

Town of Middlefield
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The regular meeting of the Middlefield Town Board was opened by Town Supervisor David Karl at 7:00pm. The minutes of the last town board meeting held November 14, 2023. A Motion to approve was made by Woeppel, second Leon. Ayes-5 Nays-0. Motion carried.

Present: Town Supervisor Dave Karl, Council member Jeff Woeppel, Kelly Branigan, Peg Leon, Jen Pindar. Highway Superintendent Brendan Kraham, Zoning/IT Officer Neal Newman, Andy Baugnet, Bud Tabor, Town Justice Donna Yerdon, Joe & Jane Homburger, Kate Dwyer, Christina Bourgeois, Jean Schifano, Town Attorney David Clinton, Sydney Waller, Parshall Lane resident.

Privilege of the Floor. A bid was received from Buell Fuels with option for fixed pricing. A copy is attached to these minutes. A resident of Parshall Lane raised a concern regarding a possible dog ordinance for loose dogs. A neighbor's dog is repeatedly coming onto their property. The dog is licensed, and current with rabies according to the Town Clerk. The Dog Control Officer has been involved on numerous occasions. They were instructed to continue to reach out to the DCO for this issue. Council member Woeppel brought a concern from Bill Michaels regarding the level of the lake. To the Town's knowledge, Mr. Michaels does not own property in the Town of Middlefield, and the Town does not control the level of the lake. The Town of Middlefield declines to take any action on this request. A request from Frank Hart from CSC was brought forth by Council member Woeppel. A request for gathering names of individuals who need transportation to and from places; ie. doctor's appointments and the grocery store for a group identified as "Get There" who tries to connect people in need. Council member Woeppel stated they are requesting \$500 for an ad for volunteers. Requests should be in writing to the board, with a clear description of what and how any monies will be administered. There was not enough information given for this request. Bud Tabor, on behalf of the Middlefield Fire Department, thanked the board for the generous donation of ARPA funds for equipment that can now be purchased to benefit the department and surrounding areas.

Highway Superintendent's Report- The Salt shed roof has been repaired. The pole barn will also require repairs to the steel which is a source of great heat loss. Three estimates will be obtained. Bridge NY grants have been investigated. It is cumbersome and expensive process. CHIPS checks are forthcoming. The Sibley Gulf appeal letter

has been sent. Two quotes were received for a new plow. Trux Outfitter \$7,448.00. Whitesboro Spring Service \$8,742.00. A Motion to approve the purchase of a Fisher 9'6" XV2 Stainless steel plow from Trux Outfitter was made by Leon, second Branigan. Ayes-5 Nays-0. Motion carried.

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Financial Report- The financial report was distributed to the Board by the Bookkeeper.

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

Zoning Officer/IT Report- Neal Newman gave a report to the board. Vacancies on both Planning and Zoning Boards will be posted on the website.

Old Business- The septic system will be put out to bid.

Committee Reports- Finance. A multi-year financial plan has been worked on by Council member Leon. A sub-committee will meet to discuss. A cost estimate for the school house repairs will be obtained. Climate Smart Community minutes were distributed. An ARPA update was sent to the board. Watershed Supervisory Committee. Doug Willies gave a report to the board.

New Business- A Motion to accept the fuel bid from Buell Fuels was made by Leon, second Pindar. Ayes-5 Nays-0. Motion carried. The Shared Services Plan is having difficulty get attendance needed. Audits for Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Town Justice, and Town Supervisor will need to be scheduled.

Bills

General Bills. Abstract 12. Vouchers 207-228 in the amount of \$15,449.81. A Motion to approve was made by Branigan, second Pindar. Ayes-5 Nays-0. Motion carried.

Highway Bills. Abstract 12 Vouchers 159-174 \$23,107.35. A Motion to approve was made by Woeppel, second Leon. Ayes-5 Nays-0. Motion carried.

A Motion to adjourn at 8:20pm was made by Branigan, second Pindar. Ayes-5 Nays-0. Motion carried.

Beth Moakler
Town Clerk