

Town of Middlesex

Regular Meeting

February 12 , 2026

Present: David Adam, Supervisor
Austin Liddiard, Council Member
Paul Mitchell, Council Member
Leon Button, Council Member – late arrival 7:06 PM

Absent: Stephanie Betts, Council Member

Recording: Rebecca Moore, Town Clerk

Also Present: Doug Paddock Yates County Legislature
Joan Paddock, Terry Mox, Richard Bram, Ron Keller

Middlesex Town Board Meeting

Attendance

Date: Feb 12, 2026

Please print your name clearly

1. Doug Paddock
2. Joan Paddock
3. Terry Mox
4. Richard Bram
5. Ron Keller

Call to Order/Pledge

Supervisor Adam called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall, 1216 State Route 245, Middlesex NY. He led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Highway Department Monthly Report

Date: 2/4/26

Reporting Period: From 1/08/26 to 2/12/26

Major Tasks Completed

1. Hauled CR1
 2. Hauled sand
 3. Went out 17 days for snow/ice
 4. Put snow fence up
 5. Put plow equipment on Grader
 6. Push back shoulders with grader after storm
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Items to Note (unexpected costs, repairs, staffing updates)

Truck 5 and 6 fix wing arm

Replace air dryer on truck 4

Upcoming Projects

Ditching
Haul stone for stock pile
Continue trimming brush

Submitted By: Signature: *J. Burnett*

Name: Josh Burnett

Title: Highway Superintendent

Date: 2/4/26

For Town Board Review – Monthly Meeting Date: 2/12/26

Water District Superintendent – Alan Williams

Took a webinar for water funding opportunities then there was a zoom call to discuss specific to the town of Middlesex possibilities for federal and state grants to replace water pipes

Code Enforcement Officer – Alan Pierce

Code Enforcement report submitted to the Town Board.

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Code Enforcement Report for January 2026

1. House Fire at 841 Maxwell Rd on Monday the 19th. Working closely with them on rebuilding an entire house in a week's time. No insurance the community came together.
2. Working to get C of Os for new builds.
3. Keeping up with constant applications coming in for building permits.
4. Figuring out the feasibility of creating an additional bathroom in Town Hall.
5. Zoning district for low density residential is more restrictive than agricultural/residential
6. Starting to put list for Fire Inspections together. Businesses and places of Assembly.
7. Also putting list together for properties that need to do spring clean-up.

Would like the Boards help with these lists and insight on the design for the bathroom/office remodel.

Alan Pearce

Entering 5th year of the 5 year septic system agreement. CEO is getting with Canandaigua to confirm this is closing out with full completion.

Historian – Amberle Kelly

History Department Monthly Report

Date: February 10, 2026

Reporting Period: From January 2026 to February 2026

1. Middlesex Photo project is complete.
2. Middlesex Heritage Group hosted the Annual Meeting on January 18th. I presented the groups previous year's projects, and about my goals for this upcoming year. Dave Gray was voted in as MHG's new president for a 1-year term.
3. I submitted the NYS Museum Historian's Annual Report, which I will include a copy of for the town's records.
4. Dave Gray, MHG President, and I have been working diligently on the digitization of our records. We have secured a free server to host our digital files and will be setting scanning dates soon. I expect to have our records fully digitized by the end of summer.
5. I am the chair for the America 250 in Yates County Committee. We are still looking for a few more people to join the planning committee and several others to help volunteer for our events throughout the year. Some of these events include County-wide cemetery cleans, July 4th parade in Branchport, Fall Fun Day, and a Veteran's Day Ceremony. Please consider volunteering with us or be on the lookout for those who may be willing to help.
6. We have our first Memorial Day parade meeting on February 17th, at 11:00am, at the Rushville History Room.

Submitted By:

Signature: _____

Name: Amberle Kelly

Title: Historian

NYS Museum Local Government Historian's Annual Report

Reporting Year: 2025

Date Report Prepared: 1/12/26

Name of Historian: Amberle Kelly

Phone Number: 585-554-3607

Date Appointed Historian: 3/14/2024

Municipality: Town of Middlesex

County: Yates

Office Hours: 3 hours/week

Total Hours/Week: 5

Address: 1216 Route 245/PO Box 147, Middlesex, NY, 14507

Annual Salary: \$1500

Number of Phone/Email Inquires Received/Answered: 15-25

Number of municipal meetings attended: 4-6

Exhibits: Assisted in the maintenance and yearly deep clean of Overackers Corners School House; added to the current Overackers School House exhibit for a large community event held there; Gave several tours of our Heritage Group exhibit; assisted with the completion of a five-year grant to restore several photomurals of local one-room school houses.

School/Classroom Lectures/Presentations: I was unable to make it into the classroom this year, but I have plans to coordinate a "student day" at Overackers Corners School House.

Public Lectures/Presentations: I gave presentations on the history and story of each photomural at a ceremony commemorating the grant's completions, the history of Overackers School House at the Overackers 15th Anniversary event, the history of Vine Valley at the Vine Valley Community House, on Peter Jemison as an introduction for our Seneca Heritage Day event, small history's of four historical residents as community members assisted me in local cemetery cleanings, and also presented biographies of two community residents we honored in a ceremony, etc.

Historical Research: Photomurals, Overackers School House & Corners, several historical residents in-depth, Vine Valley in-depth, a local property to see if it had previously been a pain store for its current resident, maps, property ownership, Middlesex education in

Yates County Legislature – Doug Paddock

David Adam, Supervisor

Water line replacement project (MRB) - discussed between water and code updates.

Set Public Meeting for Solar Moratorium - March 12, 2026

Discuss fund balance transfer for the 2025 budget

US Department of Agriculture's European Cherry Fruit Fly (ECFF) program requesting permission to survey/trap for ECFF in select locations within Middlesex – see email handout

Email Received: My name is Griffin Kane - I am a Technician with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's European Cherry Fruit Fly (ECFF) program. I'm reaching out to you today to request permission to survey/trap for ECFF in select locations within Middlesex, some of which may be on town-owned property. We are required to request your permission annually. For private property we will be approaching landowners directly. This request only pertains to municipal property rights.

Attached you will find the full 2026 digital information package for your information. Within this package is a document titled "**ECFF Property Access Request 2026.**" We are hoping to be able to place traps on roadside right-of-ways, in parks, and in cemeteries. If you are willing to allow us access, please complete and sign this document. For the "Property Location" line, please write "all properties" if we may have full access. If there are specific restrictions, please note specific town properties and right of ways we can or cannot access. Please scan and send back to me or if you prefer, I can come pick it up.

Thank you for your involvement. We can't do this without you! If you need any more information or would like to contact me, I can be reached at this email or my work cell phone (585)-474-2615. I would also be more than happy to meet in person at any time.

Thank you!

Griffin Kane

Plant Protection Technician

PPQ Field Operations | European Cherry Fruit Fly & Box Tree Moth



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

421 Penbrooke Drive, Penfield, NY, 14526

c: (585) 645-1732

Discuss Access Easement Bond for the Davis/Smith property at 120 East Lake Road

December 17, 2025

Mr. Case Smeenk
Planning Board Chairman
Middlesex Town Hall
1216 Route 245
P.O. Box 147
Middlesex, New York, 14507

Re: 120 East Lake Road, Middlesex, New York, 14507
Access Easement Bond

With regard to application 051023-SPR by Scott and Barb Davis, on property owned by James and Jacqueline Smith, located at 120 East Lake Road in the Town of Middlesex; we offer the following comments on the Access Road to the property as requested:

1. The existing Assess Road within the easement to the property in question from East Lake Road is approximately 680' long. It is constructed with crushed stone and varies in width from 11' to 16' wide. Several drainage swales cross under this roadway via corrugated HDPE pipes. The roadway seems well graded, compacted, drained, and in good condition overall. We expect the following to be required to maintain this roadway during and after construction:
 - (a) The roadway access must be maintained throughout the duration of the construction and returned to an equal or better condition than the existing condition, prior to the start of construction.
 - (b) It is expected that drainage must be maintained, this includes the removal of all leaves and debris along the roadway, and in the swales and pipes under the roadway.
 - (c) It is expected that any ruts or damage to the roadway be repaired during the construction process with a crushed stone driveway mix and thoroughly compacted.
 - (d) It is expected that a new surface to the roadway will be required after the construction is complete. This resurfacing shall include a new 3" layer of crushed stone driveway mix, graded, and compacted with a vibratory roller.
 - (e) It is also expected that any damage to the shoulder of East Lake Road be repaired through coordination with, and to the satisfaction of, the Yates County Highway Department.

Jan-26	Beginning Balance	Ending Balance	Difference	Interest Earned
	1-Jan-26	31-Jan-26		
General Checking	\$ 54,462.01	\$ 52,081.69	\$ (2,380.32)	
General MMA	\$ 1,423,228.88	\$ 1,458,502.37	\$ 35,273.49	\$ 4,381.89
Highway Checking	\$ 56,786.27	\$ 62,336.04	\$ 5,549.77	
Highway Savings	\$ 749,358.02	\$ 630,740.58	\$ (118,617.44)	\$ 2,031.29
Highway Reserves	\$ 81,621.77	\$ 81,871.33	\$ 249.56	\$ 249.56
Health Insurance	\$ 7,479.59	\$ 6,650.65	\$ (828.94)	
Water Checking	\$ 30,891.19	\$ 35,425.99	\$ 4,534.80	
Water Savings	\$ 421,405.67	\$ 392,721.36	\$ (28,684.31)	\$ 1,205.82
Trust & Agency	\$ 40,304.16	\$ 10,577.84	\$ (29,726.32)	
Total for all accounts	\$ 2,865,537.56	\$ 2,730,907.85	\$ (134,629.71)	\$ 7,868.56

Attn: Board Members

Above is a list of the January 2026 beginning/ending balances for the actual bank accounts.

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 January, 2026:

DATED: February 10, 2026

SUPERVISOR

	Balance 12/31/2025	Increases	Decreases	Balance 01/31/2026
A GENERAL FUND - TOWNWIDE				
CASH - CHECKING	37,834.74	46,913.00	34,597.33	50,150.41
CASH - MONEY MARKET 9144	1,415,800.27	140,889.49	105,616.00	1,451,073.76
PETTY CASH	162.04	0.00	0.00	162.04
TOTAL	1,453,797.05	187,802.49	140,213.33	1,501,386.21
DA HIGHWAY FUND				
CASH - CHECKING	12,364.84	124,694.57	76,232.26	60,827.15
CASH - SAVING	776,575.02	6,077.13	124,694.57	657,957.58
HWY EQUIPMENT RESERVE	81,621.77	0.00	0.00	81,621.77
TOTAL	870,561.63	130,771.70	200,926.83	800,406.50
HA ROAD REPAIR CAPITAL PROJECT				
CASH - CHECKING	1,508.89	0.00	0.00	1,508.89
SAVINGS	-27,217.00	0.00	0.00	-27,217.00
TOTAL	-25,708.11	0.00	0.00	-25,708.11
L MUNICIPAL LIBRARY				
CASH - CHECKING	4,154.98	7,099.00	2,099.00	9,154.98
CASH SAVINGS	46,576.49	58,934.45	7,099.00	98,411.94
TOTAL	50,731.47	66,033.45	9,198.00	107,566.92
PN CEMETERY				
CASH - SAVINGS 9144	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	2,328.61	0.00	0.00	2,328.61
TOTAL	2,328.61	0.00	0.00	2,328.61
SF FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT				
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
SL LIGHTING DISTRICT				
CASH - CHECKING	2,137.51	0.00	206.23	1,931.28
SAVINGS	5,100.00	0.00	0.00	5,100.00
TOTAL	7,237.51	0.00	206.23	7,031.28
SW WATER DISTRICT				

Bookkeeper Department Monthly Report

Date: 2/14/2026

Reporting Period: From 1/8/2026 to 2/14/2026

Major Tasks Completed


1. Payroll Ending 1/10/2026 and 1/24/2026 Completed
 2. Entered Invoices
 3. Completed Reconciliations for December/January
 4. Worked with Ted at Williamson to Complete Rollover of books to 2026
 5. Worked with Donna Wollschleger to send her information for State Annual Report
 6. Completed Line-Item Transfers from January 8th meeting.
 7. Completed Quarterly Payroll Tax Reports
 8. Completed W-2/ 1099's
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Items to Note (unexpected costs, repairs, staffing updates)

I had an issue reconciling the December General bank account, both Ted and Donna were helping me sort the issue. Donna finally came to the Town Hall and she realized that when we created a shared account with the General Savings and the Cemetery Savings it was created wrong, causing the General Checking to appear to have an extra \$2,328.61 in the Williamson program, when that is the amount that should have been in the Cemetery. Donna was able to correct the error.

Upcoming Projects

Submitted By:

Signature: 

Name: Denise Adam

Title: Bookkeeper

Date: 2/14/2026

For Town Board Review – Monthly Meeting Date: 2/14/2026

Water Department Monthly Report

Date: 2/14/2026

Reporting Period: From 1/8/2026 to 2/14/2026

Major Tasks Completed

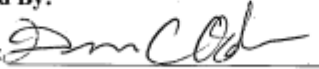
1. Collected \$12,378.01 in Water during January
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Items to Note (unexpected costs, repairs, staffing updates revenue updates)

Upcoming Projects

Donna advised me that I can automatically upload payments from the Water System into the Accounting Program. I am going to get with Williamson Law Books to assist me with this, as it will make my Water Bank Account Reconciliations quicker.

Submitted By:

Signature: 

Name: Denise Adam

Title: Water Clerk

Date: 2/14/2026

For Town Board Review – Monthly Meeting Date: 2/14/2026

Open PUBLIC COMMENTS @ 8:02 PM

Terry – Seen a lot of changes the past few years and wanted to share it’s all been really good and likes where things are headed and feels the town is going in the right direction. Also, sounds like water line is overdue and in support to moving forward to getting all of it repaired before it becomes a state of emergency. Supervisor explained that unfortunately, only those the water district can officially pay for the project and it’s been their goal in finding options to limiting the amount of taxes to be raised to make the replacements. It is definitely being looked into and worked on.

Hearing no other comments;

Close PUBLIC COMMENTS at 8:07 PM

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING *A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit Establishing in General Municipal Law 3-c* **8:07 PM**

Motions

Motion to allow US Department of Agriculture’s European Cherry Fruit Fly (ECFF) program permission to survey/trap for ECFF in select locations within Middlesex

Motion by Council Member Liddiard – seconded by Council Member Mitchell, the following motion was adopted:

ADOPTED: Ayes 4 Adam, Liddiard, Button, Mitchell

Nays 0

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution # 29-26

RESOLVE to move \$93,217.00 from fund balance to DA9730.6 effective 12/31/25 for the 2025 budget

On a resolution by Council Member Mitchell – seconded by Council Member Liddiard, the following resolution was adopted:

ADOPTED: Ayes 4 Adam, Liddiard, Button, Mitchell

Nays 0

Resolution # 30-26

RESOLVE to sign Williamson Law Book Co annual Highway Supernatant software support contract for 2/1/26 to 1/31/27

On a resolution by Council Member Liddiard – seconded by Council Member Button, the following resolution was adopted:

ADOPTED: Ayes 4 Adam, Liddiard, Button, Mitchell

Nays 0

Resolution # 31-26

RESOLVE to approve the Access Easement Bond for the Davis/Smith property at 120 East Lake Road with the following amendment one year after issuance of Certificate of Occupancy

On a resolution by Council Member Liddiard – seconded by Council Member Mitchell, the following resolution was adopted:

ADOPTED: Ayes 4 Adam, Liddiard, Button, Mitchell

Nays 0

Resolution # 32-26

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADOPTION BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF MIDDLESEX OF LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2026

WHEREAS, a resolution was duly adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Middlesex for a public hearing to be held by said Town Board on February 12 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at Middlesex Town Hall, 1216 Route 245, Middlesex, New York, to hear all interested parties on a proposed Local Law to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c; and

WHEREAS, notice of said public hearing was duly advertised in the official newspaper of the Town of Middlesex, on February 12 2026 and all other notices required by law to be given were properly served, posted or given; and

WHEREAS, said public hearing was duly held on February 12 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at the Middlesex Town Hall, 1216 Route 245, Middlesex, New York, and all parties in attendance were permitted an opportunity to speak on behalf of or in opposition to said Proposed Local Law, or any part thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Middlesex, after due deliberation, finds it in the best interest of the Town of Middlesex to adopt said Local Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Middlesex hereby adopts said Local Law No. 1 of 2026, entitled, “A local law to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c”, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of this resolution, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk be and she hereby is directed to enter said Local Law in the minutes of this meeting and in the Local Law Book of the Town of Middlesex, and to give due notice of the adoption of said local law to the Secretary of State of New York.

I, Rebecca Moore, Town Clerk of the Town of Middlesex do hereby certify that the aforementioned resolution was adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Middlesex on **February 12 2026**, by the following vote:

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>
David Adam	_X_	_____
Leon Button	_X_	_____
Austin Liddiard	_X_	_____
Paul Mitchell	_X_	_____
Stephanie Betts - ABSENT	_____	_____

Dated: February 18, 2026

Rebecca Moore, Town Clerk

Resolution # 33-26

RESOLVED to pay audit of claims. February 12, 2025:

- Highway Fund claims Nos. 9-26 in the amount of \$52,984.68 as set forth in abstract No 002 dated 02/12/2026
- Water District claims Nos. 3-4 in the amount of \$445.00 as set forth in abstract No 002 dated 02/12/2026
- General Fund – Townwide claims Nos. 9-38 in the amount of \$505,462.63 as set forth in abstract No 002 dated 02/12/2026

On a resolution by Council Member Mitchell – seconded by Council Member Liddiard, the following resolution was adopted:

ADOPTED: Ayes 4 Adam, Liddiard, Button, Mitchell

Nays 0

Executive session called into order by Council Member Liddiard in the name of personnel– seconded by Council Member Mitchell @ 8:16 PM

Council Member Liddiard makes motion to exit executive session and seconded by Council Member Button at 8:39 PM

Motion to authorize Supervisor Adam to pursue possible purchase of property at 1192 Mill Street

Motion by Council Member Mitchell – seconded by Council Member Button, the following motion was adopted:

ADOPTED: Ayes 4 Adam, Liddiard, Button, Mitchell

Nays 0

Motion to interview William Peeler for assistant assessor

Motion by Council Member Liddiard – seconded by Council Member Button, the following motion was adopted:

ADOPTED: Ayes 4 Adam, Liddiard, Button, Mitchell

Nays 0

Adjourn

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Council Member Liddiard – seconded by Council Member Button, with all in favor to adjourn the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Middlesex at 8:48 PM.