

Town of Middlefield

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The regular meeting of the Middlefield Town Board was opened by Supervisor Joe Harris at 7:00 pm. The minutes of the last town board meeting held on February 11, 2020 have been available for review. A correction to the highway bills was made making the total highway abstract \$55,811.53. A Motion to approve was made by Tabor, second Leon. Ayes-4 Nays-0. Motion carried.

Present: Supervisor Joe Harris, Town Council member Peg Leon, Bud Tabor, and Kelly Branigan. Town Historian Les Rathbun, Zoning Officer Neal Newman, Town Attorney David Clinton, Planning Bd. Member Andy Baugnet, Highway Superintendent Brendan Kraham, Shane Young, John Colwell, Heather Colwell, Madison Wellman from Congressman Antonio Delgado's office. Planning Board Chair Sydney Waller. Absent: Councilman Jeff Woepfel.

Privilege of the Floor: John Colwell, of Westville, spoke to the Board regarding a group of neighbors who are attempting to get historic district designation for Westville. Mr. Colwell stated that several people are opposed to this as it is very restrictive. If that designation is applied for, the town board will be contacted. It is a lengthy process, and Mr. Colwell just wants to keep the board apprised of what is occurring.

Highway Superintendent's Report- Brendan stated that he is getting estimates for tree service, uniforms, as well as working with FEMA for washed out culverts on Ottaway, Springfield Hill, VanYahres, Butterbowl, and Sibley Gulf. Brendan would like to put surplus equipment on Auctions International site for a Case wheel excavator, Highlander Sander, dragbox paver, and Caterpillar loader rim and tire.

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

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

Financial Report- A copy was emailed to the board from the bookkeeper.

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Attorney's Report- The junk yard definition revision was discussed. Town Attorney, David Clinton reviewed two proposed local laws. The repeal of Local Law No. 1 of 1970 Code of Ethics, and the Notice of Highway and other public works defects. A public hearing will be scheduled for the repeal of the Code of Ethics of 1970. The new code will be enacted by resolution. A public hearing will be scheduled for the notice of highway and other public works defects local law.

Old Business- No signed contract from the union has yet been received.

New Business- A Motion to approve Brendan posting surplus equipment was made by Branigan, second by Leon. Ayes-4 Nays-0. Motion carried. Policy review is continuing. The shelter inspection was done, and we are in compliance. A bid will be put out for 2020 lawn care. Kassie Cade-Laymon gave a report to the board on her activities. A Temporary Special Permit for BoDee Aviation pancake breakfasts is as follows. May 16, June 20, July 18, August 15, September 19. A Motion to approve was made by Leon, second Branigan. Ayes-4 Nays-0. Motion carried.

A Motion to go into executive session to discuss an employee issue was made by Leon, second Branigan. Ayes-4 Nays-0. Motion carried. A Motion to come out of executive session was made by Tabor, second Branigan. Ayes-4 Nays-0. Motion carried.

Bills

General Bills- Abstract 3 Vouchers 43-62 in the amount of \$8,123.34. A Motion to approve was made by Branigan, second Leon. Ayes-4 Nays-0. Motion carried.

Highway Bills- Abstract 3 Vouchers 36-52 in the amount of \$28,368.33. A Motion to approve was made by Tabor, second Branigan. Ayes-4 Nays-0. Motion carried.

A Motion to adjourn at 8:59 pm was made by Tabor, second Leon. Ayes-4 Nays-0. Motion carried.

Beth Moakler
Town Clerk

