

TOWN BOARD MEETING

February 12, 2009

7:30 p.m.

Present: Robert Multer, Supervisor
Allan Button, Town Councilman
Peter Gerbic, Town Councilman
Daniel Paddock, Town Councilman

Also Present: Tom Reifsteck, Highway Superintendent
Pat Grimaldi, Assessor
Dawn Kane, Code Enforcement Officer
Arthur Radin, Zoning Board Chairman
Marty DeVinney, Planning Board Chairman

Recording Secretary: Kathy Pelton

Minutes

Supervisor Multer requested a motion to approve the minutes from January 8, 2009. After a brief discussion, Councilman Paddock made the motion to approve the minutes and Councilman Gerbic seconded the motion.

*All in favor; none opposed – Motion carried.

Highway Superintendent – Tom Reifsteck

1. Weather has not been as severe during the month of February requiring a little less plowing and salting of the roads.
2. Inventory has been reviewed at the Town Barns. Equipment is valued at over \$100,000; the Highway Superintendent requested a review of insurance coverage. Policy is currently up for review and renewal.
3. CHIPS funding could potentially realize a dramatic decrease as NYS legislature reviews the proposed budget. The NYS Highway Superintendents will be going to Albany to lobby for an increase in CHIPS funding.
4. The Town has had to purchase a significant amount of salt and sand due to the severe weather of 2008/2009. However if the weather continues to improve as it has of late, the Town may end up with a surplus.
5. There was a brief discussion about entering into an agreement with the Town of Gorham related to the upkeep of Townline Road. The Highway Superintendent will contact the NYSDOT to obtain their suggested format for such an agreement.

Sidewalk Project – Bruce St. Lawrence

1. The project manager met with Stantec and the NYS Department of Transportation today. The project will go out to bid no later than March 23, 2009.
2. Mr. St. Lawrence and Councilman Dunton have been working to obtain easements from area residents as required.
3. It is expected that work will begin this May.
4. Supervisor Multer has applied for Federal Stimulus grant funding for both the Sidewalk and the South Lake Road projects.

Code Enforcement Officer – Dawn Kane

1. The CEO has been working with the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals on processes and procedures.
2. The CEO will be attending a class on Soil and Erosion and Septic review. Additional NYS Training will be required for the CEO.
3. The CEO is working to bring Fire Inspections in the Town of Middlesex current.

Planning/Zoning

1. Mr. St. Lawrence has received bid proposals for engineering assistance for the Code Enforcement Office and the Planning Board as required. He will prepare a spread sheet of costs and a summary of services provided for the Town's records. Bids were received by Marathon Engineers and Lu Engineering. After a brief discussion, Councilman Paddock made the motion to enter into an agreement on an "as needed" basis with Marathon Engineers and Lu Engineering to assist the Planning Board and Code Enforcement Officer (at the applicant's expense.) Councilman Gerbic seconded the motion.

*All in favor; none opposed – Motion carried.

2. The Planning board is reviewing Site Plan Review guideline documentation.
3. The Zoning Board of Appeals is looking for new members.

Rushville Water Upgrade – Bruce St. Lawrence

1. Mr. St. Lawrence met with Rushville Village Mayor John Bagley to discuss the Water Upgrade project. The village will be approaching Rural Development to request funding. Engineering work is proceeding.

Assessor – Patrick Grimaldi

1. Yates County recently informed the Assessor that there was an error on the income eligibility scale of our recent Local Law to increase the tax exemption for persons 65 years of age or older. A correction has been sent (see attached.) The Assessor requested that the Town Board hold a Public Hearing to consider an amendment to Local Law #8 of 2008. After a brief discussion, Councilman Paddock made the motion to hold a public hearing at the next Town Board meeting (March 12, 2009) and Councilman Button seconded the motion.

*All in favor; none opposed – Motion Carried.

Supervisor's Report – Robert Multer

1. Keuka House Council has requested a letter of support for their new grant application from the Town of Middlesex. Supervisor Multer will write the letter on behalf of the Town and in support of their request.
2. Supervisor Multer received an IT Support contract from David Harrington (who has provided technical support to the Town in the past.) Mr. Harrington will provide computer support for a fee of \$500.00 per year.

After a brief discussion, Councilman Gerbic made the motion to approve the contract and Councilman Button seconded the motion.

*All in favor; none opposed – Motion Carried

3. Supervisor Multer received a Website Design, Update and Support contract from David Harrington (who has provided technical support to the Town in the past.) Maintenance will include putting all pertinent documents (i.e. laws, public hearings, zoning ordinance, etc.) onto the website. Mr. Harrington will provide the website support for a fee of \$750.00 per year with 25% due at the signing of the contract and the balance at the end of the year. After a brief discussion, Councilman Paddock made the motion to approve the contract and Councilman Button seconded the motion.

*All in favor; none opposed, Motion carried.

4. Supervisor Multer received the Yates County Animal Control Agreement and requested a resolution authorizing him to sign it. After a brief discussion, Councilman Gerbic made the motion authorizing Supervisor Multer to sign the Agreement and Councilman Paddock seconded the motion.

*All in favor; none opposed – Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The Memorial Day Parade will be held in the Town of Middlesex this year. The first organizational meeting will be held here in the Town Hall on March 10, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. All are invited to attend.

2. The Town of Middlesex Annual Appreciation Day Committee will hold its first meeting on February 14, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. here in the Town Halls.

BILLS AUDITED

Councilman Gerbic made the motion to pay the bills and Councilman Button seconded the motion. All in favor; none opposed – Motion carried.

General Fund:	Vouchers No: 1018 to 1043	\$ 183,087.57
Highway Fund:	Vouchers No: 2031 to 2062	\$ 54,243.06
Water District:	Vouchers No. 3001 to 3004	\$ 947.33

Councilman Paddock made the motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and Councilman Gerbic seconded the motion.

*All in favor; none opposed – Motion carried.

Councilman Button made the motion to adjourn and Councilman Gerbic seconded the motion.

*All in favor; none opposed – Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.