

**Town of Middlesex  
Regular Meeting  
August 12, 2021**

**Present:** Wayne Dunton, Supervisor  
Denise Adam, Councilwoman  
Leon Button, Councilman (entered the meeting at 7:03)  
Peter Gerbic, Councilman

**Absent:** James Grant, Councilman

**Also Present:** Dawn Kane, Code Enforcement Officer  
Patrick Grimaldi, Assessor  
Todd Conaway, Highway Superintendent

**Recording Secretary:** Lynnette Miller, Clerk

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

**Approval of Minutes**

Supervisor Dunton requested a motion to approve the minutes from the July 8, 2021 meeting. A motion was made by Councilman Gerbic, seconded by Councilwoman Adam to accept the minutes as written.  
\*All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried.

**Assessments – Patrick Grimaldi**

- The file has been submitted to Yates County for school taxes.
- We will be sending paperwork to NYS for maintenance aide. The State will pay for part of the cost of the revaluation done last year.

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

- Stone & oil of roads has been completed.
- Everything is set for Clean-Up Days this weekend. Superintendent Conaway asked for clarification of payment for the Town employees working. They will receive overtime pay.
- Superintendent Conaway plans to look at a 2015 Sakai roller in Cattaraugus County next week. The price is \$48,000. If interested, Superintendent Conaway would make a verbal commitment, yet not purchase the roller until CHIPS money arrives in September. A discussion followed that included placing the old roller on the online auction.
- CHIPS paperwork has been submitted.
- A broom for the new loader will go on the wish list.

**Code Enforcement Office – Dawn Kane**

- Planning Board is still busy with a heavy agenda at meetings.
- ZBA had one item on the agenda last month, two this month.

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- Bruce St. Lawrence presented the report by Lu Engineers to the Planning Board regarding the heavy haul permit. Bruce will work with Lu Engineers and Dawn. Supervisor Dunton should have received a letter from Lu Engineers. Dawn will print the letter and get it to Supervisor Dunton. Dawn explained the scope of the heavy haul permit.

**Planning Board –**

- Code Officer Kane reported that a memorandum will be given to Board members from the Town Planning Board regarding the proposed heavy haul permit for weight limited roads.

**ZBA – no report**

**Water District – no report**

**Historian/Heritage Group – Dan Robeson**

- Day-to-day activities continue for the group on Wednesday mornings at the Town Hall.
- Seneca Heritage Day is in the final planning stages to be held Saturday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at Overackers School House from 2-4 p.m. Peter Jemison, who has retired as site director of Ganondagon, will participate as the featured speaker. The Heritage Group will honor Peter with a piece they commissioned Board member Peter Gerbic to create. Bill Crouse and the dancers will add to the festivities. Highway Superintendent Conaway will take care of the area on Bare Hill with mowing and preparation for the bon fire which signals the start of the lighting of the lake tradition.

**Legislator's Report – Doug Paddock**

- Mr. Dick Gillespie, a B-17 pilot in WWII, was recognized in celebration of his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- The YC Sheriff's Office E911 was re-accredited by NYS Sheriff's Association. All divisions of the sheriff's office are now accredited.
- A date was set to hold a public hearing for a local law to ban possession of fire arms and other dangerous weapons in all County buildings – September 13, 2021 at 9:35 a.m.
- A resolution was made authorizing commencement of the SEQR review of the communications project which will replace towers and improve radio communication for police, fire and EMS & highway.
- The 9/13/21 regular meeting time was changed to 9:30 a.m. due to a conflict.
- An LED sign has been installed on Liberty St. to announce County activities prompted by the pandemic.
- A pole attachment agreement with Verizon was authorized through the broadband project.
- A \$59,000 grant was received for the airport through the American Recovery Plan Act.
- The dashboard for covid-19 cases and clinics has been updated. The clinic held in the Gordmans Building (Pebbles) is moving to the PreEmption Medical site.
- The County has appointed a new clerk of the Legislature.
- A new deputy treasurer will be named in the near future.

**Public Comments - none**

**Town Clerk – Lynnette Miller**

- No comments have been received from the public about the Town newsletter online. This was economical and less involved than mailing. Clerk Miller proposes that we repeat this process for 2022.
- Supervisor Dunton added that there were no applicants for the library position as advertised in the newsletter. Further advertising needs to be done.

**Special Projects –**

- Code Office Kane passed out a memorandum from the Planning Board regarding the heavy haul permit project being designed by Lu Engineers that was spoken of earlier in tonight’s meeting. Bruce St. Lawrence will be at the September meeting to give further explanation.

**Supervisor’s Report – Wayne Dunton**

- The Town Hall rain gutters/down spouts will be repaired/replaced by Town employees when time allows.
- Supervisor Dunton met with project engineers regarding the need for a small (approximately 10’X10”) building in the Town to house a high-speed internet station. It is important to keep the location on Town owned land. After a brief discussion, it was determined that the old mill site would be a good location. County Legislature Chairman Paddock distributed a handout to Board members of the type of building that would be needed. The County wants to know that the Town of Middlesex is interested in moving forward with finding a location that will be suitable. The resolution is below.
- A report was received by the Town from MRB regarding the water dispute with the Village of Rushville. Supervisor Dunton would like to discuss the details with members of the Board at the end of tonight’s meeting.
- The Supervisor’s monthly report was given to the Board.

**Resolutions**

**Resolution #36-21**

**High Speed Internet Cabinet**

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

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

Resolved for Supervisor Dunton to sign and enter into an agreement with Yates County to build a station in the Town of Middlesex to house high speed internet equipment.

**Resolution #37-21**

**Line-Item Transfers**

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

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

Resolved to accept the Line-Item Transfers for August 2021 that have been reviewed by the Town Board.

Resolution #38-21

**Audit of Claims**

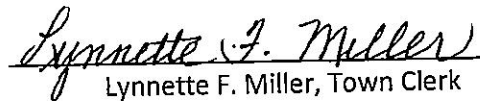
On a motion by Councilwoman Adam, seconded by Councilman Gerbic, the following resolution was

ADOPTED      Ayes    3            Dunton, Adam, Button, Gerbic  
                     Nays    0  
                     Absent 2           Grant

Resolved that the bills contained in the August 2021 Abstract have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

General Fund	Vouchers No: 185-220	\$ 9,332.60
Highway Fund	Vouchers No: 153-174	\$ 31,714.25
Water District	Vouchers No: 34-38	\$ 3,102.85

With no further business, on a motion by Councilwoman Adam, seconded by Councilman Gerbic, the meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

  
Lynnette F. Miller, Town Clerk