

The town board meeting for the Town of Addison was held on Monday, March 15, 2021, 7:00pm at 21 Main Street. 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 - absent	
Hwy Superintendent	Jeff BeGell	
Bookkeeper	Betty Machuga	
	Don Souders	Michael Witter
	Laura Souders	

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 Councilperson Lyons, seconded by Councilperson Weale to approve the February 22, 2021 minutes as written.

Ayes: Thompson, Weale, Conklin, Lyons
Nays: None

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

a. Assessor – Filed notice that the assessment inventory and valuation data is available for examination and review. Information may be reviewed in the assessor's office on March 18th and March 25th between the hour of 8am - 12pm

b. Hwy Superintendent BeGell reported that the Highway Department has plowed and sanded multiple times, serviced the grader and the Dodge. Extended a sluice pipe on John Rial Road, mixed sand and salt, and cleaned the shop. Met with sales reps from B&W, Chemung Supply, Superior Energy, Parameter Tire, Peterbilt, Soil and Water, Steuben County, John Deere and Columbia Cross Roads Equipment. Spoke with Jeff Parker about fixing a big sluice on Space Road. Informed board that Corning Natural Gas Corp. was replacing a gas line on Dininy Road and that you could smell the gas.

c. Town Clerk, Town Justice, DCO and Bookkeepers reports were read as submitted. Town Clerk noted that there are currently 40 expired dog licenses.

OLD BUSINESS:

a. Annual Review of Bookkeeper's Records – Records on back table for all board members to review and sign.

b. Amending Local Law No. 1, 2011, Regarding the Control, Confining, Leashing and Licensing of Dogs. Town Clerk met with the Town Attorney Craig Patrick and was informed that as long as the individual was personally served the appearance ticket and informed them that if they failed to appear, that the matter may be heard in their absence and a fine could still be issued in accordance with Local Law 1 of 2011. On the matter of still failing to properly license the dog and failure to pay the fines, the following options are available:

(1) Amend local law to include stiffer penalties up to and including jail time.

(2) Impound the dog until properly licensed and fines paid.

(3) Obtain judgment for the fine and have applied as a lien.

Board recommended we hold off and see if dog owners comply with courts findings. Deputy Supervisor further instructed the Town Clerk to notify the DCO to include on the appearance ticket that failure to appear could result in the matter being heard in their absence.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Rabies Clinic – Clinic scheduled for May 8, 2021 from 10am – 12pm at the Community Center.

b. Cemetery Maintenance Annual Bid - Motion by Councilperson Weale, seconded by Councilperson Lyons, to post add in the Addison Post requesting sealed bids for mowing and trimming for 2 cemeteries (Maple Street & County Route 119). Including statement that Proof of Insurance with Town added to policy must be provided within 10 days of winning the bid.

Ayes: Thompson, Conklin, Weale and Lyons

Nays: None

c. Tax Collectors Monthly Report. Total amount of warrant \$1,569,437.76 of which \$427,799.34 remains uncollected. Town was paid in full \$434,297.61.

d. Opening on Town Board – Michael Witter expressed his interest in a Councilperson Position on the Town Board but stated he wasn't interested in the Town Supervisor Position. Was informed that Town Supervisor was the only position currently open but he still had time to run for one of the two seats during this years elections.

e. Purchase of a Batwing Single-Wing Rotary Cutter – Highway Superintendent BeGell requested Boards approval to purchase equipment for the purpose of mowing along the 20 miles of Town Roads. State Bid for the stated equipment is \$13,690. Board considered the following options:

(1) County Bid costs approximately \$80-\$100 a mile 2 to 3 times a year = \$4000-\$6000 annually.

(2) Rent Boom mower at approximately \$5000 a month

(3) Purchase the Rotary Cutter and mow themselves. Old mower lasted about 25 years.

Motion by Councilperson Lyons, seconded by Councilperson Weale to approve the Highway Superintendent to order and purchase the Batwing Single-Wing Rotary Cutter at a cost of \$13,690, from account DA231.

Roll Call Taken: Conklin – Aye, Weale – Aye, Lyons – Aye, Thompson - Nay

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

COMMUNICATIONS:

a. State Labor Law 27-c regarding Public Health Emergencies. Noted that Highway Superintendent reached out to the union at the end of January but received no input. Motion by Councilperson Conklin, seconded by Councilperson Weale to approve and have Deputy Supervisor sign the Public Employer Health Emergency Plan for the Town of Addison as written.

Ayes: Thompson, Conklin, Weale and Lyons

Nays: None

b. Rescission of Resolution No. 082-12 involving County Mitigation of Demolition and Clean-up Charges. County urging municipalities to contact the County if they anticipate having to incur costs for demolition so that we can work together to mitigate the cost.

c. Complaint on Tentative Special Franchise Full Value, RE: Corning Natural Gas Corp. Corning Natural Gas Corp. filed a complaint that Full Value of property is erroneous. Noted that the state sets valuation for all utilities.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Claim Numbers, General Fund totaling \$5,630.11; Highway Town-wide DA Fund totaling \$3,798.14; Highway DB Fund totaling \$9,643.00; and Trust & Agency totaling \$455.19, for a Grand Total of \$19,526.44. Motion by Councilperson Weale, seconded by Councilperson Conklin to pay the bills in their usual manner.

Ayes: Thompson, Conklin, Weale and Lyons

Nays: None

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

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

Ayes: Thompson, Conklin, Weale and Lyons

Nays: None

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Don Souders made an observation that Hallett Road Island looking trashy. Vehicle overturned just sitting there on the Corner of County Route 1. Mike Witter commented that the Bat Wing Mower deck will be pay for itself in about 5 years. Town Clerk read a thank-you card from the Addison Youth Center for our donation of \$410.65 resulting from the Rabies Clinic held on October 6, 2020. Deputy Supervisor Thompson asked board members if anyone would like to be involved in the Labor Union Contract Negotiations, needed 2. Councilperson Conklin and Deputy Supervisor Thompson volunteered.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Councilperson Weale, seconded by Councilperson Lyons, that the meeting be adjourned at 7:54pm, and the next scheduled meeting is Monday, April 19, 2021, 7pm at the Town Hall.

Ayes: Thompson, Conklin, Weale and Lyons

Nays: None

Respectfully Submitted,

Town Clerk
Robin Carr

NEXT MEETING:

MONTHLY BOARD MEETING: Monday, April 19, 2021 7pm at the Town Hall