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A public hearing for the purpose of hearing comment on the proposed Solar Law was opened at 7:03 pm. With no comment made, the hearing was closed at 7:04 with a motion by Branigan, second Leon. Ayes-5 Nays-0. Motion carried.

Present: Supervisor Dave Karl, Council members Jeff Woepfel, Kelly Branigan, Peg Leon, Jen Pindar. Planning Board members Bill Ralston, Andy Baugnet, and Sydney Waller. Zoning Officer/IT Officer Neal Newman. Town Attorney David Clinton. Zoning/IT Officer Neal Newman.

The minutes of the last town board held November 8, 2022 have been available for review. With no changes made, the minutes were approved with a Motion by Leon, second Branigan. Ayes-5 Nays-0. Motion carried.

Privilege of the Floor- Town Attorney David Clinton stated that General Municipal Law 239 referral to the County Planning Board in regards to the proposed Solar Law must be completed, and the County's determination received back to the Town. Once the referral is received, SEQR EAF part 1 will then be completed by the Town. GML 239 is done when a local law will have a regional affect on the Town. Attorney Clinton will send the referral to the County to move the process forward.

Highway Superintendent's Report- A written report was submitted by Brendan. A letter will be written by Town Attorney David Clinton to Burr Truck Sales, regarding the surcharges they are attempting to attach to the order for a new truck.

Financial Report- The report was distributed by the bookkeeper to the board and clerk.

Planning Board Report- Short term rentals were discussed. Andy Baugnet will contact the Town of Milford to see what their permit process is, and how effective. Zoning amendments were discussed.

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

Attorney's Report- DOT drug and alcohol policy regarding marijuana usage, and highway workers was discussed. Marijuana remains a drug listed in Schedule 1 of the Controlled Substance Act. It remains unacceptable for any safety-sensitive employee

subject to drug testing under the DOT's drug testing regulations to use marijuana.

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Old Business- The union contract for highway department employees has been signed. Council member Woeppel discussed a work plan for the Climate Smart Community Task Force. Minutes from their meetings will be forwarded to the Town Board for their information.

Council member Leon gave an update on the ARPA funds. What has been spent, and recent requests. The food banks have reached out due to the increasing need. A Motion to approve \$10,000 to the Cooperstown Food Bank, as well as the Cherry Valley Food Pantry, and \$5,000.00 to the Friends of the Parks was made by Leon, second Branigan. Ayes-5 Nays-0. Motion carried. Council member Pindar will assist Council member Leon in further investigation of designating funds.

New Business- Temporary Special Permit. Sydney Waller. Reception 12/16/22 4-7pm, Open House 12/17/22 11-3pm. A Motion to approve was made by Branigan, second Pindar. Ayes-5 Nays-0. Motion carried. Policy review. Public Employer Health Emergency Plan. A Motion to approve was made by Leon, second Woeppel. Ayes-5 Nays-0. Judges review Kelly and Jeff.

Bills

General Bills. Voucher 206-230 \$24,827.54. A Motion to approve was made by Leon, second Pindar. Ayes-Nays-0. Motion carried.

Highway Bills. Vouchers 208-226 \$97, 559.01. A Motion to approve was made by Leon, second Pindar. Ayes-5 Nays-0. Motion carried.

A Motion to adjourn 8:15 pm was made by Leon, second Branigan. Ayes-5 Nays-0. Motion carried.

The next meeting of the Middlefield Town Board will be January 10, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

Beth Moakler

Town Clerk