

**Town of Middlesex
Regular Meeting
August 11, 2022**

Present: David Adam, Supervisor
Leon Button, Councilman
Austin Liddiard, Councilman
Paul Mitchell, Councilman

Also Present: Todd Conaway, Highway Superintendent
Dawn Kane, Code Enforcement Officer
Dan Robeson, Historian/Heritage Group

Absent: Patrick Grimaldi, Assessor

Recording Secretary: Lynnette Miller, Clerk

Call to Order/Pledge

Supervisor Adam called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, 1216 State Route 245, Middlesex. He led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments – none

Approval of Minutes – Supervisor Adam asked the Board for comments or corrections to the minutes from the July 14, 2022 regular meeting. There were none. The minutes were approved on a motion by Councilman Button, seconded by Councilman Liddiard.

*All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried.

Assessor – no report

Library – no report

Highway/Buildings/Grounds – Todd Conaway

- Stone and oil were completed yesterday on Lindsley, Loomis & Bare Hill Roads.
- Clean Up Days are this weekend. Dumpsters are scheduled for delivery tomorrow.
- An oil sample from the excavator has indicated high lead. An additional sample will be taken after being operated and sent to be checked.
- Councilman Liddiard asked about the Town investing in a small trench box for the water district. There was a discussion. Water Superintendent Alan Williams is not here tonight and he needs to be part of the discussion. There were two major water main breaks in the last week.
- Supervisor Adam attended the latest Canandaigua Lake Watershed meeting. He reported on a new type of snowplow blade being used by several nearby towns (received through a grant) that is supposed to reduce the amount of salt used on the road.
- There is road ditching and grader patching to be done in the upcoming weeks.

Presentations - none

Code Enforcement Office – Dawn Kane Dawn Kan

- Planning Board did not meet this month.
- Everything is good at the Vine Valley Beach. This year's staff of lifeguards are working out well. Todd will be bringing more sand next week.
- Paperwork issues with Yates County have been resolved.
- This month ZBA had a denial for a garage on Route 245. A resubmittal will be required.
- Councilman Button mentioned a concern expressed by a resident about the condition of the beach. Code Officer Kane added that Supervisor Adam has also taken a call. Dawn visits the beach multiple times each day, opening and closing. The bathrooms are cleaned daily. She informed the Board that kids typically dig a big hole in the center of the sand. It was reported that the hole is a danger. It gets covered and more kids arrive and dig the same big hole – no concern. She commented that this year's drought contributes to the brown grass, which tends to be unsightly. Dawn identified that the gazebo is accessible to everyone, as well as the south side of the beach area to the water. Supervisor Adam received a comment that the beach looks good.

Historian/Heritage Group – Dan Robeson

- There was a good turnout for Citizens Appreciation Day held last Sunday, August 7th, at the fire hall honoring Leigh Williams. Senator Tom O'Mara spoke and presented a NYS Legislative resolution to Leigh's son, Cory, in honor of his dad's service and commitment to the community.
- The next event sponsored by the Heritage Group is Seneca Heritage Day at the Overackers School House on September 3rd from 2-4 p.m. Peter Jemison, retired site director at Ganondagon, will speak. Bill Crouse and the Allegany Dancers will perform. The event will include free ice cream. 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 annual Lighting of the Lake tradition.
- The Chronicle Express will end print on September 14.
- The Heritage Group is looking for volunteers.
- Supervisor Adam thanked Dan Robeson and others for all the work being done to note and preserve the history of our community.

Legislator's Report – Doug Paddock

- The Legislature recognized Leah Bush with the Distinguished Youth Award for Yates County.
- The 2023 Bicentennial Committee has a goal for each municipality in the county to hold a community event.
- The County has received grant dollars to refurbish historic markers. There is one in the Town of Middlesex that needs refurbishing. Supervisor Adam has emailed the County Historian about that, identifying a Native American burial ground. Others in the Town are fine.
- Regarding the Broadband Project, construction is set to begin in the fall.
- Construction on four new towers for the Communications Project has begun or set to begin. Currently the County leases space on the towers which is expensive.
- A public hearing was held on Local Law 6-2022 regarding changing the exemptions for veterans. The Legislature voted to approve this.

- The Legislature held a public hearing and voted to approve the Community Development Block Grant to repair or replace well/septic systems for qualifying residents.
- A resolution was passed by the Legislature designating August 16th as Help America Vote Day, a day to recognize election inspectors. A Special Election will be held on 8/23 to fill the seat vacated by Congressman Tom Reed. All Republicans can vote. All party members are eligible to vote in the General Election to be held in November.
- The Legislature passed a resolution asking NYS to reconsider early voting.
- Italy Hill Rd. in the Town of Jerusalem will be closed for approximately three weeks for culvert replacement.
- The Legislature authorized filling the position of Deputy Director of Public Health.
- August 7th is designated as Purple Hearts Day in Yates County. This is an annual designation that recognizes foster parents. There is a need for foster parents.
- The District Attorney would like to remind people to report for jury duty when called.

Town Clerk – Lynnette Miller

- SCT Computers came last week to run updates and check on the health of our computers. Supervisor Adam recommended that the Town also start using SCT computers to handle the Town website.
- Clerk Miller announced to the Board that a jury trial will be held at the Town Hall on Tuesday evening, August 23rd. There will be limited parking that evening.
- Clerk Miller informed the Board that a sympathy card was sent to retired Planning Board/ZBA Clerk Lynn Lersch on the death of her husband, Richard Lersch. Our thoughts are with Lynn and her family.

Supervisor's Report – David Adam

- The second (last) payment of dollars from the American Rescue Act has been received. This money has been earmarked for improvements to the water district.
- Special Projects - Supervisor Adam informed the Board that he will ask Bruce St. Lawrence to attend the September meeting to report on the next Phase for South Lake Rd. The figures are not set and have not gone out for bid. Preliminary plans were received.
- Budget Workshops – Supervisor Adam suggested Thursday, August 18 at 6:00 p.m. Clerk Miller will post the workshop on the bulletin board and on the website.
- Supervisor Adam informed the Board that he attended the most recent Canandaigua Lake Watershed meeting. Kevin Olvany outlined all available grants.
- Resident Peter Gerbic dropped off a rendition of a welcome sign that he is proposing for the Town. After viewing the concept and having a short discussion, the Board decided to table the proposal.
- After a discussion, Supervisor Adam will contact Barry Orlando regarding switching over the website to SCT Computers in Penn Yan. *See the resolution below.

Resolutions

Resolution #34-22

Audit of Claims

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Adam, Button, Liddiard, Mitchell
 Nays 0

RESOLVED that the invoices contained in the August 2022 Abstract have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts.

General Fund	Vouchers #156-174	\$ 10,679.84
Highway Fund	Vouchers #126-132	\$ 75,214.58
Water District	Vouchers # 27-32	\$ 5,337.51
Library Fund	Vouchers # 12	\$ 247.85

Resolution #35-22

Clean Up Days Workers

On a motion by Councilman Mitchell, seconded by Councilman Liddiard, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Adam, Button, Liddiard, Mitchell
 Nays 0

RESOLVED that the following individuals will work during the Town of Middlesex Clean Up Days, August 13 and 14, 2022 at the Town Barns; Paul Lee, Ed Snyder Jr., Carson Soles, Sean Conaway.

Resolution #36-22

Clean Up Days Community Service

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Adam, Button, Liddiard, Mitchell
 Nays 0

RESOLVED for Daniel Nemitz to work during the Town of Middlesex Clean Up Days on August 13 and 14, 2022 at the Town Barns for community service credit.

Resolution #37-22

Library Cleaning Bid

On a motion by Councilman Liddiard, seconded by Councilman Mitchell, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Adam, Button, Liddiard, Mitchell
 Nays 0

RESOLVED to accept the quote from On the Spot Cleaners in the amount of \$2,650.00 for mold remediation, HEPA, one-day cleaning.

Resolution #38-22

Approve SCT Computers, Inc to Oversee the Town Website

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


ADOPTED Ayes 4 Adam, Button, Liddiard, Mitchell
 Nays 0

RESOLVED to proceed with the proposal from SCT Computers, Inc. to develop and maintain the website for the Town of Middlesex as of September 1, 2022.

Public Comments – none

Adjourn

With no further business, on a motion by Councilman Button, seconded by Councilman Liddiard, the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Middlesex was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.



Lynnette F. Miller, Town Clerk