

**Town of Middlesex
Regular Meeting
December 12, 2019**

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

Absent: Jack Bauer, Councilman

Also Present: Todd Conaway, Highway Superintendent
Marty De Vinney, Planning Board Chair
Patrick Grimaldi, Assessor
Dawn Kane, Code Enforcement Officer
Dan Robeson, Historian/Heritage Group

Recording Secretary: Lynnette Miller, Clerk

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

Approval of Minutes

Supervisor Dunton requested a motion to accept the November 14, 2019 minutes as written. A motion was made by Councilman Button, seconded by Councilman Gerbic.

*All in favor; none opposed – Motion carried.

Assessor - Pat Grimaldi

Exemption forms will be sent out at the end of the month. STAR exemptions will be handled by NYS.

Highways/Buildings/Grounds – Todd Conaway

- Prices were presented from two vendors, Wilbri Inc. and Martin's, to replace a Town plow, 9 ½'. Councilman Gerbic asked if the stainless has more longevity. A discussion ensued about the details of the plow and the difference in prices. A motion was made by Councilman Button to accept the estimate given by Wilbri Inc., seconded by Councilman Grant.
*All in favor, none opposed – Motion carried.
- Superintendent Conaway is proposing that the Town purchase a 10-wheeler dump truck. A lengthy discussion ensued. Supervisor Dunton asked Councilman Button and Councilman Gerbic to meet with Todd to assess the situation in preparation for making a decision. Cost to be approximately \$217,000. It will most likely take a year before the truck is ready if ordered soon.

Code Enforcement – Dawn Kane

- Monthly report was given to the Board.
- There was a site failure on South Lake Road, new construction in the steep slope area. Clear-cut logging was done on a Sunday without adhering to the agreed plan. Extensive construction is necessary in order to get the site stabilized.
- There is a new construction on South Lake Rd.

- There was one woodstove fire this month. All is taken care of.
- Regarding the Vine Valley Beach, final paperwork has been filled out to go to the County.
- Keuka Housing is working on additional grant to replace mobile homes.
- Septic replacement and rebates are available to homeowners.

Planning Board – Marty De Vinney

- Marty apologized to the Board for missing last month's meeting.
- A description was given of procedures used to replace members of the Planning Board. It has been difficult to fill positions in the past, the main reason that the Board was taken from a seven-member board to a five-member board. Geographic distribution of members has been a consideration, along with qualifications. Marty expressed that losing Bruce St. Lawrence will be a hardship for the Town, specifically the Planning Board. The expertise that Bruce holds saved the Town considerable amounts of money as well as controversy. He explained that the building lots remaining along the lake are not good lots, mainly due to steep slopes and other sensitive issues that will include costly engineering expense.
- As Planning Board Chair and after presenting the Board with a description of each candidate, Marty asked for the Board's consideration to appoint Gordon Stringer and Terry Mott to vacancies of the Planning Board. After a discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Button, seconded by Councilman Gerbic to approved Gordon Stringer and Terry Mott to the Planning Board.
*All in favor; none opposed – Motion carried.

ZBA – No report

Historian/Heritage Group – Dan Robeson

- The 4th quarter newsletter will be mailed next week.
- It was a good year for the historian. Thank you to the Town for your support.

Water District – No report

Yates County Legislature – No report

Open Discussion – None

Town Clerk – Lynnette Miller

- Monthly report given to the Board
- 2020 Town/County tax bills will be picked up from the County on Monday, mailed by December 30.

Supervisor – Wayne Dunton

- The Town's Year End meeting will take place on December 28, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the Town Hall. The purpose of the meeting is to go through the Town's yearly financials.
- Salaried employees need to make a report of their 3-month time record.
- The Board was given copies of the monthly report.

Resolutions

Resolution 63-19

Monthly Report/Line Item Transfers

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

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

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

Resolution 64-19

Audit of Claims

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

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

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

General Fund	Vouchers No: 1327-1350	\$29,255.00
Highway Fund	Vouchers No: 2251-2272	\$97,119.99
Water District	Vouchers No: 3056-3060	\$ 7,035.90

Additional Comments

Councilman Gerbic thanked Highway Superintendent Conaway for getting the pine tree in front of the Town Hall, putting it up and decorating it with lights for the holidays.

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