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The regular meeting of the Middlefield Town Board was opened by Town Supervisor Dave Karl at 7:00pm. The minutes of the last town meeting held June 13, 2023 have been available for review. With no corrections, the minutes were approved with a Motion by Woeppel, second Leon. Ayes-4 Nays-0. Motion carried.

Present: Town Supervisor Dave Karl, Council members Jeff Woeppel, Kelly Branigan, Peg Leon. Zoning/IT Officer Neal Newman, Town Attorney David Clinton, Highway Superintendent Brendan Kraham. Planning Board members Johnnie Nemec, and Bill Ralston. Dick DeRosa, Sandy DeRosa, Kevin Preston, Ella Preston, Italo Aramini, Angela Aramini, Tania Puglia, Robert Seward, Paula DiPerna, Daniel Aramini, Cosmo Giusti, Laurie Colon, Paul Aramini, Mary Ann Rollo, John Rollo. Absent: Council member Jen Pindar

Several Butter Bowl Road residents came to the board meeting to get the status of when repairs to that road can take place. Cosmo Giusti showed the board pictures of the road condition. Mr. Giusti approached the board last year with a request for repairs. Residents of Dick Morton Road stated that the ditches are full, and would like the road looked at. Pier's Hill Road has no Stop or Yield sign. Brendan will place a sign. A letter regarding the yearly bonfires on 382 Rezen Road was submitted to the Board by Mary Ann and John Rollo. The letter will be kept on file. Their concerns regarding this issue are understood by the town board, but there is no ordinance that the Town can enforce in regards to this issue. A letter of concern will be drafted to County Rep. David Bliss by the Town. Supervisor Karl suggests that the Rollos call 911. Paula DiPerna has a petition that she would like to have on file regarding temporary special permits in regards to Sydney Waller's Art Garage.

Highway Superintendent's Report- Surplus equipment: Mack plow truck, sander body, plow. A Motion to approve these items as surplus was made by Leon, second Branigan. Ayes-4 Nays-0. Motion carried. An estimate for tree trimming on Pete Hendricks Rd, and Cooper Road was obtained from Frank's Tree Service \$3,300.00, Town and County Tree Experts \$3,900.00, Josh's Tree Service LLC. A Motion to approve Josh's Tree service in the amount of \$3,000 was made by Leon, second Branigan. Ayes-4 Nays-0. Motion carried.

Financial Report- The financial report was distributed by the bookkeeper to the Town

Board.

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Planning Board- Johnnie Nemec provided a report of the last planning board meeting. Lot line adjustment, Simple subdivision Kevin Preston, tax map #133.00-1-36.01. Lot line adjustment parcel before adjustment 10.83, after adjustment 10.82. Simple subdivision before division 10.82, after division 7.82 & 3.00. The EAF form was filled out by the town board. A Motion to approve the lot line adjustment was made by Leon, second Branigan. Ayes-4 Nays-0. Motion carried. A Motion to approve the simple subdivision was made by Leon, second Branigan. Ayes-4 Nays-0. Motion carried. Motion to approve the EAF was made by Leon, second Branigan. Ayes-4 Nays-0.

Zoning/IT Report- No permits were received.

Attorneys' Report- Opting out of the Real Property Tax Law 487, that was discussed at the previous town board meeting, was discussed. The Town does not want to opt out at this point in time. The Assessor needs to weigh in more on this matter. Amendment to the Zoning law in regards to the cannabis. A Motion to approve the Supervisor to sign Part 1 EAF for zoning changes was made by Leon, second Woepfel. Ayes-4 Nays-0. Part 2 and Part 3 will be filled out by the Supervisor after the public hearing next month. Public hearing will be scheduled for the August meeting.

Committee Reports: Ellen Pope will look at the school house for her opinion on preservation ideas. ARPA updates were provided. The Middlefield Fire Department approached the Town regarding possible funding ideas.

Ottaway Road FEMA Project- August 7, 2023 the contractor will begin with a finish date in September.

Letters were received from the residents affected by the beaver dam flood on County highway 33. Supervisor Karl passed them on to the Town's insurance company.

Temporary special permits compliance issue. The Art Garage held an event without a signed permit, and without board approval on July 5, 2023. An insurance certificate was

in place. A letter will be written to Sydney Waller by the Zoning Officer suggesting she go to the ZBA for a variance, and perhaps a monetary fine imposed if it happens again. A letter will be sent by the Town Attorney, David Clinton notifying Ms. Waller that she was in violation of holding an event without board approval.

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Temporary Special Permits: Clark Sports Center. Cooperstown Central Schools Concessions for HOF Induction. July 23, 2023. A Motion to approve was made by Woepfel, second Branigan. Ayes-4 Nays-0 Motion carried. Clark Sports Center. Brew Du Brew bike/race event August 19, 2023. A Motion to approve was made by Woepfel, second Branigan. Ayes-4-Nays-0. Motion carried. Ommegang private fireworks event July 11, 2023. A Motion to approve was made by Branigan, second Leon. Ayes-4 Nays-0. Motion carried. Art Garage 7/20/23, 7/26/23, and 8/24/23 events. Motion to approve with the condition that no sales may occur at these events was made by Leon, second, Woepfel. Ayes-4 Nays-0. Motion carried.

Bills:

General Bills- Abstract #7 Vouchers 107-123 in the amount of \$5,901.96. A Motion to approve was made by Woepfel, second Branigan. Ayes-4 Nays-0. Motion carried.

Highway Bills- Abstract #8 Vouchers 61-77 in the amount of \$28,464.04. A Motion to approve was made by Branigan, second Woepfel. Ayes-4 Nays-0. Motion carried.

A Motion to adjourn was made at 9:43pm by Leon, second Woepfel. Ayes-4 Nays-0. Motion carried.

Beth Moakler
Town Clerk