

The Town Board Meeting for the Town of Addison was held on Thursday, January 20, 2022, 7:00pm at the Town Hall. The following people were present:

Supervisor	Jack Thompson	
Councilperson	Alice Weale	
Councilperson	Brandon Conklin	
Councilperson	John Lyons	
Councilperson	Joseph Trappler	
Attorney	Craig Patrick - Absent	
Town Clerk	Robin Carr	
Assessor	Teresa Lyons	
Hwy Superintendent	Jeff BeGell	
Mary Button	Elizabeth Carr	Tim Hyde
Mike Witter	Hope Trappler	Joseph Trappler
Francis Kane	Don Souders	Laura Souders
Bob Nichols		

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Tim Hyde notified the board that although the Village also opted out of Allowing Cannabis Retail Dispensaries, 2 stores have opened on Main Street. They sell stickers and give the marijuana products to the customers for free. Village has been unable to shut them down. Operating next to 7-11 and across the street and the major concern is the proximity to the school. Bob Nichols, Steuben County Legislator provided the following update; County needs to build a Cell Tower, the current tower is mounted on the lodge, at the pinnacle, which is being torn down. The pinnacle is being turned over to the State Forestry Department to be turned back into woodlands. Looking at the old ball field on Ackerson Road. Tower needs to be approximately 180-190' to ensure it reached down in the valleys. County is also in the process of hiring a Public Works Commissioner. Stated the DMV and other occupants in the old Court House would be moved to the previous Serve-U Credit Union Building by end the May.

APPROVE MINUTES:

Motion by Councilperson Conklin, seconded by Councilperson Weale to approve the December 20, 2021 minutes as written.

Ayes: Thompson, Weale, Conklin, and Lyons

Noes: None

Motion by Councilperson Lyons, seconded by Councilperson Weale to approve the January 3, 2022 minutes as written.

Ayes: Thompson, Weale, Conklin, and Lyons

Noes: None

ORGANIZATIONAL APPOINTMENTS:

Vacant Councilperson Seat – Received 5 Letters of Interest; Mary Button, Michael Witter, Donald Souders, Joseph Trappler, and Timothy Hyde. Supervisor Thompson asked if the Board Members wanted to make any nominations. Motion by Councilperson Conklin, seconded by Councilperson Weale to nominate Michael Witter for Councilperson.

Roll Call: Thompson – No, Weale – Yes, Conklin – Yes, Lyons – No. Motion Defeated 2-2.

Motion by Councilperson Weale, seconded by Councilperson Conklin to nominate Timothy Hyde for Councilperson.

Roll Call: Thompson – No, Weale – Yes, Conklin – Yes, Lyons – No. Motion Defeated 2-2.

Motion by Councilperson Lyons, seconded by Supervisor Thompson to nominate Joseph Trappler for Councilperson.

Roll Call: Thompson – Yes, Weale – No, Conklin – No, Lyons – Yes. Motion Defeated 2-2.

Motion by Supervisor Thompson, seconded by Councilperson Lyons to nominate Donald Souders for Councilperson.

Roll Call: Thompson – Yes, Weale – No, Conklin – No, Lyons – Yes. Motion Defeated 2-2.

Councilperson Lyons stated the reason he nominated Joseph Trappler was because during the recent election, he had received the most write in votes for the Councilperson and felt that represented public opinion. Motion by Supervisor Thompson, seconded by Councilperson Lyons to renominate Joseph Trappler for Councilperson.

Roll Call: Thompson – Yes, Weale – Yes, Conklin – No, Lyons – Yes. Motion Adopted 3-1.

Oath of Office was administered by the Town Clerk and Joseph D. Trappler was seated as Councilperson.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

a. Assessor – State deleting Mobile Home Exemption for Park Owners and sending form to the actual owner of the Mobile Home.

b. Hwy Superintendent – Been plowing snow, mixing sand/salt. Submitted 284 Agreement to spend Highway Town Funds. Proposed fixing section on Mose Road from Gerbers to Buckleys, approximately 5500 feet, at a cost of roughly \$142,450.00. Copy provided to all Board Members and tabled till February Meeting. Would like to purchase/replace the 1 Ton Peter-built, Excavator and Pick Up. Will bring proposals to the February meeting.

c. Town Clerk, Town Justice, DCO and Bookkeepers reports were read as submitted. Town Clerk noted that there was currently 7 expired dog licenses as of December, 2021, mostly due to expired rabies vaccinations. With the rise of COVID cases, appointments are hard to get with veterinarians. Bookkeeper reported the following collections in October: Justice - \$408.00, Town Clerk – \$406.50, and Steuben County - 3rd qtr Diversion - \$178.50, CHIPS/PAVE NY and Winter Recovery Check - total \$80,000.00.

OLD BUSINESS:

Old Excavator – sold on the auction for \$12,000. +

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Approval to purchase Drive Tires for approximately \$3700. and Sluice pipes (10) for approximately \$3200. Board approved purchase of sluice pipes out of DB Funds. Motion by Supervisor Thompson, seconded by Councilperson Trappler approve buying 8 drive tires out of DA Funds, up to \$4000.00.

Ayes: Thompson, Weale, Conklin, Lyons and Trappler

Noes: None

b. BAR Member Vacancy – Motion by Supervisor Thompson, seconded by Councilperson Trappler to appoint Donald E. Souders, Sr. to the Town of Addison's Board of Assessment Review (BAR).

Ayes: Thompson, Weale, Conklin, Lyons and Trappler

Noes: None

c. Annual Review of Town Court Records – records ready for Board Member's Review.

d. Annual Review of Town Clerk's Records – records ready for Board Member's Review.

e. 2022 Town & County Tax Levy – Warrant received and Taxes being collected.

f. ARPA Funds – Supervisor Thompson created a committee to come up with ideas for the use of the ARPA funds, approximately \$80,000. Appointed Councilperson Trappler and Councilperson Lyons to committee. Supervisor Thompson said he would like to use some of the funds to fix the Highway Barn's Roof.

g. Sexual Harassment Requirements – Town Clerk stated there were a few requirements we needed to comply with NY State Law. Would provide drafts by next Board Meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

COMMUNICATIONS: None

OTHER BUSINESS:

Claim Numbers, General Fund Claims, Nos. 1-28, totaling \$34,750.43; Highway Town-wide DA Fund Claims, Nos. 1-3, totaling \$11,330.81; Highway DB Fund Claims 1, totaling \$12,268.97; and Trust & Agency Claims, Nos. 1-2, totaling \$888.77, for a Grand Total of \$59,238.98. Motion by Councilperson Conklin, seconded by Councilperson Weale, to approve and pay the bills in their usual manner.

Ayes: Thompson, Weale, Conklin, Lyons and Trappler

Noes: None

SUPERVISOR REPORT: Motion by Councilperson Lyons, seconded by Councilperson Conklin to approve the Supervisor Report for December 2021 as presented.

Ayes: Thompson, Weale, Conklin, Lyons and Trappler

Noes: None

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: Elizabeth Carr asked if the board would consider using ARPA funds for an imaging system to store documents. John Lyons thanked all individuals for applying and showing an interest in the Councilperson Seat.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Councilperson Lyons, seconded by Councilperson Weale, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:55pm and the next scheduled Town Board Meeting will be held, Thursday, February 17, 2022, 7pm at the Town Hall.

Ayes: Thompson, Weale, Conklin Lyons and Trappler

Noes: None

Respectfully Submitted,

Robin Carr
Town Clerk

NEXT MEETING:

MONTHLY BOARD MEETING: Thursday, February 17, 2022, 7pm at the Town Hall