

Town of Middlefield
October 10, 2023
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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 September 12, 2023 town board meeting, and the September 27, 2023 budget workshop have been available for review. A correction to the September 12, 2023 town board minutes is necessary. Page 2 of those minutes where it is stated that Part 3 was unnecessary to complete should state that; there is a negative declaration on Part 3. A Motion to approve was made by Leon, second Woeppel. Ayes-5 Nays-0. Motion carried.

Present: Town Supervisor Dave Karl, Council members Jeff Woeppel, Kelly Branigan, Peg Leon, Jen Pindar. Town Attorney David Clinton, Zoning/IT Officer Neal Newman, Maureen Murray, Barbara Kennedy, Carol Kennedy, Doug Willies, Bertine McKenna, Linda Steele, Planning Chair Sydney Waller, Betsy Foster.

Privilege of the Floor-Barbara Kennedy recently moved to the Town and suggests the Town does a revaluation. Linda Steele inquired about the status of Sibley Gulf repair, and would like Fred Ottaway repaired. Doug Willies from the Watershed Supervisory Committee approached the board with a funding request for the WSC, and the 9E watershed plan. They would like additional funds immediately as well as \$30,000 amount budgeted yearly. Sample processing is costly. The \$5,000 already donated was for an advisor, and ARPA funds were used.

Highway Superintendent's Report- Brendan is away on vacation, but submitted a written report for the board. Butter Bowl Road FEMA project is completed. Non FEMA repairs will be completed this week. Springfield Hill Road repairs are completed. Van Yahres Road repairs will begin next week. Ottaway Road FEMA project will be completed and the road open by this weekend. An extension for the FEMA project for Sibley Gulf Road has been filed.

Financial Report- The financial report was distributed by the bookkeeper to the board. Monthly deposits and receipts for the month were provided by the Town Supervisor. Council member Leon is compiling lists for a multi-year financial plan.

Planning Board Report- Chair Sydney Waller gave a report to the board. A recommendation to considering a statement on the website regarding short term rentals and County requirements needed was discussed. The board will wait for the language

before they approve the addition to the website.

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Zoning Officer/ IT Officer Report- Neal Newman provided a report of the activities to the board.

Attorney's Report- David Clinton has completed all the filings of the 2023 Zoning amendment. David is still following up on the civil service request.

Committee Reports: Bldg. & Grounds: LED lights have been installed in the security lights on the exterior of the building. The Town Supervisor has applied for a grant for the septic system.

Old Business- The 2024 Preliminary Budget. A Motion to approve the preliminary budget was made by Leon, second Branigan. Ayes-5 Nays-0. Motion carried. A public hearing will take place at the November 14, 2023 town board meeting at 7:00pm. The new truck purchase for next year was approved with a Motion by Leon, second Branigan. Ayes-5 Nays-0. Motion carried.

New Business- ARPA funds. Middlefield Fire Department requests were discussed. A Motion to approve the Middlefield Fire Department requests was made by Branigan, second Pindar. Ayes-5 Nays-0. Motion carried. UTV \$50,605, UTV enclosed trailer \$9,500, Two set washer \$4,850 Two set dryer \$1,750, 4 AEDs for firehouse and fire trucks \$7,736. A continued discussion was held regarding the funding requests by the Watershed Supervisor Committee. A municipal shelter inspection report was submitted to the town for the Susquehanna SPCA.

Temporary Special Permits: Clark Sports Center 10/29/23 Coop Loop 5k/10k run. A Motion to approve was made by Branigan, second Leon. Ayes-5 Nays-0. Motion carried. Clark Sports Center Walk to end Alzheimer's. A Motion to approve was made by Branigan, second Pindar. Ayes-5 Nays-0. Motion carried.

Bills

General Bills- Abstract 10 Vouchers 164-185 in the amount \$7,399.86. A Motion approve was made by Leon, second Branigan. Ayes-5 Nays-0. Motion carried.

Highway Bills- Abstract 10 Vouchers 118-134 in the amount \$55,859.27. A Motion to approve was made by Branigan, second Pindar. Ayes-5 Nays-0. Motion carried.

A Motion to adjourn at 9:20 pm was made by Woeppel, second Branigan. Ayes-5 Nays-0. Motion carried. The next meeting of the Middlefield Town Board will be November 14, 2023.

Beth Moakler
Town Clerk