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The regular meeting of the Middlefield Town Board was called to order by Deputy Supervisor Bud Tabor at 7:00pm. The minutes of the August 10, 2021 have been available for review. The minutes were approved with a Motion by Branigan, second by Leon. Ayes-4 Nays-5. Motion carried.

Present: Deputy Supervisor Bud Tabor, Council members Peg Leon, Kelly Branigan, Jeff Woeppel, Town Attorney David Clinton, Merrilyn O'Connell, Sydney Waller, Zoning Officer Neal Newman, Highway Superintendent Brendan Kraham, Arthur Weinstock, David Karl, Brian Rogers.

Privilege of the Floor- Camilla Tabor, a Senior at Cherry Valley Central School, sent a letter to the Board seeking approval for a "Welcome to Middlefield" sign. A requirement of graduation is that students must complete 15 hours of community service. This would be at no expense to the Town.

Highway Superintendent's Report- Brendan Kraham stated that 4.74 miles were paved this year. The deadline for CHIPS is November 11th. Brendan would like to put up for auction surplus wood that was not used from Dubben Crossroad deck replacement. There are approximately 30 boards. Ottaway Road repair estimate for culverts was received.

Financial Report- The financial report was emailed to the Board by the bookkeeper.

Planning Board Report- Chairman Sydney Waller gave a report to the board. Funding sources are being sought out to help with the Master Plan formulation. The grant was not approved for this year, but it can be reapplied for next year. Two members are needed from the town board, to join the group. Jeff Woeppel, and Kelly Branigan will be the board members to participate.

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

Attorney's Report- A request from the reputed owner of land in Middlefield (and Cherry Valley) that the Town abandon the end of Shipway Road where it dead ends on his parcels was discussed. The owner is required to petition the town in

writing with such request. The opt-out Cannabis Law was discussed. The town has the option to opt out of retail dispensaries and on-site consumption, nothing else. A town law must be adopted by December 31, 2021.

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Council member Leon will contact other municipalities to see what their thoughts are. A round table discussion on the cannabis issue will be planned for October 19, 2021 at 7:00pm at the Middlefield Town Hall.

Old Business- The Climate Smart Community Resolution Creating CSC task force & CSC tax force coordinator. (Resolution #9 is attached to these minutes). A Motion to approve was made by Branigan, second Leon. Ayes-4 Nays-0. Motion carried. ARPA funds, and how the money can be spent will need to be investigated and put out to the public for their input. An (AED) Automated External Defibrillator was donated by the County to the Town Hall. Obtaining one for the highway garage will be looked into.

New Business- D'Ambrosio Tree Service provided a quote to elevate the driveway and around the school house. Per the quote, to elevate all trees & remove brush (\$2,930.00). If the brush is left the price would be \$2,130.00. A Motion to approve surplus lumber being put up for auction was made by Branigan, second by Leon. Ayes-4 Nays-0. Motion carried. Site Plan review for the Heritage Vet Clinic for a proposed sign was discussed. A Motion to amend the PDD to add the sign to the Heritage Veterinary Clinic was made by Leon, second by Branigan. Ayes-4 Nays-0. Motion carried. Temporary special permits. Middlefield Historical Association Fall Festival, October 3, 2021, and Christmas at the Schoolhouse December 5, 2021. A Motion to approve was made by Leon, second Branigan. Ayes-4 Nays-0. Motion carried. Mt. Miles seasonal RV use June-October 2022. A Motion to approve conditional on receiving and insurance certificate, was made by Woeppel, second Leon. Ayes-4 Nays-0. Motion carried. A budget workshop will be held on September 28, 2021 at 7:00pm.

Bills

General Bills- Abstract 9. Vouchers 159-174 \$9,055.62. A Motion to approve

was made by Woeppel, second Leon. Ayes-4 Nays-0. Motion carried.

Highway Bills- Abstract 9 Vouchers 128-148 \$90,776.81. A Motion to approve was made by Woeppel, second Leon. Ayes-4 Nays-0. Motion carried.

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A Motion to adjourn at 8:46 was made by Woeppel, second by Leon. Ayes-4 Nays-0. Motion carried.

Beth Moakler
Town Clerk