

Town of Middlesex

Regular Meeting

October, 10 2024

Present: David Adam, Supervisor
Leon Button, Council Member
Austin Liddiard, Council Member
Stephanie Betts, Council Member

Also Present: Patrick Grimaldi , Tax Assessor
Amberle Kelly, Historian
Doug Paddock, Yates County Legislature
Dawn Kane, Code Enforcement Officer
Townspeople:
SueAnne Kring, Garry Kring ,Doug Paddock, Joan Paddock, Diane Cerrone, Dave Cerrone, Steve Cerrone

Absent: Josh Burnett, Highway Superintendent
Paul Mitchell, Council Membe
Water District Superintendent – Allen Williams

Recording: Rebecca Moore, Town Clerk

Call to Order/Pledge

Supervisor Adam called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM at the Town Hall, 1216 State Route 245, Middlesex NY. He led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Open Public Comments:

Recap of Sept meeting – **Boat Creek Flood Restoration Project proposal:**

Steve Cerrone handed out the PowerPoint presentation from Sept on USB to Board members Leon, Austin and Stephanie. Copies were sent to Supervisor Adam, Town Clerk Moore, Yates Cty

Legislator Ed Bronson, Yates Cty Water/Soil Manager Colby Peterson, Yates Cty, Emer Services Diane Caves/Brian Winslow, C-Lake Watershed Manager, Kevin Olvany and DEC Deputy Reg Permit Admin Rob Call.

Steve Cerrone recapped that the storm of 08/09 was a total of 5” of recorded rain in Vine Valley and is the worst recorded flooding Newago Cove residents have ever seen.

Steve Cerrone has met with and have had conversations with all to whom USB were handed out to and it is reported each were positive and sympathetic to their cause.

Project goals:

1. Restore the creek to its bank full depth
2. Place the creek sediment to the bank sides creating bank full width
3. Unblock the creek mouth of sediment helping to channel water to the lake during a flood event
4. Restore the creek to pre flood conditions and let mother nature guide and shape it from there

Conclusion

10/11 – meeting with manager Peterson from Yates Cty soil/water, to begin discussions on the process forward towards above mentioned goals.

There is an understanding that there is a similar project with Matt Gullace of the Vine Valley Mobile Home Park.

*a small portion of the Creek at the New Bridge would be restored to improve waterflow in the creek and where the 2 culverts empty into the creek there.

Dawn stated that permits will need to be through Middlesex and the Glaceys, as they own the creek (which is the ownership of Vine Valley Mobile Home Park). Dawn met with Kevin, DEC and park owners and working on pulling trailers from the creek and remove storage, trailers, tanks etc. to bring in stone to support the parks side of the creek. Dawn invited townspeople to meet with her so they can meet in the middle regarding their efforts

Close public comments 7:16 PM

Request to approve August, 8 2024 board meeting minutes was approved by Council Member Austin to and Council Member Stephanie seconded approval

Tax Assessor- Patrick Grimaldi

2025 revaluation still in progress and once completed will be forwarded to Town Clerk to upload to Town of Middlesex website

Highway/Buildings/Grounds- Josh Burnett

- Hauled crusher run for stock pile

- Used Countys dozer at dump to push off ditching's
- Assisted with 1500 SLR wall flowable fill
- Replaced 20 foot of water main on Route 245
- Continue cleanup on West Ave
- Continue mowing roadsides
- Swept loose stone off SLR, Gray and Loomis
- Roller update: still trying to diagnose fuel pressure issue. There is no roller need currently, so no new roller rental fees
- Ditched Upperhill Road
- Put new cross culvert at 1117 SLR to help with drainage
- Serviced excavator and truck 6
- Sign and resolutions for county and state plowing contract
- New few weeks will finish mowing, continue cleaning ditches and get trucks ready for winter

Code Enforcement Officer- Dawn Kane

Building is steady

Planning has received several applications, but it should slow up soon. May need to extend the solar for the commercial to give more time due to them being very busy. Will keep updated

Library – finishing handbook

Beach – dock will stay in until 10/31 and minor repairs will be needed to the dock. Bathrooms and stores are still open on the weekends. There will be a need to update equipment and discuss it with Christine Young as there haven't been updates completed on the equipment at the beach in several years, so it is well overdue.

ZBA – been steady but slowing down

Amberle asked about historical boat house - #32nd ice stop back on the old trails. And it was SAVED from being demolished.

Supervisor Adam asked about the available engineer position and Dawn replied that Santek sent in a new engineer as an introduction, and they are waiting for the full plan – but we have until end of year to confirm.

Water District Superintendent – Allen Williams

Supervisor Adam updated that they have the computers needed in order to keep the water operations operational – (see resolutions)

Historian - Amberle Kelly

History has not slowed down – genealogy conference was beneficial and will be very useful in the future. There are 30-40 online courses that she now has access as part of the conference charge. She is working her way through each one.

9/18 – the photo mural in the Rushville history room coming along and the ceremony in Nov (no date yet – will update). Last of the grant for the photo mural was used up and Amberle asked how to close a grant – is there a follow up? They don't believe there is any action. However, Amberle was asked to pull the grant paperwork, as the instructions for closure will be listed on the grant itself.

Hosting small museum association meeting 10/16 at 7PM here at Town (expecting around 10 people)

10/16 at noon, the daughter of revolution meeting will be in Branchport, and she is attending

Heritage group: Lynn and Bonnie mapping out cemetery to sort out the boards. Working on movies from the past with voiceovers. Gravestones – residents brought attention 30 plus years ago a resident bought 2 gravestones at a estate sale and they are working on gaining the history on them all and it's a working progress to gaining more information. Requesting to bring the tomes stones to the town barns (working on a plan with Highway Josh Burnett and Supervisor Adam for transportation–mid 1800 tomb stones in size. Trying to reunite the stones with the graves.

Yates county legislature - Doug Paddock

Broadband project -100 complete on truck route – county applied for reconnect 25% match, however, they are waiting for election. Applied to connect all NY grant – no word (more challenging because it must be done within 2 yrs)

Distribution in Italy being hung now for this quarter

Total \$17.21 million

Benton – interior almost complete – office furniture arrived. Paving and striping complete – renovation on existing building undergoing and on schedule

Anex – complete except steps due to being damaged due to delivery – replacement received and working at installing now.

Reconnections – meeting next Tuesday, 10/15 (normally 2nd Monday- however Columbus Day is Monday 10/14) resolutions proclaiming October for fire prevention month

Snow and ice agreement as well for resolutions – contract amendments – resetting public hearing of local law for replace personal dept

Received Authorization to fill positions for 1 probation and 2 corrections for sheriff and 3 county members for the board.

Difficult budget year -5% down in sales

Projection for 2025 reduced – budget workshop 10/29 at 7PM – may need to extend

8/9 storm did rec FEMA to help towns

Call vet service office to volunteer to drive for vet – to drive the disabled vet vans, it requires qualifications; however, there are other county cars available for use.

County applied for e-filing grant – and was awarded. Handled by records management ret in November - Tim is the project manager and it is being called the “Alphabet Grant” due to the amount of letters in the name of the grant.

Town Clerk – Rebecca Moore

Revenue for 09/01 – 09/30

- 10 dog license renewals
 - Sept and October dog renewal notices and 1 renewal remained from Sept. All late renewals were mailed.
- 2 marriage certificates
- Updated 5 building permits

Website is actively being worked on for updating

Full resolution list for 2024 up to date to include last month’s September resolutions

David Adam, Supervisor

SLR wall – except guard rails (will be wintertime) – part of FEMA grant needs to have 3 quotes, so they are obtaining quotes

Received Snow and Ice contracts with County and State – need to be reviewed and signed (see resolutions)

Animal Control contract received - need to be reviewed and signed (see resolutions)

DEC Land purchase for Bear bill received - need to be reviewed and answered. There was discussion regarding the property and since there are questions regarding the entire request, Supervisor Adam is going to reply requesting the full request with details for this to be a productive conversation with the board. Being tabled until next board meeting 11/14

Budget – tax cap is at a lower number due to the fire dept being removed as they oversee their own and it shouldn’t have been included.

Budget public hearing proposed for 11/14 (see resolutions)

Property of Wickham Road – residents requesting an update on the land. Discussions in progress regarding space as Highway does use portion and they would like to continue using this space.

Open for public comments 8:21 PM

Close public comments 8:21 PM

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution # 71-24

Snow and Ice Control Contract 2024-2025 with Yates County review and to be signed

On a resolution by Council Member Betts seconded by Council Member Button second, the following resolution was adopted:

ADOPTED: Ayes 4 Adam, Liddiard, Betts, Button
Nays 0

Resolution # 72-24

Snow and Ice Contract with NYS 2024-2025 review and to be signed

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

ADOPTED: Ayes 4 Adam, Liddiard, Betts, Button
Nays 0

Resolution # 73-24

Two original supplemental agreements for 2022-2023 season to be reviewed and signed

On a resolution by Council Member Betts seconded by Council Member Liddiard second, the following resolution was adopted:

ADOPTED: Ayes 4 Adam, Liddiard, Betts, Button
Nays 0

Resolution # 74-24

Two original supplemental agreements for 2023-2024 season to be reviewed and signed

On a resolution by Council Member Liddiard seconded by Council Member Betts second, the following resolution was adopted:

ADOPTED: Ayes 4 Adam, Liddiard, Betts, Button
Nays 0

Resolution # 75-24

Two original 5 year extension (which include a 2024/2025 adjustment to be reviewed and signed

On a resolution by Council Member Betts seconded by Council Member Button second, the following resolution was adopted:

ADOPTED: Ayes 4 Adam, Liddiard, Betts, Button
Nays 0

Resolution # 76-24

Approve for two original signed and sealed resolutions for each supplemental agreements and the 5- year extension to be mailed to the state

On a resolution by Council Member Liddiard seconded by Council Member Betts second, the following resolution was adopted:

ADOPTED: Ayes 4 Adam, Liddiard, Betts, Button

Nays 0

Resolution # 77-24

Approve Computer purchase for Water District from Scadata

On a resolution by Council Member Betts seconded by Council Member Liddiard second, the following resolution was adopted:

ADOPTED: Ayes 4 Adam, Liddiard, Betts, Button

Nays 0

Resolution # 78-24

Approve Computer Server purchase for Town Hall from SCT Computers

On a resolution by Council Member Liddiard seconded by Council Member Betts second, the following resolution was adopted:

ADOPTED: Ayes 4 Adam, Liddiard, Betts, Button

Nays 0

Resolution # 79-24

Approve to amend resolution #40-24 from April Town Board meeting as resolution was to purchase Water District computer from SCT Computers, however, the purchase was cheaper from Scadata

On a resolution by Council Member Betts seconded by Council Member Liddiard second, the following resolution was adopted:

ADOPTED: Ayes 4 Adam, Liddiard, Betts, Button

Nays 0

Resolution # 80-24

Inter-Municipal Animal Control Agreement between Middlesex and Yates County for 2025 review and to be signed

On a resolution by Council Member Betts seconded by Council Member Button second, the following resolution was adopted:

ADOPTED: Ayes 4 Adam, Liddiard, Betts, Button

Nays 0

Resolution # 81-24

Accept resignation of Town HWO Zach Lyons effective Friday 10/4/2024

On a resolution by Council Member Betts seconded by Council Member Liddiard second, the following resolution was adopted:

ADOPTED: Ayes 4 Adam, Liddiard, Betts, Button

Nays 0

Resolution # 82-24

Notice of Public hearing for budget on 11/14 @ 7 PM

On a resolution by Council Member Betts seconded by Council Member Liddiard second, the following resolution was adopted:

ADOPTED: Ayes 4 Adam, Liddiard, Betts, Button

Nays 0

Resolution # 83-24

Approve placing public AD for public hearing on 11/1 in Newspaper

On a resolution by Council Member Betts seconded by Council Member Liddiard second, the following resolution was adopted:

ADOPTED: Ayes 4 Adam, Liddiard, Betts, Button

Nays 0

Adjourn

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Council Member Betts, with all in favor to adjourn the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Middlesex at 2041 @ 9:06 PM.