

The town board meeting for the Town of Addison was held on Monday, August 16, 2021, 7:00pm at the Town Barn. The following people were present:

Deputy Supervisor	Jack Thompson	
Councilperson	Alice Weale	
Councilperson	Brandon Conklin	
Councilperson	John Lyons - absent	
Attorney	Craig Patrick - absent	
Town Clerk	Robin Carr	
Assessor	Teresa Lyons - absent	
Hwy Superintendent	Jeff BeGell – absent	
Bookkeeper	Betty Machuga	
	Hope Trappler	Joseph Trappler
	Don Souders	Laura Souders
	Elizabeth Carr	

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

None

APPROVE MINUTES:

Motion by Deputy Supervisor Thompson, seconded by Councilperson Weale to approve the July 19, 2021 minutes as written.

Ayes: Thompson, Weale, and Conklin

Nays: None

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

a. Assessor – None, noted that Board of Assessment Review (BAR) Chairperson's Term expires September 30, 2021. Asked Town Clerk to call Lori-Joy F. Patterson, to see if she is interested in serving another term.

b. Hwy Superintendent – No report provided.

c. Town Clerk, Town Justice, DCO and Bookkeepers reports were read as submitted. Town Clerk noted that there were currently 4 expired dog licenses as of June 30, 2021. Bookkeeper reported the following collections in June: Justice - \$2,643.00, Town Clerk – \$390.29, 2Q21 Sales Tax - \$31,837.26 and ARPA funds - \$41,880.17

OLD BUSINESS:

ARPA Funding – Received new DUNS Number 022326062 for reporting usage of funds received. The other half of ARPA payment will be received in the Summer of 2022.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Town Roads – Clean up – Received numerous complaints reference trash along the Town Roads. Councilperson Lyons contacted the Erwin Transfer Station and was informed once a year we could coordinate for free drop off of trash. Highway Superintendent recommended the Town try and coordinate a spring road cleanup day with volunteers and his department would pick up the bags and take to the dump. Board members were agreeable and would look at issue next year.

b. Labor Relations Committee Appointment – Deputy Supervisor Thompson appointed Councilperson Weale and Councilperson Conklin to the Committee to negotiate the new contract between

the Town of Addison and TEAMSTERS Local Union No. 529 which expires December 31, 2021. Scheduled to meet with Mr. Morgan, union representative on August 26, 2021 at 1:00 pm. Deputy Supervisor Thompson stated he planned to appoint himself and Councilperson Lyons to a committee to look at Building Repairs.

c. Budget Transfers – Deputy Supervisor Thompson recommended the following Budget Transfer:

\$50.00 From A1610.411 (Bldg - Repairs) to A3510.401 (Control of Dogs - Mileage)

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

Ayes: Thompson, Weale, and Conklin

d. Postage increase effective August 29, 2021 – Town Clerk requested approval to order 3 boxes of stamped envelopes before price increase takes effect. Due to time restraints, the Bookkeeper stated she would need approval Pre-Pay approval from the Board. Motion by Councilperson Weale, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Thompson for Pre-Pay Approval to purchase 3 boxes of Stamped Envelopes

Ayes: Thompson, Weale, and Conklin

Nays: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

COMMUNICATIONS:

a. Steuben County Department of Social Services Memo – Offer to Towns to take advantage of the Client Work Experience Program and/or Mobile Work Program. Program for individuals receiving temporary benefits to gain valuable real-world skills to assist in their future self-sufficiency. No liability to the Town as insurance is covered by Steuben County. Individuals are volunteers so there is no out of pocket expenses for the Town. Board recommended the Town Clerk reach out to the Highway Superintendent to see if he was interested.

b. Williamson Municipal Software Memo – notification that our cost for using the software will increase 10% this year. Noted that there was no increase last year.

c. Public Protection Classification (PPC) survey – This is for the Tuscarora Fire Dept. so it doesn't apply to the Town of Addison.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Claim Numbers, General Fund totaling \$4,086.72; Highway Town-wide DA Fund totaling \$255.71; Highway DB Fund totaling \$1,548.87; and Trust & Agency totaling \$1,158.25, for a Grand Total of \$7,049.55. Motion by Councilperson Weale, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Thompson, to pay the bills in their usual manner.

Ayes: Thompson, Weale, and Conklin

Nays: None

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

Motion by Deputy Supervisor Thompson, seconded by Councilperson Weale, to approve the Supervisor Report for July 2021 as presented.

Ayes: Thompson, Weale, and Conklin

Nays: None

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Don Souders inquired about what was going on with the Highway Superintendent placing a competing ad in the newspaper but the public not knowing what's going on. Additionally it makes the Town look bad and then the Highway Superintendent not showing up at the meeting. Felt the Highway Superintendent needed to be fired and held accountable. Councilperson Conklin stated he couldn't speak for the Highway Superintendent but it might be a safety issue with all these people in the building, concerned about COVID-19. Also noted that the Deputy Supervisor Jack Thompson cut the cable that was across the road, stating that the Fire Department wouldn't have access if needed since no one else had a key to it. Additionally noted that we had a key but couldn't get in, so the hinge pins had to be removed from the door to gain access to the room for the Board Meeting. Noted that there was a difference of opinion by the Town Attorney and the Association of Town's Attorney as to whom controls the Town Barn and Conference Room. Deputy Supervisor also noted that a Resolution was passed making the room a public conference room and it would no longer be used for storage. He also felt that the action by the Highway Superintendent was way out of line and he needed to "Go down the Road". Discussion put off till next meeting so the Highway Superintendent could explain his actions. Betty Machuga submitted a Prior Notice to the Board reference the potholes on Tobin Road. Town Clerk instructed to provide a copy to the Highway Superintendent. Joe Trappler asked why the Air Compressor was still running, at least the third time it kicked on, seems like a waste of electricity.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Councilperson Weale, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Thompson, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:29 pm, and the next scheduled meeting is Monday, September 20, 2021, 7pm at the Town Hall.

Ayes: Thompson, Weale, and Conklin

Nays: None

Respectfully Submitted,

Robin Carr
Town Clerk

NEXT MEETING:

MONTHLY BOARD MEETING: Monday, September 20, 2021 7pm at the Town Hall