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A public hearing for the purpose of hearing comment on the Preliminary Budget for 2024 was opened at 7:00pm by Town Supervisor Dave Karl. With no comment, the hearing was closed with a Motion by Leon, second Branigan. Ayes-4 Nays-0. Motion carried.

A bid from Burr Truck and Trailer was received for one new tandem axle cab and chassis truck for 2024 delivery in the amount of \$164,801.22.

Present: Town Supervisor Dave Karl, Council members Jeff Woeppel, Kelly Branigan, Peg Leon. Absent: Jen Pindar. Town Attorney David Clinton, Zoning/IT Officer Neal Newman. Dick & Sandy DeRosa, Jean Schifano, Highway Superintendent Brendan Kraham, Bill Ralston, Sydney Waller, Christina Bourgeois.

Privilege of the Floor- Bill Ralston spoke on behalf of the Friends of the Parks in regards to relocating the road behind the pavilion and a deck in front of the pavilion for Fairy Springs.

The minutes from the October 10, 2023 have been available for review. A Motion to approve was made by Woeppel, second Branigan. Ayes-4 Nays-0. Motion carried.

Highway Superintendent's Report- Brendan would like to purchase a small snow plow for Johnny Cake Road. A pole holding a salt shed up got knocked down, and will require repair. The insurance company will be called to see if that can be covered. The time extension for Sibley Gulf Road was granted, however FEMA has denied the Scope of Work that was proposed by Principle Engineering. An appeal of that decision is being worked on.

Financial Report- The bookkeeper provided a report to the Board.

Planning Board Report- Sydney Waller gave a report to the Board. Andy Baugnet has resigned from the Planning Board effective immediately. A copy of that resignation is on file at the Town.

Zoning Officer/IT Officer Report- Neal Newman gave his report to the Board.

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Attorney's Report- No report.

Committee Reports- Finance. Council member Leon is working on a multi-year financial plan. The town is not in favor of doing a tax revaluation at this time.

Building/Grounds: Septic system. One quote was submitted by Green Pines Septic in the amount of \$59,430.00. Council member Woepfel discussed a bid document for the Schoolhouse work. There will be an attempt to get an idea of the costs involved, and look into grants to fund the project.

Climate Smart Community: A monthly report was provided by Council member Woepfel.

ARPA Committee Report- An update was provided by Council member Leon.

Union: Premium changes for 2024 will be forth coming.

Watershed Supervisory Committee: A request for \$10,000 for WSC and the 9E Watershed Plan using ARPA funds was discussed. A Motion to approve contingent on the village administering the funds was made by Leon, second Branigan. Ayes-4 Nays-0. Motion carried.

Old Business- A Motion to approve the 2024 Town of Middlefield budget was made by Woepfel, second Leon. Ayes-4 Nays-0. Motion carried. A motion to approve the bid from Burr Truck & Trailer Sales Inc. in the amount of \$164,801.22 for a tandem axle cab & chassis truck for 2024 delivery the truck was made by Woepfel, second Branigan. Ayes-4 Nays-0. Motion carried. A Motion to approve \$8,000 for small plow for Johnny Cake Road was made by Branigan, second Woepfel. Ayes-4 Nays-0. Motion carried. A full-time highway employee will be sought.

New Business- A meeting for Otsego County shared services plan for 2024 will take place on Thursday November 16, 2023. A letter was received from the Town of Richfield, Town Supervisor Dan Sullivan, in regards to an application with AAREMS for a certificate of need to provide ambulance services for the citizens of the Town of Richfield.

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Bills

Highway Bills- Abstract 11, Vouchers 135-158 \$509,742.78. A Motion to approve was made by Branigan, second Leon. Ayes-4 Nays-0. Motion carried.

General Bills Abstract 11, Vouchers 186-206 \$8,072.97. A Motion to approve was made by Woeppel, second Branigan. Ayes-5 Nays-0. Motion carried.

A Motion to adjourn at 8:22pm was made by Woeppel, second Leon Ayes-4 Nays-0. Motion carried.

The next meeting of the Middlefield Town Board will be held December 12, 2023 at 7:00pm.

Beth Moakler
Town Clerk