

TOWN BOARD MEETING

March 14, 2013

7:00 p.m.

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

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

Recording Secretary: Kathy Pelton

Minutes

Supervisor Multer requested a motion to approve the minutes from January 19, February 2, February 14 and March 1, 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 – Extend Moratorium on HYDROFRACKING

Supervisor Multer opened the Public Hearing to consider the extension of a local law which provides for a nine (9) month moratorium for the entire Town of Middlesex to begin when the Supplemental Generic Environmental Impact Statement (SGEIS) relating to the extraction of natural gas by the process of high-volume hydraulic fracturing now under review by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation is finalized. If adopted, the Moratorium will be extended for an additional six (6) months beginning March 28, 2013 through September 27, 2013.

Election Commissioner – Robert Brechko

Mr. Brechko presented a great deal of information regarding goals of the Election Commissioners. The ultimate goal of the department is to reduce costs and increase efficiencies. (Please see attached summary.)

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT – Tom Reifsteck

The Highway Superintendent requested a Resolution declaring a list of items (please see attached) as surplus property eligible to sell for scrap. After a brief discussion, Councilman Dunton made the resolution declaring the items as surplus property and Councilman Button seconded the motion.

*All in favor; none opposed – Motion carried.

The Highway Superintendent went to Albany with other Highway Superintendents and believes that there will be an increase in CHIPS funding in the State Budget.

The Highway Department has moved into the old Document Reprocessors Building until repairs to the Highway Barns and replacement of the shop are completed.

Resolution with the insurance company has been slow. The Insurance Company contends that the shop can be repaired. Repairs to the truck, however, will be covered by insurance and the Town has secured the assistance of National Fire Adjustment Co. to ensure maximum insurance reimbursement for the Shop.

The Insurance Company reimbursed the Town \$50,000 for the truck that caught fire. Between the insurance reimbursement and funding in the 2013 budget, there is enough money to purchase a 10 wheeler truck on State Bid (from Tracey Road in Syracuse). The truck will cost \$118,554; the body will come off truck #6 and will be installed on the new truck; this work and paint will add an additional cost of \$50,000. After review and a brief discussion, Councilman Dunton made the motion to purchase the truck and Councilman Gerbic seconded the motion.

*All in favor; none opposed – Motion carried.

ASSESSOR

Exemption forms are in and the Equalization Rate looks good.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER – Dawn Kane

The Code Enforcement Officer has been working on identifying unlicensed cars.

The Finger Lakes Land Trust would like to purchase 65 acres on East Lake Road and subdivide out two existing lots with houses. The Planning Board has approved the request and has forwarded it on to the Yates County Planning Board (see attached for detail.)

PLANNING BOARD – Marty DeVinney

A lawyer has been assisting the Planning Board with preparation of the SEQR for the Steep Slope Law. The Lawyer (Wendy Marsh) recommends that the Town simplify the law, and while that work is done, she suggests a Moratorium. She will draft a proposed Moratorium for review by the Planning and Town Boards.

There is a meeting scheduled on March 27th with David Zorn from G/FLRPC on updating the Master Plan.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING – MORATORIUM ON HYRDOFRACKING

With no comments from those in attendance, Supervisor Multer closed the Public Hearing to consider the extension of a local law which provides for a nine (9) month moratorium for the entire Town of Middlesex to begin when the Supplemental Generic Environmental Impact Statement (SGEIS) relating to the extraction of natural gas by the process of high-volume hydraulic fracturing now under review by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation is finalized. If adopted, the Moratorium will be extended for an additional six (6) months beginning March 28, 2013 through September 27, 2013.

After review and a brief discussion, Councilman Button made the motion to adopt Local Law #1 of 2013 and Councilman Gerbic seconded the motion. Following discussion thereon, the following roll call vote was taken and recorded:

Councilperson Button	AYE
Councilman Dunton	AYE
Councilperson Gerbic	AYE
Supervisor Multer	AYE

The Motion to adopt the Law was duly passed.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT – Robert Multer

The Supervisor distributed February 2013 Financial Statements to the Town Board.

The preliminary work on improvements to the Water Tank continues. The next step is to begin the survey of residents in the District.

Supervisor Multer distributed a proposed Resolution to Support the Second Amendment and repeal the Safe Act of 2013. The County and other area Towns have adopted the Resolution. After a brief discussion, which included a request by Councilman Gerbic to include additional verbiage, Councilman Button made the motion to adopt the Resolution as written and Councilman Dunton seconded the motion. Following discussion thereon, the following roll call vote was taken and recorded:

Councilperson Button	AYE
Councilman Dunton	AYE
Councilperson Gerbic	NO
Supervisor Multer	AYE

The Motion to adopt the Resolution was duly passed.

For many years the Town has been utilizing QuickBooks as its accounting software. However Town business has become increasingly complex and the Supervisor believes it is time to look for software specifically designed for Towns. William Law Book has been recommended by several other Supervisors; the Supervisor, Clerk and Bookkeeper will be attending a demonstration in the next week. Pricing detail is attached.

After a brief discussion, Councilman Gerbic made the motion to authorize the purchase of the software 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 Dunton seconded the motion. All in favor; none opposed – Motion carried.

General Fund:	Vouchers No: 1057 to 1076	\$ 9,100.95
Highway Fund:	Vouchers No: 2053 to 2063	\$19,860.19
Water District:	Vouchers No: 3010 to 3014	\$ 3,884.43

*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 8:30 p.m.