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The regular meeting of the Middlefield Town Board was opened at 7:00 pm by Town Supervisor Dave Karl. The minutes of the last town board meeting held May 9, 2023 have been available for review. A Motion to approve the minutes was made by Woeppel, second Leon. Ayes-5 Nays-0. Motion carried.

Present: Town Supervisor Dave Karl, Council members Jeff Woeppel, Kelly Branigan, Peg Leon, and Jen Pindar. Town Attorney David Clinton, Zoning/IT Officer Neal Newman. Highway Superintendent Brendan Kraham, Jean Schifano, Padraic MacLeish Planning Board Chair Sydney Waller, Alan Yerdon. Christina Bourgeois.

Highway Superintendent's Report- Brendan stated that they are prepping roads for paving. A request for guard rails on Whiteman Road was made by Mary Welch.

Financial Report- The bookkeeper emailed the financial report to the board.

Planning Report- Sydney gave a report to the board.

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

Committee Reports: Highway: estimates are getting obtained for a guard rail replacement due to an accident on Whiteman Road. Buildings and Grounds: School house overview of historic restoration. Needs a paint job, cupola, shutters, stairs, mortar work, brush needs to be picked up. Possibly getting the trees looked at yearly. Climate Smart Community: Task force. 2 resignations Kelly Branigan and Bill Ralston. Term limits to be instituted. Four year term limits. A Motion to approve a 4 year term for Climate Smart Community Task Force was made by Branigan, second Leon. Ayes-5 Nays-0. Motion carried.

Old Business- A Motion to approve DeVincentis Construction Inc. for \$391,000 for the culvert replacement on Ottaway Road was made by Woeppel, second Leon. Ayes-5 Nays-0 Motion carried. **Resolution #9 of 2023** The authorization to withdraw funds from fund balance in 2023 to pay IT Director's 2022 salary.(See attached). A Motion to support the technical advisor for Watershed Supervisor Council as Doug Willies was made by Leon, second Branigan. Ayes-5 Nays-0 Motion carried. A discussion was held regarding the funding of a researcher for the HAB issue on Otsego Lake. A Motion to

approve \$5,000, for one year, to help fund a research position for the HAB issue on Otsego Lake was made by Leon, second Woeppel. Ayes-5 Nays-0. Motion carried.

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Another committee meeting for the zoning law changes in regards to cannabis will take place. Town hall septic. A survey was completed.

New Business- Correction to Resolution # 5 of 2023. A Motion to change the wording regarding Carefree Gardens from Alteration Application, to Application for Class Change was made by Leon, second Pindar. Ayes-5 Nays-0. Motion carried. A flooding issue due to a beaver dam being released on Co. Hwy. 33, resulted in an insurance claim being filed by property owner Mike McCoy.

Otsego Now sent information regarding opting out of NYS Real Property Tax Law, Section 487, which if approved would exempt from taxation for a period of 15 years real property that contains solar energy, wind energy, farm waste energy, micro-hydroelectric energy, to be exempt. Town Attorney Dave Clinton will start drafting a local law for the Town to opt out. Town of Huntington voter's Identification resolution was discussed. No Motion was made.

Temporary Special Permits:

Farmer's Museum. Junior Livestock Show 7/9-11/ 2023, Baseball Hall of Fame parking area 7/21-25/2023. SQSPCA dog show/fundraiser 9-30-2023. A Motion to approve was made by Leon, second Branigan. Ayes-5 Nays-0. Motion carried.

Clark Foundation. Hall of Fame Parking 7-19-26/2023, Hall of Fame Induction 7/10 - 26/ 2023. A Motion to approve was made by Leon, second Branigan. Ayes-5 Nays-0. Motion carried.

General Bills: Abstract 6. Vouchers 76-106 in the amount of \$31,554.66. A Motion to approve was made by Branigan, second Leon. Ayes-5 Nays-0. Motion carried.

Highway Bills: Abstract 6. Vouchers 44-60 in the amount of \$81,528.37. A Motion to approve was made by Woeppel, second Branigan. Ayes-5 Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

Motion carried.

The next meeting of the Middlefield Town Board will be July 11, 2023 at 7:00pm.

Beth Moakler
Town Clerk