

TOWN BOARD MEETING

September 13, 2012

7:00 p.m.

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

Also Present: Tom Reifsteck, Highway Superintendent
Dawn Kane, Code Enforcement Officer
Pat Grimaldi, Assessor
Arthur Radin, Chairman – Zoning Board of Appeals
Marty DeVinney, Chairman – Planning Board
Bruce St. Lawrence – Project Manager

Also Present: Robert H. Raeman – Clark, Patterson & Lee
Mary L. Chappell – Municipal Solutions, Inc.

Recording Secretary: Kathy Pelton

Minutes

Supervisor Multer requested a motion to approve the minutes from August 9, 2012. After a brief discussion, Councilman Dunton made the motion to approve the minutes and Councilman Gerbic seconded the motion.

*All in favor; none opposed – Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

Supervisor Multer opened the Public Hearing to consider a Local Law to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law §3-C.

PRESENTATION – WATER TANK RENOVATION

Robert Raeman of Clark, Patterson & Lee reviewed options for the Water District Water Tank Renovation. Mr. Raeman noted that the tank was painted approximately 15 years ago; additionally, he noted that the tank will require a mixing system and he presented two options for Town Board review (please see attached.) Mr. Raeman also noted that with the restoration option, maintenance will be required but with replacement and new state of the art materials, no further maintenance will be required.

Mary L. Chappell of Municipal Solutions, Inc. presented information for funding this project. She noted that with a Community Development Block Grant, the Town could obtain grant funding for up to \$600,000. This is an outright grant – no matching funds are required. The grant will, however, require income surveys of residents in the District and 51% of the residents must participate. The Grant also requires that applications are filed for additional grant funding (such as Rural Development and/or the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund). Ms. Chappell noted that the deadline for applying for this second grant is fast approaching. She estimated that the cost for assistance with the grant application process would be approximately \$4,000.

After a brief discussion, Councilman Paddock made the motion that the Town Board give Ms. Chappell approval to get the Town of Middlesex on the list as a potential applicant for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund. Councilman Dunton seconded the Motion.

*All in favor; none opposed – Motion carried.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT – Tom Reifsteck

1. Bare Hill was paved this week with a base coat. The road will still need stone and oil as a final step. The road looks great and the residents are very happy with the final results.
2. The department has also completed other road repairs that required stone and oil.
3. The new truck is on the road.
4. The Highway Superintendent was featured (with a picture on the front page and a large article) in the NYS Highway Superintendent Assoc. magazine. This is the first time a working Highway Superintendent has been featured and a first for the Town of Middlesex. Congratulations to Superintendent Reifsteck!!

ROBESON STORE

The Robeson Store renovation is complete and the final invoice has been included in this month's audit.

Work on the water system continues. The intake was finally located (and was not in the location first expected.) The Town will be going back to the Department of Health to review and update options for a water system.

RUSHVILLE SIDEWALK PROJECT

The Village of Rushville and Marcus Whitman School have applied for a grant for a sidewalk project from the school to the Village as part of the "Safe Route to School" project. A small piece of the sidewalk will be located in the Town of Middlesex. Thus, the Village and School will require Town of Middlesex support in the form of a Resolution. After a brief discussion, Councilman Dunton made the motion to authorize a Resolution of Town support and Councilman Paddock seconded the motion.

*All in favor; none opposed – Motion Carried.

ASSESSOR – Pat Grimaldi

All is well in the department; final roll has been filed.

BEACH – Dawn Kane

The beach is closed for the season; it was a great year with a wonderful group of lifeguards and lots of resident participation in swim lessons.

Next year the Town will be implementing new pre-hire requirements (so as to be in compliance with Civil Service and Yates County.)

CODE ENFORCEMENT – Dawn Kane

Two stop orders were issued on So. Lake Road and one is pending on Mertz Road.

PLANNING BOARD – Marty DeVinney

The Planning Board has completed its review of the Steep Slope Law and has forwarded it to the Middlesex Town Board for review. Mr. DeVinney requested a Resolution authorizing the Law to be forwarded on the Yates County Planning Board for their review. After a brief discussion, Councilman Gerbic made the motion to authorize the Planning Board to forward the Draft Steep Slope Law on to the Yates County Planning Board for their consideration. Councilman Dunton seconded the motion.

*All in favor; none opposed – Motion Carried.

The Town Board members reviewed their options for setting a Public Hearing for the November Town Board Meeting to consider the Steep Slope Law. After a great deal of discussion, Councilman Paddock made the motion to set a public hearing for the November Town Board meeting and Councilman Gerbic seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Paddock:	Aye
Councilman Gerbic:	Aye
Councilman Dunton:	Nay
Supervisor Multer:	Nay
Councilman Button:	Nay

The Motion to set a public hearing to consider the Steep Slope Law was vetoed.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT – Robert Multer

1. Supervisor Multer requested that the Town Board Schedule a work meeting to discuss the Water Tank renovation, the Town Barns renovations and the Town of Middlesex 2013 Budget. After a brief discussion, the work meeting was scheduled for Thursday, October 4, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

2. The Supervisor informed the Town Board that the State has enacted new legislation regarding the awarding of contracts. Now, local governments do not have to accept the lowest bid as long as they can justify and document their decision.

3. Supervisor Multer requested a Resolution authorizing him to sign the Ambulance Contract. After a brief discussion, Councilman Button made the motion to authorize Supervisor Multer to sign the contract and Councilman Gerbic seconded the motion.

*All in favor; none opposed – Motion carried.

4. There was discussion regarding the need for additional “No Smoking” signs. Ultimately, the Town Board agreed to purchase an additional six signs.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

After a brief discussion and comments from the public, Supervisor Multer closed the public hearing to consider a Local Law to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law §3-C.

After a brief discussion, Councilman Dunton made the motion to adopt the Local Law and Councilman Button seconded the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Button: Aye
Councilman Dunton: Aye
Councilman Gerbic: Aye
Councilman Paddock: Aye
Supervisor Multer Aye

The Motion to Adopt Local Law Number 3 of 2012 for the Town of Middlesex was duly adopted.

BILLS AUDITED

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

General Fund:	Vouchers No:	1157 to 1185	\$ 26,168.57
Highway Fund:	Vouchers No:	2180 to 2200	\$102,164.31
Water District:	Vouchers No.	3033 to 3036	\$ 1,223.03

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Paddock made the motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss a legal matter and Councilman Button seconded the motion.

*All in favor; none opposed – Motion carried.

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

*All in favor; none opposed – Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.