

The town board meeting for the Town of Addison was held on Monday, April 17, 2023, 7:00pm at the Town Hall. The following people were present:

Supervisor	Jack Thompson	
Council Member	Alice Weale	
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	
Steve Schrader	Stacie Miller	Jeff Allington
Bridget Burke		

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: Bridget Burke mentioned that planned to attend a special meeting at Thurston about companies buying or leasing farm land to dump sludge or industrial waste and concerned that they may try moving to Addison area. Also mentioned a regional leadership meeting she attended and provided packets on Climate Smart Communities, NYS Solar Guidebook, and Model Solar Energy Local Law. Motion by Council Member Miller, seconded by Council Member Lyons to depart the Board Meeting and enter into the Public Hearing at 7:03pm.

Ayes: Thompson, Weale, Conklin, Lyons and Miller

Noes: None

Proof of notice having been furnished, the Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law 1 of 2023, a Local Law to Provide a Real Property Tax Exemption to Qualifying Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer Ambulance Workers, and Proposed Local Law 2 of 2023, a Local Law Increasing, on a Sliding Scale, the Income Limit to Qualify for Tax Exemption on Property for Senior Citizens from \$20,000 to \$25,899.

Supervisor Thompson asked if anyone wanted the Proposed Local Laws read aloud. Since no one did, Supervisor Thompson opened the floor to anyone wishing to speak For or Against said Proposed Local Laws.

No one spoke For or Against either Proposed Local Laws

All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, the Public Hearing was terminated.

Motion by Council Member Lyons, seconded by Council Member Miller to depart Public Hearing and reenter the Board Meeting at 7:05pm.

Ayes: Thompson, Weale, Conklin, Lyons and Miller

Noes: None

Motion by Council Member Miller, seconded by Council Member Weale, to approve **Resolution #9 of 2023**, Approving Local Law 1 of 2023, Providing a Real Property Tax Exemption to Qualifying Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Workers. Roll Call: Thompson – Aye, Weale – Aye, Conklin – Aye, Lyons – Aye, and Miller – Aye. Motion Adopted 5-0.

Motion by Council Member Conklin, seconded by Council Member Weale, to approve **Resolution #10 of 2023**, Approving Local Law 2 of 2023, Increasing, on a Sliding Scale, the Income Limit to Qualify for Tax Exemption on Real Property for Senior Citizens from \$20,000 to \$25,899. Roll Call: Thompson – Aye, Weale – Aye, Conklin – Aye, Lyons – Aye, and Miller – Aye. Motion Adopted 5-0.

APPROVE MINUTES: Motion by Council Member Lyons, seconded by Council Member Miller, to approve the March 20, 2023 minutes as written.

Ayes: Thompson, Conklin, Lyons and Miller

Noes: None

Abstain: Weale, wasn't present at the March 20, 2023 meeting.

ORGANIZATION APPOINTMENTS: None

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

a. Assessor – Today is the last day of the tentative roll. Currently at 100% assessment value.

b. Hwy Superintendent – Graded Ackerson, Fred Rial, Lodge, Cowley, Upper Hallett, Reservoir, and Stapleton Roads. Worked on the Dodge plow issues and the 2013 Peterbilt, Cleaned the shop and performed maintenance on the Grader, Roller and Tractor. Met with numerous sales reps.

c. Town Clerk, Town Justice, DCO and Bookkeepers reports were read as submitted. Town Clerk noted that there were currently 16 expired dog licenses. Bookkeeper reported the following collections: Justice - \$2242.00, Town Clerk – \$495.00, and Tax Collector Fees - \$2330.36. Bookkeeper reported that she is still having issues with the Time Cards for the Highway Department. Not being turned in on time. Also vouchers are supposed to be submitted the Tuesday prior to the Board Meeting. Vouchers being submitted past due, incorrect account numbers and duplicates.

OLD BUSINESS:

a. Town Barn – Received the Electronically Stamped Engineering Drawings for the Town Barn Addition. Council Member Miller stated that we needed to prepay 50% down for the installation of the overhead door. Motion by Council Member Conklin, seconded by Council Member Weale, to prepay \$2,127.06 for the installation of the Overhead Door.

Ayes: Thompson, Weale, Conklin, Lyons and Miller

Noes: None

Discussed re-advertising the Bid for the Town Barn Addition and Replacing the Roof. Motion by Council Member Miller, seconded by Council Member Lyons to submit Bid Proposal for the Town Barn Addition and Replacing the Roof in the Addison Post.

Ayes: Thompson, Weale, Conklin, Lyons and Miller

Noes: None

b. Rabies Clinic – Rabies Clinic scheduled for April 29, 2023, 10am – noon at the Community Center. Will be Drive-Thru clinic, weather permitting, otherwise clinic will be moved into the Community Center.

c. Agreement for the Expenditure of Highway Moneys – Supervisor Thompson notified the Highway Superintendent that his first Highway Agreement proposal was disapproved. Board countered with a proposal that the Town Clerk will present to the Highway Superintendent for consideration. Chip seal the following roads: Dininny - \$25,000, Hibbard - \$10,500, Reservoir - \$4,620, Tobin - \$39,960, Beeman Hollow - \$40,650, Blacktop patch, brush removal, ditching, labor, fuel, and incidentals – \$41,290 for a total \$162,000.

d. Cemetery Maintenance Bids – Received 2 bids

(1) Victor Stewart - \$5,100.

(2) Chad Cambra - \$7,400. (Est. based on 10 mows)

Motion by Council Member Weale, seconded by Supervisor Thompson to accept Victor Stewart's bid of \$5,100. 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, Conklin, Lyons and Miller

Noes: None

e. Tax Collector's Monthly Report – Total amount of warrant - \$1,555,564.74 of which \$203,779.80 was returned as uncollected. The Town has been paid in full, \$432,220.86 and total fees collected and paid to the town were \$3,029.29.

f. Moratorium on Solar Panels – Supervisor spoke with the Town Attorney and the County on recommendation for proceeding. County recommended he talk with Bob Nichols who in return recommended we get a copy of the Local Law that Tuscarora passed. Also recommended that we get the company bonded to make sure they remove the hardware from the property when it's decommissioned. Board members provided with copy of Local Laws passed by Troupsburg and Cohocton regarding Solar Energy Systems. Supervisor Thompson also discussed the Pot Shops around the area that are selling stickers and giving the pot free. Legislators discussing appropriate courses of action.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Dog Control Officer & Shelter Inspection Reports – both received Satisfactory Rating.

b. 2023 Assessment Roll Equalization Rates - Currently at 100%

c. One-day Marriage Officiant License – Individuals can now apply and receive a License to perform and officiate a Marriage for a fee of \$25.00

d. Recommended Budget Transfers:

\$ 707.00	from A1410.411 (Bldg Rep)	to	A1410.406 (Town Clerk – Misc)
\$ 100.00	from DA5132.405 (Mach Maint)	to	DA5132.403C (2019 P/U)
\$ 1,000.00	from DA5132.405 (Mach Maint)	to	DA5132.403H (2000 Grader)
\$ 750.00	from DA5132.405 (Mach Maint)	to	DA5132.403J (Other)
\$ 150.00	from DA5132.405 (Mach Maint)	to	DA5132.403A (1994 Tractor)
\$ 1,000.00	from DB5110.406 (Gravel)	to	DB5110.405 (Gen Repair Supplies)

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

Ayes: Thompson, Weale, Conklin, Lyons and Miller

Noes: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

COMMUNICATIONS: et cetera, - April 2023. Legal Hot Topic – Can the Town Board waive penalties on Real Property Tax Payments – NO. Town Clerks now required to issue One-Day Marriage Officiant Licenses.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Claim Numbers, General Fund Claims, Nos. 85-110, totaling \$6,029.92; Highway Town-wide DA Fund Claims, Nos. 21-26, totaling \$997.56; Highway DB Fund Claims, Nos. 4-5, totaling \$1,782.50; and Trust & Agency Claims, Nos. 8-9, totaling \$928.30, for a Grand Total of \$9,738.28. Motion by Council Member Conklin, seconded by Council Member Weale, to pay the bills, except voucher #25, John Deere, for \$604.33 (duplicate voucher that was paid last month), in their usual manner.

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

Noes: None

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

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

Noes: None

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Council Member Conklin, seconded by Council Member Weale, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:13pm, the next scheduled Town Board Meeting is Monday, May 15, 2023, 7pm at the Town Hall.

Ayes: Thompson, Weale, Conklin, Lyons and Miller

Noes: None

Respectfully Submitted,

Robin Carr
Town Clerk

NEXT MEETINGS:

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