Councilman  
Paul Mitchell, Councilman

Also Present: Todd Conaway, Highway Superintendent  
Patrick Grimaldi, Assessor  
Dawn Kane, Code Enforcement Officer  
Dan Robeson, Historian/Heritage Group  
Bruce St. Lawrence, Special Projects Manager

Recording Secretary: Lynnette Miller, Clerk

**Pledge/Call to Order**

Supervisor Adam called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall located at 1216 State Route 245, Middlesex. He led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Hearing – 2023 Annual Preliminary Budget**

Supervisor Adam opened the floor to comments/questions on the Preliminary Budget for 2023. There were none. The public hearing will remain open.

**Public Hearing – Alternate Veterans' Exemption**

Supervisor Adam opened the floor to comments/questions regarding the change to Level G for the Alternate Veterans Exemption. There were none. The public hearing will remain open.

**Public Comments** - none

**Approval of Minutes**

Supervisor Adam asked for additions or changes to the October 13, 2022 meeting minutes. There were none. A motion was made by Councilman Mitchell, seconded by Councilman Liddiard to accept the minutes as written.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried.

**Assessor – Patrick Grimaldi**

- Dave Wilson is up for re-appointment to the Board of Assessment Review. A resolution will be presented to the Board later in tonight's meeting.

**Library –**

- Library Board member Dawn Kane reported that the library Board will be meeting November 18, 2022. There will be a report at the December Town Board meeting.

**Highway/Buildings/Grounds – Todd Conaway**

- The new Town 10-wheeler truck is in Avoca. Modifications and additions are being done. The body is in New York State. Todd will call to find out more details.

- Superintendent Conaway has a price for an International version of a new truck - \$144,000. Todd called Friendly's in Penn Yan for pricing on an F600 but has heard nothing.
- Superintendent Conaway reported that grader patching was being done. Some areas might need to wait until next year due to the plant closing.
- South Lake Road – Superintendent Conaway informed the Board that he is unsure about the guys being able to work on the drainage part of Phase 2. He suggests putting the work out to bid. There is a vacant position for heavy equipment operator and another employee will be out for a health reasons. Supervisor Adam commented that there is no money in the 2022 budget to send the work out to bid. Bruce St. Lawrence added that Ramsey needs to be kept on the schedule for spring or fall. Summer is not an option because the road is too busy. Supervisor Adam commented that discussions need to take place as soon as possible if the job is to be put out to bid to be completed in the spring. Bruce St. Lawrence expressed concern that the FEMA dollars are not coming through and that there won't be money to pave in 2023. A retaining wall will be discussed later in tonight's meeting. The discussion continued. Supervisor Adam, Superintendent Conaway and Bruce St. Lawrence will meet to discuss the topic further. Canandaigua Lake Watershed Council Director Kevin Olvany will also be invited.
- There are four (4) applicants to be interviewed for the open position on the highway crew. The current ad runs through November 15<sup>th</sup>. Interviews will be held after that date.

**Presentations – none**

**Code Enforcement Officer – Dawn Kane**

- Attorney Rob Brenner attended the meeting for the Middlesex Communications Project. Questions were answered and the project is fully supported by the Town. Dawn thanked Legislator Doug Paddock for his involvement and clarification.
- Code Officer Kane spoke with Jim Yates who is the engineer for the broadband project placing fiber optics on the poles throughout the Town. They discussed safety sheets. There will be a meeting on November 16<sup>th</sup> regarding the trunk lines for the fiber optics. This phase is expected to be completed by the end of March.
- Code Enforcement – There are three (3) new houses being built; Shay Road, Upper Hill Road, and South Lake Road. These are in addition to the new builds mentioned at previous meetings.
- South Lake Road rock issue - Todd and Bruce St. Lawrence confirmed that all rocks will need to be taken away. Todd informed the Board that the original discussion with the owner was about planting trees 6-10 feet back from the right-of-way. Rocks were not part of the discussion. The rocks need to be moved before snowplowing. Dawn will keep the Board informed.
- Dawn presented quote for exterior repair to the brick of the Town Hall.
- Vine Valley Beach – Dawn will be submitting the final paperwork to Yates County after compiling some figures this evening.

**Planning Board –**

- Code Officer Kane reported that there were four (4) applications this month.
- The first week of December the Planning Board will be reviewing an application for a cell phone tower on Townline Road. An FAA study was completed. Dawn explained the process of the balloon test. Councilman Mitchell commented on an excellent article in the Association of Towns magazine about cell towers.

**ZBA –**

- Code Officer Kane reported that there were also four (4) reviews for the ZBA this month.

**Water District – none**

**Historian/Heritage Group – Dan Robeson**

- At their annual meeting the following people were placed in office; President Win Harper, Vice President Paul Mitchell, Treasurer Jim Hilton & Secretary Elaine Hilton.
- At the Overackers School House the cupola needs painting and the windows need attention.
- The group's two main events of the year, Citizens Appreciation Day and Seneca Heritage Day were both extremely well attended.
- Supervisor Adam commented on the Bicentennial Committee. Dan reported that Jim Hilton is the Town's contact to the Committee. Councilman Mitchell also confirmed that the Town is thinking of collaborating with the Village of Rushville to contribute to the bicentennial celebration.

**Legislator's Report – Doug Paddock**

- Broadband – All parts have been received. Construction could begin as early as late November/early December when all permits are issued.
- The County has applied for another USDA grant with no match required that will cover areas of Potter and Middlesex.
- Communications Project – glad the Town's land use attorney asked questions at the meeting. SEQR determination will be done. A resolution has been prepared by the County. No need for the Town to respond.
- Thirteen (13) properties went up for auction for unpaid taxes.
- There will be a public hearing on the County's 2023 Budget next Thursday evening, 11/17. The tax levy is down, the tax rate is down.
- Yates County plans to apply for a Certificate of Need for an advanced life support ambulance service.
- The Town should have received the 2023 Inter-Municipal Animal Control Agreement.
- There is a public hearing scheduled regarding residency requirements for County deputies being allowed to live 5 miles or less outside the county limits.
- Vouchers will be submitted for lifeguards.
- North Vine Valley Road guiderails will be replaced.
- The County will be restoring old historic markers in the towns.

**Town Clerk Report – Lynnette Miller**

- The town clerk's report was given to Board Members.

**Supervisor's Report – David Adam**

- Special Projects – Bruce St. Lawrence reported that GSI is scheduled to begin bank repair work at 1479-1485 South Lake Road on 12/05/22. This is a couple weeks later than originally planned due to manpower issues. Bruce will meet with the project manager this coming week. Permission for parking at the site has been given by resident Bob Olsen. Work hours will be dawn to dusk, Monday through Saturday. Bruce informed residents that the road will not be accessible. Bruce has a plan should emergency equipment be needed during this time. The Town

will provide traffic control. The area is 76 feet long. Bruce used a Town agreement that the Town attorney has reviewed in the past. Supervisor Adam asked about getting the equipment to and from the location. Todd responded. A sign will up at the north end of South Lake Rd. New homeowners will be contacted. Bruce intends to call Pavilion to ask about the availability of used guiderail for the project.

- Audit – The audit by Bonadio Group is done. A final report will be issued and presented next month.
- 2023 Town Budget – Supervisor Adam reported that the Board has reviewed the preliminary budget. No changes were made. He asked if there were comments/questions from the public. There were none. The public hearing on the 2023 Preliminary Budget was closed at 8:06 p.m.
- Alternate Veterans’ Exemption – Supervisor Adam gave a brief explanation. He asked if there were comments/questions from the public. There were none. The public hearing on the change in level of the Alternate Veterans’ Exemption was closed at 8:07 p.m.

## RESOLUTIONS

Resolution #55-22

### Yates County 2023 Inter-Municipal Animal Control Agreement

On a motion by Councilman Button, seconded by Councilman Liddiard, the following resolution was

ADOPTED        Ayes    4        Adam, Button, Liddiard, Mitchell  
                     Nays    0

RESOLVED to authorize Supervisor Adam to sign and enter into a Contract with Yates County for Animal Control for the year 2023.

Resolution #56-22

### Audit of Claims

On a motion by Councilman Button, seconded by Councilman Mitchell, the following resolution was

ADOPTED        Ayes    4        Adam, Button, Liddiard, Mitchell  
                     Nays    0

RESOLVED that the invoices contained in the November 2022 Abstract have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

General Fund	Vouchers No. 228-255	\$ 17,204.20
Highway Fund	Vouchers No. 170-184	\$ 21,853.64
Water District	Vouchers No. 45-47	\$ 1,160.70

Resolution #57-22

### Line-Item Transfers

On a motion by Councilman Button, seconded by Councilman Liddiard, the following resolution was

ADOPTED        Ayes    4        Adam, Button, Liddiard, Mitchell  
                     Nays    0

RESOLVED to approve the line-item transfers for the month of November 2022.

Resolution #58-22

**GSI Agreement**

On a motion by Councilman Liddiard, seconded by Councilman Mitchell, the following resolution was

ADOPTED	Ayes	4	Adam, Button, Liddiard, Mitchell
	Nays	0	

RESOLVED to authorize Supervisor Adam to sign an agreement with GSI for bank repair between 1479 and 1485 South Lake Rd.

Resolution #59-22

**2023 Town of Middlesex Budget**

On a motion by Councilman Liddiard, seconded by Councilman Button, the following resolution was

ADOPTED	Ayes	4	Adam, Button, Liddiard, Mitchell
	Nays	0	

RESOLVED to adopt the 2023 Town of Middlesex Budget as proposed.

Resolution #60-22

**Alternate Veterans' Exemption – Change to Level G**

On a motion by Councilman Button, seconded by Councilman Liddiard, the following resolution was

ADOPTED	Ayes	4	Adam, Button, Liddiard, Mitchell
	Nays	0	

RESOLVED to adopt the change in the level of the Alternate Veterans' Exemption to Level G.

Resolution #61-22

**Reappoint Board of Assessment Review Member**

On a motion by Councilman Mitchell, seconded by Councilman Liddiard, the following resolution was

ADOPTED	Ayes	3	Adam, Liddiard, Mitchell
	Nays	0	
	Obstain	1	Button

RESOLVED to reappoint David Wilson to a 5-year term on the Board of Assessment Review for the term 10/01/2022 through 09/30/2027.

**Public Comments**

- Legislator Doug Paddock asked how the Town's tax levy changed. Supervisor Adam responded that it changed \$.65/1000. The rate increased \$1.00/1000.
- Supervisor Adam closed the public comment session at 8:19 p.m.

**Executive Session**

Supervisor Adam requested that the Board enter executive session for the purpose of discussing employment issues. A motion was made by Councilman Liddiard, seconded by Councilman Mitchell. All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried.

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**Meeting Reconvened**

At 8:44 p.m. the meeting resumed.

- The process to interview highway applicants was discussed.
- The pay increase percentages for employees were discussed.

**Adjourn**

With no further business, on a motion by Councilman Liddiard, seconded by Councilman Button, the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Middlesex was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried.

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Lynnette F. Miller, Town Clerk