

The Town Board Meeting for the Town of Addison was held on Monday, December 18, 2023, 7:00pm at the Town Hall. The following people 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 - absent
Hwy Superintendent	Jeff BeGell - absent
Bookkeeper	Betty Machuga - absent

Jeffery Allington	Stacie Miller	Bruce Vitulli	Gary Aumick
Kenny Peoples, Jr.	Ed Soporowski	Alex Jackson	Hope Trappler
Kristina Mujica	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 informed the board that the Village is continuing with the plan to move the Village Hall to the Community Center. Supervisor Thompson stated that he remembers that the Community Center was built with grant money from the State with shares from Town of Addison, Village of Addison, and Town of Rathbone. The Town of Addison turned over their interest in the building to the Village of Addison but doesn't know if the Town of Rathbone did.

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

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

Noes: None

ORGANIZATION APPOINTMENTS: None

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

a. Assessor – Ag exemption have been mailed and the Senior exemption will go out after the holidays.

b. Hwy Superintendent – No Monthly Report, Fuel Log, Inventory Report or Shared Services Reports were submitted. Ed Soporowski mentioned that brush was cut along Nichols Road.

c. Town Clerk, Town Justice, DCO and Bookkeepers reports were read as submitted. Town Clerk noted that there were currently 13 expired dog licenses. Bookkeeper reported the following collections: Justice - \$531.00, Town Clerk – \$372.37, and Steuben County Mortgage Tax check - \$4,839.63.

OLD BUSINESS: Town Ambulance – Chief, Ed Soporowski updated the board on issue of Village no longer providing fuel for the Town Ambulance. Village terminated the 1974 hand shake agreement to provide the fuel. Ed believes there is enough money in the budget to cover the fuel but would like to continue using the Village pumps and the Village will bill them directly at State rates. Used about 130 gallons so far this year. Fielded about 220 calls and responded to about 100 of them. They have 2 diesel ambulances, 2003 Ford and 2009 International, and both have approximately 72,000 miles on them. No capital reserve fund to replace the ambulances. One ambulance is stored on each side of the river. They

are a non-profit organization, with a bookkeeper and can provide the board an annual report each year. Currently have 3 EMTs, all volunteers. No new information on Steuben County initiative to open and operate two emergency call centers in the surrounding areas.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Recommended Budget Transfers:

\$ 310.00	from A1610.411 (Bldg Repair)	to	A1610.404 (Bldg Ofc Supplies)
\$ 42.00	from A1610.411 (Bldg Repair)	to	A1610.407 (Bldg Trash)
\$ 51.00	from A1355.405 (Asses Progr)	to	A1220.401 (Supv Misc School)
\$ 200.00	from A1355.405 (Asses Progr)	to	A1610.409 (Bldg Cleaner)
\$ 170.00	from A1355.405 (Asses Progr)	to	A1610.415 (Bldg Postage)
\$ 175.00	from A1355.405 (Asses Progr)	to	A1410.405 (T/C Program)

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

Ayes: Thompson, Weale, Lyons, Miller and Trappler

Noes: None

b. Dog Kennel Contract – Dog Control Officer, Jerry Aldrich, Jr. submitted a proposed contract for 1 year in the amount of \$500.00 commencing on January 1, 2024 and ending 31 December 2024. Motion by Council Member Trappler, seconded by Council Member Weale, to approve **Resolution #17 of 2023**, approving and authorizing the Town Supervisor to enter into the agreement and sign the Dog Kennel Contract. Roll Call: Thompson – YES, Weale – YES, Lyons – YES, Miller – YES, and Trappler – YES. Motion Adopted 5-0.

c. Schedule Organizational Meeting. Motion by Council Member Trappler, seconded by Council Member Weale, to schedule the 2024 Organizational Meeting for Tuesday, January 2, 2024, at 7:00pm, at the Town Hall.

Ayes: Thompson, Weale, Lyons, Miller and Trappler

Noes: None

d. Authorization for Supervisor to prepay all bills that come in through the end of December 2023. Motion by Council Member Trappler, seconded by Council Member Lyons, to authorize the Supervisor to prepay any bills that come in through the end of December 2023.

Ayes: Thompson, Weale, Lyons, Miller and Trappler

Noes: None

e. Lodge Road Voucher – Work performed with Steuben County Soil & Water on Lodge Road to fix the road edge that a localized storm event created two (2) landslides. Roadway was on list of work to be done through the district’s streambank stabilization program. Town share of bill is \$8,934.29. Board adamant that they should have been consulted prior to repair either by Soil & Water for by the Highway Superintendent. Motion by Council Member Trappler, seconded by Council Member Lyons, to pay the Lodge Road Repair Voucher in the amount of \$8,934.29. Roll Call: Thompson – YES, Weale – YES, Lyons – YES, Miller – YES, reluctantly, and Trappler – YES, reluctantly. Motion Adopted 5-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

COMMUNICATIONS:

a. Et cetera, Dec 2023

b. Steuben County Newsletter – Items of interest, 2024 County Budget & free COVID Test Kits

OTHER BUSINESS:

Claim Numbers, General Fund Claims, Nos. 273-288, totaling \$2,256.65; Highway DA Fund Claim Nos. 36-38, totaling \$2,835.10, and Trust & Agency Claim, No. 28, totaling \$444.74, for a Grand Total of \$5,536.49. Motion by Council Member Miller, 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 November 2023 as presented.

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: Bruce Vitulli stated he has a hard time hearing what the board members were saying and asked if the tables could be rotated so everyone faced the audience.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Council Member Trappler, seconded by Council Member Weale, that the meeting be adjourned at 7:55pm, the next scheduled meeting will be the Organizational Meeting on Tuesday, January 2, 2024, 7:00pm at the Town Hall.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Robin Carr
Town Clerk

NEXT MEETINGS

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING: Tuesday, January 2, 2024, 7pm at the Town Hall