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The regular meeting of the Middlefield Town Board was opened at 7:00 pm by Supervisor Joe Harris. The minutes from the April 13, 2021 meeting have been available for review. A Motion to approve was made by Woeppel, second Tabor. Ayes-5 Nays-0. Motion carried.

Present: Supervisor Joe Harris, Council members Peg Leon, Bud Tabor, Kelly Branigan, Jeff Woeppel (Zoom). Town Attorney David Clinton. Zoning/IT Officer Neal Newman, Highway Superintendent Brendan Kraham.

**Highway Superintendent's Report-** The new deck on Dubbens Cross Road has been completed, and will be paved next week. The DB fund has \$56,000 in reserves, and if used, is recoverable in CHIPS. The 284 agreement will need to be amended at the next town board meeting. The equipment list was submitted by email. A surplus scrap list will be submitted at the next town board meeting.

**Financial Report-** The report was submitted to the board via email from the bookkeeper.

**Plans for the year-** Some of the issues discussed are as follows: Paving of the town hall parking lot, repair of the cupola on the school house, repair of the town hall roof. Ceiling tiles in the Supervisor's office, as well as the Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Justice chambers, a new chimney in the garage.

**Planning Board Report-** Lot line adjustment between tax map 163.00-1-33.05 & 33.01. Eggleston to Sprague. 167 Campbell Hill Road. Before adjustment 43.45 acres Eggleston, 13.71 acres Sprague. After lot line adjustment, 31.02 acres Eggleston, 26.14 Sprague. A Motion to approve was made by Leon, second Tabor. Ayes-5 Nays-0. Motion carried.

**Zoning Officer's Report-** Neal Newman gave his report to the board.

**Attorney's Report-** A letter was received from John Dinneen regarding a pot hole on Ludlum Road that Mr. Dinneen states caused damaged to his wife's tires. Town Attorney David Clinton will draft a letter to be sent explaining the Town's policy regarding this type of issue. The Phoenix Mills Bridge sale was discussed. It will cost more to demolish the bridge, than what it is worth in scrap metal. **Resolution #6.** Be it resolved,

that the Town of Middlefield will sell its portion of the Phoenix Mills bridge

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for the price of \$1 to Rail Explorers. The bridge is abandoned and useless to the Town, and the benefits to the community that the Rail Explorers will bring will be a positive influence to the community. Motion to approve made by Leon, second Branigan. Ayes-5 Nays-0. Motion carried.

**New Business- Temporary Special Permit.** Sydney Waller. May 15, 22, 29, 2021. Julien Miller-Artist. A Motion to approve was made by Leon, second Branigan. Ayes-5 Nays-0. Motion carried. Sydney Waller and Marion Karl will be applying for a grant for placing blue bird houses on the grounds of the Middlefield school house. A Motion to approve was made by Leon, second Branigan. Ayes-5 Nays-0. Motion carried. The Zoom subscription is up in June, and will be renewed. The Climate Smart Community logo will be added to our website. Council member Jeff Woepfel discussed the Data Universal Numbering (DUN) system to track where the government funds are going. Also, the American Rescue Plan requires you to have this number. The System Award Management (SAM) registration is also required for federal monies, and may need to be applied for. More research will take place. On May 18, 2021 there is a meeting regarding the future of the Cherry Valley EMS/Ambulance service. The Town Supervisor will attend the meeting.

A Motion to approve the lot line adjustment for tax map 163.00-1-33.01 & 33.05 Eggleston to Sprague, was made by Branigan, second Tabor. Ayes-5 Nays-0. Motion carried.

**Bills**

**General Bills-** Abstract 5 Vouchers-83-97 in the amount of \$6,893.16. A Motion to approve was made by Tabor, second Leon. Ayes-5 Nays-0. Motion carried.

**Highway Bills-** Abstract 5 Vouchers 58-72 in the amount of \$21,802.23. A Motion to approve was made by Branigan, second Leon. Ayes-5 Nays-0. Motion carried.

A Motion to adjourn at 8:45pm was made by Councilman Tabor, second Leon. Ayes-5 Nays-0. Motion carried.

Beth Moakler  
Town Clerk