

**Town of Middlesex  
Regular Meeting  
June 11, 2020**

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

**Also Present:** Todd Conaway, Highway Superintendent  
Patrick Grimaldi, Assessor  
Dawn Kane, Code Enforcement Officer  
Dan Robeson, Historian/Heritage Group  
Gordon Stringer, Community House  
Alan Williams, Water Superintendent

**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. Everyone in attendance wore face masks and social distanced, following recommended CDC guidelines during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Approval of Minutes**

Supervisor Dunton requested a motion to approve the minutes from the May 14, 2020 meeting. A motion was made by Councilman Button, seconded by Councilman Gerbic.

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

**Assessor – Pat Grimaldi**

- There were two residents who requested review by the Board of Assessment Review in May.
- The final tax roll is due to the County tomorrow.

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

- There is a problem with truck #8. The guys at the County have been working on it, however, they advised Superintendent Conaway to contact Kan Fix It Diesel Repair in Pavilion for further repair. It is suspected that the valves need to be adjusted. Todd is hopeful that he can get it in for repair next week.
- Town Clean-Up Days have been set for Saturday and Sunday, August 15 & 16. Superintendent Conaway will need to hire some help for that day since the County will not be able to provide the assistance used in the past.
- The dock in Vine Valley has been repaired and installed. Superintendent Conaway suggests that the Town hire someone to remove it in the fall and for future installations.
- Superintendent Conaway would like the Town to consider getting a new roller. This one has no parking brake. Todd has been advised that this roller is too old to fix.
- Board members were given information on the purchase of a loader. Milton CAT's numbers just arrived this afternoon. After a lengthy discussion, Supervisor Dunton suggested that Superintendent Conaway meet with Councilman Button and Councilman Gerbic to discuss the options further. Todd plans to sell the oldest loader. A new battery is needed.

- Regarding the swing set to be installed at the Vine Valley Community House, Tim Lafler of Lafler Construction has declined installing the unit because he feels it is not safe.

**Code Enforcement – Dawn Kane**

- There are a couple new builds on East Lake Rd.
- Letters will be mailed to specific residents regarding the need to clean up their property.
- The Planning Board has been trying to get caught up after no meeting during the pandemic. Currently there are 8 more applications.
- Regarding the Vine Valley Beach and swimming, Code Officer Kane is having difficulty finding certified lifeguards to hire. The Town attorney has advised signs stating “No Lifeguards. No Swimming Allowed.” Dawn will also check on the Town’s insurance to make sure we are properly covered. The drinking fountain outside the bathroom is covered and not operating. The bathrooms are open. Town Attorney Jeff Graff is checking with the Association of Towns to see how others are handling similar situations.
- Supervisor Dunton asked about the definition of a pole barn. Code Officer Kane said the Planning Board will define this at the next meeting.

**Planning Board –**

- In Chairman Marty De Vinney’s absence, Planning Board Member Gordon Stringer informed the Board that 14 applications were reviewed at the last meeting.

**ZBA –**

No report

**Water District Superintendent – Alan Williams**

- Water Superintendent Williams informed the Board that he purchased a new digital chlorination tester. He needs permission from the Board to sell the old one and he already has a buyer. On a motion from Councilman Button, seconded by Councilwoman Adam, the Board voted to allow Water Superintendent Williams to sell the used digital chlorination tester.  
\*All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried.
- A new flusher unit has been installed on West Avenue.
- No new leaks in the water district have been found.

**Historian/Heritage Group – Dan Robeson**

- The decision has been made to cancel this year’s Citizen Appreciation Day.
- A decision will be made regarding Seneca Heritage Day at the June 20<sup>th</sup> Heritage Group board meeting.

**Legislator’s Report – Doug Paddock**

- Phase 3 opens tomorrow. Business will need to prepare plans and have them on file. Restaurants can be open at 25% capacity.
- The County sales tax is down .5% from last year, however, the last 3 payments from the state are down 32% from last year. There are projections of more revenue losses.
- NYS released CHIPS funds on Tuesday, initially at 80%, with remainder expected when federal funds come to the state.

- The DEC has informed the Towns of Italy, Potter and Middlesex that they would no longer be able to sell hunting and fishing licenses due to low volume. Legislator Paddock has contacted NYS Senator and Assemblyman regarding this.
- There is a proposed change for the terms of a County Legislator.

**Public Comments –**  
None

**Town Clerk – Lynnette Miller**

- Articles for the Town newsletter are due by June 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Town Clerk's monthly report given to Board Members.

**Supervisor's Report – Wayne Dunton**

- Water dispute with Village of Rushville, nothing new to report.
- Lu Engineers Report for South Lake Road given to the Board. The aerial photography has been completed. There was a discussion and explanation of why the aerial photography was done. \*See Resolutions below.
- Culvert Replacement Grant – Superintendent Conaway has been working with Kevin Olvany and the Canandaigua Lake Watershed. The Town will be reimbursed \$6,863.00 for culvert work and pipe. A copy of the emailed letter sent to Kevin Olvany was given to Board Members.
- Water District funding for main replacement
- Board Members were given copies of the Monthly Report.
- Casella has sent the Town a new 3-year contract for trash and recyclable pickup. There was a discussion regarding when this contract begins. Clerk Miller will check the file for dates on the last contract. \*See Resolutions below.

**Resolutions**

**Resolution 24-20**

**Lu Engineer Report**

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

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

Resolved to accept and continue with the original engineering proposal for upgrades to South Lake Road.

**Resolution 25-20**

**Casella Waste Management Contract**

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

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

Resolved for Supervisor Dunton to authorize and sign the 3-year contract with Casella Waste Management for the Town's trash and recycling.

Resolution 26-20

**Monthly Report/Budget Line Item Transfers**

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

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

Resolved to accept the Supervisor's Monthly Report and Budget Line Item Transfers to date for June 2020.

Resolution 27-20

**Audit of Claims**

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

General Fund	Vouchers No: 1136-1162	\$ 5,443.84
Highway	Vouchers No: 2382-2395	\$11,159.34
Water District	Vouchers No: 3022-3026	\$ 741.24

**Committee/Board Members –**

- Supervisor Dunton commented that the Town is well within its budget. Copies are available. Highway equipment money has not been spent.

With no further business, on a motion by Councilman Gerbic, seconded by Councilman Button, the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

  
Lynnette F. Miller, Town Clerk