

**Town of Middlesex  
Regular Meeting  
May 13, 2021**

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

Absent: James Grant, Councilman

Also Present: Todd Conaway, Highway Superintendent  
Patrick Grimaldi, Assessor  
Dawn Kane, Code Enforcement Officer  
Bruce St. Lawrence, Project Manager

Recording Secretary: Lynnette Miller, Clerk

Supervisor Dunton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall located at 1216 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 April 14, 2021 meeting. A motion was made by Councilwoman Adam, seconded by Councilman Button to accept the minutes as written.

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

**Assessments – Pat Grimaldi**

- Equalization rates are now at 100% valuation.
- The Board of Assessment Review will meet at the Town Hall on Thursday, May 27, 2021 from 4:00-8:00 p.m. to meet with residents who would like to discuss their assessment.

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

- The Town of Potter came to help grade one of the Town roads.
- Next week Town highway crew will begin laying gravel on roads.
- The engine is being rebuilt on truck #8 at Regional in Geneva. The estimated cost is \$30,000.
- Work on South Lake Rd. is complete. Bruce St. Lawrence will report further at tonight's meeting.

**Code Enforcement – Dawn Kane**

- The monthly report was given to the Board to review.
- The code office is busier than ever. The number of building permits has increased, along with the number of new builds.

- The Planning Board met via Zoom for the last meeting. Ten applications were reviewed.
- Regarding the Vine Valley Beach, there have been 2 lifeguard applications submitted. Many more are needed. It appears that the beach will operate on a part-time schedule. Another advertisement will be placed this week.
- The fence to the south of the beach was installed by Jan & Bill Scott. They plan to install burning bushes on their side of the fence and wonder if the Town would like to do the same. For the next meeting, Dawn will find out who is installing the Scott's burning bushes. She will get the details and report back at the June meeting.
- There was a discussion about hiring someone to install the dock as well as place the marker buoys. Bruce St. Lawrence mentioned that a permit is needed for the marker buoys. Bruce explained the details.
- Paperwork has been submitted to the County for the beach. The beach will most likely open with lifeguards when the school year ends. Due to lack of lifeguards, the beach will not be open for Memorial Day Weekend. Signage at the beach will say, "No lifeguards. No swimming." The Vine Valley store will be open, as well as the bath house.
- Councilman Gerbic asked if it would be helpful to have a letter from the Town Board sent to residential property owners who need to clean up their property. Dawn agreed and asked to discuss the matter further in executive session.

#### **Planning Board –**

- Bruce St. Lawrence reported that a conference call is set for next Wednesday between Lu Engineers, members of the Planning Board, Code Officer Kane & himself to discuss the zoning law amendment regarding right of ways and heavy hauling permit.
- Planning Board member Gordon Stringer reported that the Planning Board will be meeting twice monthly in order to review applications. At last week's meeting 10 applications were reviewed.

#### **Zoning Board – No report**

#### **Water District –**

- Highway Superintendent Conaway reported that the holding tank at the Robeson Vine Valley Store was leaking ground water. Art Rilands from the Village of Rushville water department assisted with the Village backhoe. Todd repaired a cracked pipe leading into the tank.

#### **Historian/Heritage Group –**

- Supervisor Dunton reported in Historian Dan Robeson's absence that the group is planning to hold Citizen's Appreciation Day at the beginning of August. They are also hopeful that Seneca Heritage Day will take place the Saturday before Labor Day. More information will be forthcoming.

#### **Legislator's Report – Doug Paddock**

- The Legislature appointed Patrick Killen to the legislative seat he vacated last month.
- Caiden DeMarco was honored as the 2020 Distinguished Youth Award recipient.

- The Legislature recognized the week of May 2-8 as National Correctional Officers' & Employees' Week.
- The Legislature recognized National Peace Officers' Memorial Day on May 15<sup>th</sup>.
- The Legislature recognized Emergency Medical Services Week, May 16-22.
- A local law was adopted regarding a pilot youth deer hunting program.
- A tentative date of August 28<sup>th</sup> has been set for a household hazardous waste & electronics collection at the Benton Highway Barns.
- The County audit was completed for 2020.
- The Yates County DMV is planning to open for walk-in service beginning June 1<sup>st</sup>. Hours are 9 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- NY Engineering Services will be traveling around the county surveying poles and rights-of-way for the broadband grant.
- There are still Covid-19 vaccines clinics available. Check the County Public Health website for times.

**Public Comments – None**

**Town Clerk – Lynnette Miller**

- Tax reconciliation with the County Treasurer was completed.
- Clerk Miller is still in the process of gathering information and estimates on a new computer system.

**Special Projects – Bruce St. Lawrence**

- The first phase of the South Lake Road Rehabilitation Project is done. Ramsey Constructors completed the job under estimate. The subgrade was in better condition than estimated when it was uncovered. The asphalt used was approximately 100 tons less. Total savings was \$67,000. The Phase 2 proposal has been received from Lu Engineers. The plan is for the Town to complete drainage work this fall, then the job will go out for bid in December. The scope for Phase 2 is to go as far as Linda Sheive's property, about ¾ mile. The current work involved 9/10 mile. There are two retaining walls (Hansen & Eli) that are failing in Phase 2 work to be done. Bruce thanked Highway Superintendent Conaway and the Town employees for the work they completed which also saved the Town money. Most residents of the road are pleased. Hydroseeding still needs to be done. There are a few small dress-up items that will wrap up the job. Lines will not be added because the road is too narrow.
- Supervisor Dunton explained the work that will be done by the Town prior to the next phase.
- Canandaigua Lake Watershed Program Manager Kevin Olvany would like photos and information in order to get some grant money for the project.

**Supervisor's Report – Wayne Dunton**

- The Vine Valley dock has been repaired. Todd Conaway reported that Dawn was looking into finding someone to install the dock. Dawn will update late in tonight's meeting.
- Highway Superintendent Conaway will work on the Town Hall downspouts as time allows.

- Regarding the proposed On-Site Waste Water Law, recommendations have been made by the Town attorney. The Planning Board will review the updates/changes at their next meeting. Supervisor Dunton is hopeful that a public hearing will be set at the June meeting, to be held in July.
- A meeting was held with MRB Group, Village of Rushville Mayor LeClair & Supervisor Dunton regarding the ongoing water dispute. MRB has informed the Town that it will take some time to draw a conclusion due to the amount of information involved that needs to be reviewed.
- The Town has until September to opt out of allowing cannabis dispensaries within the Town limits.
- The Monthly Report was given to Board members.

**Resolutions**

**Resolution #25-21**

**Lu Engineers Proposal for Development of General Highway Permit Program**

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

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

Resolved to allow Supervisor Dunton to sign the proposal provided by Lu Engineers to develop a general highway use permit program for the Town not to exceed a cost of \$12,000.

Whereas the program would include a seasonal hauling permit for certain Town roads.

**Resolution #26-21**

**Municipal Solutions, Inc. 2021 Contract Extension**

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

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

Resolved to allow Supervisor Dunton to sign and accept an amendment (Appendix A) to extend the original contract dated March 31, 2020 presented by Municipal Solutions, Inc. regarding the Town water project.

Whereas, the original contract was never acted upon due to the pandemic and no money was paid to Municipal Solutions, Inc.

**Resolution #27-21**

**Liddiard's Tree Experts Annual Contract**

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

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

Resolved to accept the 2021 Lawn Maintenance Contract in the amount of \$6,566.40.

**Resolution #28-21**

**Audit of Claims**

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

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

Resolved that the bills contained in the May 2021 Abstract have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

General Fund	Vouchers No: 105-130	\$ 14,781.19
Highway Fund	Vouchers No: 95-113	\$285,962.29
Water District	Vouchers No: 21-25	\$ 22,312.12

**Committee Reports**

**Highway/Buildings/Grounds**

- Councilman Gerbic presented 2 bids for the plantings and upkeep of the Town triangle.

**Resolution #29-21**

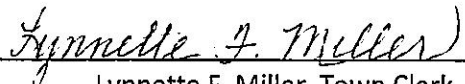
**Triangle Landscape at Water St. and West Ave.**

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

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

Resolved to accept the quote presented to the Town from Rogers Property Maintenance for \$1,000 to plant, mulch and maintain the area known as the triangle for the 2021 season. Councilman Gerbic will notify Tyson Rogers.

With no further business, on a motion by Councilman Gerbic, seconded by Councilman Button, the meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

  
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Lynnette F. Miller, Town Clerk