

**Town of Middlefield**  
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The regular meeting of the Middlefield Town Board was opened by Town Supervisor Dave Karl at 7:00pm. The minutes of the February 8, 2022 have been available for review. The minutes were approved with a Motion by Woeppel, second by Branigan. Ayes-4 Nays-0. Motion carried.

Present: Town Supervisor Dave Karl, Council members Jeff Woeppel, Kelly Branigan, Jen Pindar. Jan Gibson, Zoning Officer/IT Officer Neal Newman, Planning Board Chair Sydney Waller, Highway Superintendent Brendan Kraham. Kim Jastremski, and Maureen Murray (zoom). Town Attorney David Clinton. Absent: Council member Peg Leon.

**Privilege of the Floor-** Kim Jastremski thanked the Board for the ongoing efforts in the Co. Hwy. 52 speed limit change requested. Jan Gibson also expressed her concern on the speeds on that road. The Town has mailed all information to the County, and hand delivered it as well. Councilman Woeppel has contacted County Rep. David Bliss for his assistance in moving this matter from the County level, on to the State. A speed limit monitor being put in place has been investigated. Neal Newman would like Dorothy Rathbun and Les Rathbun to receive a thank you for their service to the Town.

**Highway Superintendent's Report-** Brendan asked Town Attorney David Clinton if any progress has happened on the Shipway Road issue. No further progress has been achieved. A bill from Verizon for damage to an underground facility on Rezen Road in April 2021 has been received. The line was on the top of the culvert. Brendan followed all the required procedures. Town Attorney David Clinton will get involved if Verizon chooses to sue the Town.

**Financial Report-** Town Supervisor Dave Karl will attach monthly receipts and deposits to the monthly agenda in the future.

**Planning Board Report-** Planning Board Chair Sydney Waller gave a report to the Board. Arthur Weinstock was recommended for the vacancy on the board. A Motion to approve was made by Branigan, second Pindar. Ayes-4 Nays-0. Motion carried.

**Zoning Report/ IT Report-** Neal Newman gave a report to the Board. Neal investigated having internet upgraded at the town until fiber optics comes through. A month-to-

month service can be obtained 40g plan is what it is based on. \$723 for 6 months will be the cost.

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This cost may be ARPA eligible. A Motion to approve was made by Woeppel, second Pindar. Ayes-4 Nays-0. Motion carried.

**Old Business-** Council member Woeppel updated the board on the Climate Smart Community activities. The Town Clerk/Tax Collector audit took place, and a copy is on file. A Motion to approve was made by Woeppel, second Branigan. Ayes-4 Nays-0. Motion carried. An ARPA funding update was given. Food banks, temporary highway employee, WiFi, PPE, culverts. Hospice has sent a letter to the board requesting funding as well. A proposal for the ARPA funds will be formulated and sent to the board members prior to the April town board meeting.

**New Business-** Temporary Special Permit. BoDee Aviation. Middlefield Fire Department. Pancake Breakfast. May 21, June 18, July 16, Aug. 20, Sept. 17. A Motion to approve was made by Woeppel, second Pindar. Ayes-4 Nays-0. Motion carried.

## **Bills**

**General Bills-** Abstract 3. Vouchers 24-41 \$10,387.20. A Motion to approve was made Branigan, by second Pindar. Ayes-4 Nays-0. Motion carried.

**Highway Bills-** Abstract 3. Vouchers 16-28 \$18,394.69. A Motion to approve was made by Branigan, second Pindar. Ayes-4 Nays-0. Motion carried.

A Motion to adjourn at 8:34pm was made by Pindar, second Woeppel. Ayes-4 Nays-0. Motion carried.

The next meeting of the Middlefield Town Board will take place April 12, 2022 at 7:00pm at the Middlefield Town Hall.

Beth Moakler  
Town Clerk