

TOWN BOARD MEETING

October 23, 2014

7:00 p.m.

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

Recording Secretary: Kathy Pelton, Town Clerk

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

Supervisor Multer opened the public hearing to consider the 2015 Middlesex Town Budget. The Supervisor filed paperwork with the State of New York declaring that the Town of Middlesex Budget will not exceed the tax cap.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

With no further comments regarding the Town of Middlesex 2015 Budget, Supervisor Multer closed the public hearing. After a brief discussion, Councilman Wayne Dunton made the motion to adopt the 2015 Budget and Councilman Leon Button seconded the motion.

*All in favor; none opposed – Motion carried.

RESOLUTION REQUESTING STATE DISASTER AID

The Town of Middlesex experienced extensive flood damage following significant rains in May, 2014. FEMA will only reimburse 75% of repair costs; funding the balance will be difficult given the constraints of the tax cap. Therefore, Councilman Allan Button offered the following Resolution which was seconded by Councilman Wayne Dunton:

WHEREAS, on May 13 and 15, 2014, the Town of Middlesex received extensive damage from unprecedented flooding, and

WHEREAS, a FEMA disaster declaration was made on July 8, 2014, and

WHEREAS, FEMA reimburses repairs at approximately 75% of actual cost, and

WHEREAS, NYS has imposed a tax cap that limits a municipality's ability to generate funds through property taxes, and

WHEREAS, the remaining cost of repairs, if funded solely by The Town of Middlesex will inhibit the Town's ability to provide necessary services to its residents and still remain within the NYS mandated tax cap,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Middlesex respectfully requests NYS to reimburse 12.5% of the repair costs incurred by the Town of Middlesex in its repair of flood damage, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to Governor Andrew Cuomo, NYS Senator Thomas O'Mara, NYS Assemblyman Philip Palmesano, NYS Senate Majority Leaders Dean Skelos and Jeff Klein, NYS Assembly Majority Leader Sheldon Silver, NYS Assembly Minority Leader Brian Kolb, Inter-County Association, all Towns and Villages within Yates County, Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Delaware, Herkimer, Lewis, Livingston, Ontario, Otsego, and Steuben Counties.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: 5
Noes: 0

Decision: The Town of Middlesex Town Board voted in favor of the Resolution requesting New York State to reimburse 12.5% of the repair costs incurred by the Town of Middlesex in its repair of flood damage.

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

*All in favor; none opposed – Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.