

The Town Board Meeting for the Town of Addison was held on Monday, April 15, 2024, 7:00pm at the Town Barn. The following were present:

Supervisor	Jack Thompson
Council Member	Alice Weale
Council Member	John Lyons
Council Member	David Miller
Council Member	Joseph Trappler
Attorney	Craig Patrick - absent
Town Clerk	Robin Carr
Assessor	Teresa Lyons
Hwy Superintendent	Kenny Peoples, Jr
Bookkeeper	Betty Machuga

Hope Trappler	Gary Aumick	Doug Cornell	Jeff Allington
Bruce Vitulli	Stacie Miller	Bridget Burke	Theresa White
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: None.

APPROVE MINUTES: Motion by Council Member Trappler, seconded by Council Member Weale, to approve the March 18, 2024 minutes as written.

Ayes: Thompson, Weale, Lyons, Miller, and Trappler

Noes: None

ORGANIZATION APPOINTMENTS: None.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

a. Assessor – NY State sending out worksheets for Senior Exemptions requesting information. Failure to provide the information will result in the loss of their Enhanced STAR exemption. Tentative Roll closing May 1, 2024 with the BAR (Board of Assessment Review) scheduled for May 30, 2024, from 5-9pm at the Town Hall.

b. Hwy Superintendent – Graded Lodge Road and the cemetery driveway. Ditching on Tobin Road and put pipe in on Tobin Road at the County 1 Intersection. Removed plows and wings off trucks, cleaned up and around the shop, installed sluice pipe on Aumick Road, and performed ditching for the Village of Addison (approximately 1 ½ hours). Received quote from Blades for blacktop and met with rep from Dalrymple about trading milling for 1a that we need. Fuel Log submitted; 313.6 gallons of diesel fuel used. Highway Superintendent informed the Town Board that there is an issue he is watching on Dinny Road. Bank along road is caving in/washing out. Concerned that it is undercutting, may need Soil and water assistance in the future. Photos attached.

c. Town Clerk, Town Justice, DCO and Bookkeepers reports were read as submitted. Town Clerk noted that there are currently 3 expired dog licenses. Bookkeeper reported the following collections: Justice - \$3,207.00, Town Clerk – \$336.34, and check from Ben Weitsman – scrap metal from Highway - \$1,017.81. Bookkeeper noted that the Teamsters Union Rep audited our records and noted a few items that she needs to investigate.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Tax Collector's Monthly Report – Total amount of warrant - \$1,643,713.78 of which \$235,581.89 remains uncollected. Town is paid in full, \$445,591.25. Fees collected in the amount of \$3,887.96 of which \$967.76 was paid with a balance of \$2,920.20 due the Town of Addison.
- b. Cemetery Maintenance – Received 1 bid, Victor Stewart, \$5,100.00. Motion by Council Member Weale, seconded by Council Member Lyons, to accept Victor Stewart's bid of \$5,100.00 for the mowing, trimming, leaf mulching, fall clean-up and maintenance of the Maple Street and County Route 119 Cemeteries for a one-year period.
Ayes: Thompson, Weale, Lyons, Miller and Trappler
Noes: None
- c. Rabies Clinic – Clinic schedules for Saturday, May 18, 2024, 10:00am to 12:00 noon at the Community Center. Clinic will be a drive thru clinic for Dogs, Cats and Domestic Ferrets.
- d. Solar Panel Toxicity Concerns – Report states that previous studies have raised concerns that PV modules contain arsenic, gallium, germanium and hexavalent chromium but the vast majority of PV modules are either crystalline silicon or cadmium telluride which contain almost none of these harmful materials.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. ATV/UTV riding on/through Town Barn Property – Issue of liability being the main concern of Council Members. Feel signs should be put up on the West and East end of the roads prohibiting entry of listed vehicles.
- b. Health Insurance for new highway worker. Agreement being redone to read period beginning April 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024. Motion by Council Member Trappler, seconded by Council Member Weale, approving and directing the Town Supervisor sign the new agreement when received. Roll Call: Thompson – Yes, Weale – Yes, Lyons – Yes, Miller – Yes, and Trappler – Yes. Motion Adopted 5-0.
- c. Record of Activity – Board reviewed the Record of Activity for the Highway Superintendent Kenneth R. Peoples, Jr. Motion by Supervisor Thompson, seconded by Council Member Trappler, to approve the Record of Activity for the Highway Superintendent, Kenneth R. Peoples, Jr. as submitted.
Ayes: Thompson, Weale, Lyons, Miller and Trappler
Noes: None
- d. Standard Work Day Resolution – Resolution #6 of 2024, to establish Standard Work Days for elected/appointed Officials. Motion by Supervisor Thompson, seconded by Council Member Trappler, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Addison, Location Code 30879, hereby established the following as Standard Work Days for elected and appointed officials and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the time keeping system records or the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the clerk of this body: Highway Superintendent 8 hours; Town Justice 6 hours; Bookkeeper 6 hours; and Dog Control Officer 6 hours. Roll Call Taken: Thompson – Yes, Weale – Yes, Lyons – Yes, Miller – Yes, and Trappler – Yes. Motion Adopted 5-0. Bookkeeper asked why the Time Clock wasn't being used. Superintendent stated that the clock isn't working. Supervisor will call and get the clock fixed. Stated that it needs to be used to assist with auditing records.
- e. Annual Financial Report – Will be completed by the end of April 2024.
- f. Signs for the Town Barn Property prohibiting ATV/UTV riding on/through Town Property. Motion by Supervisor Thompson, seconded by Council Member Trappler, directing the Highway Superintendent to purchase (2) signs "ATV/UTV prohibited" and place at both the East and West ends of the Town Barn Road.

Ayes: Thompson, Weale, Lyons, Miller and Trappler

Noes: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

COMMUNICATIONS:

- a. et cetera, March 2024 – Items noted were ARPA Reporting Update, must submit report by April 30, 2024, and NY Federal Court finds Three-Year Statue of Limitations Applies in claims to surplus from In Rem Foreclosure Proceedings.
- b. Middletown Historical Society – board decided to put on wish list for 2025 budget.
- c. Dog Control Officer Inspection Report – Satisfactory
- d. Dog Shelter Inspection Report - Satisfactory

OTHER BUSINESS:

Claim Numbers, General Fund Claim, Nos. 378-399, totaling \$5,518.20; Highway DA Fund Claim Nos. 53-58, totaling \$1,334.09; Highway DB Fund Claim No. 23, totaling \$1,315.58; Trust & Agency Claim, Nos. 37-41, totaling \$1,029.55, for a Grand Total of \$9,197.42. Motion by Council Member Trappler, seconded by Council Member Weale, to pay the bills in their usual manner.

Ayes: Thompson, Weale, Lyons, Miller and Trappler

Noes: None

SUPERVISOR REPORT: Motion by Council Member Trappler, seconded by Council Member Weale, to approve the Supervisor Report for March 2024 as presented.

Ayes: Thompson, Weale, Lyons, Miller and Trappler

Noes: None

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: Bob Nichols, County Legislator for District 11, addressed issue of Claiming excess funds when property is sold for taxes. Previous owner doesn't automatically get the excess funds back, they must file a claim within 3 years for the amount over after the County is made whole, will be returned. Discussed the property at 39 Main Street, if village had taken ownership of property (owner turning over deed), the county has a process where they would have torn down the building at no cost to the Village. The County will not take possession of the building now, because they are owed well over \$60,000., which they will have to write off. Property has been taken off the rolls. Process for municipality to have building torn down is as follows; Municipality MUST take possession of building, then present to the County, which take down 5 building a year at no cost. County Highway Crew is cutting dead trees within the right of way and near right of way with owner's consent. The County highway budget has a small increase and is ok financially. Sales tax revenues are lower than FY22. County involved in a lawsuit with the Sheriff over Indemnity Insurance for a Sexual Harassment Investigation Case, both disagree over jurisdiction. Theresa White stated the highway crew needs to fix area along the road from when they got stuck and tore it up. Highway Superintendent replied he has to wait till it dries up. Teresa Lyons filed a complaint reference property Irish Hill/Beeman Hollow, tenant moved out and left trash everywhere and it's blowing all over. Property is owned by a NJ resident who is probably unaware of the issue. Supervisor will notify the Code Enforcement Officer. Dave Miller filed a complaint over the property at the intersection of Goodhue/County Route 1 – Mike Space's property. Old trailer frame, dirt moved across the road and trash/junk being piled in the hole. Joe Trappler mentioned that he attended the last Village Meeting and it was packed, but very calm. Stated that only about 5 people commented.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Council Member Miller, seconded by Council Member Trappler, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:10pm, the next scheduled meeting will be Monday, May 20, 2024, 7:00pm at the Town **Barn**.

Ayes: Thompson, Weale, Lyons, Miller and Trappler

Noes: None

Respectfully Submitted,

Robin Carr
Town Clerk

NEXT MEETINGS

MONTHLY MEETING: Monday, May 20, 2024, 7pm at the Town Barn