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The public hearing for the purpose of hearing comment on the minor subdivision of Lynda Selover, tax map 116.0-0-1-42.31, was opened at 7:00pm by Supervisor Dave Karl. It is 67.97 acres before the minor subdivision, and will be 3 acres, 8.25 acres, 56.3 acres respectively after. With no comments made, the public hearing was closed at 7:05pm with a Motion by Leon, second by Branigan. Ayes-5 Nays-0. Motion carried.

The regular meeting of the Middlefield Town Board was opened by Supervisor Dave Karl at 7:06 pm. The minutes of the last town board meeting held June 14, 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.

Present: Town Supervisor Dave Karl, Council members Jeff Woepfel, Kelly Branigan, Peg Leon, Jennifer Pindar. Highway Superintendent Brendan Kraham, Town Attorney David Clinton, Zoning Officer/IT Officer Neal Newman.

Highway Superintendent Report- The Pete Hendricks Road culverts project is almost complete. Gravel mine closing requires another DEC extension, which has been applied for. Dave, Kelly and Brendan are meeting with the Teamster Representative on July 26, 2022 for contract negotiations.

Financial Report- The financial report was emailed by the bookkeeper to the board. The Town Supervisor submitted a receipts and deposits report as well.

Planning Board Report- Site plan revision is discussed. The SEQR form was filled out by the Supervisor for the Selover minor subdivision. A negative declaration was made. A Motion to approve the minor subdivision of Lynda Selover tax map 116.00-1-42.31 was made by Leon, second Pindar Ayes-5 Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

Attorney's Report- David Clinton would like the Zoning Law in Word Format.

Old Business- Co. Hwy 52 solar speed signs were discussed. The Otsego County Highway Department would need to get approval from the State. Placement options were discussed. The cost is approximately \$6,500. ARPA funds can be used for payment. A Motion to approve the purchase of two solar radar speed signs contingent on County

approval and using ARPA funds was made by Branigan, second Leon. Ayes-5 Nays-0. Motion carried. The Town will be receiving the remaining 50% of American Rescue Plan Act local fiscal recovery funds which totals \$91,999.71.

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The Cannabis Law was discussed. The Comprehensive Plan was also discussed. A draft work plan was sent to the board by the Town Supervisor. A committee will be formed. The Draft Solar Law was reviewed. The Joe Harris memorial. A lilac tree and plaque will be placed on the lawn at the town hall in Joe's memory.

New Business- Roy Kortick, a member of the planning board, has a request for a four way Stop at the intersection of Rezen Road and County Highway 35. Mr. Kortick contacted the Otsego County Highway Department on his own, and they responded that they do not feel that the data supports such an installation. Their recommendation was to contact NYSDOT to perform a study on the feasibility of installing additional stop signs.

Resolution #6 A Motion to approve the Town contacting of NYSDOT for the feasibility study, was made by Branigan, second Leon. Ayes-5 Nays-0. Community Choice Aggregation was discussed.

Resolution #5 Standard Work Day for Town Employees. Whereas, the Town Board of the Town of Middlefield adopts the "Standard Work Day" for highway employees (hourly & Highway Superintendent) as eight (8) hours per day, and all other elected & appointed officials "Standard Work Day" is six (6) hours per day. A Motion to approve was made to approve by Leon, second Branigan. Ayes-5 Nays-0. Motion carried. Policy review. Guidelines for Fiscal Management. A Motion to approve the policy as written was made by Woeppel, second Branigan. Ayes-5 Nays-0. Motion carried. Procurement and Investment policies are next for review at the August 9, 2022 meeting.

Temporary Special Permits: Clark Sports Center. Concessions for the Hall of Fame Game 7/22/2022, Abigail Armstrong 174 Co. Hwy. 52 Temporary placement of a telecommunication tower for the Induction Ceremony, Sydney Waller 7/28/22 and 8/4/22 4 pm Artist's talk. A Motion to approve these temporary special permits was made by Branigan, second by Leon. Ayes-5 Nays-0. Motion carried.

Bills

General Bills- Vouchers 105-124 in the amount of \$37,714.18. A Motion to approve

payment was made by Branigan, second Leon by Ayes-5 Nays-0. Motion carried.

Highway Bills- Vouchers 84-96 in the amount of \$61,782.87. A Motion to approve payment was made by Leon, second by Branigan. Ayes-5 Nays-0. Motion carried.

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A Motion to adjourn at 9:10pm was made by Leon, second Pindar. Ayes-5 Nays-0. Motion carried.

The next meeting of the Middlefield Town Board will be August 9, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

Beth Moakler
Town Clerk