

**Town of Middlesex
Regular Meeting
November 12, 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
Bruce St. Lawrence, Project Manager

Recording Secretary: Lynnette Miller, Clerk

Supervisor Dunton opened the meeting 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 October 2020 meeting. A motion was made by Councilman Gerbic, seconded by Councilwoman Adam.

*All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried.

Highway/Buildings/Grounds – Todd Conaway

- The highway crew is busy working on road ditches, putting up snow fence & preparing for snowplowing.
- Next month Superintendent Conaway plans to have truck prices to present to the Board
- The open highway position has been filled with his start date happening in early December.

Code Enforcement – Dawn Kane

Strong real estate sales have kept Code Officer Kane busy with inspections and questions about what people can and cannot do. Many new people moving into the area.

Planning Board –

Supervisor Dunton explained the revised definition of a pole barn as discussed at the October Board meeting. The wording was changed to remove the accessory. No further discussion.

ZBA –

No report.

Water District –

No report

Historian/Heritage Group – Dan Robeson

- The group continues to meet on Wednesday mornings at the Town Hall.
- A newsletter will be mailed in mid-December.

Legislator's Report – Doug Paddock

- The COVID-19 numbers in Yates County are rising. There are not many places within the County to get tested. Public Health urges residents to continue to wear masks, social distance, keep social circles smaller and get tested if you need to. The County Health Department is very busy.
- The broadband grant is moving forward. An assistant has been hired.
- A tentative County budget has been adopted. There will be a budget hearing next Thursday evening in the Legislative Chambers at 6:00 p.m. The tax levy is flat. The tax rate is down approximately 10%. For residents whose assessment stayed the same, their county tax bill will go down.
- Councilman Gerbic asked where residents of Yates County can go to be tested for COVID-19. Chairman Paddock responded that a call to your doctor is necessary if you are symptomatic. There are no Urgent Care Centers in the County and no place where testing is offered free. The only no-cost location to get tested for COVID-19 is Monroe Community College.

Public Comments –

Resident Ted Carman urged the Board to revisit the Onsite Wastewater Treatment Law. All municipalities in the watershed have adopted this law except the Town of Middlesex and Town of Italy. Mr. Carman commented that the passage of this law positively effects water quality which also drives home values in the Town. Most lake homes draw surface water from the lake which is impacted by leaking septic systems. Mr. Carman urged the Board to restart the process. Supervisor Dunton agreed. Code Officer Kane commented that Kevin Olvany had contacted her today.

Town Clerk – Lynnette Miller

- The clerk's monthly report was given to Board members for review.

Supervisor's Report – Wayne Dunton

- Robeson Vine Valley Store – Board members were given copies of the revised lease agreement. Supervisor Dunton asked Councilwoman Adam to summarize the lease and any updates made. The lease term is 3 years unless the liquor license is not granted, then the lease term is 1 year. A lease deposit of \$900 will be paid to the Town. Rent will be \$900 per year. A business plan will be provided. After a brief discussion, the Board agreed to proceed with leasing the store to Tanya Fox. She will provide the necessary paperwork to Code Officer Kane.
- Yates County Inter-Municipal Agreement – Vine Valley Beach Boat Launch Site & Dock Project. Supervisor Dunton explained that this agreement is still on hold and the Town attorney is reviewing it. Code Officer Kane informed the Board that more information was requested by the insurance company before insurance would be issued. The intent has been that the Town will insure and maintain the dock. The dock and boat launch are on property owned by Yates County. Legislature Chairman Paddock suggested a teleconference between the Town attorney, the County attorney and the Town's insurance agent.

- Town Hall rain gutter downspouts – Supervisor Dunton informed the Board that Todd looked at the downspouts. All are broken and need to be replaced. Next week Todd will borrow a snake from the Village of Rushville to troubleshoot the drain. Councilman Button will contact Tom Petro for an estimate.
- The Supervisor’s monthly report was given to the Board.

Resolutions

Resolution #46-20

Approval to Amend Local Law: Town of Middlesex with a NEW DEFINITION of Pole Barn – Non-Agricultural

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

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

Resolved to approve and proceed with the adoption of a Local Law of the Town of Middlesex entitled “A Local Law Amending the Town of Middlesex Zoning Law.” This Local Law would amend the Town’s Zoning Law by adding a new revised definition of “Pole Barn – Non-Agricultural Use.” The definition has been updated since the public hearing held September 10, 2020 to remove the word “accessory” as discussed at the October 8, 2020 meeting.

Resolution #47-20

2021 Proposed Budget

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 adopt the 2021 Town of Middlesex Budget as proposed.

Resolution #48-20

Yates County Inter-Municipal Animal Control Agreement

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 for the Town of Middlesex to enter into a Contract with Yates County for Animal Control for the year 2021.

Resolution #49-20

Line Item Transfers

There were no Line Item Transfers this month.

South Lake Road & Miscellaneous

At this time Supervisor Dunton requested information from Bruce St. Lawrence, Project Manager. Bruce reported that Lu Engineers is addressing work that is done in the right-of-way of Town roads to include the latest plan for repair to South Lake Rd. The proposal from Lu Engineers addresses zoning issues that have the potential to be safety problems caused by heavy loads hauled on Town roads; what is allowed

and what is not. The recommendation is for the Town to charge a fee and issue a permit. Supervisor Dunton asked the Board to review the proposal submitted by Lu Engineers. Further discussion will take place at the next Board meeting.

Supervisor Dunton informed the Board that he has had a couple phone calls from a resident on South Lake Road concerned about multiple for sale signs on properties in the Town. After a short discussion, the Board agreed that these are considered temporary signs. This is allowed.

Resolution 50-20

Audit of Claims

On a motion by Council Gerbic, seconded by Councilman Button the following resolution was
ADOPTED Ayes 5 Dunton, Adam, Button, Gerbic, Grant
 Nays 0

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

General Fund	Vouchers No: 1262-1291	\$ 11,645.32
Highway	Vouchers No: 2477-2499	\$ 22,249.83
Water District	Vouchers No: 3051-3055	\$ 1,807.13

Resolution 51-20

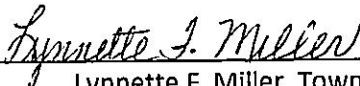
Robeson Vine Valley Store Lease Agreement

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 changes to the lease agreement for the Robeson Vine Valley Store.

With no further business, on a motion by Councilman Gerbic, seconded by Councilwoman Adam, the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.



Lynnette F. Miller, Town Clerk