

**Town of Middlesex  
Regular Meeting  
September 9, 2021**

**Present:** Wayne Dunton, Supervisor  
Denise Adam, Councilwoman  
Leon Button, Councilman (entered the meeting at 7:04 p.m.)  
Peter Gerbic, Councilman

**Absent:** James Grant, Councilman  
Patrick Grimaldi, Assessor  
Dan Robeson, Historian/Heritage Group

**Also Present:** Todd Conaway, Highway Superintendent  
Dawn Kane, Code Enforcement Officer

**Recording Secretary:** Lynnette Miller, Clerk

Supervisor Dunton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Middlesex Town Hall, 1216 State Route 245, Middlesex, New York.

**Approval of Minutes**

Supervisor Dunton requested a motion to approved the minutes from the August 12, 2021 meeting. A motion was made by Councilman Gerbic, seconded by Councilwoman Adam to accept the minutes as written.

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

**Assessments – no report**

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

- Board members were given the monthly report from the highway superintendent.
- Todd reported that 12 dumpsters were filled on the weekend of Town Clean Up Days in August; 9 Casella dumpsters, 2 dumpsters with metal and 1 dumpster of tires. This was the most collected of any year.
- Bagley Road has been stoned and oiled. There is some grooming still to be done.
- The old roller was sold at the online auction for \$9,100.
- Town Highway Employee Ed Snyder looked at the roller the Town is proposing to buy, a 2015 Sakai. Ed reported to Todd that it looks good with low hours. It is currently rented to Cattaraugus County. The salesperson confirmed that some maintenance would be done on the roller prior to the Town making the purchase. The price as reported at the August Board meeting is \$48,000. Todd explained that the Town's CHIPS money is expected to arrive in September which would cover the cost. There was a brief discussion.
- Gutters and downspouts for the Town Hall are still on the list to be completed this fall. Village of Rushville Water Superintendent Art Rilands plans to use a camera to check the lines.
- Supervisor Dunton informed the Board that the high-speed internet station will be placed on Water Street at the old mill site.
- Councilman Gerbic thanked Highway Superintendent Conway and the Town employees for their work on Bare Hill mowing and preparing for the annual Ring of Fire.

#### **Legislator's Report – Tim Cutler**

- Construction of Phase 1 of the broadband grant will be started before the end of the year in the western end of the County.
- Three new public safety communications towers will be built in the towns of Italy, Barrington & another location in the southern area of Yates County. There is currently one tower on Shay Road.
- The decision has been made by the County Legislature to require masks in all County buildings. Yates County is in the red zone.
- A public hearing will be held on 9/13/21 to ban firearms and dangerous weapons in County Buildings. There will be a further discussion regarding how this will be enforced.
- The regular meeting of the County Legislature is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at 1:00 p.m. This month's meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m. due to a conflict with another meeting that many of the Legislators will attend.

#### **Water District – No report**

#### **Special Projects –**

- Supervisor Dunton reported that the Town will receive federal dollars for covid relief in two payments, one in 2021 and one in 2022 that will total a little over \$150,000. This money can be used to offset amounts paid for added supplies or additional payroll cost which are both small amounts. Specific guidelines have been given on how the money can be spent. The money can be used to improve water supplies to residents.
- Bruce St. Lawrence is working with MRB Group looking into water drainage/storm control on South Lake Rd. also upgrading the watermain between Rushville and Middlesex. Supervisor Dunton will report back at the next meeting.

#### **Code Enforcement Office – Dawn Kane**

- The Vine Valley Store remains open at this time on shorter hours.
- The beach is wrapped up. The bathhouse will be open into October/November depending on weather. Councilwoman Adam asked how the lone lifeguard worked out this summer. Dawn explained that due to a glitch with insurance, the Town did not have an operating permit this summer so the lifeguard was not needed. She was employed for some other duties at the beach and Dawn has submitted that paperwork to the county for her to receive payment. Hopefully she will be available to return next year as a lifeguard. There were no issues this year. The cameras were helpful.
- Dawn reported that next month she will present the Board with estimates to have the dock removed by professionals. This will also include installation.
- The Code Enforcement Officer's monthly report was given to the Board members. The code office is steady with several permits issued.
- Planning Board has a couple work sessions planned. ZBA has been steady. In addition, the attorney has been immeasurable along with Stantec Engineering. Both have saved the Town time and money.

**Town Clerk – Lynnette Miller**

- The town clerk’s monthly report was given to the Board.

**Supervisor’s Report – Wayne Dunton**

- The Supervisor’s monthly report was given to Board members
- Town Hall Rain Gutters/Down Spouts – discussed earlier in the meeting under Highway/Buildings/Grounds
- High Speed Internet, Water St. Old Mill St. – discussed earlier in the meeting under Highway/Buildings/Grounds
- Rushville/Middlesex Water Rate Charge Evaluation – The Rushville Village Board will meet this coming Monday. They will accept or deny the Town’s proposal and let us know.
- Budget Work Session – Supervisor Dunton explained that the copies given to Board members this evening represent a working document of the 2022 Town budget. Expenditures for the remainder of 2021 are yet to be final. He emphasized that the rate per \$1,000 is down because the assessments have increased. The Board needs to review this document in preparation for a work session where they will review the budget by line item. It was agreed that the Board would meet on Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. for a work session on the proposed budget. All in favor.

**Resolutions**

**Resolution #39-21**

**Public Hearing – Tax Cap Override**

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 approve a Public Hearing to Override the Tax Levy Limit on October 14, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, 1216 Route 245, Middlesex.

**Resolution #40-21**

**Monthly Report/Line-Item Transfers**

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 accept the Supervisor’s Monthly Report and Line-Item Transfers for September 2021.

Resolution #41-21

**Audit of Claims**

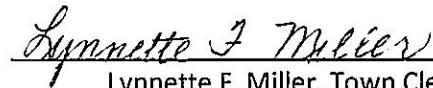
On a motion by Councilwoman Adam, seconded by Councilman Gerbic, the following resolution was

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

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

General Fund	Vouchers No: 221-245	\$ 20,181.47
Highway Fund	Vouchers No: 175-185	\$ 29,328.09
Water District	Vouchers No: 39- 44	\$ 6,812.03

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

  
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Lynnette F. Miller, Town Clerk