

**Town of Middlesex  
Regular Meeting  
January 9, 2020**

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

Also Present: Todd Conaway, Highway Superintendent  
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 Route 245, Middlesex.

**Welcome**

Supervisor Dunton welcomed and congratulated the Town's newest Council Member, Denise Adam.

**Approval of Minutes**

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

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

Supervisor Dunton requested a motion to approve the December 28, 2019 Year End meeting minutes as written. A motion was made by Councilman Button, seconded by Councilman Grant.

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

**Assessor – Pat Grimaldi**

Forms have been mailed out to low income seniors and those that qualify for agriculture exemption.

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

- A water leak has been found under the north section of the shop. Alan Williams has capped it off. He will give the Town a price to re-route the pipes overhead.
- Regarding the swing set that will be installed at the Community House, Superintendent Conaway spoke with Tim Lafler of Lafler Construction about moving the swing set from the Town barn down to the Community House. The Town equipment is too big and would dig up the Community House lawn. There was a discussion about the logistics of having it moved. Tim will provide the Town with a price and the Town employees will help.
- Superintendent Conaway expressed that he, Councilman Button and Councilman Gerbic had hoped to get together to discuss the possibility of a new truck. A new date needs to be set.
- There was a discussion about the radiator repair and the cost to one of the Town trucks.

- Ventilation in the Town barn has been good. The problem with condensation seems to have been solved.
- The highway department still has an employment vacancy to be filled. Superintendent Conaway has some leads and he will be making some calls this week.

**Code Enforcement – Dawn Kane**

At last evening's Planning Board meeting, Code Officer Kane discussed a proposed solution to some issues with the Planning Board application process and updates to the zoning. She plans to have a detailed proposal to present to the Town Board at the next meeting as a result of consultation with a third party. This would be an objective look at some of wording of the Town's zoning rules, fixing definitions, updating wording, etc. Dawn presented two examples and stated that some of the wording in our zoning needs to be made clearer. In addition, the application process needs to be updated and streamlined with the option of online submissions. A price will be presented to the Board for consideration.

**Planning Board –**

No report.

**ZBA – Arthur Radin**

Chairman Radin requested that the Board reappoint two members of the Zoning Board of Appeals whose terms expired on 12/31/19, Robert (Win) Harper and Rebecca Parshall. He explained that Rebecca's term had been as an alternate member of the ZBA, however, she and Win Harper wish to switch designations, making Win the alternate and Rebecca the permanent member. Supervisor Dunton stated that no resolution was needed, just approval from the Board.

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

**Water District Superintendent**

Water Superintendent Alan Williams is not in attendance this evening. No report. There was a brief discussion regarding breaks that were found and fixed in the water district.

**Historian/Heritage Group – Dan Robeson**

- The Annual Meeting of the Heritage Group was held this past Sunday. The finances for 2019 show the group to be operating in the black. Officers are President Dave Charland, Vice President Paul Mitchell, Secretary Elaine Hilton, Treasurer Jim Hilton.
- Citizen's Appreciation Day and Seneca Heritage Day were very successful events for 2019.

**Legislator's Report – Ed Bronson**

- Doug Paddock was re-elected as chairperson of the County Legislature.
- Work will begin on the Williams Street bridge approximately April 1, 2020.
- Yates County has a contract with Yates Community Center for online training for sexual harassment. This is a mandatory training available for Town employees to access.
- Albany is requiring all candidates up for election to complete their campaign finance disclosure online. The Board of Elections will inform candidates as the time gets nearer.
- Bail reform – Yates County had six inmates released from the Yates County jail.

Legislator's Report cont'd.

- There was money left from the Vine Valley Boat Launch project. It has been proposed that there are site improvements to be made around the store and perhaps add an additional section to the dock. Supervisor Dunton asked if the County is looking for input on those decisions.
- There are 62 parcels in the County that have not paid their 2018 taxes. That is about 30 more than last year. A tax auction takes place in June.
- The County Clerk is experiencing difficulty with the Green Light Law allowing immigrants to apply for a driver's license. There is an exorbitant amount of time and energy required by the County employees.
- Councilman Gerbic asked about the status of the highspeed internet grant that was received by the County. Notification that the grant was awarded came before Christmas. A press release will be coming out soon.

**Town Clerk – Lynnette Miller**

- The clerk's monthly report was given to the Board.
- Tax collection is in full swing.

**Supervisor's Report – Wayne Dunton**

- The Town's monthly report was given to the Board.
- The quarterly water and sewer report was given to the Board. The dispute with the Village of Rushville over the water rate has been quiet over the holidays.

**Resolutions**

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

Resolution 01-20

**Standard Work Day**

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

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

Resolved to set the Town's standard workday hours as 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Resolution 02-20

**Meeting Dates/Time**

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

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

Resolved to set the Town Board meetings as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. The exception to this is the November meeting which shall be held the Thursday following Election Day.

Resolution 03-20

**Appoint Deputy Supervisor**

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

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

Resolved to appoint Peter Gerbic to the position of Deputy Supervisor with the ability to sign payroll checks and accounts payable checks in Supervisor Dunton's absence.

Resolution 04-20

**Appoint Town Attorney**

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

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

Resolved to appoint Jeffrey D. Graff, Esq. as attorney for the Town.

Resolution 05-20

**Appoint Health Officer**

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

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

Resolved to appoint Robert J. Ostrander, M.D. to the position of Town health officer.

Resolution 06-20

**Designate Bank**

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

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

Resolved to accept Community Bank as the designate bank for the Town.

Resolution 07-20

**Designate Newspaper**

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

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

Resolved to designate the Daily Messenger as the official Town newspaper.

Resolution 08-20

**Appoint Deputy Highway Superintendent**

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

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

Resolved to appoint Tim Soles as deputy highway superintendent.

**Budget Line Item Transfers**

There were no budget line item transfers this month.

Resolution 09-20

**Voucher Payment Out of Abstract**

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

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

Resolved to approved the payment of vouchers out of the abstract prior to a Town Board meeting. This includes but is not limited to utilities, fuel, insurance, etc.

Resolution 10-20

**Authorize to Pay the Bills**

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

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

Resolved that the bills contained in the January 2020 Abstract have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payments in the following amounts:

General Fund	Vouchers No:	1001-1030	\$17,078.35
Highway Fund	Vouchers No:	2273-2297	\$54,808.04
Water District	Vouchers No:	3001-3005	\$16,023.96
Trust & Agency	Vouchers No:	12	\$ 4,905.19

With no further business, on a motion by Councilman Gerbic, seconded by Councilman Button, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

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Lynnette F. Miller, Town Clerk

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