

The town board meeting of the Town of Addison was held on Monday, March 18, 2019 at 7:00pm at 21 Main St. The following people were present:

Supervisor	Jack Thompson	
Councilman	Alice Weale	
Councilman	Brandon Conklin - absent	
Councilman	Edward Soporowski	
Councilman	David Miller	
Attorney	Craig Patrick - absent	
Town Clerk	Betty Machuga	
Assessor	Teresa Lyons - absent	
Hwy Super.	David Harris	
Deputy Clerk	Hope Trappler	
	Joe Trappler	Mike Trappler
	Laura Souders	Don Souders
	Cornelius Lentz	Sam Cherney
	Shelley Sebring	

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Supervisor Thompson reviewed the agenda and asked the public for comments: Buddy Trappler asked if the Highway Payroll overtime was still an issue and how long does it take to run a route during the winter? Was informed that the budget was close and that its about 2 ½ hours per driver during the winter. Mike Trappler asked if the highway planned on getting the roads in shape. Was informed once the weather breaks he hopes to.

Sam Cherney and Shelley Sebring from Aflac did a presentation on what they have to offer the town.

APPROVE MINUTES:

Motion by Councilperson Miller, seconded by Councilperson Weale to approve the minutes of January 22, 2019 as written.

Ayes:	Miller, Weale, Thompson
Nays:	None
Abstain:	Soporowski

Motion by Councilperson Miller, seconded by Councilperson Soporowski to approve the minutes of February 19, 2019 as written.

Ayes:	Miller, Soporowski, Thompson
Nays:	None
Abstain:	Weale

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Assessors office has updated the files with the Senior STAR Enhance forms. The Addison Level of assessment will be 100% for tentative roll. Highway Superintendent informed the board that they plowed and sanded roads, pickup up trees, washed trucks, cleaned shop, mixed sand and salt, put brush head on excavator, cut brush on John Rial and Mose Rd and met with Dave Buckley from Suit-Kote. Councilperson Soporowski asked about the new town road signs if we order any new ones. Highway Superintendent informed the board that its there responsibility to purchase the signs. He was then

informed to bring a list of needed signs to next meeting. Supervisor Thompson asked if Dave was on vacation and was informed no. Also asked about the excavator if that was working better. Was informed it is working, but hard to start. Town Clerk, Justice, DCO and Bookkeeper reports read for February. Town Clerk informed the board that we are sponsoring a free Rabies Clinic on Wednesday, April 24th at the Addison Fire Hall from 6pm to 8pm. Town Clerk also informed the board the the DCO Aldrich hasn't been issuing any delinquent tickets and that we are really behind on getting the dogs updated.

OLD BUSINESS:

Councilperson Miller presented prices on a backhoe. Superintendent Harris stated that he would prefer to purchase a new excavator instead of a backhoe. Councilperson Soporowski stated that the two David's should go look at the machine and if its something that they agree on and we can afford then he would be in favor of purchasing. Councilperson Soporowski stated that the State doesn't have mandates on dog shelters during the cold and hot days that it's up to each townships. Board talked about updating the Town pickup truck and Supervisor Thompson stated that the application has to be done on line and the link was giving him a hard time. Board stated that they would be keeping the current loader. Supervisor Thompson stated that he hasn't heard back from County Legislator Nichols with regards to the Building Inspectors bill. Councilperson Miller asked why can't we charge the property owner the fees?

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Thompson stated that the Teamsters never received the Union Contract that was signed at the December meeting and sent a new one along with Insurance agreement. Board reviewed and resigned all forms and informed the Clerk to send registered mail. Received letter from Real Property Tax Service asking if the Town would consider participating in using the County Assessor? Board stated that the would consider, but stated that they could be in the same predicament as we are with the County Building Inspector. Also asked why is Assessor Lyons retiring from the town? Was informed that she is the lowest paid Assessor in Steuben County. The Supervisor/Bookkeepers books for 2018 were presented to the board prior to the meeting for review. After reviewing the books - -

Motion by Councilperson Miller, seconded by Councilperson Weale to approve the Supervisor/Bookkeepers books for 2018 as presented. Roll call was taken and motion passed. Miller – yea, Soporowski – yea, Weale – yea and Thompson – yea.

Councilperson Soporowski read the cemetery mowing bid from last year and amended the dates for this years season. Buddy Trappler asked if the town would consider adding the Highway Department's yard into the mowing bid. Board stated that superintendent Harris does that mowing.

Motion by Councilperson Miller, seconded by Councilperson Weale to have Town Clerk Machuga put an ad in the Addison Post for sealed bids to be received by April 10, 2019 and opened on Monday, April 15, 2019 at the board meeting.

Ayes: Miller, Soporowski, Weale, Thompson
Nays: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Councilperson Miller, seconded by Councilperson Soporowski to go out of regular meeting and into executive session to discuss the preliminary draft filed by the Office of state Comptroller at 7:58pm.

Ayes: Miller, Soporowski, Weale, Thompson
Nays: None

Motion by Councilperson Miller, seconded by Councilperson Weale to go out of executive session and back into regular meeting at 8:17pm.

Ayes: Miller, Soporowski, Weale, Thompson
Nays: None

OTHER BUSINESS:

Received email from NYSEG about importance of Natural Gas Safety.

CLAIM NUMBERS:

General Fund totaling \$26,707.64; B Fund totaling \$3,500.00; Fire District totaling \$24,515.31 Highway DA Fund totaling \$3,847.55. Grand total of \$58,570.50 was presented to the board for their approval.

Motion by Councilperson Miller, seconded by Councilperson Soporowski that the bills be paid in their usual manner.

Ayes: Miller, Soporowski, Weale, Thompson
Nays: None

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

Motion by Councilperson Soporowski, seconded by Councilperson Weale, to approve the Supervisor Report for February 2019 as presented.

Ayes: Miller, Soporowski, Weale, Thompson
Nays: None

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Don Souders stated that he feels that the town is making a big mistake in letting the Assessor go due to lack of pay and that probably the County Assessor is going to be much more than what our Assessor is asking for. Buddy Trappler asked about getting the shoulders fixed and what would it cost to get a box so we can do this. Superintendent Harris stated that we are doing shared service with the County and they would do our shoulder when they had time. Also asked if anything has been done to the Reservoir Hill Rd. Was also informed no not until the weather breaks. Don Souders also asked with the Highway Superintendent job coming up on the ballot can the town state that its a 40 hour a week job? Was informed that its an elected position and could not do that. Laura Souders asked if the missing board member contact the board that he wasn't going to be at the meeting. Was informed no he never does. She then stated that the Highway Superintendent wanted to go full time, but is he working full time? Superintendent Harris stated that he is working full time and that the weather and equipment has put him behind. Betty Machuga stated that at each meeting the agenda and highway report is about the same, so why aren't we moving forward with getting newer equipment and fixing roads? Town Clerk asked the board about fixing the side of the building? Councilperson Miller stated that he looked at it and thought about putting metal about 3 feet up? Hope Trappler asked about the parking if anything has been done? Supervisor Thompson stated that he did not hear from the Mayor yet.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Councilperson Miller, seconded by Councilperson Soporowski, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:45pm, and next scheduled meeting is Monday, April 15, 2019 at 7:00pm at the Town Hall.

Ayes: Miller, Soporowski, Weale, Thompson
Nays: None

Respectfully Submitted,

Betty L. Machuga
Town Clerk

NEXT MEETING: Monday, April 15, 2019 at 7pm 21 Main St.