

## TOWN BOARD MEETING

May 09, 2013

7:00 p.m.

Present: Robert Multer, Supervisor  
Allan Button, Town Councilman  
Wayne Dunton, Town Councilman  
Peter Gerbic, Town Councilman  
Daniel Paddock, Town Councilman (Attended only briefly)

Also Present: Tom Reifsteck, Highway Superintendent  
Dawn Kane, Code Enforcement Officer  
Pat Grimaldi, Assessor  
Arthur Radin, ZBA Chairman

Recording Secretary: Kathy Pelton

### **Minutes**

Supervisor Multer requested a motion to approve the minutes from April 11, 2013. 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.

### **PRESENTATION – Marcus Whitman School Budget**

The Marcus Whitman School District Superintendent and Business Official presented the 2013/2014 Budget Proposal. The presentation included a review of State Funding as well as an update on the proposed cuts and increases and the proposed tax levy which would increase by 2.13%.

### **HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT – Tom Reifsteck**

1. The Department has begun spring work including cleaning and ditching. Work has been at a little bit of a slow pace due to the shortage of one truck but delivery of the new truck is expected in the next week or two.
2. The Baptist Church has agreed to maintain the triangle. We will ask Liddarid's Tree Service to provide plants and mulch with a cost not to exceed \$500.00.
3. The Highway Superintendent received two bids to purchase the remainder of the truck that burned in the fire. Bids were opened and were as follows:

Caledonia Diesel:	\$4,600
Metal Recovery:	\$3,550

After a brief discussion, Councilman Gerbic made the motion to accept the Bid from Caledonia Diesel. Councilman Button seconded the motion.

All in favor; none opposed – Motion Carried.

4. The Highway Superintendent is in need of a new truck. One can be purchased under State bid. After review of the specs for the truck and a brief discussion, Councilman Gerbic made the motion to authorize the Highway Superintendent to purchase a truck from Van Bortel Ford at a total cost of \$27,276.13 and Councilman Button seconded the motion.

\*All in favor; none opposed – Motion carried.

## **ASSESSOR – Pat Grimaldi**

1. The tentative Tax Roll for 2014 is complete and a public notice has been posted in the Messenger Post. Grievance Day will be held on May 30, 2013. At present, equalization rate is a 100%.

## **CODE ENFORCEMENT – Dawn Kane**

1. Work on a structure on Upper Hill Road began without a permit. The Code Enforcement Officer is working to resolve.
2. Work regarding cleanup of various properties in the town continues.
3. Someone has bought the house previously owned by Dr. Allen (and in great disarray). They are making a tremendous effort to cleanup and restore the property.

## **ROBESON STORE**

1. There is no update regarding the work to secure potable water.
2. The Code Enforcement Officer is working with Linda Shieve to begin fund raising.

## **WATER DISTRICT**

The Survey (required as part of our Grant submission) has been mailed out to residents. To date, only 40% of the residents have responded; 50% is required for the grant. Councilman Gerbic will begin door to door contact with residents and the Water Collector (Sabra Dunton) will make phone calls to residents as well.

## **SUPERVISOR'S REPORT – Robert Multer**

1. The Town received a settlement from Selective Insurance. The total settlement amount is \$187,003. Of that amount, \$13,055 is due to National Fire Adjustment for their work in securing the settlement.
2. Supervisor Multer distributed Financial Statements through April 30, 2013.
3. The Town has located a new webmaster to design and implement a website for the Town.
4. Supervisor Multer requested a Motion to hold a public hearing to hear all interested parties for or against the adoption of a local law authorizing the Town to award purchase contracts and contracts for services subject to competitive bidding on the basis of either lowest responsible bidder or "best value" as define in § 163 of the New York State Finance Law.

After a brief discussion, Councilman Gerbic made the motion to hold a Public Hearing on June 13, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. Councilman Dunton seconded the motion.

\*All in favor; none opposed – Motion carried.

5. Supervisor Multer requested a Motion to hold a Public Hearing to hear all interested parties for or against the adoption of 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 hold a Public Hearing on June 13, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. Councilman Gerbic seconded the motion.

\*All in favor; none opposed – Motion carried.

6. Supervisor Multer requested a Resolution authorizing him to sign the Proof of Claim from Selective Insurance. After a brief discussion, Councilman Button made the motion to authorize Supervisor Multer to sign the document and Councilman Dunton seconded the motion.

\*All in favor; none opposed – Motion Carried.

7. Supervisor Multer requested a Resolution authorizing him to sign an Agreement with National Fire Adjustors. After a brief discussion, Councilman Dunton made the motion to authorize Supervisor Multer to sign the document and Councilman Gerbic seconded the Motion.

\*All in favor; none opposed – Motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The Town of Middlesex has received two proposals for the Town Barns repair/replacement, however, neither Bruce St. Lawrence nor Councilman Paddock were able to attend the meeting tonight, therefore a special meeting needs to be scheduled. After a brief discussion, Councilman Dunton made the motion to schedule a special meeting for Saturday, May 11, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. Councilman Gerbic seconded the Motion.

### **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: 1106 to 1121	\$ 11,803.50
Highway Fund:	Vouchers No: 2078 to 2093	\$ 38,946.42
Water District:	Vouchers No. 3018 to 3021	\$ 509.09

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Councilman Dunton made the motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss a Contractual issue. 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 8:05 p.m.