

**Town of Middlesex
Regular Meeting
March 14, 2019**

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

Also Present: Todd Conaway, Highway Superintendent
Patrick Grimaldi, Assessor
Dawn Kane, Code Enforcement Officer
Robert Multer, Budget Officer
Bruce St. Lawrence, Project Manager
Dan Robeson, Heritage Group

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 February 2019 Board meeting. A motion was made by Councilman Grant, seconded by Councilman Gerbic.

*All in favor; none opposed – Motion carried.

Assessor – Pat Grimaldi

Exemption forms have been received and will be processed. Pat will be making visual assessments of property beginning this month.

Highway/Buildings/Grounds – Todd Conaway

- A monthly report showing repairs done for the month was given to Board members.
- The Shared Service Agreement with the NYS DOT regarding equipment and personnel sharing was presented. The Board agreed to give Superintendent Conaway permission to sign the agreement (see Resolution 17-19 below).
- Superintendent Conaway is looking into getting a new plow that is more heavy duty.
- The highway employees have begun hauling gravel.
- The grader has flat tires that won't hold air. Superintendent Conaway asked for Board permission to have repairs done. He will check into the price. Supervisor Dunton suggested that Todd use his best judgement, hoping repairs are done by April. Board members agreed.
- Bruce St. Lawrence reported on the Town barn repairs stating that a small amount of work is left to do on the gable ends. Sugar Creek Construction will custom make the material. There was a condensation issue in all sections of the building that seem to have been corrected. The building use has not changed although the fan is being used more.

Code Enforcement – Dawn Kane

- Code Officer Kane has been working with George Barden on the new waste water law. A letter will be written and sent to residents to inform them of the terms of the law as well as action required.
- There was one woodstove fire during the month. Code Office Kane has inspected and everything is taken care of.
- Annual code enforcement training was completed by Dawn during the month.
- Now that snow is melting, many of the Town properties are looking needy. Code Office Kane is prioritizing and residents will be notified.
- The Town currently has two new homes being built. There are five items on the agenda for the Planning Board.
- An estimate was received for new carpet in the Board room totaling under \$2,000. Installation will be completed in one day. The installer will be paid \$600 on the day of installation with the balance paid to the carpet store (see Resolution 20-20 below). Office carpet will not be done at this time.

Planning/ZBA – Bruce St. Lawrence

- The Planning Board and ZBA monthly reports were provided to Board members.
- The last part of the solar project has been completed through the Town Attorney. A copy of the Decommissioning Bond was provided to Board Members.
- Noah Siegel, Project Manager at Solar Farms New York introduced himself and gave an explanation of the solar project on Townline Road. The engineer is pleased with the plan. The bond was doubled according to NYSERTA recommendations and will be renewed every 3 years. The building permit has been issued. The Board and the public are invited to the ground breaking event which be held tomorrow, March 15th at 2:00 p.m. at the Townline Road site. CONTI Solar will be doing the construction (see Resolution 19-19 below).

Historian/Heritage Group – Dan Robeson

- The Small Historical Societies will sponsor a presentation by John Marks titled “Prohibition: the REAL Story (or closer to it)” on Sunday, March 31st at 2:00 p.m. at the Rushville Congregational Church. The presentation is free. All are welcome.

Legislature Report –Tim Cutler

- The County Legislature passed a resolution prohibiting trash incinerators. This mirrors the decision of the NYS Legislature.
- It is expected that a contractor will be named by April 1st to complete and install the dock at the Vine Valley Beach boat launch for the beach opening in late May.
- A Legislature passed a resolution regarding the AIM Fund (Aide to Municipalities).
- The Williams Street bridge project in Middlesex is expected to begin early this spring, however, no specific date has been set.
- Nine properties in the County are expected to be auctioned due to non-payment of taxes.
- Town resident and County Legislator Ed Bronson introduced Denise Adam who will be running in the next election for a Town Board position.

Vine Valley Beach Improvement Project –

No report.

Town Clerk – Lynnette Miller

- The town clerk monthly report was given to Board members.
- Tax collection is winding down. Second notices were mailed. The last day to collect will be April 1st. All payments made after that date will be collected by the County Treasurer.

Supervisor’s Report

- The Rushville Village Board has agreed to meet with the Town Budget Officer Bob Multer and Supervisor Dunton along with a mediator regarding the water district contract.

Resolutions

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

Resolution 17-19

Shared Service Agreement

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

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Dunton, Bauer, Button, Gerbic, Grant
 Nays 0

Resolved to accept the Shared Services Agreement with NYS DOT as presented.

Resolution 18-19

Grader Purchase

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

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Dunton, Bauer, Button, Gerbic, Grant
 Nays 0

Resolved for the Town Supervisor to sign the check for \$225,000 to purchase a grader from the Town of Howard.

Resolution 19-19

Accept/Adopt Submitted Agreement with the Middlesex-Yates Solar LLC Project

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

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Dunton, Bauer, Button, Gerbic, Grant
 Nays 0

Resolved to accept/adopt the Agreement with the Middlesex-Yates Solar LLC Project.

Resolution 20-19

Town Hall Carpet

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

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Dunton, Bauer, Button, Gerbic, Grant
 Nays 0

Resolved to accept the estimate received for replacement and installation of carpet in the Town Hall Board Room not to exceed \$2,000.

Resolution 21-19

Monthly Report/Line Item Transfers

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

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Dunton, Bauer, Button, Gerbic, Grant
 Nays 0

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

Resolution 22-19

Audit of Claims

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

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Dunton, Bauer, Button, Gerbic, Grant
 Nays 0

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

General Fund	Vouchers No:	1064-1086	\$ 46,275.24
Highway Fund	Vouchers No:	2048-2070	\$270,639.33
Water District	Vouchers No:	3012-3013	\$ 70.60

Committees

- Councilman Gerbic called Quick Solar regarding the feasibility of solar being installed on the cold shed. He will investigate grants available and report back to the Board.

With no further business, on a motion by Councilman Gerbic, seconded by Councilman Grant, the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Lynnette F. Miller, Town Clerk