

The town board meeting for the Town of Addison was held on Tuesday, January 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	
Elizabeth Carr	Yvonne Burton	Hope Trappler
Joseph D Trappler	Steve Schrader	Richard Stewart
Wilma Stewart	Bridgett Burke	

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: The Town Board asked Justice Burton to attend the meeting to address questions about Court Fines and wrote down the following questions. What, if anything, are we doing to clear up and collect the fines? How much of it is noncollectable due to death, etc. How do you get deceased people of the list? Do you have enough security during court. Justice Burton informed the board that she had to run the questions through ethics committee to ensure she could release the information.

APPROVE MINUTES:

a. Motion by Council Member Lyons, seconded by Council Member Weale to approve the December 19, 2022 minutes as written.

Ayes: Thompson, Weale, Conklin, and Lyons

Noes: None

Abstain: Miller, wasn't on the Board in December

b. Motion by Council Member Miller, seconded by Council Member Lyons to approve the January 3, 2023 minutes as written.

Ayes: Thompson, Weale, Conklin, Lyons and Miller

Noes: None

ORGANIZATION APPOINTMENTS: Highway Superintendent BeGell appointed Thomas Hargrave Jr., as Deputy Highway Superintendent, to be paid on an "as needed" basis up to \$1500.00 annually.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

a. Assessor – New law requires all municipalities to send 2nd notice to senior citizens reference their exemption eligibility. County has agreed to pick up the cost of the second mailing. Currently working on property revaluations.

b. Hwy Superintendent – Plowed and sanded multiple times, replaced wear parts on the 2016 plow, worked on Dodge spreader issues, worked on chain for the 2013 Peterbilt, mixed sand and salt, cleaned the shop, and replaced the Diesel fuel meter. Met with numerous sales reps, including: B&W, Soil and Water, Parameter Tire, and Kenworth.

c. Town Clerk, Town Justice, DCO and Bookkeepers reports were read as submitted. Town Clerk noted that there were currently 17 expired dog licenses. Bookkeeper reported the following collections in September: Justice - \$1206.00, Town Clerk – \$154.33, County 3rd quarter TDP payout - \$74.25, and CHIPS payment of \$226,934.41. Supervisor Thompson notified the board that the audit was going good so far and benefiting from purchasing the Williamson Law program.

OLD BUSINESS:

a. Town Barn – Sealed bids are due Saturday, January 21, 2023.

b. Highway Superintendent – Town Attorney mailed letter to the Highway Superintendent identifying deficiencies the board would like corrected. Attorney advised the Town Supervisor to return the Highway Superintendent's salary to prior year amount of \$52,000. Motion by Council Member Conklin, seconded by Council Member Weale to return Highway Superintendent's Salary to \$52,000., as it should be.

Ayes: Weale, Conklin

Noes: Thompson, Lyons & Miller

Motion by Supervisor Thompson, seconded by Council Member Conklin to return the Highway Superintendent's salary to \$52,000. Roll taken: Thompson – Yes, Weale – Yes, Conklin – Yes, Lyons – No, and Miller – No. Motion Adopted 3-2.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Fire/Ambulance Volunteer Tax Exemption – Board wants to invite Fire Chief and Ambulance Chief to the next board meeting for their input.

b. Senior Tax Exemption – NYS raised the limits allowing municipalities to raise the income limits. Public Hearing is required prior to passing a local law if Board elects to change the current income limit which is \$20,000.

c. Shared Services Contract with the County for Use of County Owned Trailers & Tractors.

Motion by Council Member Miller, seconded by Council Member Weale to approve **Resolution #2 of 2023**, authorizing the Town Supervisor to sign and enter into an Inter-municipal Agreement for Use of County Owned Gooseneck Low-Boy Trailers & Tractors.

Ayes: Thompson, Weale, Conklin, Lyons and Miller

Noes: None

d. Agreement for the Expenditure of Highway Moneys – Highway Superintendent submitted his recommendation. Board noted that there is more money in CHIPS account that what is in the plan and would like the Highway Superintendent to resubmit plan to include labor and fuel and to utilize they money available for reimbursement.

e. Annual Review of Town Records. Town Clerk noted that the Town Clerk and Court Clerk records were ready for review. Supervisor Thompson noted that the Bookkeeper's records would not be ready because the Auditors have the books.

f. 2023 Town & County Tax Levy – Town Clerk noted that he has received the Warrant and taxes were being collected.

g. Highway Superintendent Vehicle – Council Member Lyons inquired about the need to provide a vehicle for the Highway Superintendent's personal use. Noted he observed it being used to go to breakfast daily and idling while Superintendent was inside eating. Numerous sighting of Superintendent transporting non-employees around. Boards consensus is only town employees should be in the vehicle due to liability issues.

h. New Computer and Fax Machine – Tabled Computer till next month but authorized the Town Clerk to purchase a new Fax Machine.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

COMMUNICATIONS: Pinnacle planning committee met and it was noted that there is a cemetery on the property that was being turned over to the State Forestry to become part of the McCarthy Park. It was mentioned that the town was responsible for the Cemetery. Currently being taken care of by town residence. Also noted that the property will be returned to the tax rolls.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Claim Numbers, General Fund Claims, Nos. 1-30, totaling \$25,118.74; Highway Town-wide DA Fund Claims, Nos. 1-7, totaling \$15,141.90; Highway DB Fund Claims, No. 1, totaling \$400.00; and Trust & Agency Claims, Nos. 27 & 1, totaling \$975.42, for a Grand Total of \$41,636.06. Motion by Council Member Conklin, seconded by Council Member Weale, to pay the bills in their usual manner.

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

Noes: None

Board approved voucher for hauling excavator but Council Member Conklin will call and negotiate because all the attachments weren't delivered with the machine. David Miller informed the board that he had 249 more names to list in the Addison Post for repair of headstones. He had negotiated with the Addison Post for the cost and concerned the cemetery account may need more funds. 249 stones need to be repaired, estimated to need 100 more tubes of epoxy.

SUPERVISOR REPORT: No report due to Auditors having Bookkeeper's records.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: Joseph Trappler said the Town Roads were great this morning, best roads in the area. Also mentions that the Town Barn appearance is unacceptable, water pouring in the salt shed, Excavator sitting out in the open, road leading to the Barn is full of potholes. Questioned why are we using B&W and not some of the other local businesses like Addison Diesel, to maintain our trucks. Supervisor Thompson and Chuck Allen walked the fence along the cemetery and informed him to contact Vic Stewart's Insurance Company to file a claim. Joseph Trappler noted that on Hallett Road there used to be a barrel with a sign stating "Seasonal Road", concerned that someone may take the road and go over the bank.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Council Member Conklin, seconded by Supervisor Thompson, that the meeting be adjourned at 9:05pm, the next scheduled Town Board Meeting is Tuesday, February 21, 2023, 7pm at the Town Hall.

Ayes: Thompson, Weale, Conklin, Lyons and Miller

Noes: None

Respectfully Submitted,

Robin Carr
Town Clerk

NEXT MEETINGS:

MONTHLY BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, February 21, 2023, 7pm at the Town Hall