

**Town of Middlesex  
Regular Meeting  
May 9, 2019**

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

Also Present: Todd Conaway, Highway Superintendent  
Marty DeVinney, Planning Board Chair  
Patrick Grimaldi, Assessor  
Dawn Kane, Code Enforcement Officer  
Dan Robeson, Heritage Group  
Bruce St. Lawrence, Project Manager

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.

**Guest Speakers**

The Marcus Whitman School District Superintendent Jeramy Clingerman and Business Official Zoe Kolczynski presented the 2019/2020 budget proposal. The presentation included a review of 2018/2019 accomplishments, district needs, revenue and expenses, tax rate history, bus purchases, capital project and Board candidates. Copies were provided to Board members. Supervisor Dunton thanked Mr. Clingerman and Ms. Kolszynski for their presentation.

**Approval of Minutes**

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

\*All in favor; none opposed – Motion carried.

**Assessor – Pat Grimaldi**

- Change of assessment notices were mailed.
- The new tax roll has been filed.
- Grievance Day will be held by the Board of Assessment Review at the Town Hall on Thursday, May 30, 2019 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. and 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- The equalization rate is down to 96%. There was a brief discussion.

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

- Town Clean-Up Days will be held Saturday & Sunday, August 10 & 11, 2019 from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. both days. The County has agreed to provide help as in the past. Superintendent Conaway requested approval from the Board to get two extra men to help, which has also been done in the past. The Board agreed.
- The new grader is being used.

- Funding from the CHIPS program has been cut by \$25,000. Todd has some money rolled over from last year. The budget is approximately \$165,000. The condensation issue at the Town Barn has taken \$28,000. Councilman Gerbic asked if there is money earmarked for repairs to South Lake Rd.
- Supervisor Dunton made a request for the Board members to take a ride with Todd to review road issues and meet back at the Town Hall to discuss the highway budget. The decision was made to meet on Thursday, May 16 at 6:00 p.m.
- Three estimates have been received for the truck box for the 2012 truck. The truck will be kept for another 5-7 years. The box can be used for dumping but not as a sander. After a short discussion, this item was tabled until the Board can review the remaining highway budget. Todd will also update the truck replacement list to provide the Board members on Thursday evening.

**Code Enforcement – Dawn Kane**

- The monthly report was given to Board members.
- Code Officer Kane reported that her office has had steady business. Several site plans are being reviewed. The solar project on Townline Road has begun.
- Clean-up is going well on Church St. Additional situations are being handled on Railroad St. and Bare Hill Rd. Dawn requested to meet with the Board in executive session after tonight's meeting.
- There are four lifeguards ready to start the season at the Vine Valley Beach. All are college students and they will be employed full-time for the season. Dawn advertised on In Deed and Facebook to get applicants.

**Planning Board – Marty DeVinney**

- The solar project looks good and the property owner is pleased with the progress.
- Bruce St. Lawrence reported on the situation on Tuscany Lane. Following the April Board meeting Supervisor Dunton requested that a task force be assembled to review all aspects. A site meeting was planned and coordinated. A DEC representative who had visited the property in the past was invited to present his case study and a written copy was sent to the Town. Bruce gave a detailed overview of the steps to be taken to include; some further excavation, plantings placed, and effort by the Town to mitigate flow onto Tuscany from South Vine Valley Rd. Changes to the zoning will be addressed. Councilman Gerbic asked gutters for the building. Bruce stated that Mr. Siebert will be installing a gravel drain. Supervisor Dunton asked if any additional changes need to be addressed. Chairman DeVinney suggested that the information be sent to the Town attorney. The Board is in agreement. Bruce will draft a proposal including all the details presented.
- Bruce St. Lawrence has agreed to a reappointment to serve a five-year term on the Planning Board (Resolution 29-19 below).

**Historian/Heritage Group – Dan Robeson**

- Citizens' Appreciation Day will be held Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. There have been over 40 people from our community honored by this event. Currently, the committee has over 27 nominations for this year's event.
- A Pomeroy Plaque dedication is planned for Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. It is hopeful that Senator Tom O'Mara will be in attendance.
- The Vine Valley Store is planned to open May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Water District Superintendent**

No report

### **Legislator's Report – Ed Bronson**

- The dock structure is built for the Vine Valley Boat Launch. The planking will be added as soon as it arrives.
- A needs assessment is being planned on the County highway buildings.
- The County is updating the Comprehensive Plan. There will be public meeting set for May/June.
- 7 parcels will be going up for auction in the County for unpaid property taxes.
- There will be 10 days of early voting for the general election in November. Early voting will begin October 26<sup>th</sup>. There will be one polling location in the County. More information forthcoming.
- There will be some changes coming from the offices of the DA and Sheriff regarding no bail or minimum bail being set.
- Shay Road is being repaved by the County. Supervisor Dunton asked if Legislator Bronson could find out the cost per mile for milling.

### **Vine Valley Beach Improvement – Bruce St. Lawrence**

- Work has been done on the revised water intake system. Bruce gave details of the distance and depth of the pipe out into the lake.
- The ramp at the improved boat launch is steep. There was a brief discussion and comments t
- Supervisor Dunton asked Bruce to provide signage indicating traffic flow.
- Code Officer Kane informed the Board of a concern with parking.
- The holding tank at the store is full. There was a short discussion regarding the procedure to follow when the bathhouse tank is full. Code Officer Kane has instructed the lifeguards to call her. She will follow through with calling for pumping.
- Councilman Gerbic asked about the fence on the south side of the beach and store.
- Code Officer Kane reported about the safety plan that guides the lifeguards. A suggestion was made to change the safety plan to add alarms on the water system. The Board was in agreement.

**Excused** – At 9:02 p.m. Councilman Grant was excused from the meeting.

### **Town Clerk – Lynnette Miller**

The monthly town clerk report was given to the Board members.

### **Supervisor's Report – Wayne Dunton**

- The Board will meet on Thursday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at the Vine Valley Community House to update community members and answer any questions.
- All news for the Town newsletter is to be given to Town Clerk Lynnette Miller by June 15<sup>th</sup>. The Town newsletter will be mailed by the second week of July.
- Supervisor Dunton informed the Board that Councilman Gerbic has agreed to serve as Deputy Supervisor through 2019.

- Regarding the Village of Rushville water rate increase, Supervisor Dunton and Bob Multer plan to meet with the Village of Rushville and a mediator. A date has yet to be set.

## Resolutions

### Resolution 29-19

#### Planning Board Reappointment

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

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

Resolved for the Board to appoint Bruce St. Lawrence to a five-year term on the Planning Board.

### Resolution 30-19

#### Community Bank Authorizations

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 that Supervisor Wayne Dunton, Councilman Peter Gerbic, Town Clerk Lynnette Miller and Deputy Town Clerk Brenda Mott be allowed to sign checks for Town checking accounts according to the list attached.

### Resolution 31-19

#### Monthly Report/Line Item Transfers

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

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

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

### Resolution 32-19

#### Audit of Claims

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

General Fund	Vouchers No: 1122-1149	\$18,684.78
Highway Fund	Vouchers No: 2099-2118	\$18,955.66
Water District	Vouchers No: 3020-3022	\$ 2,398.30

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With no further business, on a motion by Councilman Bauer, seconded by Councilman Gerbic, the meeting was adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

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Lynnette F. Miller, Town Clerk