

TOWN OF MIDDLESEX

YEAR END MEETING

December 22, 2014

7:00 p.m.

Present: Robert Multer, Supervisor
Wayne Dunton, Councilman
Peter Gerbic, Councilman

Also: Arthur Radin, Chairman Zoning Board of Appeals

Recording Secretary: Kathy Pelton, Town Clerk

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The term for two members of the Zoning Board of Appeals will end on December 31, 2014. Both members would like to continue serving on the Board. They are: Robert "Win" Harper, Member and Rebecca Parshall, Alternate Member. After a brief discussion, Supervisor Multer requested a resolution appointing both members to a new five year term. Councilman Wayne Dunton made the motion to offer a Resolution naming Robert Harper and Rebecca Parshall to a five year term to commence on January 1, 2015 and end on December 31, 2019. Councilman Peter Gerbic seconded the motion.

*All in favor; none opposed – Motion carried.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

The Highway Superintendent has prepared an Equipment Report for 2015 (please see attached.) The plan includes purchase of just about \$1.5 million in equipment over the next five years.

Supervisor Multer informed those present at the meeting that the Town of Middlesex was awarded a New York State Community Development Block Grant (NYS CDBG) Economic Development/Small Business Program \$600,000 award.

AUDIT OF BOOKS

WHEREAS the Middlesex Town board has reviewed the books of the Town Justice, the Supervisor and the Town Clerk and found the books to be balanced, accurate and in order;

RESOLVED, that the Town of Middlesex accept the books as presented.

Moved: Peter Gerbic Seconded: Wayne Dunton

ROLL CALL: Ayes: 3
 Noes: 0

The resolution to accept the books was duly adopted.

Councilman Wayne Dunton made the motion to adjourn and Councilman Peter Gerbic seconded the motion. All in favor; none opposed – Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

TOWN OF MIDDLESEX EQUIPMENT REPORT 2015

1. 2013 F250 PICK UP. 41,000 miles. The only thing we have spent on this truck in 2 years is tires and brakes. That is why we need to keep them on a 2 year rotation.
2. 2007 F550. 62,000 miles. Been a real good truck but it takes a beating doing the roads that it does. I hope to replace it in 2016. Estimated cost is \$100,000 with a resale value of the old one of \$10,000.
3. 1998 Ford 10 wheeler. This is the truck we replaced in 2012. We have been using it for all the water main breaks we have had and keeping it for a spare in case one breaks down. We would only be able to get about \$5000 for it at auction so it is more valuable to me as a spare until the next replacement.
4. 2004 Sterling 10 wheeler. 75,000 miles on it. This is the truck that is getting the new body in January. Should be good for several years, although we are finding it to be difficult to find Sterling parts now that they are out of business.
5. 2013 Mack 10 wheeler. 20,000 miles on it. So far so good with just a minor water pump leak that had to be fixed.
6. 2012 Western Star. 10,000 miles on it. This is the truck we bought to replace the truck that burned up. So far so good.
7. 2010-938 CAT loader. Been a good loader with very few problems so far until that injector problem this fall. I don't know when to replace this. I am more interested in getting our trucks back on a 10 year rotation, but maybe in 4 or 5 years. Estimated replacement cost \$175,000 but it still should be worth a fair amount maybe \$75,000ish.
8. 2007 Sterling 10 wheeler. 100,000 miles on it. Body was repainted after the fire. We continue to have minor electrical issues with this truck. Don't know if they are fire related but we keep the master switch off at all times. Should be replaced around 2017.
9. Champion 730A Grader. 4000 hours on it. Still runs real good and as I have said before we don't put a lot of hours on it because we don't plow snow regularly with it anymore. It becomes increasingly less reliable. Bob and I talked about the value of this machine and I still think we need to keep it around a few more years until we get rid of a few more gravel roads. The biggest problem I have with it is that it is difficult to get parts for it. The front wheel drive is broken and I cannot find parts for it.
10. 2004 CAT 316M Excavator. This machine is like the loader, so replacement time is indefinite. Estimated cost would be \$200,000.

11. 2004 John Deere with Alamo arm mower. Finally replacing this machine in 2015. New one is only 85,000. We are not getting a new broom on the new one so I would like to keep it around for that purpose and be able to chop brush with it also.

13. Bomag roller. This machine keeps rolling along and we have not spent much on it the last couple of years. Probably should think about something different one of these years when we aren't buying a 10 wheeler. I am sure we could buy another good used one for \$75,000 or less.

REPALACEMENT SCHEDULE/WISH LIST

2015: We are getting the new mower tractor this year and I would like to replace the pickup. It just makes good sense especially for what we pay for them. New pick up cost \$28,000. The 2013 is in excellent shape and should bring at least \$18,000. We would be crazy to take less.

2016. A new F550 is a must. The 2007 will have over 100,000 HARD miles on it by then and I am afraid we will be getting into some major repairs to it. Replacement cost is about \$100,000. Trade in value around \$5- 10,000

2017: Should start thinking about a new 10 wheeler by now. At least \$200,000.

2018: A used grader or roller. I have seen them for less than \$100,000. Also replace the pick up again.