

Town of Middlesex

Regular Meeting

March, 13 2025

Present: David Adam, Supervisor  
Leon Button, Council Member  
Austin Liddiard, Council Member  
Paul Mitchell, Council Member  
Stephanie Betts, Council Member

Also Present: Patrick Grimaldi , Tax Assessor  
Sarah Purdy, Yates County Legislature  
Dawn Kane, Code Enforcement Officer  
Josh Burnett, Highway Superintendent  
Amberle Kelly, Historian  
Ed Bronson, Terry Mott, Bob Mincer, Win Harper, Bob Mincer – towns people

Recording: Rebecca Moore, Town Clerk

### **Call to Order/Pledge**

Supervisor Adam called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall, 1216 State Route 245, Middlesex NY. He led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Open Public Comments 7:00 PM**

Hearing none

### **Close public comments 7:00 PM**

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING Local Law to override the tax levy limit establishing in General Municipal Law 3-c

Request to approve February 13, 2024 board meeting minutes was approved by Council Member Liddiard and Council Member Button seconded approval, all in favor

## **Town Clerk Report**

Town Clerk report submitted to the Town Board. Complete Town Clerk is available upon request in the Town Hall for public review.

## **Highway/Buildings/Grounds**

Highway Superintendent report submitted to the Town Board. Complete Highway Superintendent is available upon request in the Town Hall for public review.

## **Water District Superintendent – Alan Williams**

Nothing to report

## **Code Enforcement Officer- Dawn Kane**

Code

Very steady

Planning

- 6 new applicants

ZBA –

Very steady. Application for subdivision that is requesting the turn around to be used for school buses turn around.

Councilman Mitchell asked if there was an update regarding the Solar moratorium. Per Dawn, the ZBA will be meeting in May and set goal to have completed in 90 days (end of July).

## **Historian - Amberle Kelly**

Historian report submitted to the Town Board. Complete Historian is available upon request in the Town Hall for public review.

In addition to report submitted, Historian added: Requesting to discuss with board to 'host' community events. Supervisor asked the Historian to bring some examples of different types of community events and once completed, bring to boards attention again but please, before budget time.

## **Yates county legislature – Sarah Purdy**

1. Bids were awarded for various Highway materials – mix asphalt concrete, liquid bituminous material, paver placed surface treatment, etc.
2. An open house for the public is scheduled at the new Highway/Emergency Services/Public Health building in Benton from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 17.
3. Veterans Services is planning a ceremony to recognize all Vietnam veterans in Yates County on Saturday, March 29, which is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War. The ceremony will run from 1-3 p.m. at the Penn Yan Academy auditorium.

4. Veterans Services also will display a digital mockup of The Wall Tah Heals, with a display case of mementos, in the lobby of the County Office Building. Veterans Services Director Doug Gibbs plans to present a draft of the mockup to the Human Services Committee of the Legislature in April.
5. The Legislature passed a resolution, at the request of the County Clerk, proclaiming April as Donate Life Month in support of organ donation, which the DMW can note on driver's licenses.
6. The County awaits more information on the implementation of the State's short-term rental registry, which will require all STR's in New York to register with the State via the counties. Counties will be required to share STR rental data in the counties with their municipalities every few months.
7. The Legislature will seek public transit requests for proposal after the vote to select the Rochester Transit Authority did not pass.
8. The County is monitoring information on the potential for federal cuts to Medicaid services, and whether the State will absorb these cuts or will pass the added cost of providing these services with no reimbursement to the counties. This will impact a lot of people in Yates County.

Added by Legislator Ed Bronson:

- A. The County will host a Household Hazardous Waste Day in September at the Fairgrounds. The exact date has not been determined yet.
- B. A Spring Sisters Day mobile unit breast cancer screening event takes place in Branchport on March 18.
- C. The County has applied for a \$7.2 million grant from the State to provide broadband access fiber to 520 more addresses on 93 miles. No local match is required for this grant.

#### **Tax Assessor- Patrick Grimaldi**

Tax Assessor report submitted to the Town Board. Complete Tax Assessor is available upon request in the Town Hall for public review.

#### **David Adam, Supervisor**

Prior to Supervisor report, Council Member Mitchell requested to speak. The Friendship house driveway is nearly impassable and the overall feeling is the driveway to them is a shared entrance with the Town, so the driveway needs to be repaired and it is believed that the Town should fund a portion of the repair. The Highway supervisor thinks the Town shouldn't as it opens a bag of worms for other homeowners to want their driveway fixed as well.

New grant opportunity for implementing Watershed resiliency projects (presented by Council member Betts). Zoom meeting recording will be reviewed with more information to come.

NY AOT Supervisor Financial Workshop in April.

Library rent/bookkeeper – Dawn Kane will be getting a quote together for hiring Towns Bookkeeper as well as rent. \$200.00 was proposed, wants a lease agreement created. Supervisor proposes that the Town Board and the Library board to meet once an agreement gets drafted to come to terms.

Planning board engineer Stan tec has left the planning board after many years of good service. Lu Engineering contract recommendation is a yes and the quote given from Lu Engineering is \$120.00 an hour utility engineer \$156.00 project manage and municipal engineer is \$120.00

NYSLRS Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolutions for Elected and Appointed Officials required of Council Member Stephanie Betts, Town Clerk Rebecca Moore and Highway Superintendent Joshua Burnett. Forms were handed to each to report from Town Board meeting of 03/13 until Town Board meeting 04/10 as 30 days is required for reporting. Resolution of completed recorded hours will be completed at Town Board meeting 04/10/2025.

National Flood Insurance Program is being brought in front of the Yates County Planning Board at the next public meeting.

AED in place in the Town Hall – open door and there is an alarm. Supervisor, Historian and Council member Mitchell are all certified.

**Open for public comments 7:51 PM**

Presented by Bob Mincer:

Thank Highway super for fixing flag

Hometown heros – 6 local residents who are active duty but they will be recognized in May

133 wreaths already purchased and there is a need for 16 more wreaths needed to be sold before wreaths across America

**Close public comments 7:57 PM**

**CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING Local Law to override the tax levy limit establishing in General Municipal Law 3-c : 8:00 PM**

**Motions:**

Motion to approve Lu Engineering for the following rates: \$120.00 an hour utility engineer \$156.00 project manage and municipal engineer is \$120.00 adopted by Council Member Mitchell – seconded by Council Member Liddiard, the following motion was adopted:

ADOPTED: Ayes 5 Adam, Liddiard, Button, Mitchell, Betts

Nays 0

**RESOLUTIONS**

Resolution # 12- 25

**Resolution to pay audit of claims for March 2025**

On a resolution by Council Member Betts – seconded by Council Member Liddiard, the following resolution was adopted:

ADOPTED: Ayes 5 Adam, Liddiard, Button, Mitchell, Betts

Nays 0

Resolution # 13-25

**Resolution to adopt Local Law to override the tax levy limit establishing in General Municipal Law 3-c**

On a resolution by Council Member Betts – seconded by Council Member Liddiard, the following resolution was adopted:

ROLL CALL:      Supervisor David Adam – Aye  
                         Council Member Liddiard – Aye  
                         Council Member Button – Aye  
                         Council Member Mitchell – Aye  
                         Council Member Betts – Aye

ADOPTED:      Ayes 5  
                         Nays 0

Resolution # 14- 25

**Resolution to plan public hearing date for April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 7 PM for the National Flood Insurance Program Public Hearing**

On a resolution by Council Member Liddiard – seconded by Council Member Mitchell, the following resolution was adopted:

ADOPTED:      Ayes 5 Adam, Liddiard, Button, Mitchell, Betts  
                         Nays 0

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

**Adjourn**

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Council Member Mitchell – seconded by Council Member Button, with all in favor to adjourn the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Middlesex at 8:04 PM.