

Town of Middlefield

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The regular meeting of the Middlefield Town Board was opened by Supervisor Joe Harris at 7:00pm. Minutes of the last board meeting held December 11, 2018 have been available for review. With clarifications made, the minutes were approved with a motion by Councilman Holohan, seconded by Councilman Tabor. Ayes-4 Nays-0. Motion carried.

Present: Supervisor Joe Harris, Councilwomen Peg Leon and Kelly Branigan. Councilmen Ray Holohan and Bud Tabor. Bookkeeper. Town Attorney David Clinton, Zoning Officer Neal Newman. Town Historian Les Rathbun. Sydney Waller, Robert Seward.

Privilege of the Floor- The new town bookkeeper, Karen Kropp, was introduced to the Board.

Highway Superintendent's Report- Brendan Kraham stated the Suit Kote estimate is \$106,916.00 for Eggleston Hill, and CHIPS sealing \$29,890.00. The 284 agreement needs to be completed. Reflected vests are needed for the highway crew for road work.

Planning Board Report- Zoning Officer Neal Newman gave a report to the Board.

Zoning Officer's Report- Zoning Officer Neal Newman gave his report to the Board. The domain for the web page is due. A five year renewal will be done.

Financial Report- Councilman Ray Holohan gave his report to the board. Changes to the 2018 financials are as follows: A1620.4 Town Hall CE increase to \$10,820.00, A5132.4 Garage CE increase to \$28,310.00, A 7510.2 Museum Cap. Imp. decrease to \$11,420.00. DA5112.45 decrease to \$33,100.00, DA 5130.4 increase to \$74,200.00, DA 5142.4 increase to \$111,700.00. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Holohan, seconded by Councilwoman Leon. Ayes-5 Nays-0.

Attorney's Report- Town Attorney David Clinton is working on Zoning changes.

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Old Business- The Mill St. bridge is still at a yellow flag, but will go to a red flag if not repaired soon. Highway Superintendent Brenden Kraham will be asked to get quotes for the work that needs to be done.

New Business- The bid for the tractor with a side mounted boom mower was received from Stephenson Equipment Inc. The quote amount is \$80,750.00. A Motion to approve was made by Councilman Holohan, seconded by Councilwoman Leon. Ayes-5 Nays-0. Motion carried. The gravel bank will have to be closed to be refurbished, and apply for another permit. This will need to be put out for bid.

2019 Appointments- Zoning Board members Brennan Hoag exp 2023, Dorothy Rathbun expires 2021, and Bill Gibson exp. 2020 . Motion to approve was made by Councilman Holohan, seconded by Councilman Tabor. Ayes-5 Nays-0. Motion carried.

A Motion to accept the audit for the Town Justice records was made by Councilman Holohan, seconded by Councilwoman Branigan. Ayes-5 Nays-0. Motion carried.

Resolution #1 of 2019 To authorize the Town Supervisor to pay utilities, insurance, payroll, legal ads, approved contracts of less than one year, and prepaid bills prior to audit by the board. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Tabor, seconded by Councilman Holohan. Ayes-5 Nays-0. Motion carried.

Resolution #2 of 2019 To participate in State and County contracts for including but not limited to fuel, heating, paving, bridge repair, office supplies. A Motion to approve was made by Councilman Holohan, seconded by Councilman Tabor. Ayes-5 Nays-0. Motion carried.

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Committee Appointments: Planning Board-Leon/Tabor. Highway-Tabor/Holohan. Finance-Leon. Union-Holohan/Branigan. Building-Branigan/Leon

The 2019 Susquehanna SPCA contract was approved for signature with a Motion by Councilman Holohan, seconded by Councilwoman Leon. Ayes-5 Nays-0. Motion carried.

The 2019 Middlefield Fire Contract was approved for signature with a motion by Councilman Holohan, seconded by Councilwoman Leon. Ayes-5 Nays-0. Motion carried.

Otsego County Highway Department sent a letter regarding 11C to just below 33W for speed study to be done. A Motion to approve was made by Councilwoman Leon, seconded by Councilwoman Branigan. Ayes-5 Nays-0. Motion carried.

Bills

Abstract 13 for 2018

General Bills-Vouchers 233-243 \$2,406.04. A Motion to approve payment was made by Councilman Holohan, seconded by Councilman Tabor. Ayes-5 Nays-0. Motion carried.

Highway Bills-Vouchers 198-210 \$42,777.58. A Motion to approve payment was made by Councilman Tabor, seconded by Councilman Holohan. Ayes-5 Nays-0. Motion carried.

Abstract 14 for 2019

General Bills- Vouchers 1-12 \$41,649.09. A Motion to approve payment was made by Councilman Holohan, seconded by Councilwoman Branigan. Ayes-5 Nays-0. Motion carried.

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Highway Bills-Vouchers 1-1 \$2,428.70. A Motion to approve payment was made by Councilman Holohan, seconded by Councilwoman Branigan. Ayes-5 Nays-0. Motion carried.

A Motion to adjourn at 8:55pm by Councilman Holohan, seconded by Councilwoman Leon. Ayes-5 Nays-0. Motion carried.

Beth Moakler
Town Clerk