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A public hearing for the purpose of hearing comment on the amendment to the Zoning Law, in reference to cannabis and alcohol related businesses, was opened by the Town Supervisor Dave Karl at 7:00 pm. Vicky Buck asked for clarifications of the amendments. A Motion to close the public hearing was made by Leon, second Branigan. Ayes-5 Nays-0. Motion carried.

The regular meeting of the Middlefield Town Board was opened at 7:13 pm by Supervisor Dave Karl. The minutes of the last town board meeting held July 11, 2023 have been available for review. With a correction made, a Motion to approve was made by Woeppel second Branigan. Ayes-5 Nays-0. Motion carried.

Present: Town Supervisor Dave Karl, Council members Jeff Woeppel, Kelly Branigan, Peg Leon, and Jen Pindar. Town Attorney David Clinton, Zoning/IT Officer Neal Newman. Highway Superintendent Brendan Kraham, Planning Board Chair Sydney Waller, Vicky Buck, Christina Bourgeois.

Highway Superintendent's Report- Additional signage on Whiteman Road has been placed. Detour signs for Springfield Hill have been ordered. Springfield Hill was discussed as being put out to bid, or possibly the highway crew might be able to do the work. Butterbowl Road will be improved after Ottaway Road is completed. The pick-up truck needs to be replaced. Brendan would like to use CHIPS money. A discussion was held on the possibility of hiring another highway worker.

Financial Report- The financial report was distributed by the bookkeeper.

Planning Board Report- Chairman Sydney Waller gave a report to the board.

Zoning/IT Report- Neal Newman gave his report to the board.

Attorney's Report- All the notices were sent by the Town Attorney regarding the Zoning Law revision. The 30-day notice that was sent to County Planning has not been returned as yet, so no vote can be taken on amending the Zoning Law in relation to cannabis this month.

Committee Reports: Bldg. & Grounds: The schoolhouse building is still being

evaluated for maintenance and repairs. Climate Smart Community-working on a priority list. An ARPA update was provided. A Motion to approve \$5,000 to the senior center at the Clark's Sport Center was made by Pindar, second Leon. Abstain Woepfel.

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Ayes-4 Nays-0 Motion carried. The Middlefield Fire Department potential ARPA funds list was reviewed.

Old Business- A letter to County Chair Supervisor Dave Bliss regarding the request of a possible fire ordinance, was written by Council member Peg Leon. A Motion to send the letter was made by Woepfel, second Branigan. Ayes-5 Nays-0. Motion carried. A copy of the letter is attached to these minutes. Radar signs on Beaver Meadow were discussed. The Watershed Supervisory Committee relationship was discussion. The Fire Department will be notified of the Ottaway Road closure. The town hall septic replacement is still an ongoing process.

New Business- Alicia Nemec is willing to accept the appointment to the vacant position on the ZBA. A Motion to approve was made by Leon, second Branigan . Ayes-5 Nays-0. Motion carried. Alicia will be completing Bill Gibson's term which ends 12/2025, and then will start another five-year term after that time. Lorna Wilhelm has replaced Bill Gibson as Chair of the ZBA.

Temporary Special Permit- Sydney Waller. September 6, 2023. A Motion to approve Leon, second Branigan. Ayes-5 Nays-0. Motion carried.

Bills

General Bills- Abstract 8, Vouchers 124-142 in the amount of \$11,409.90. A Motion to approve was made by Branigan, second Woepfel. Ayes-5 Nays-0. Motion carried.

Highway Bills- Abstract 8, Voucher 78-93 in the amount of \$268,407.52. A Motion to approve was made by Woepfel, second Branigan. Ayes-5 Nays-0. Motion carried.

A Motion to adjourn at 8:43 pm was made by Leon, second Branigan. Ayes-5 Nays-0. Motion carried.

The next meeting of the Middlefield Town Board will be September 12, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

Beth Moakler
Town Clerk