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The meeting was opened by Deputy Town Supervisor Bud Tabor at 7:00pm. The minutes of the last town board meeting held June 8, 2021 have been available for review. A Motion to approve was made by Branigan, second by Woeppel. Ayes-4 Nays-0. Motion carried.

Present: Deputy Town Supervisor Bud Tabor, Council members Peg Leon, Kelly Branigan, Jeff Woeppel. David Karl, Kim Jastremski, Josie Hovis, Zoning Officer Neal Newman, Town Attorney David Clinton, Planning Board Chairman Sydney Waller, Mary Leonard, William Sanford. Highway Superintendent Brendan Kraham.

Privilege of the Floor: Kim Jastremski, who resides at 316 Co. Hwy. 52 Cooperstown, stated her daughter Josie was in an accident coming out of her driveway. She is requesting a speed limit reduction to 30 mph from the existing zone to Cornish Hill Road. A petition was submitted. A request letter will be sent to the Otsego County Superintendent of Highways. Sydney Waller gave an update on the blue bird houses that were installed. Mary Leonard of Carefree Gardens, provided parking plan actions that have taken place. A copy is attached to these minutes. The board appreciates the continuing efforts to resolve this issue. William Sanford who resides on Harry Roseboom Road, stated that there are dead trees on the side of the road that he feels need to be taken down. He also stated that there is a beaver issue with flooding resulting in flooding on his property. The homeowner will have to acquire a permit to remove them. Highway Superintendent Brendan Kraham will take a look at the issue.

Highway Superintendent Report- Blacks Road is continuing to wash out due to a beaver dam break. A permit from the homeowner is being obtained. Culvert replacement on Ottaway Road over Red Creek was discussed. Brendan has been working FEMA, DEC, and the Army Corp. of Engineers. All options will be investigated. Surplus equipment is as follows: 2- 11ft one-way snowplows, 3- 11ft left hand wings, 1-Air-Flo 8ft salt spreader, 1-8 ft Fisher V snowplow, 1-Case 1085 excavator parts machine. A Motion to approve this as surplus equipment was made by Leon, second Woeppel. Ayes-4 Nays-0. Motion carried. A Motion to approve bills for CHIPS reimbursement that need to be submitted for reimbursement in the amount of \$86,701.26 prior to the next meeting was made by Leon, second Woeppel. Ayes-4 Nays-0. Motion carried.

The financial report was distributed by the bookkeeper via email.

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Planning Board Report- Chairman Sydney Waller gave a report to the board. A grant from OCCA was discussed. A memorandum in response to the Middlefield Town Board resolution #4 dated April 13, 2021 was submitted to the Town Board. The board would like a chance to review this response further. A copy is attached to these minutes.

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

Attorney's Report- Town Attorney, David Clinton brought forth from the County Treasurer's office **Resolution #8 of 2021** Authorizing cancellation of interest, penalties and other charges due under real property tax law Section 480A pursuant to real property tax law Section 1182. A Motion to sign was made by Woeppel, second Branigan. Ayes-4 Nays-0. Motion carried. The speed limit reduction request is from the existing 30 mph zone to Cornish Hill Road. The request will be submitted to the County by the Clerk.

Old Business- A zoom discussion was held regarding the Climate Smart Communities with Council members Woeppel, Branigan, and Jim Hill. An estimate to repair the rubber roof was obtained for \$3,450.00 from Leslie Home Repairs. A Motion to approve was made by Branigan, second Leon. Ayes-4 Nays-0. Motion carried. A bid will be put out for the schoolhouse cupola. An excavator rental will be investigated for the Town parking lot. The work done for monies from the American Rescue Plan by Council member Leon has been submitted.

New Business- Temporary Special Permits. A Motion to pursue the grant with OCCA was made by Woeppel, second Leon. Ayes-4 Nays-0. Motion carried.

Temporary Special Permits: Ommegang 8-7-21 Concert- Modest Mouse, 9-4-21 Beerfest/Concert. **Sydney Waller 7-17-21 Student Demo, 7-24-21 gallery talk, 8-11-21 Artist talk. Origins Cafe 7-31-21, 8-28-21, 9-18-21 Concert Series. Clark Foundation Sheep Dog Trials 8-19-21-8-23-21. Farmer's Museum 9-6-21 - 9-10-21 Hall of Fame Parking Co. Hwy. 33. Clark Foundation 8-25-21 – 9-15-21 Clark Sports Center Hall of Fame Induction set up. Clark Foundation Parking for Induction 1550 Co. Hwy

33. 9-7-21 – 9-8-21. Clark Sports Center 9-7-21 – 9-10- CCS Senior class refreshments sold at the Clark Sport Center. A Motion to approve these permits was made by Branigan, second Leon. Ayes-4 Nays-0. Motion carried.

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**Sydney Waller’s permit is conditional on a parking plan in place, an only the date of 7-17-21 is being approved at this time. A Motion to approve these conditions was made by Leon, second Branigan. Ayes-4 Nays-0. Motion carried.

Bills

General Bills- Abstract 7. Vouchers 124-141 in the amount of \$6,559.61. A Motion to approve was made by Branigan, second Leon. Ayes-4 Nays-0. Motion carried.

Highway Bills- Abstract 7. Vouchers 90-107 in the amount of \$30,960.52. A Motion to approve was made by Woeppel, second Branigan. Ayes-4 Nays-0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:34pm with a motion by second Ayes-4 Nays-0. Motion carried.

The next meeting of the Middlefield Town Board will be August 10, 2021 at 7 pm at the Middlefield Town Hall.

Beth Moakler
Town Clerk