

The town board meeting for the Town of Addison was held on Monday, September 18, 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	Joseph Trappler	
Attorney	Craig Patrick - absent	
Town Clerk	Robin Carr	
Assessor	Teresa Lyons	
Hwy Superintendent	Jeff BeGell - absent	
Bookkeeper	Betty Machuga	
Hope Trappler	Kenny Peoples Jr.	Bridget Burke
James Okonsky	Don Souders	Laura Souders
Marilyn Prutsman	Yvonne Burton	Gary Aumick
Bruce Vitulli		

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: Town Justice Burton requested authorization from the Town Board to open a Post Office Box for the Town Court’s Official Mail. Presented a piece of mail that had been opened and taped shut. Mail piece was addressed directly to the Justice and was official business with sensitive information inside. Board approved. Justice Burton also requested assistance getting the court direct phone line answering service fixed. If no one answers, it currently just hangs up. Also stated that payments to the Court can only be accepted by the Court Clerk or Justice. Town Clerk stated that he sometimes receives collections in the drop box and places them in the Courts In-box. Mailyn Prutsman provided updated information on the 2020 and 2022 NY State General Election Discrepancies and requested that the Town Board pass and sign the Resolution to have NY State Voter Rolls audited. Supervisor stated they would discuss issue under Old Business, Item A.

APPROVE MINUTES: Motion by Council Member Miller seconded by Council Member Weale, to approve the August 21, 2023 minutes as amended. The last sentence in the 2nd Comments from the Public, should read “Supervisor Thompson said the railroad crew would patch it until Norfolk Southern approved the money in 2024/2025, when it will be totally removed and replaced.”

Ayes: Thompson, Weale, Lyons and Miller

Noes: None

Abstain: Trappler was appointed to board seat at the last meeting.

ORGANIZATION APPOINTMENTS: None

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

- a. Assessor – Attending Small Claims Assessment Review for property at 3849 S Goodhue Lake Road, still waiting for courts decision. Board approved mailing plain white 2d notice Senior Citizens Exemptions instead of color due to cost savings.
- b. Hwy Superintendent – No Monthly Report, Fuel Log, Inventory Report or Shared Services Reports were submitted. Also noted that Highway Superintendent failed to submit budget requests,

proposed list of town road work, inventory of all machinery, tools, implements and equipment, indicating their value and cost of necessary repairs and a written recommendation as to machinery, tools, implements, and equipment to be purchased and probable cost.

c. Town Clerk, Town Justice, DCO and Bookkeepers reports were read as submitted. Town Clerk noted that there were currently 19 expired dog licenses. Bookkeeper reported the following collections: Justice - \$706.00 and Town Clerk – \$469.37. Bookkeeper stated that she had received numbers from that State so the Annual Financial Report would be completed tomorrow.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. NY Citizens Audit – Board opened discussion on information received. Bridget Burke mentioned that due to this info and info from other groups, election workers were receiving death threats. John Lyons stated that through FOIA requests people were requesting and getting copies of voter’s signatures. Marilyn Prutsman stated if voters had more than one voter registration number they were used to verify if it was the same person. Council Member Trappler stated he thought the audit of the Voter Rolls was a good idea. Motion by Council Member Trappler, seconded by Council Member Weale, to support an Audit of the New York State 2022 General Election.

Ayes: Thompson, Weale, and Trappler

Noes: Lyons and Miller

Motion Adopted 3-2.

- b. 2023 Fire Contract – Village of Addison. Assessor Lyons provided the Town Board with property valuation for the Town of Addison, Village of Addison, and the part of Rathbone covered by the Addison Fire Department. Percentages were as follows: Village of Addison - 43.42%, Town of Addison – 37.19% and Town of Rathbone – 20.35% which differ from the contract proposed by the Village. Supervisor Thompson requested the contract be returned to the village for reconsideration. Town Clerk will meet with the Village Clerk to present the updated share percentages for the village action. Tabled till next meeting.
- c. Fire Contract – Campbell. Town Board all agreed that they wanted to enter into an agreement with the Campbell Fire Department to provide fire protection for the part of the Town that lies within the Campbell Telephone Exchange as described on Schedule A. Determined that no public hearing was required, so contract will be amended to remove that part of the contract. Motion by Council Member Trappler, seconded by Council Member Miller, to approve the Contract Fire Protection between the Town of Addison and Campbell Volunteer Fire Department, as amended, for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2028.

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

Noes: None

Motion Adopted 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Schedule Special Meeting – Town Law §106 requires the Town Clerk to present the Tentative Budget to the Board at a Regular or Special Town Board Meeting on or before October 5. Board discussed holding a Budget Workshop immediately following the Special Meeting. Motion by Supervisor Thompson, seconded by Council Member Weale, to schedule a Special Meeting on Monday, October 2, 2023, 6:00pm at the Town Hall with a Budget Workshop to follow.

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

Noes: None

Motion Adopted 5-0.

b. Recommended Budget Transfers:

\$ 100.00	from A5132.412 (Garage Tools)	to	A5132.408 (Garage Supplies)
\$ 114.00	from A5132.412 (Garage Tools)	to	A5132.413 (Fire Extinguisher)
\$ 100.00	from A8810.402 (Cemetery Cont)	to	A8810.1 (Cemetery Personnel)

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

Ayes: Thompson, Weale, Lyons, Miller and Trappler

Noes: None

- c. Handicap door – Concerned citizen asked about the Town installing a handicap door at the Town Hall. Supervisor Thompson said he would get some estimates on cost to see if it was feasible. Town Clerk asked about installing a drop box on the inside of the door slot to stop cold air or heat from entering. Noted that we need to install a drop box for the Town and Court since no one is suppose to place anything in the mailbox without proper postage.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

COMMUNICATIONS:

- a. et cetera, September 2023 – Discussed if the last day of tax collection fell on weekend or holiday, taxpayer had until the next business day to pay without penalty/interest. Noted that school taxes were postmarked September 5, 2023.
- b. Transition to new Annual Financial Reporting System. Noted that effective October 15, 2023 all municipalities are required to use the new system.
- c. Cost of 2023 Elections – Memo from the county estimating the cost of the 2023 elections for the Town of Addison is \$3,110.13,

OTHER BUSINESS:

Claim Numbers, General Fund Claims, Nos. 212-230, totaling \$3,351.34; Highway DA Fund Claim No. 34, totaling \$2,301.39; Highway DB Fund Claims, Nos. 17-18, totaling \$1,808.42; and Trust & Agency Claims, Nos. 21-22, totaling \$896.96, for a Grand Total of \$8,358.11. Motion by Council Member Trappler, seconded by Council Member Lyons, to pay the bills in their usual manner.

Ayes: Thompson, Weale, Lyons, Miller and Trappler

Noes: None

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

Ayes: Thompson, Weale, Lyons, Miller and Trappler

Noes: None

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: Betty Machuga mentions the large potholes on Tobin Road. Council Member Lyons mentioned that work was needed on the sluice pipe on John Rial Road. Discussed replacing Doug Smith who is retiring on December 31, 2023. Can't do anything until after that date, currently using his personal and vacation time up. Council Member Miller concerned that going into the budget process that the highway superintendent hadn't submitted anything. Asked if we could work with Kenny Peoples, Jr. since he won the primary and will most likely be the incoming Highway Superintendent? Supervisor will put together a list, per Town Law, due to Highway Superintendent not turning one in.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Council Member Weale, seconded by Council Member Lyons, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:02pm, the next scheduled Town Board Meeting is Monday, October 16, 2023, 7pm at the Town **Hall**.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Robin Carr
Town Clerk

NEXT MEETINGS:

SPECIAL MEETING: Monday, October 2, 2023, 6pm at the Town Hall
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING: Monday, October 16, 2023, 7pm at the Town Hall