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A public hearing for the purpose of hearing comment on the minor subdivision of tax map 147.00-1-28.03, John & Brenda Alton, 266 Beaver Meadow Road, Cooperstown, was opened by Deputy Town Supervisor Bud Tabor at 7:00pm. With no comments made, the hearing was closed with a Motion by Leon, second by Branigan. Ayes-4 Nays-0. Motion carried

The regular meeting of the Middlefield Town Board was opened by Deputy Town Supervisor Bud Tabor at 7:05 pm. Minutes of the last town board meeting held December 10, 2019 have been available for review. A Motion was made by Branigan, second by Leon to approve the minutes. Ayes-4 Nays-0. Motion carried.

Present: Deputy Town Supervisor Bud Tabor, Council members Jeff Woeppel, Peg Leon, and Kelly Branigan. Town Attorney David Clinton, Joe Harris, Town Historian Les Rathbun, Brenda Alton, Dave Edwards, Town Justice Donna Yerdon, Richard Spellman, Zoning Officer Neal Newman. Planning Board members Andy Baugnet, Sydney Waller. Maureen Murray.

Privilege of the Floor: Dave Edwards stated a small grant was obtained which will go to replacing a couple of doors for the schoolhouse building. Mr. Edwards stated the building still needs painting. Mr. Richard Spellman approached the board regarding a utility company burying cable that goes across his mother's property. Mr. Spellman stated the utility company stated they had a signed easement from the Town. Town Attorney, and Deputy Town Supervisor Bud Tabor stated that the Town has no documents regarding easements, or right of way from a fiber optic company.

Highway Superintendent Report- A chipper is being rented, due to the Town's having a broken part. Pollack Mtn. Road is on the schedule to get paved this year.

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Justice Report- The audit of the Town Justice records has been completed, and will be forwarded to the appropriate entity.

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

Zoning Officer's Report- Neal Newman gave a report to the board.

Old Business- The 2019 Budget modifications are being finalized. A signed copy of the highway union contract is still needed.

New Business- Temporary Special Permit. Clark Sports Center- February 8, 2020 Bob Smullens 5K/10K race. A Motion to approve was made by Leon, second Branigan. Ayes-4 Nays-0. Motion carried. A Motion to approve the Alton minor subdivision, with the stipulation of the extension of Decision Drive to provide 200 ft. of road frontage, was made Leon by second Branigan. Ayes-4 Nays.-0. Motion carried.

2020 Appointments: Zoning Officer-Neal Newman, Town Attorney-David Clinton, Dog Control Officer-Robert Jorgensen, Town Historian-Les Rathbun, Assessor-Kassandra Cade-Laymon, Deputy Supervisor-Robert Tabor, Board of Ethics-Peg Leon, David Bliss, Karen Streck, Deputy Highway Superintendent- Shane Young, Health Officer-Dr. John Dier, Registrar of Vital Stats/Records Mgmt.-Beth Moakler, Banks-NBT, Key Bank, Bank of Cooperstown, Legal Paper-Daily Star, Pay Schedule-Biweekly, Highway Crew and Supt. Clerk Collector, Bookkeeper. Monthly-Attorney, Assessor, Justice, Zoning Officer, Supervisor. Semi Annually-Town Board. Annual-Registrar of Vital Stats/Records Mgmt, Historian. Salaries are as appropriated by Budget. Mileage-IRS rate in effect. Committee Appointments. Planning-Tabor, Leon. Highway-Tabor, Harris. Finance-Woeppel, Harris. Building and Grounds-Branigan, Leon. Union-Branigan, Woeppel. Zoning Bd. Chair-Dorothy Rathbun.

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A Motion to appoint Peg Leon to the Board of Ethics was made by Branigan, second Woeppel. Ayes-4 Nays-0. Motion carried. A Motion to approve the 2020 annual appointments was made by Branigan, second Leon. Ayes-4 Nays-0. Motion carried. A Motion to approve the SPCA contract was made by Leon, second Woeppel. Ayes-4 Nays-0. Motion carried. A Motion to appoint Joe Harris as Town Supervisor for 2020, due to the resignation of Town Supervisor Marc Heller on January 5, 2020, was made by Leon, second Branigan. Ayes-4 Nays-0. Motion carried.

Resolution #1 of 2020- To authorize the Town Supervisor to pay utilities, insurance, payroll, legal ads, approved contracts of less than one year, and prepaid bills prior to audit by the board. Motion to approve Leon, was made by second Woeppel. by Ayes-4 Nays-0. Motion carried.

Resolution #2 of 2020- To participate in State and County contracts for including but not limited to fuel, heating, paving, bridge repair, office supplies. A Motion to approve was made by Woeppel, second Branigan. Ayes-4 Nays-0. Motion carried.

Resolution #3 of 2020- A Motion to approve the audit of the Middlefield Town Justice completed on 1/6/2020 was made by Leon, second Branigan. Ayes-4 Nays-0. Motion carried.

Bills

Abstract 14 of 2019

General Bills: Vouchers 230-233 \$809.67. A Motion to approve was made by Woeppel second Branigan. Ayes-4 Nays-0. Motion carried.

Highway Bills: Voucher 186-186 \$4,690.41. A Motion to approve was made by Branigan second Leon. Ayes-4 Nays-0. Motion carried.

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General Bills: Vouchers 1-20 \$83,480.51. A Motion to approve was made by Leon second Branigan. Ayes-4 Nays-0. Motion carried.

Highway Bills: Vouchers 1-19 \$169,956.78. A Motion to approve was made by Woeppel second Branigan. Ayes-4 Nays-0. Motion carried.

The financial report was emailed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 pm with a Motion by Leon, second Woeppel. Ayes-4 Nays-0. Motion carried.

The next Middlefield Town Board meeting will be held February 11, 2020 at 7:00pm

Beth Moakler
Town Clerk