

TOWN BOARD MEETING

November 7, 2013

6:00 p.m.

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

Also Present: Tom Reifsteck, Highway Superintendent
Dawn Kane, Code Enforcement Officer
Pat Grimaldi, Assessor
Bruce St. Lawrence, Project Manager

Recording Secretary: Kathy Pelton, Town Clerk

MINUTES

Supervisor Multer requested a motion to approve the minutes from October 10, 2013 and October 17, 2013. After a brief discussion, Councilman Button made the motion to approve the minutes and Councilman Dunton seconded the motion.

*All in favor; none opposed – Motion carried.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

Supervisor Multer opened the public hearing to review the Preliminary 2014 Middlesex Town Budget.

TOWN BARN BUILDING PROJECT – Bruce St. Lawrence

Lighting has been installed and it looks great. The Town may need to add some additional light at the apex of the ceiling at a cost of approximately \$500 for labor and materials. The settling pond will cost \$4,275 and will be funded with donations from the Canandaigua Watershed and Alliance.

ASSESSOR – Pat Grimaldi

The Assessor will be working with area assessors because the State is requiring assessors to look at property values for surrounding towns; the Assessor will collaborate with assessors from the towns of Naples, Gorham and Italy.

ROBESON STORE – Dawn Kane

The store is still not completely emptied out, but should be completely vacant in the very near future. There is a new party interested in leasing the store and, in addition, interested in providing financial assistance to obtain potable water.

The paint on the porch and shutters is peeling and will be repaired once warm weather returns.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT – Tom Reifsteck

The Department is awaiting heat in the new building so that the crew can start to move in. The boiler will be installed once the concrete floor is complete.

PLANNING BOARD – Bruce St. Lawrence

The Planning Board had a good work meeting to review the proposed Steep Slope Law. The Town Attorney is reviewing the wording of the law one final time; the Planning Board will then be very close to completion. The proposed law will be much more condensed and instead, most of the old law will be referenced as guidelines in the Zoning Law. The burden will still be on the Planning Board to provide review, but this change will allow the Planning Board to review parcel by parcel.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER – Dawn Kane

The department has been very busy with several new homes and pole barns being built. In addition, the Code Enforcement Officer has been working with several homeowners on clean-up of their property. The Zoning Laws are now on the Town website.

SUPERVISOR – Robert Multer

Supervisor Multer distributed Financial Statements through October 31, 2013.

The installation of the new Accounting System Software is on hold due to trouble with our DSL. Dave Harrington is working with Frontier Communications to resolve the problem.

The Supervisor distributed the short form SEQR prepared for the proposed local law to amend the Zoning Laws pertaining to keeping of livestock for personal use. The SEQR declared there would be no adverse effects. After review, Councilman Dunton made the motion to accept the SEQR as presented and Councilman Gerbic seconded the motion.

*All in favor; none opposed – Motion carried.

2014 MIDDLESEX TOWN BUDGET

Supervisor Multer distributed a summary and comparison of the 2013 Budget and the proposed 2014 Town Budget to those in attendance. Highlights of the 2014 Proposed Budget include:

- Added \$125,000 for funding to build the south end of the Town Barns. The Supervisor will evaluate the Fund Balance to determine if the Town will need to borrow this year or next year.
- Increased budget for Attorney Fees as Alaine Espenscheid (the Town Attorney for many years) will be retiring.
- Added \$2,000 for Records Management.
- Increased the budget for Refuse.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Dunton made the motion to enter into a brief Executive Session to discuss a personnel/budgetary matter; Councilman Gerbic seconded the motion. *All in favor; none opposed – Motion carried.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

With no further comments regarding the Town of Middlesex 2014 Budget, Supervisor Multer closed the public hearing. After a brief discussion, (and noting a minor change the budget) Councilman Paddock made the motion to adopt the 2014 Budget and Councilman Button seconded the motion.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Paddock reviewed the need for gutter repair to the Town Hall. Jim Brewer can do the repair work for \$175.00. After a brief discussion, Councilman Paddock made the motion to approve the expenditure and Councilman Dunton seconded the motion. *All in favor; none opposed – Motion Carried.

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: 1269 to 1313	\$ 99,485.84
Highway Fund:	Vouchers No: 2202 to 2223	\$ 136,410.88
Water District:	Vouchers No. 3041 to 3044	\$ 5,096.22

Councilman Dunton made the motion to adjourn and Councilman Paddock seconded the motion. *All in favor; none opposed – Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.