

The town board meeting for the Town of Addison was held on Monday, March 20, 2023, 7:00pm at the Town Hall. The following people were present:

Supervisor	Jack Thompson	
Council Member	Alice Weale - absent	
Council Member	Brandon Conklin	
Council Member	John Lyons	
Council Member	David Miller	
Attorney	Craig Patrick - absent	
Town Clerk	Robin Carr	
Assessor	Teresa Lyons	
Hwy Superintendent	Jeff BeGell - absent	
Bookkeeper	Betty Machuga	
Hope Trappler	Joseph D Trappler	Steve Schrader
Laura Souders	Don Souders	Stephen Fabian
Stacie Miller	Jeff Allington	Teresa Fethers
Andrew Rogerson	Bo Graham	Eva Sue Cunningham
Bridget Burke	Bob Nichols	

Supervisor Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm asking all to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: Joseph Trappler asked what the moratorium on the agenda was and were we trying to control what landowners were doing with their property. Bob Nichols, County Legislator, stated the county would be working on numerous roads and bridges but none in Addison. Spending approximately \$7.34 million. Last year the county spent \$3.1 million sheltering the homeless of which the state provided almost half. Was reported that no illegal immigrants have been shipped to Steuben County that we have knowledge of. County spend most of ARPA funds given by the state, the remainder will be used to ensure all county residents have internet access.

APPROVE MINUTES: Motion by Council Member Miller, seconded by Council Member Lyons, to approve the February 21, 2023 minutes as written.

Ayes: Thompson, Conklin, Lyons and Miller

Noes: None

ORGANIZATION APPOINTMENTS: None

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

a. Assessor – Working on revaluation. STAR basic to STAR Enhancement applications need to be completed on-line.

b. Hwy Superintendent – No report.

c. Town Clerk, Town Justice, DCO and Bookkeepers reports were read as submitted. Town Clerk noted that there were currently 17 expired dog licenses. Bookkeeper reported the following collections in September: Justice - \$603.00, Town Clerk – \$375.00, and Tax Collector Fees - \$698.93.

OLD BUSINESS:

a. Town Barn – Architect working on several issues from when barn was initially built. Plans currently with the Engineer and should be completed by next Monday.

b. Annual Review of Bookkeeper's Records – Motion by Supervisor Thompson, seconded by Council Member Lyons to approve **Resolution #8 of 2023**, certifying the Required Annual Review of the 2022 Bookkeeper's Records was conducted by the majority of Board Members to the best of their ability: Roll Call: Thompson – Yes, Lyons – Yes, and Miller – Yes. Motion adopted 3-0. Council Member Conklin abstained due to not having an opportunity to review the records.

c. Agreement for the Expenditure of Highway Moneys – During the previous month, Board Members felt that the Highway Superintendent's estimated costs were insufficient to cover the cost to repair the roads and asked that he change them to include Labor and Fuel. No changes were made. Motion by Supervisor Thompson that no CHIPS money will be spent. No second received, motion died. If the current agreement were to be approved for \$96,250, the town could lose out on approximately \$50,000. towards cost of improving our roads. Several board members feel that Tobin and Beeman Hollow Roads should be fixed and consensus is for the Supervisor to rework the numbers and present to the Highway Superintendent for approval.

d. New Computer – Town Clerk's computer is 8 years old and no longer supports the current window's program. Motion by Supervisor Thompson, seconded by Council Member Conklin to spend up to \$1200.00 on a new computer.

Ayes: Thompson, Conklin, Lyons and Miller

Noes: None

e. Tax Collector's Monthly Report – Total amount of warrant - \$1,555,564.74 of which \$399,646.31 remains uncollected. The Town has been paid in full, \$432,220.86 and total fees collected to date and paid to the town are \$698.93.

f. Proposed Local Laws

(1) Local Law 1 of 2023 – Real Property Tax Exemption to Qualifying Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Workers

(2) Local Law 2 of 2023 – Increasing, on a sliding scale, the Income Limit to Qualify for Tax Exemption on Property for Senior Citizens.

Copy given to Board Members to review prior to Public Hearing scheduled for April 17, 2023, 7:00pm, at the Town Hall.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Overhead Door – Town Barn. Council Member Miller obtained 3 estimates for a new overhead door, including installation.

(1) JC Overhead Door - \$4,254.13

(2) Martin's Door Service LLC - \$5,628.00

(3) Rockwood Overhead Doors - \$5,862.00

Motion by Supervisor Thompson, seconded by Council Member Miller, to purchase the overhead door from JC Overhead Door for \$4,254.13, which includes installation, from account A688.

Ayes: Thompson, Conklin, Lyons and Miller

Noes: None

b. Rabies Clinic – Town of Addison's Free Rabies Clinic is scheduled for April 29, 2023, 10am – Noon, at the Community Center. Will be conducting a Drive-Thru clinic unless inclement weather forces us inside.

c. Cemetery Maintenance – Board directed we submit for bids through the Addison Post and require an Insurance Policy, with the town listed as an additional insured, be provided within 10 days of acceptance of the bid.

d. Moratorium on Solar Projects: Council Member Conklin wants to ensure the roads are not tore up moving the heavy equipment/supplies to the site for installation. Concerned that a few will benefit at the expense of the taxpayers. Discussion included ensuring the roads were bonded. Town Clerk will contact the Town's Attorney before proceeding.

e. Liability Insurance – Pinnacle Volunteer Service Organization. Eva Sue Cunningham addressed the board about the possibility of the Pinnacle Volunteer Service Organization being added under the Town's Insurance Policy. In order for the Volunteer to use power equipment to maintain the Allen Hill Cemetery and trails, NYS Parks require general liability insurance. Supervisor will contact the insurance agent to see what the cost would be.

f. Town Audit Report – Good report recorded, with two areas needing attention. All Town employees need to attend Cyber Security Training and the Town Board needs to establish written policies and procedures for cash receipts and disbursements, and online banking to safeguard Town funds.

g. Recommended Budget Transfers:

\$ 16.50	from A1410.406 (T Clerk-Misc)	to	A1410.405 (Town Clerk – Program)
\$ 407.00	from A1990.4 (Contingent)	to	A9040.8 (Workers' Comp)
\$ 2,300.00	from DA5132.403 (Mach Repair)	to	DA5132.403D (Vovo Excavator)
\$ 1,500.00	from DA5132.403 (Mach Repair)	to	DA5132.403E (Ford P/U)
\$12,000.00	from DA5132.403 (Mach Repair)	to	DA5132.403F (2013 Dump Truck)
\$ 200.00	from DA5132.403 (Mach Repair)	to	DA5132.403G (2016 Dump Truck)
\$ 200.00	from DA5132.403 (Mach Repair)	to	DA5132.403H (2000 Grader)
\$ 150.00	from DA5132.403 (Mach Repair)	to	DA5132.403I (Sander)
\$ 1,500.00	from DA5132.403 (Mach Repair)	to	DA5132.403K (2011 Ram 5500)

Motion by Supervisor Thompson, seconded by Council Member Miller to approve the recommended budget transfers as presented.

Ayes: Thompson, Conklin, Lyons and Miller

Noes: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

COMMUNICATIONS: et cetera, - March 2023. Legal Hot Topic – What can be charged to the Highway Fund.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Claim Numbers, General Fund Claims, Nos. 66-84, totaling \$37,114.05; Highway Town-wide DA Fund Claims, Nos. 16-20, totaling \$4,096.35; Highway DB Fund Claims, No. 3, totaling \$2,697.57; and Trust & Agency Claims, Nos. 6-7, totaling \$1,060.00, for a Grand Total of \$44,968.96. Motion by Council Member Conklin, seconded by Council Member Lyons, to pay the bills in their usual manner.

Ayes: Thompson, Conklin, Lyons, and Miller

Noes: None

SUPERVISOR REPORT: Motion by Council Member Miller, seconded by Council Member Lyons to approve the Supervisor Reports for January 2023 and February 2023 as presented.

Ayes: Thompson, Conklin, Lyons, and Miller

Noes: None

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: Don Souders stated there should be a moratorium of Solar Panels to give the Town a chance to make comments and state their concerns. Should also be a planning and zoning board. Also asked if anyone looked into what a new Town Barn would cost. Additionally wanted to know why we can't vote in Village elections. Teresa Fethers asked why the Board and the Highway Superintendent can't seem to work together, what caused the riff? Stephen Fabian inquired about his inability to access the Town Website, it was noted that it is being converted to another program. Also asked do we communicate with the County Legislator about our concerns and do we network across the county or coordinate with the Village on issues. Eva Sue Cunningham informed the group that there used

to be meetings between municipalities. Betty Machuga informed the board that her training is scheduled for May 24 & 25. Also mentioned that during the nasty storm on Friday, March 10, 2023, the highway crew left at 4:00pm and never came back out to plow the roads. Also wanted the minutes to reflect that the Highway Superintendent doesn't attend the monthly board meetings and fails to submit a monthly report of activities. Steve Schrader asked when are they going to work on Lodge Road. Mentioned that he could submit a Prior Notice to the Town Clerk if there was an issue. Bo Graham stated he would rather see Solar Panels as opposed to Wind Turbines in the Town.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Council Member Miller, seconded by Council Member Lyons, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:58pm, the next scheduled Town Board Meeting is Monday, April 17, 2023, 7pm at the Town Hall.

Ayes: Thompson, Conklin, Lyons and Miller

Noes: None

Respectfully Submitted,

Robin Carr
Town Clerk

NEXT MEETINGS:

PUBLIC HEARINGS: Monday, April 17, 2023, 7pm at the Town Hall

MONTHLY BOARD MEETING: Monday, April 17, 2023, 7pm at the Town Hall