

**Town of Middlesex
Regular Board Meeting
February 14, 2019**

Present: Jack Bauer, Councilman
Leon Button, Councilman
Peter Gerbic, Councilman
James Grant, Councilman

Absent: Wayne Dunton, Supervisor

Also Present: Todd Conaway, Highway Superintendent
Patrick Grimaldi, Assessor
Dawn Kane, Code Enforcement Officer
Robert Multer, Budget Officer
Dan Robeson, Heritage Group

Recording Secretary: Lynnette Miller, Clerk

Councilman Bauer conducted the meeting in Supervisor Dunton's absence. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, 1216 Route 245, Middlesex.

Approval of Minutes

Councilman Bauer requested a motion to approve the minutes as written for the January 10, 2018 Board meeting. A motion was made by Councilman Gerbic, seconded by Councilman Grant.

*All in favor; none opposed – Motion carried.

Assessor – Pat Grimaldi

- Exemption paperwork due to the assessor by March 1st.
- The equalization rates set by the State are being examined. The process was explained to the Board.

Highway/Buildings/Grounds – Todd Conaway

- A report was given to Board members showing work performed on and expenses associated with each Town truck for the month.
- The Town of Howard has a 2014 John Deere grader with plow equipment for sale. Todd plans to make a visit to look it over. They are asking approximately \$200,000. A discussion ensued regarding who would make the visit with Todd and scheduling a date.
- Todd would like permission from the Board to place the old grader and truck #3 on the Teitsworth online auction. After a discussion, all Board members are in favor of putting these up for auction.
- The first phase of work at the Town barn has been completed except for the soffits. The contractor is waiting for material to arrive.

Code Enforcement – Dawn Kane

- This month's code office report shows nothing for January, noting that two outstanding payments from 2018 were received and they are represented on the report.
- The new fee schedule adopted by the Board in January is being updated in the new WLB code enforcement computer program.
- The code enforcement officer responded to two fires recently, verifying the safety of structures.
- The beach paperwork was submitted by the February 12th deadline to the Yates County Youth Bureau.
- On February 20th measurements will be taken at the Town Hall for new carpet.

Planning Board/ZBA –

Dawn Kane updated the Board in the absence of Chairman DeVinney and Chairman Radin.

- Dawn is working with the Town attorney on the final approval of the solar project. The Townline Road project is stalled due to the weather and installation changes.

Heritage Group – Dan Robeson

- Election of officers for the Middlesex Heritage Group took place at the Annual meeting held January 13, 2019. The following offices were filled; President Dave Charland, Vice President Paul Mitchell, Secretary Elaine Hilton and Treasurer Jim Hilton.
- There will be a presentation entitled, "Prohibition" by author Mark Stewart at the Rushville Congregational Church on March 31st at 2:00 p.m. All are welcome.

Legislator's Report – Doug Paddock/Ed Bronson

- The County Planner Dan Long is creating the dock specifications for the Vine Valley Beach boat launch. The dock will be installed by the end of April and ready for the beach opening in May.
- The County has received a grant from Senator Tom O'Mara to rebuild Italy-Friend Road. This will most likely take place in 2020.
- The County Planning Board is still in need of At-Large Board members.
- A concern is noted of the closing of the mental health unit at Soldiers and Sailors Hospital in Penn Yan. This is a service that will be missed in the community.
- Applications are being taken for a part-time historian for Yates County. Deadline is 2/15/19.
- Legislator Bronson reported on an informative workshop he attended at the Finger Lakes Produce Auction on soil and water best practices.

Public Comment

- Resident Leigh Williams announced that Senator Tom O'Mara will be present at the Vine Valley Beach on May 25, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. to present the Pomeroy Plaque (historic marker). The public is invited.
- Leigh Williams reported that the Board that the Federal Primary will be held June 25, 2019. Candidates and party members will be out in the community getting signatures on petitions. Petitions are due back to the County Board of Elections by the beginning of April. Leigh updated the Board on various positions open in the County.
- Vine Valley Community House President Gordon Stringer informed the Board that among other topics the VVCH will host two programs during the 2019 summer season on blue-green algae and the health of the lake. Look for information in the upcoming VVCH 2019 calendar.

Town Clerk- Lynnette Miller

- Board members were given a copy of the clerk's monthly report for January,
- The Town clerk informed the Board that Lynn Lersch is being appointed as deputy clerk to act as the recording secretary/clerk for the Planning Board and ZBA.
- Clerk Miller explained the Electronic Death Registration System (EDRS) as mandated by the NYS Department of Health. This is a new requirement.
- Tax collection is in progress and seems to be going well. Residents can pay in person, by mail or online.

Resolutions

Resolution 14-19

Williamson Law Book Contract

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Bauer, Button, Gerbic, Grant
 Nays 0

Resolved for the Town Supervisor to sign the contract agreement for computer software for the town clerk and highway department.

Resolution 15-19

Monthly Report/Line Item Transfers

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Bauer, Button, Gerbic, Grant
 Nays 0

Resolved to accept the Monthly Report and Line Item Transfers to date for February 2019.

Resolution 16-19

Audit of Claims

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Bauer, Button, Gerbic, Grant
 Nays 0

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

General Fund	Vouchers No: 1034-1063	\$ 63,301.32
Highway Fund	Vouchers No: 2023-2047	\$ 49,928.87
Water District	Vouchers No: 3006-3011	\$ 1,344.11

Committees

- Councilman Gerbic reported on attending the Canandaigua Lake Watershed meeting. One of the topics discussed was lawn maintenance using pesticides/chemicals that wash into the lake. Work is being done to educate the public.

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With no further business, on a motion by Councilman Gerbic, seconded by Councilman Button, the meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Lynnette F. Miller, Town Clerk