

## TOWN BOARD MEETING

October 9, 2014

7:00 p.m.

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

Also Present: Tom Reifsteck, Highway Superintendent  
Dawn Kane, Code Enforcement Officer  
Marty DeVinney, Planning Board Chairman  
Arthur Radin, Zoning Board Chairman

Recording Secretary: Kathy Pelton

### Minutes

Supervisor Multer requested a motion to approve the minutes from September 11, 2014. After a brief discussion and with one correction noted, Councilman Wayne Dunton made the motion to approve the minutes and Councilman Peter Gerbic seconded the motion.

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

### **OPEN PUBLIC HEARING**

Supervisor Multer opened the Public Hearing to consider a local law which would permit the Town Board to adopt a budget for the 2015 fiscal year that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in General Municipal Law §3-c.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Resident Tom Hansen expressed his concern regarding the proposed Steep Slope Law. (Please see attached statement.)

Resident Dick DeMallie expressed appreciation to the Town Highway Department for their repairs of So. Lake Road.

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

1. Alan Williams' work at the Town Barns is completed and heating system is ready to go.
2. Project worksheets detailing repairs following flooding from May, 2014 have been submitted to FEMA; funding should be forthcoming. The Highway Superintendent noted that prior approval of project work from FEMA is required.
3. Shoulders on Lindsley and Town Line Roads have been repaired.
4. Repair of Fisher property has been scheduled for next week.

5. Work on the culvert located on Tom Hansen's property may have to wait until next year.
6. Work needs to be completed in front of the Town Barns and sand needs to be hauled in before the cold weather and snow arrive.

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

1. Supervisor Multer distributed Financial Statements through September 30, 2014 (please see attached).
2. Supervisor Multer informed the Town Council that the Town of Italy sent a letter to residents residing on Sunnyside and Widmer Roads, informing them that the hill is showing signs of damage. There are 13 homes on Widmer Road in the Town of Middlesex; and in addition, the Finger Lakes Land Trust owns land on both sides of Widmer Road.
3. Related to the proposed Steep Slope Law, Supervisor Multer reviewed Part 1 of the SEQR which has been completed and will be submitted to the Yates County Planning Board as part of their review of the proposed Law.
4. Following review of Part 1 of the SEQR pertaining to regulations of Steep Slopes, Supervisor Multer requested a Motion to set a Public Hearing to consider a Local Law to amend the Zoning Law of the Town of Middlesex with Steep Slopes Regulations. Councilman Peter Gerbic made the motion to set the Public Hearing for November 6, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. and Councilman Allan Button seconded the motion.  
\*All in favor; none opposed – Motion carried.
5. Supervisor Multer received the County Snow and Ice Agreement for 2014/2015. After review and a brief discussion, Councilman Allan Button made the motion to authorize Supervisor Multer to sign the agreement and Councilman Leon Button seconded the motion.  
\*All in favor; none opposed – Motion carried.
6. Supervisor Multer noted that the Tentative Budget for 2015 has been completed and distributed to the Town Board.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Councilman Peter Gerbic gave Town Councilman a summary of his research of playground equipment. After a brief discussion, Supervisor Multer asked his to provide a specific proposal with pricing information.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Councilman Allan Button attended the Canandaigua Watershed meeting. The group has been working to prepare the budget for 2015 and also continuing research of invasive species coming into the lake. The goal is to ensure boats are clean when transferring from lake to another.

**CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING**

1. With no one wishing to comment on the proposed local law, Supervisor Multer closed the Public Hearing and did not request a Motion to adopt the local law. The increase in the budget of \$24,222 will not require a tax levy in excess of the tax cap, so there is no need to adopt the local law.

**PRELIMINARY BUDGET**

Supervisor Multer provided a review of the Preliminary Budget for 2015 (please see attached summary). In addition, there was a review of the Highway Budget and it was noted that funding for repairs to the Robeson Store siding has been included in the budget as well. The goal of the Budget: Don't over estimate Revenues or under estimate Expenses. It was also noted that expenses related to the Assessor will decrease in 2015 as his services will be shared with the Town of Milo.

After a detailed review of the Proposed Town of Middlesex Budget for 2015, Councilman Leon Button made the motion to adopt the Tentative Budget. Councilman Wayne Dunton seconded the Motion.

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

Supervisor Multer requested a Motion to hold a Public Hearing at the Middlesex Town Hall, Middlesex, New York, Yates County, on Thursday, October 23, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. to review the Preliminary Budget. Councilman Wayne Dunton made the motion to hold the public hearing and Councilman Allan Button 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: 1267 to 1289	\$ 14,107.84
Highway Fund:	Vouchers No: 2173 to 2199	\$126,978.31
Water District:	Vouchers No. 3041 to 3043	\$ 72.52

Councilman Peter Gerbic made the motion to adjourn and Councilman Leon Button seconded the motion.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Hello Town Board,

I believe that this is the wrong time to have a SSL public hearing. Even though we can reach a lot of people by email, I think residents being here in person has a more realistic effect. It's the fair thing to have the people that it effects the most in attendance. I also believe that when a Town Board gives it's word not to do things like this when residents are away it should mean something.

I'm asking each Town Board member-How would you like it if a small group of well meaning people rendered part of your property worthless? If everything greater than 40% can't be used will it be assessed at 0? Please take another look at what 40% is.

Just because this has taken a long time to get where it's at doesn't mean it's a good law. Please don't vote for it just because you are tired of it.

| Sincerely,

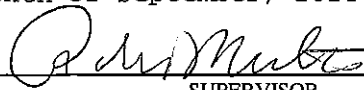
Tom Hansen  
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## MONTHLY REPORT OF SUPERVISOR

TO THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF MIDDLESEX:

Pursuant to Section 125 of the Town Law, I hereby render the following detailed statement of all moneys received and disbursed by me during the month of September, 2014:

DATED: October 9, 2014

  
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 SUPERVISOR

	Balance 08/31/2014	Increases	Decreases	Balance 09/30/2014
<b>A GENERAL FUND - TOWNWIDE</b>				
CASH - CHECKING	31,605.55	36,374.22	35,218.75	32,761.02
CASH - MONEY MARKET	485,257.87	6,532.68	36,374.22	455,416.33
TOTAL	516,863.42	42,906.90	71,592.97	488,177.35
<b>DA HIGHWAY FUND</b>				
CASH - CHECKING	65,826.56	68,097.78	68,128.98	65,795.36
CASH - SAVING	641,238.25	10.02	68,097.78	573,150.49
TOTAL	707,064.81	68,107.80	136,226.76	638,945.85
<b>SF FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT</b>				
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>SL LIGHTING DISTRICT</b>				
CASH - CHECKING	917.06	0.00	126.12	790.94
TOTAL	917.06	0.00	126.12	790.94
<b>SW WATER DISTRICT</b>				
CASH - CHECKING	2,784.10	7,994.43	8,002.23	2,776.30
MONEY MARKET	161,964.48	1,166.42	7,994.43	155,136.47
TOTAL	164,748.58	9,160.85	15,996.66	157,912.77
<b>PN CEMETERY</b>				
CASH - CHECKING	2,323.49	0.00	0.00	2,323.49
TOTAL	2,323.49	0.00	0.00	2,323.49
<b>TA TRUST &amp; AGENCY</b>				
CASH - CHECKING	2,875.23	39,175.17	41,866.30	184.10
TOTAL	2,875.23	39,175.17	41,866.30	184.10
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	1,394,792.59	159,350.72	265,808.81	1,288,334.50

2015 BUDGET COMPARISON. TAX CAP LIMIT TOTAL RAISE = \$26,971.00

FIRE DISTRICT IS EXCLUDED FROM TOWN TAX CAP CALCULATION

2014 BUDGET	EST REV	UNEX BAL	TAX	TAXABLE VAL	TAX RATE
GENERAL	\$750,595.00	\$169,777.00	\$389,595.00	\$156,624,646	\$2.487444
HIGHWAY	\$1,036,200.00	\$150,000.00	\$661,200.00	\$156,624,646	\$4.221558
TOTAL	\$1,786,795.00	\$319,777.00	\$1,050,795.00	\$156,624,646	\$6.709002
FIRE DIST	\$138,975.00	\$0.00	\$129,400.00	\$159,266,428	\$0.812475
AMB DIST	\$62,007.00		\$62,007.00	\$159,417,628	\$0.388959
LT DIST	\$1,800.00		\$1,800.00	\$7,454,084	\$0.241478
WAT DIST	\$192,985.00	\$66,900.00	\$36,880.00	\$10,866,876	\$3.393800
TOTAL 2014 TAX CAP AMOUNT (EXCLUDES FIRE DISTRICT)			\$1,151,482.00		
		2013			
	ACTUAL 2012	UNEX BAL	TAX	TAXABLE VAL	TAX RATE
GENERAL	\$689,983.00	\$110,000.00	\$513,760.00	\$167,258,212	\$3.071658
HIGHWAY	\$1,106,002.00	\$325,000.00	\$556,002.00	\$167,258,212	\$3.324213
TOTAL	\$1,795,985.00	\$435,000.00	\$1,069,762.00	\$167,258,212	\$6.395871
FIRE DIST	\$138,975.00		\$129,400.00	\$175,808,234	\$0.736029
AMB DIST	\$66,733.00		\$66,733.00	\$175,973,234	\$0.379222
LT DIST	\$1,800.00		\$1,800.00	\$7,634,284	\$0.235778
WAT DIST	\$202,113.00	\$72,200.00	\$37,408.85	\$11,343,476	\$3.297830
TOTAL 2015 TAX CAP AMOUNT (EXCLUDES FIRE DISTRICT)			\$1,175,703.85		
DIFFERENCE	\$23,044		\$24,222		
		2015 TAX RATE FOR GEN & HIGHWAY			(0.3131)
		2015 TAX RATE FOR AMBUANCE			(0.0097)
		2015 TAX RATE FOR LT DIST			(0.0057)
		2015 TAX RATE FOR WAT DISTRICT			(0.0960)