

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

Supervisor	Jack Thompson	
Council Member	Alice Weale	
Council Member	Brandon Conklin	
Council Member	John Lyons - absent	
Council Member	David Miller	
Attorney	Craig Patrick - absent	
Town Clerk	Robin Carr	
Assessor	Teresa Lyons - absent	
Hwy Superintendent	Jeff BeGell - absent	
Bookkeeper	Betty Machuga	
Joe Trappler	Hope Trappler	Cornelia Lentz
Kristina Mujica	Bridgett Burke	Stacie Miller
Jeff Allington	Cory Winant	Theresa White
David Hatch	Shannon Jayne	Jason Boutelle
Alex Jackson	Mary Lyons	William Lyons
Michael Trappler		

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: Joe Trappler expressed the following concerns with the Initial Draft Local Law governing Solar Energy Systems: Who will issue the permits; controlling property adjacent to solar projects ensuring any new structures won't block sunlight; who will control the escrow deposit; Section 7 dictating how structure is to be built, why are we telling the company how to build or construct the system when they have the expertise; Maintenance – dictating when grass needs mowing? Theresa White asked why we weren't using Campbell's Local Law as an example since they already have Solar Farms. Cory Winant stated the Solar Farms need to be mowed to keep saplings from growing up into the panels and causing damage. Mike Trappler asked have we reviewed Campbell's local law?

APPROVE MINUTES: Motion by Council Member Miller seconded by Council Member Weale, to approve the May 15, 2023 minutes as written.

Ayes: Thompson, Weale, Conklin and Miller

Noes: None

ORGANIZATION APPOINTMENTS: None

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

a. Assessor – Revaluation project and all Board of Assessment Review (BAR) paperwork completed and filed with the County and Town Clerk and notice will be published in the Addison Post June 29, 2023. BAR members reviewed all grievances and notices to property owners have been mailed with final decisions. Final roll will be available with the Town Clerk by July 10th or can be accessed on the County website on July 1st, 2023. One property owner stated that they planned to file a small claim appealing the decision.

b. Hwy Superintendent – No monthly report submitted. Additionally, no inventory, monthly fuel log, or shared services reports have been submitted to date.

c. Town Clerk, Town Justice, DCO and Bookkeepers reports were read as submitted. Town Clerk noted that there were currently 2 expired dog licenses. Town Justice notified the board that the Office of Court Administration recommended that all unpaid fines be converted to civil judgements. Justice would like to send letters out first to give them an opportunity to pay the fine. Board members in concurrence with the plan, would like some action taken to collect and clear the backlog. Bookkeeper reported the following collections: Justice - \$2058.00, Town Clerk – \$648.00, and received the County Mortgage Tax Check, May 2023 for \$11,559.52

OLD BUSINESS:

a. Town Barn – Contractor submitted proposal to receive 40% down (\$43000), to cover expenses, and the balance of \$64,500 upon completion of job. Motion by Council Member Weale, seconded by Council Member Conklin, to approve 40% down payment or \$43,000 to Winant Construction, LLC for the Town Barn Project with construction to begin no later than July 10, 2023. Roll Call taken; Thompson – Yes, Weale – Yes, Conklin – Yes, and Miller – Yes. Motion adopted 4-0.

d. Moratorium on Solar Projects

(1) Draft Local Law – Town Clerk handed out the initial draft of a proposed Local Law using the Tuscarora Local Law as a start. Board will review for future meeting.

(2) Road Use Agreement – Town attorney provided a County Road Use Agreement as a starting point to ensure that any damage to the roads while hauling the Solar Energy System Equipment is repaired by the company and not the taxpayers. Attorney recommended that the board review document and make changes to fit the Town’s needs. Joe Trappler inquired as to whether anyone has been involved with bonding roads before. Joe stated that no other heavy vehicles could use the road during this time without prior approval. Several members didn’t think that was the case and need to check into it. Town Clerk stated that since the vehicles hauling the heavy Solar Energy Equipment would travel through numerous municipalities, the County should have a Road Use Agreement for Solar Energy Companies to sign, and then each municipality’s Local Law would require that agreement to be included in the application process.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Recommended Budget Transfers:

\$ 8,400	from DB5110.406 (Gen – Gravel)	to	DB5110.404 (Gen - Stone)
\$35,000	from A230 (CSR)	to	A4089 (COVID Relief) Town Barn Project

Motion by Council Member Weale, seconded by Council Member Conklin to approve the recommended budget transfers as presented. Roll Call taken: Thompson – Yes, Weale – Yes, Conklin – Yes, Miller – Yes Motion Adopted 4-0.

b. Proposed Local Law – Received notice from the County that we needed to amend our recently passed local law relative to senior citizens tax exemption on property due to the sliding scale income limits not complying with State Law. Town Clerk conferred with the Town Attorney and it was determined that we would be required to hold another Public Hearing. Motion by Supervisor Thompson, seconded by Council Member Conklin, to schedule a Public Hearing on July 17, 2023, 7:00pm, on Proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2023, Amending Local Law No. 2 or 2023 Relative to Senior Citizens Tax Exemption of Property.

Ayes: Thompson, Weale, Conklin and Miller

Noes: None

c. Agreement for the Expenditure of Highway Moneys – Supervisor Thompson asked the board members if they were aware that the Highway Superintendent was planning to grind up Tobin

Road, approximately 7 inches, and then it would basically be a dirt road. Stated that the road was in good shape except in a few places where the chip seal failed. Feels road could be fixed for about \$40,000 instead of spending \$98,000. Motion by Supervisor Thompson, seconded by Council Member Weale, to rescind the Highway Agreement to spend \$98,000 on Tobin Road. Roll Call: Thompson – Yes, Weale – Yes, Conklin – No, Miller – No Vote. Motion Failed 2-1-1. Board members discussed their desire to have the Highway Superintendent come in and explain in detail his plan to fix Tobin Road. Considered the idea of sending a letter requesting his presence at the next board meeting. Discussed the fact that previous correspondence proved worthless. Motion by Supervisor Thompson, seconded by Council Member Weale, to suspend the portion of the Agreement for the Expenditure of Highway Moneys, that pertains to spending \$98,000 to repair 1 mile of Tobin Road, until the Highway Superintendent appears at the July 17, 2023 board meeting, to explain details of the project. Roll Call: Thompson – Yes, Weale – Yes, Conklin – No, Miller – Yes. Motion Adopted 3-1.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

COMMUNICATIONS:

- a. Et cetera – May/June 2023 issue
- b. School Budget, BOE Election and Capstone Project voting results were provided to the Town Board by the School District.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Claim Numbers, General Fund Claims, Nos. 138-167, totaling \$12,100.92; Highway DA Fund Claim No. 27, totaling \$92.50; Highway DB Fund Claims, Nos. 7-9, totaling \$16,470.34; and Trust & Agency Claims, Nos. 12-14, totaling \$1,099.41, for a Grand Total of \$29,763.17. Motion by Council Member Miller, seconded by Council Member Conklin, to pay the bills in their usual manner.

Ayes: Thompson, Weale, Conklin, and Miller

Noes: None

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

Ayes: Thompson, Weale, Conklin, and Miller

Noes: None

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: Betty Machuga stated that trees/brush along Tobin Road are not being cut and hanging over the road. When is the Highway Department going to use the Excavator to cut the brush and mow? Supervisor Thompson confirmed that seasonal use roads need to be graded each year. Mike Trappler stated that the pot holes on Reservoir Hill Road at County Route 1 were terrible. Noted that they were responsibility of the County. Theresa White asked who needs to be called for that. Also stated that the highway didn't plow up to her house, only went to Howard/Thomas' driveway. Joe Trappler mentioned that the Town Barn Conference Room looked good with the new floor and painted walls. Also, since we seem to be taking controls of roads (no one else doing them) are we going to hire someone to mow along the roads. Betty Machuga stated that she needs an inventory from all department heads on all equipment they have. Jason Boutelle, president of the Addison Fire Department, notified the board of several issues they are having with the Village. Notified by the Village that they would no longer be getting any fuel from the Village. Currently use about \$2000 - \$3000 of fuel in the ambulance annually. Currently operating on good faith, they have no contract with the village. Village moving police vehicle into Fire Hall creating spacing issues. Meeting scheduled June 29, 2023, at 6:30pm with Village Board to try to come to some resolution. Council Member Conklin asked if there was anything the Town Board could do to assist and asked for an update at our next board meeting. Supervisor Thompson stated

it would be beneficial for a representative from the Addison Fire Department to attend the August Town Board Meeting and provide an annual update. Joe Trappler asked if the town vehicles needed to be inspected. Supervisor replied “NO, but probably should be” Theresa White asked who was footing the bill for the removal of the building at 39 Main Street.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Council Member Miller, seconded by Supervisor Thompson, that the meeting be adjourned at 9:03pm, the next scheduled Town Board Meeting is Monday, July 17, 2023, 7pm at the Town **Barn.**

Ayes: Thompson, Weale, Conklin, and Miller

Noes: None

Respectfully Submitted,

Robin Carr
Town Clerk

NEXT MEETINGS:
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING: Monday, July 17, 2023, 7pm at the Town Barn