

Town of Middlesex
Regular Meeting
July 14, 2022

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

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

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 June 9, 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 – Pat Grimaldi

- The final assessment rolls have been filed.
- The school tax file will be submitted in August.
- Pat will attend annual training for assessors next week.
- Yates County Legislator Ed Bronson commented that the County is considering raising the veteran's exemption. The County will hold a public hearing in August.

Library – no report

Highway/Buildings/Grounds – Todd Conaway

- The three roads discussed at the last meeting have been ground and graded – Lindsley Rd., Loomis Rd. and Bare Hill Rd. Todd is waiting to receive a date for stone and oil.
- The guys have been working on odds and ends including pipe installation and mowing.
- Work is scheduled to begin Monday on the new flushing machine for the water district. Todd explained the process.

- Empire Recycling was contacted about dumpsters for Town Clean-Up Days. Supervisor Adam will contact Finger Lakes Refuse. There was a discussion about additional refuse companies to call. Todd called Yates County Sheriff's Lieutenant Ed Nemitz who responded that the Sweeps program isn't up and running yet. Todd will get extra help.

Presentations – none

Code Enforcement Office – Dawn Kane

- Dawn reported on a tram failure last week at 264 East Lake Rd. There were no injuries. The Yates County Sheriff was notified. The owners are working with the code enforcement office and the tram has been condemned until NYS do an inspection. No one is allowed at the property other than the owners.
- The flagpole and surround have been completed at Overackers Cemetery as part of a Boy Scout Eagle project. The work was beautifully done and there have been many compliments.
- Approval has been given for another new house on South Lake Rd.
- The Zoning Board of Appeals has accepted the resignation of Member Liz Grant.
- The Planning Board is operating with a quorum but is in need of more members.
- Vine Valley Beach is busy going well. The five lifeguards are working out wonderfully.

Planning Board – no report

Zoning Board – no report

Water District – no report

Historian/Heritage Group – Dan Robeson

- Citizens Appreciation Day will be held Sunday, August 7th from 2-4:00 p.m. at the Middlesex Fire Hall. Leigh Williams will be honored. NYS Senator Tom O'Mara is expected to attend.
- The Heritage Group is in need of volunteers.

Legislator's Report – Ed Bronson

- The County Historian has made a request for representation from each town to serve on the County Bicentennial Committee. Dan Robeson mentioned that Jim Hilton is the Town of Middlesex representative. In addition, the County is looking to refurbish historical markers. Please let the County Historian know if there are markers in need.
- Hazardous Waste Collection Day is taking place August 23rd in Watkins Glen at the highway department. Tomorrow, July 15th, is the last day to pre-register for this event which is a shared event between Yates and Schuyler Counties.
- Broadband Project – The fiber and connectors are on order. Some fiber is on hand and in storage. Initial construction contracts will be going out in late August.
- Communications Project – Four new towers are being built. Additionally, a microwave receiver is being added to the tower in Ovid, Cayuga County. Construction has started on the Emerson Road site in Dundee. Three of four towers have been delivered.

- A Local Law was passed to continue the occupancy tax. Since 2008 over \$7 million has been collected by the County - \$3.3 million was used to promote tourism, \$300,000 for cultural events and natural resources, \$300,000 for infrastructure improvements (hotels in PY), and \$3 million was used to offset property taxes.
- A public hearing will be held on August 8th regarding increasing the Veteran's exemption.

Town Clerk – Lynnette Miller

- Board members received a copy of the Town Clerk's monthly report.
- Clerk Miller requests that all newsletter articles be forwarded to her as soon as possible. The newsletter will be posted on the Town website, hopefully by the end of July.

Supervisor's Report – David Adam

- The 2020 Annual Report has been in question by the Comptroller's Office. Items in question have been resolved. Supervisor Adam is now working on the questions from the 2021 report.
- Water Improvement SEQR Review – Supervisor Adam confirmed with MRB that the location for the water project was correct as presented at the June Board meeting. Supervisor Adam presented the SEQR which says that the Town of Middlesex will be the lead agency for the project moving forward.
- Special Projects - South Lake Road – guide rails have been installed. Bruce St. Lawrence reported to Supervisor Adam that the project scope has been finished.

Resolutions

Resolution #32-22

Audit of Claims

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

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

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

General Fund	Vouchers #132-155	\$ 16,861.21
Highway Fund	Vouchers #102-121	\$ 80,877.84
Water District	Vouchers # 21- 26	\$ 27,958.19
Trust & Agency	Vouchers # 8	\$ 5,134.73
Library Fund	Vouchers # 10- 11	\$ 326.36

Resolution #33-22

Town of Middlesex Named as Lead Agency for Water Improvement Project

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

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

RESOLVED to name the Town of Middlesex as lead agency for the Water Improvement Project as per the contract with MRB Group.

Public Comments – none

Executive Session

Supervisor Adam requested a motion to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing employment issues. A motion was made by Councilman Mitchell, seconded by Councilman Liddiard.

*All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried at 7:15 p.m.

At 8:49 p.m. a motion was made by Councilman Liddiard, seconded by Councilman Mitchell to end executive session and re-enter the regular meeting.

*All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried.

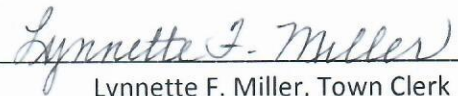
Further Business

Councilman Mitchell made a motion to freeze all book purchases for the Middlesex Reading Center pending a review of library policies and procedures to be conducted by the Reading Center Board of Trustees. Councilman Liddiard seconded the motion.

*All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried.

Supervisor Adam initiated a discussion regarding the security of the Town Hall and the number of keys that have been distributed and who has access to various offices. It was agreed that Supervisor Adam would take care of having the outside doors as well as the office doors re-keyed at the Town Hall. Clerk Miller added that all information held in her office is confidential and that no one is to have access to her office without her permission.

With a further business, on a motion by Councilman Liddiard, seconded by Councilman Button, the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Middlesex was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.



Lynnette F. Miller, Town Clerk