

The town board meeting for the Town of Addison was held on Monday, August 21, 2023, 7:00pm at the Town Barn. The following people were present:

Supervisor	Jack Thompson	
Council Member	Alice Weale	
Council Member	John Lyons	
Council Member	David Miller	
Council Member	Vacant	
Attorney	Craig Patrick - absent	
Town Clerk	Robin Carr	
Assessor	Teresa Lyons	
Hwy Superintendent	Jeff BeGell - absent	
Bookkeeper	Betty Machuga	
Joseph Trappler	Hope Trappler	Bridget Burke
Stacie Miller	Alex Jackson	Ed Soporowski
Marilyn Prutsman	Shannon Jayne	Jim Okonski
Gary Aumick	Bruce Vitulli	Michael Trappler

Supervisor Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:01pm asking all to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: Joseph Trappler stated that he had made his objections and concerns noted previously and had nothing else to say about the Solar Projects Local Law and Road Use Agreement. It was noted that Campbell delayed voting on their Local Law until next meeting. Ed Soporowski notified the Board that the Village ok'd the Ambulance using the village fuel tanks so our Ambulance Agreement is good.

APPROVE MINUTES:

- a. Motion by Council Member Miller seconded by Council Member Lyons, to approve the July 17, 2023 minutes as written.
Ayes: Thompson, Weale, Lyons and Miller
Noes: None
- b. Motion by Council Member Lyons seconded by Council Member Miller, to approve the July 31, 2023 minutes as written.
Ayes: Thompson, Lyons and Miller
Noes: None
Abstain: Weale was absent from previous meeting

ORGANIZATION APPOINTMENTS: Council Member Conklin resigned effective August 14, 2023. Added under New Business item F.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

- a. Assessor – Will be attending Small Claims Assessment Review for property at 3849 S Goodhue Lake Road. Board approved 2d notice mailing for Senior Citizens Exemptions as required by law.
- b. Hwy Superintendent – No Monthly Report, Fuel Log, Inventory Report or Shared Services Reports were submitted.
- c. Town Clerk, Town Justice, DCO and Bookkeepers reports were read as submitted. Town Clerk noted that there were currently 9 expired dog licenses and the last of the Landfill Tickets has been sold.

Bookkeeper reported the following collections: Justice - \$1138.00, Town Clerk – \$432.00, 2nd Qtr Sales Tax - \$37,254.49, and 2% Fire Tax - \$2,556.55. Town Clerk asked about the Annual Financial Report for the Town, and it was noted that there was an issue with the Williamson Program not carrying over 2022 balances correctly, but the issue is being worked.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Town Barn – Council Member Miller reported that the Town Barn Project was complete and that he had monitored and inspected each level of construction. Ensured that mesh wire was properly placed and 6” of concrete was poured. Contractor installed outlets on every pole and inspected trusses after old metal was removed. 3 of the 2x4s had to be replaced.
- d. Moratorium on Solar Projects
 - (1) Draft Local Law – Tabled. The idea of letting the State Regulations and Laws control the implementation of Solar Projects and foregoing a Local Law was mentioned. Council Member Miller adamant that both the Solar Company and Land Owner/Leaser be equally responsible for any contamination of surrounding land/wells.
 - (2) Road Use Agreement – Town Clerk stated that Bob Nichols, County Legislator, informed him that the County would not be requiring a Road Use Agreement for Solar Projects because they are not as heavy as the logging trucks that frequently travel the area roads.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. NY Citizens Audit – Marilyn Prutsman provided an information packet and report produced by New York Citizens Audit that uncovered evidence of massive inaccuracies that violate both Federal and State Laws. The New York Citizens Audit is requesting the Town Board adopt a resolution to support a complete end-to-end audit of the New York State voter rolls and registrations. Board requested time to review the material and issue to be put on the agenda for the next Board Meeting.
- b. Code Enforcement Officer – Charles Cagel was assigned by the County as the Code Enforcement Officer for the Town of Addison. His contact number is (607) 542-2175.
- c. 2023 Fire Contract – Village provided a Fire Contract for the Board’s action. Supervisor Thompson asked what the % of Village vs Town Property was. Assessor and Town Clerk will provide 2023 assessed value of property in the Village and Town. Issue tabled till next meeting.
- d. Baldwin Cemetery on County Route 119 – Council Member Miller stated that he feels obligated to repair this cemetery now that the Maple Cemetery has been completed. County records show 123 registered burials. Approximately 70 bases need to be replaced but need to submit notification in the local paper for 3 consecutive weeks. Motion by Supervisor Thompson, seconded by Council Member Lyons, to advertise notice in the Addison Post for the repair to the Baldwin Cemetery on County Route 119.
 - Ayes: Thompson, Weale, Lyons and Miller
 - Noes: None
- e. Recommended Budget Transfers:

\$ 100.00	from A5132.412 (Garage Tools)	to	A5132.408 (Garage Supplies)
\$ 100.00	from DA5132.405 (Mach Maint)	to	DA5132.403J (Other)

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

Ayes: Thompson, Weale, Lyons and Miller
Noes: None

- f. Council Member Vacancy – Board discussed whether to leave position vacant until the November General Election, advertise position to see if anyone was interested, or fill the vacancy to ensure a quorum could be achieved during the upcoming annual budget meetings/workshops. Motion by Council Member Lyons, seconded by Council Member Weale to Appoint Joseph D. Trappler to fill the Vacant Council Member position. Roll Call Taken: Thompson – Yes, Weale – Yes, Lyons – Yes, and Miller – Yes. Motion Adoped 4-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

COMMUNICATIONS: Memo from NY State Department of Transportation RE: Regulations of off-premise signs located along State Routes. IAW Highway Beautification Law, any resident who would like to place an advertising sign that will be visible from State Routes must obtain a permit by calling (607) 324-8572. Removal notices will be sent to owners of illegal signs that are found.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Claim Numbers, General Fund Claims, Nos. 187-211, totaling \$67,931.15; Highway DA Fund Claim Nos. 31-33, totaling \$8,352.74; Highway DB Fund Claims, Nos. 13-16, totaling \$13,961.92, Voucher #13 was submitted for \$3,320.14 for account DB5110.403, board changed to DB5112.202, and Voucher #15 was submitted for \$8,946.87 for account DB5110.404, board changed to DB5112.203; and Trust & Agency Claims, Nos. 18-20, totaling \$1,303.05, for a Grand Total of \$91,548.86. Motion by Council Member Weale, seconded by Supervisor Thompson, to pay the bills in their usual manner.

Ayes: Thompson, Weale, Lyons, and Miller

Noes: None

SUPERVISOR REPORT: Motion by Council Member Miller, seconded by Council Member Lyons, to approve the Supervisor Report for July 2023 as presented.

Ayes: Thompson, Weale, Lyons, and Miller

Noes: None

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: Bridget Burke provide the Board Members with an Information packet on the Community Forest Conservation Grant Program. This program funds municipal land acquisition for community forests and allow public access to encourage local residents to enjoy the forests and increase their connection to forest benefits. Noted that the Town would have to make the initial 10% investment and the grant would be from the minimum of \$50,000 up to \$300,000. Discussed insurance costs and the fact that the property would come off the tax rolls. Ed Soporowski informed the Board that the village has a dumpster at DPW for metal and that both village and town residents can utilize it. Mike Trappler asked about the upcoming vacancy with the Town Highway Department. Doug Smith may be retiring and stated his last day was Wednesday, August 23, 2023. Bruce Vitulli asked when the railroad crossing will be fixed. Supervisor Thompson said that the Railroad crew would patch it until Norfolk Southern approved the money in 2024/2025, and they it will be totally removed and replaced.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Council Member Weale, seconded by Council Member Lyons, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:35pm, the next scheduled Town Board Meeting is Monday, September 18, 2023, 7pm at the Town **Barn**.

Ayes: Thompson, Weale, Lyons, and Miller

Noes: None

Respectfully Submitted,

Robin Carr
Town Clerk

NEXT MEETINGS:

MONTHLY BOARD MEETING: Monday, September 18, 2023, 7pm at the Town Barn