

The town board meeting for the Town of Addison was held on Monday, September 20, 2021, 7:00pm at the Town Hall. The following people were present:

Deputy Supervisor	Jack Thompson	
Councilperson	Alice Weale	
Councilperson	Brandon Conklin	
Councilperson	John Lyons	
Attorney	Craig Patrick - absent	
Town Clerk	Robin Carr	
Assessor	Teresa Lyons	
Hwy Superintendent	Jeff BeGell	
Bookkeeper	Betty Machuga	
	Hope Trappler	Joseph Trappler
	Don Souders	Laura Souders
Mike Witter	Elizabeth Carr	Richard Stewart
Linda Austin	David Miller	Diane Miller

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Elizabeth Carr, Cleaner, asked if the dividers/security screens could be put in the basement or donated to the community center since they were no longer needed. Board agreed to donate to the community center. Don Souders stated he wanted the Highway Superintendent to address locking the public out of the Town Barn last month during the regularly scheduled Town Board Meeting. Deputy Supervisor Thompson stated Jeff could address the issue under the Highway Report. Teresa Lyons thanks Jeff BeGell for fixing Beeman Hollow Road and Betty Machuga also thanked him for fixing Tobin Road. Richard Stewart, Town of Howard, informed the board of the Steuben County Public Safety & Corrections Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, September 7, 2021. During the meeting, Diversion Management offered a program aimed at reducing the number of uninsured drivers on our County Roads by providing 10 – 12 plate readers in locations throughout the County. Richard Stewart commented that this was an invasion of privacy issue.

APPROVE MINUTES:

Councilperson Conklin requested the fifth sentence, under Comments from the Public, be changed to add “Jack Thompson” after Deputy Supervisor. Motion by Deputy Supervisor Thompson, seconded by Councilperson Weale to approve the August 16, 2021 minutes as amended.

Ayes: Thompson, Weale, and Conklin

Nays: None

ORGANIZATION APPOINTMENTS:

a. Board of Assessment Review (BAR) Appointment. Received a letter of interest from Lori-Joy Patterson to serve another term. Motion by Councilperson Lyons, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Thompson, to reappoint Lori-Joy Patterson to the Board of Assessment Review for another 5 year term.

Ayes: Thompson, Weale, Conklin, and Lyons

Nays: None

b. Deputy Supervisor Thompson appointed himself and Councilperson Lyons to the Building Committee. Town Clerk asked about hooking up hot water to the kitchen sink, replacing faucet in the kitchen sink and fixing the toilets that are always running. Board approved getting estimate and fixing within budgeted limits.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

a. Assessor – Teresa Lyons stated she has a \$1200 bill for RPSV4, due in January 2022. State approved STAR Credit of Mobile Home Owners. Asked how we wanted to notify the Mobile Home Owners in our 4 Mobile Home Parks. She volunteered to hand deliver notifications. Added to New Business.

b. Hwy Superintendent – Hauled Item 4 and Sand, Sent 2013 Peterbilt to Rochester for sensor issues, Pulled shoulders and Graded the following roads; Mose, Irish Hill, John Rial, Fred Rial and Stapleton Road. Worked with Soil & Water, fixing tail wall at the end of Mose Road, will receive a bill next month. Pulled shoulder on Dininy Road, Helped with flood damage in Woodhull, Cameron and the Village. Met with representatives from B&W, Vantage Equipment, Superior, Sedam Tire, Soil & Water, and Steuben County. Stated the Culvert on Space Road was washing out, 19' Culvert now, new sluice will cost about \$12,000. Wanted to discuss Excavator. Current Excavator sits on private property at the end of Mose Road. Got it running then it blew a hose, which they no longer make so one is being fabricated. Something wrong with the brakes, they won't release. Would like to purchase a new one. Will discuss under new business. Mentioned he would like purchase one steering tire and two rear tires for the Dump Truck at \$410. each. Bookkeeper asked if CHIPS paperwork has been filed, Hwy Superintendent replied "Not Yet, but I'll get it done". Dave Miller mentioned that Vic Stewart would like a load of top soil to repair cemetery ground. Hwy Superintendent said he would deliver a load. Hwy Superintendent mentioned the remainder of the tree in the cemetery needs to be removed. Deputy Supervisor Jack Thompson will contact someone to take care of it. Highway Superintendent addressed Don Souders comments about August Board Meeting as follows; I provided the board and the Town Clerk 10 days notice to change the location due to safety issues with torn apart equipment. The Ad I placed in the Addison Post was legal. The gate that was put up at the end of the driveway was put up to keep ATVs from tearing up the dirt. Stated he called the police in regards to the Town Supervisor breaking into the Town Barn and was informed that he would have to have all attendees arrested. Stated Jack Thompson was wrong contacting the Town Attorney without contacting the board members first. Disagreement of who controls the Town Barn, so Councilperson Lyons read Town Law 64 – General Power of Town Boards which states the Town Board has Management, Custody and Control of Town Property. Hwy Superintendent stated it would only apply if there wasn't a Highway Superintendent. Discussion tabled until next meeting and board agreed to invite the Town Attorney to attend and discuss the issue.

c. Town Clerk, Town Justice, DCO and Bookkeepers reports were read as submitted. Town Clerk noted that there were currently 3 expired dog licenses from June 2021. Bookkeeper reported the following collections in August: Justice - \$984.00, Town Clerk – \$347.56, 2Q21 Div Fee - \$337.50 and ARPA funds \$170.99

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Renewal of 1537 Agreements relative to the Data Collector – Motion to approve **Resolution #4 of 2021**, Authorizing the Town Supervisor or Deputy, to enter into a Joint Service Agreement with Steuben County for Data Collection Services as Presented.

Roll Call Taken: Lyons – Aye, Weale – Aye, Conklin – Aye, Thompson – Aye;
Motion carries 4-0

b. Deputy Supervisor thanked David and Diane Miller for volunteering their time and supplies to paint the Maple Cemetery Fence. Asked Town Clerk to submit a "Thank You" in the Addison Post.

c. Excavator – Highway Superintendent had an estimate for purchasing a new Excavator for approximately \$230,000., financing for 7 years @ \$34,142.00 a year. Reasoning that if you buy a used machine you are already having to spend large sums for maintenance and renting cost \$6,600 @ month

plus transportation cost. Councilperson Lyons found a used Excavator for \$59,450 2004 CAT, with 2 piece Boom 9'2" and asked the Highway Superintendent if it was worth driving up and at least looking at it. Councilperson Conklin recommended hiring Garrett Wilson to inspect the equipment and provide a detailed list of parts and what would be needed to fix along with total cost. Funds to be limited to \$1500. and come from DA4730 account. Motion by Councilperson Conklin, seconded by Councilperson Lyons to hire Mr. Wilson to drive to Albany to inspect equipment and provide a detailed list of what would be needed.

Ayes: Conklin, Weale and Lyons

Nays: Thompson

d. Budget Transfers – Deputy Supervisor Thompson recommended the following Budget Transfers

\$300.00	From A1610.411 (Bldg - Repairs)	to	A1610.404 (Bldg – Office Supplies)
\$100.00	From A1610.411 (Bldg - Repairs)	to	A3510.401 (Control of Dogs - Mileage)

Motion by Deputy Supervisor Thompson, seconded by Councilperson Conklin, to approve recommended budget transfers as presented.

Ayes: Thompson, Weale, Conklin and Lyons

Nays: None

e. Budget Transfer – Deputy Supervisor Thompson recommended the following Budget Transfer

\$200.00	From A5132.412 (Tools)	to	DA5132.402 (Verizon)
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Motion by Deputy Supervisor Thompson, seconded by Councilperson Weale, to approve recommended budget transfer as presented.

Ayes: Thompson, Weale, Conklin and Lyons

Nays: None

f. STAR Credit Approval Notifications - Motion by Deputy Supervisor Thompson, seconded by Councilperson Weale, to permit the Assessor, Teresa Lyons, to hand deliver notification to the Mobile Home Owners.

Ayes: Thompson, Weale, and Conklin

Nays: None

g. Electronic Payments for 2022 Town & County Taxes Agreement – Motion by Councilperson Lyons, seconded by Councilperson Weale to Approve **Resolution #5 of 2021**, Authorizing the Town Supervisor or Deputy, to enter into an Inter-municipal Agreement with the County of Steuben authorizing the County to provide certain financial services to the Town including, but not limited to, the collection of real property taxes via the internet or telephone.

Roll Call Taken: Lyons – Aye, Weale – Aye, Conklin – Naye, Thompson – Aye;

Motion carries 3-1

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Councilperson Conklin, seconded by Councilperson Weale to leave the Regular Meeting and enter the Executive Session at 8:40 pm to discuss Labor Contract Negotiations. Invited the Budget Officer, Linda Austin and Town Clerk, Robin Carr.

Ayes: Thompson, Weale, Conklin and Lyons

Nays: None

Motion by Councilperson Weale, seconded by Councilperson Lyons to leave the Executive Session and return to the Regular Meeting at 9:12 pm.

Ayes: Thompson, Weale, Conklin and Lyons

Nays: None

COMMUNICATIONS:

- a. RPS (Real Property System) 2022 Licensing fee, provided to budget officer for 2022 Budget.
- b. Prior Notice – Beeman Hollow Road, provided copy to Highway Superintendent, road fixed.
- c. ARPA Funds – Receiving an additional \$341.97 from municipalities that opted out.
- d. Use of ARPA Funds (Virtual Meeting, Sep 28, 5:30 – 7 pm) If interested notify Town Clerk
- e. Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act Opt out Information – Town has until December 31, 2021 to pass a local law conforming to the opt-out requirements outlined in the MRTA. Add to New Business next month.
- f. LENS (License Event Notification System) – Provides important information about the driving qualifications of drivers that the Town Employs. Focuses efforts to improve safety and decrease vulnerabilities. Deputy Supervisor Thompson will discuss with insurance agent when they meet.
- g. National Flood Insurance Program Rebuilding Requirements – Deputy Supervisor Thompson will pass on the the Code Enforcement Officer.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Claim Numbers, General Fund totaling \$5,961.60; Highway Town-wide DA Fund totaling \$5,170.94; Highway DB Fund totaling \$3,212.51; and Trust & Agency totaling \$790.54, for a Grand Total of \$15,135.59. Motion by Councilperson Conklin, seconded by Councilperson Weale, to pay the bills in their usual manner.

Ayes: Thompson, Weale, Conklin and Lyons

Nays: None

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

Motion by Councilperson Conklin, seconded by Councilperson Weale, to approve the Supervisor Report for August 2021 as presented.

Ayes: Thompson, Weale, Conklin and Lyons

Nays: None

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Don Souders addressed the Highway Superintendent about the Conference Room at the Town Barn being unorganized and concerned what visitors would think about it. Dave Miller concerned that the Highway Superintendent exceeded the budget without authorization from the board, which has occurred numerous times in the past. Deputy Supervisor Thompson stated that the State increased CHIPS money and the Highway Superintendent anticipated approval from the Board. Linda Austin, Budget Officer, commented that the Highway Superintendent was required to provide a list of roads that needed repair and approximate amounts needed to repair. This is required to be turned in with his budget proposal in accordance with the Town Highway Superintendent Manual. Joe Trappler asked shouldn't we get both the front and back roads gated to avoid ATVs? Councilperson Conklin stated that we should post NO TRESSPASSING signs. Betty Machuga stated she needed access to the storage building for work purposes. Highway Superintendent BeGell stated he felt everyone was attacking him and departed meeting. Councilperson Conklin said if you can't reach the Highway Superintendent to gain access, call him and he should be able to contact him. Diane Miller asked how come every time the Highway Superintendent is asked a question, two people are always answering, referring to both the Highway Superintendent and Councilperson Conklin.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Councilperson Weale, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Thompson, that the meeting be adjourned at 9:50 pm, with a special meeting to hand out the 2022 Tentative Budget to be held on October 5, 2021, 6:00 pm at the Town Hall, and the next scheduled Town Board Meeting is Monday, October 18, 2021, 7pm at the Town Hall and 2022 Budget Workshop to follow.

Ayes: Thompson, Weale, Conklin and Lyons

Nays: None

Respectfully Submitted,

Robin Carr
Town Clerk

NEXT MEETING:

SPECIAL MEETING: Tuesday, October 5, 2021, 6pm at the Town Hall

MONTHLY BOARD MEETING: Monday, October 18, 2021, 7pm at the Town Hall and the 2022 Budget Workshop to follow.