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The regular meeting of the Middlefield Town Board was opened by Town Supervisor Dave Karl at 7:03 pm. The minutes of the last town board meeting held July 12, 2022 have been available for review. A Motion to approve was made by Leon, second by Branigan. Ayes-5 Nays-0. Motion carried.

Present: Town Supervisor David Karl, Council members Jeff Woeppel, Kelly Branigan, Peg Leon, Jen Pindar. Highway Superintendent Brendan Kraham, Zoning/IT Officer Neal Newman, Town Attorney David Clinton. (Zoom) Alexia Lamb (Joule Community Power Presentation). Frank Harte, Planning Board member Johnnie Nemece, John Rollo, MaryAnn Schreiber Rollo.

Privilege of the Floor- A power presentation was given by Alexia Lamb of Joule Community Power. Their purpose is to help communities attain their sustainability goals. Questions will be gathered by the Board and sent to her. The board thanked her for the presentation. John and MaryAnn Rollo approached the Board with a wish to regulate brush fires on people's property in the Town. The Rollos have a neighbor, (Brian Cox), that has accumulated a very large brush pile, and they are concerned if it is lit, it will pose a danger to their home. The Town will not be pursuing an ordinance regarding this issue.

Highway Superintendent's Report- Paving will start next week. Brendan submitted a proposal for a new mower tractor. The price from Monroe Tractor is \$85,000.00. Brendan requested borrowing from unassigned DB fund balance and replacing that sum when CHIPS monies are received. \$15,000.00 will be used as a trade allowance, with the final cost being \$70,000.00. A Motion to approve the purchase was made by Leon, second Pindar. Ayes-5 Nays-0. Motion carried.

The financial report was distributed by the bookkeeper.

Planning Board Report- Planning Board member Johnnie Nemece gave a report.

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

Attorney's Report- The final draft of the solar law will be sent to the Planning Board for review.

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Old Business- The County Highway Department has given the Town the go ahead for the solar speed signs to be placed when purchased. A stone plaque in memory of former Town Supervisor Joe Harris is being purchased. A lilac tree will be purchased by the Harris family, and placed on Town Hall property with the plaque under the tree. The Cannabis Law survey was reviewed. The Comprehensive Plan committee will be meeting the 3rd Tuesday at 6 pm every month. It has been advertised. Committee members include Bill Gibson, Andy Baugnet, David Karl, Jen Pindar, Peg Leon, Kelly Branigan, and Neal Newman. A Motion to go into executive session to discuss the highway union contract was made by Leon, second Pindar. Ayes-5 Nays-0. Motion carried. A Motion to come out of executive session was made by Pindar, second Leon. Ayes-5 Nays-0. Motion carried. The four-way stop request at intersection of Rezen Road and County Highway 35 was discussed. The State has sent the request back to the County to follow the proper line of protocol regarding these requests.

New Business-The procurement Policy will be reviewed next month. Investment Policy review. A Motion to approve as written was made by Woeppel, second Branigan. Ayes-5 Nays-0. Motion carried. Next month the procurement policy, as well as the investment policy will be reviewed.

Temporary Special Permits-Sydney Waller. Art Exhibition-Lewis Danielski from 4-7 pm 8/20/22. A Motion to approve was made by Leon, second Branigan. Ayes-5 Nays-0. Motion carried.

Bills

General Bills- Abstract 8, Vouchers 125-146 in the amount of \$6,532,57. A Motion to approve payment was made by Leon, second Pindar. Ayes-5 Nays-0. Motion carried.

Highway Bills- Abstract 8, Vouchers 97-166 in the amount of \$113,959.99. A Motion to approve payment was made by Woeppel, second Branigan. Ayes-5 Nays-0. Motion carried.

A Motion to close the meeting at 9:25pm was made by Leon, second Branigan. Ayes-5 Nays-0. Motion carried. The next meeting of the Middlefield Town Board will be held September 13, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

Beth Moakler
Town Clerk