

**Town of Middlesex
Regular Meeting
April 11, 2019**

Present: Wayne Dunton, Supervisor
Jack Bauer, Councilman
Leon Button, Councilman
Peter Gerbic, Councilman

Absent: James Grant, Councilman

Also Present: Todd Conaway, Highway Superintendent
Marty DeVinney, Planning Board Chair
Patrick Grimaldi, Assessor
Dawn Kane, Code Enforcement Officer
Robert Multer, Budget Officer
Arthur Radin, ZBA Chair
Dan Robeson, Heritage Group
Bruce St. Lawrence, Project Manager
Alan Williams, Water District Superintendent

Recording Secretary: Lynnette Miller, Clerk

Supervisor Dunton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, 1216 Route 245, Middlesex.

Approval of Minutes

Supervisor Dunton requested a motion to approve the minutes as written for the March 2019 Board meeting. A motion was made by Councilman Gerbic, seconded by Councilman Bauer.

*All in favor; none opposed – Motion carried.

Assessor – Pat Grimaldi

The new tax rolls will be out May 1st. Notices will be mailed if an assessment has changed.

Highway/Buildings/Grounds – Todd Conaway

- The grader purchased from the Town of Howard was picked up last week.
- Town Clean-up Days will be August 10 & 11. Todd will contact Yates County for additional help as has been done in the past. Supervisor Dunton commented that these dates will be placed in the Town newsletter to be mailed in July. In addition, Supervisor Dunton informed the Board and Town staff that news will need to be given to the town clerk by June 15th for publication in the newsletter.
- The Board was given two quotes regarding repair/replacement of a truck box for one of the Town trucks. A third quote has not been received. Todd requested a meeting at a later date once that is received in order to finalize the decision. Supervisor Dunton and Board members were in agreement.
- Further evaluation of the highway budget is needed. Equipment budget is used. Road repair budget needs further discussion.
- Work was finished on the Town barn in March. So far there has been no condensation concern. The plan is to do nothing further, monitoring the situation through the winter. Metal will be replaced by drywall at the ceiling if all continues to be ok.

Code Enforcement – Dawn Kane

- The Planning Board recently reviewed 5 site plans. One variance was issued. There is one new construction on Glenn Avenue, 8 building permits were issued and the remaining is remodels.
- Councilman Gerbic asked Code Officer Kane about property clean-up letters that were sent. Dawn visited five properties in need of clean-up and issued letters. Residents have 30 days to comply. Another group of letters will be mailed soon. Dawn explained that working with a small group of five each month keeps the task manageable and makes for easier follow-up. She will update the Board at the next meeting.

Planning Board – Marty DeVinney

- Five site plans were reviewed, one off Widmer Rd. is especially detailed.
- Member John Gilbert is resigning, so the Planning Board will be looking to interview interested candidates to fill his seat.

Zoning Board of Appeals – Arthur Radin

- There were three applications for variances to review this month with more forthcoming.
- Resident Linda Sheive asked how the public can view the results from the Planning Board and ZBA. Code Officer Kane explained that all information is on the Town website. Building permits issued can be reviewed in Dawn's office.

Historian/Heritage Group – Dan Robeson

- The spring newsletter was just mailed.
- The Vine Valley store will be opening May 25th. Winn Harper applied for and received notice for a Pomeroy Plaque to be placed at the store. Senator Tom O'Mara will be attending the dedication ceremony. Following will be a Walk of Honor Flag Raising at the Vine Valley Community House. Local veterans will be honored.
- NYS Path Through History will be held June 15-16 at the Overackers Corners School House. Plans are being finalized.
- Citizens Appreciation Day will be held August 4, 2019. The committee will meet this month to discuss nominees.
- Three new banners honoring Town residents serving in the military will be up for Memorial Day.

Water District Superintendent – Alan Williams

- The Board was given a water report. The Department of Health prefers to see the amount of displaced water be at 20% or less. The Town shows 19% of water in the district is being lost. Superintendent Williams reported that four days were spent last fall troubleshooting for leaks with no findings.
- There are 32 meters that have been in use in the water district for nearly 40 years and they need to be replaced. The format for meters has changed. A new meter reader costs approximately \$5,000. The base cost for a computerized system is \$17,000, plus additional fees.
- The semi-annual DOH inspection will take place April 16.
- Supervisor Dunton asked Alan if he has a backup person who could shadow his job. It is good to have two people able to cover the duties in case Alan is not available. Ed Snyder, who already works for the Town has expressed some interest. Alan agreed that having a backup person would be a good idea.

Legislature Report – Tim Cutler

- A resolution was passed by the County Legislature and four recreation/natural resource grants were given to the following; Keuka Lake Outlet, Finger Lakes Trail for a wetland trail, Water Quality Study between the three lakes (Keuka, Seneca & Canandaigua), Watershed Improvement Cooperative to update their website.
- A resolution was passed for application of a USDA grant for Hunt Engineers to expand broadband to the most rural areas of the County. The deadline for submission is the end of May.

- A resolution was passed opposing firearms regulations passed into law at the State level which include the following; an extra layer of background check by the NYS Police when purchasing a firearm, forbidding guns as prizes in games of chance, and changing the age to supervise at a shooting range from 18 to 21.
- An audit of the County concluded no major findings. The County is in good financial standing.
- At last word, the price for the dock at the Vine Valley Boat Launch was coming in under budget. All should be good for installation and use by the end of May. Legislator Cutler will double-check the schedule. Supervisor Dunton asked if anyone has seen an engineered drawing of the dock. Legislator Cutler will also check on that. Resident Leigh Williams commented on signage that should be in place at the boat launch/dock area by the end of May.
- Resident Leigh Williams reported that he and others are making a request for the County Legislature to look into passing a resolution opposing the age change for handling firearms. He stated that many counties have passed a resolution to stop this from taking place. The law would prevent anyone under the age of 16 from handling a firearm unless they are within an arm's length of an adult. This law would negatively affect shooting sports for 4-H and school trap teams. Currently, the Marcus Whitman CSD and Naples CSD clay target teams are using the Middlesex Conservation Club for their practice.

Open Discussion from the Public

- Resident Tom Hansen addressed the Board with a request for paving on South Lake Road. He asked Board members to take a ride down there to see the conditions. After discussion, Supervisor Dunton agreed that Highway Superintendent Conaway and the Board, collectively, need to ride around the Town to see all road conditions, including South Lake Road.
- Resident Tammy McDonough read a prepared statement to the Board regarding water issues at their residence on Tuscany Lane. She and her husband, Mike, are requesting consideration from the Board that a pole barn constructed on the next-door property has greatly contributed to a drainage issue on their property affecting their well, septic and driveway. Councilman Gerbic commented that he was unaware of the issue and he will take a ride to look the situation over. Councilman Bauer agreed to the same. Supervisor Dunton thanked the McDonough's and the residents attending in support for their time. He commented that the Board will look into the matter further.

Vine Valley Beach Improvement Project – Bruce St. Lawrence

- A change order was requested from DeMistry & Sons for a revised water intake system at the Vine Valley Beach due to the current system being unacceptable by the State. Bruce explained the details of the proposed system. The estimated cost is \$9,200. This needs to be done in advance of getting the store opened for the season. The new system will draw water from the lake.

Town Clerk – Lynnette Miller

- The monthly town clerk report was given to the Board.
- Tax collection ended for the Town on April 1st. All further collection is done by the County Treasurer's office. Clerk Miller went to the County Treasurer's office today to reconcile our warrant.
- Upon stating that Clerk Miller discovered \$10 on the ledge outside the town clerk office on Saturday, Councilman Gerbic confirmed that he had placed the money there in payment for copies made. Lynnette will process the money and give Councilman Gerbic a receipt.

Supervisor's Report – Wayne Dunton

- Vine Valley Community House – It has become an annual event for the Town Board to be present at the Vine Valley Community House for members and the community at-large to ask questions and find out what is happening in the Town. This year's date is Thursday, July 25th at 7:00 p.m.
- Water Contract – Supervisor Dunton has no news on the water contract with the Village of Rushville.
- Monthly Report – There is no report this month.

Resolutions

Supervisor Dunton made a request for the Board to consider the following resolutions:

Resolution 23-19

Revised Water Intake System - Quote

On a motion by Councilman Bauer, seconded by Councilman Gerbic, the following resolution was

ADOPTED	Ayes	4	Dunton, Bauer, Button, Gerbic
	Nays	0	
	Absent	1	Grant

Resolved to accept the quote from DeMistry & Sons for the revised water intake system for \$9,200.

Resolution 24-19

Gooding Environmental – Quote

On a motion by Councilman Gerbic, seconded by Councilman Bauer, the following resolution was

ADOPTED	Ayes	4	Dunton, Bauer, Button, Gerbic
	Nays	0	
	Absent	1	Grant

Resolved to accept the quote by Gooding Environmental for \$520. to weed, mulch, plant annuals and maintain the island on Route 364 for 2019.

Resolution 26-19

Liddiard's Tree Experts – Yearly Contract

On a motion by Councilman Gerbic, seconded by Councilman Bauer, the following resolution was

ADOPTED	Ayes	4	Dunton, Bauer, Button, Gerbic
	Nays	0	
	Absent	1	Grant

Resolved to accept the 2019 Lawn Maintenance Contract with Liddiard's Tree Service for \$6,194. Supervisor Dunton commented that Liddiard's contract price has remained unchanged for the past 8 years.

Resolution 25-19

Liddiard's Tree Experts – Town Beach

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

ADOPTED	Ayes	4	Dunton, Bauer, Button, Gerbic
	Nays	0	
	Absent	1	Grant

Resolved to accept the quote for \$560. presented by Liddiard's Tree Experts to clean-up the landscape at the Vine Valley Beach to include trimming shrubs & trees, heavy weeding, mulching & removing dead branches from the memorial spruce.

Resolution 27-19

Tim Soles Annual Proposal to Mow Baseball Field

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

ADOPTED	Ayes	4	Dunton, Bauer, Button, Gerbic
	Nays	0	
	Absent	1	Grant

Resolved to accept the proposal from Tim Soles for \$850. to mow and trim the baseball field near the Town Highway Barns for 2019.

Budget Transfers

There were no budget transfers this month.

Resolution 28-19

Audit of Claims

On a motion by Councilman Bauer, seconded the Councilman Gerbic, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Dunton, Bauer, Button, Gerbic
 Nays 0
 Absent 1 Grant

Resolved that the bills contained in the April 2019 Abstract have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

General Fund	Vouchers No:	1087-1121	\$ 42,224.73
Highway Fund	Vouchers No:	2071-2098	\$ 91,323.05
Water District	Vouchers No:	3014-3019	\$ 11,291.97
Trust & Agency	Vouchers No:	9	\$ 5,336.70

Committees

No reports.

With no further business, on a motion by Councilman Bauer, seconded by Councilman Button, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Lynnette F. Miller, Town Clerk

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