

TOWN OF MIDDLEFIELD
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SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES: March 29, 2023

PRESENT: Ann Marie Visconti, Chair, Tonya Santaniello, Member, Curt Robie, Member, Joe Kearns, Adair Laurel-Cafarella, Carol Waag, Skip Savery, Doreen Black

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order 6:35 PM

Review Mail: Discussed MIIA Unemployment insurance which is no cost to the Town. Document signed by Ann Marie. Discussed FRTA email from Judy Hoag regarding transportation for seniors. Discussed email from Howard Knickerbocker regarding Town Bylaws draft for 2023 which should be sent to the Planning Board as they are working on updating Bylaws.

Review & Sign Warrants: Reviewed & Signed

ATM articles review:

Carol Waag – Discuss Knotweed: Carol discussed that this is a repeat from last summer for knotweed spraying. Reviewed Notice of Intent application for the eradication of Japanese knotweed at Root Road/Glendale Brook culverts. Discussed the object is a knotweed free site, in anticipation of new construction of culverts, and the betterment of wetland resource areas. The knotweed will be clipped down by hand in May or June and sprayed with Aquatic approved spray in early September. The Board will need to sign NOI and Carol will submit to Conservation Commission. Discussed that the Cone Road Culvert Application will be submitted this week. Carol also discussed that she cannot find the Wetlands Bylaw. Carol will reach out to the Planning Board Chair.

Linda Cernik – HRMC – Discuss Transfer Station items & what the \$4200 can be spent on: Unable to attend, tabled for future meeting.

Wayne Suriner: Tabled for future meeting when Linda Cernik is available.

Select Board Annual Report & Other Departments Annual Reports: Discussed that the Annual Town Reports are due no later than April 15th. Another email will go out to all departments reminding them to complete reports. Curt will work on a draft for the Select Board.

STM Meeting review: Curt stated that he will work with the Town Accountant on the two Capital Accts that need to be setup. Ann Marie asked Skip (Hwy Superintendent) if he was going to call for ordering granite for the Town Park. Skip said he would call for a price. Skip & Jay will work together on the fence. Carol will order plants. There is still a need for someone to be the lead on the project.

Old Business: Skip discussed being over on Snow by \$12,000 as of today. He will review numbers again once there is no snow in the forecast. Skip discussed wanting approval to increase the Snow budget for FY24 to 90,000 to try and prevent overage next year. The Highway Dept. will be going back out tonight due to forecasted snow. Ann Marie made a motion to approve increasing the snow account to 90,000 for FY24, Curt seconds. All agree. Skip discussed getting 3 applications for the open operator job and repairs that they were working on to the passenger frame on the F550. Discussed submitting Invoice from IT Dept for hours worked. Tonya will submit payment.

New Business: Ann Marie Discussed call with Casey Pease regarding the Census, he will get back to her with results. Discussed Fire Dept volunteers, coverage, and the need for response plans in writing. Adair discussed Transfer Attendant 5% increase in salary. Ann Marie requested that his salary be separated out under a new account number so it can be tracked better. Ann Marie made a motion to raise Wayne's rate to \$18.90, Tonya seconds. All agree. Curt discussed \$57,010 owed for Highway Truck. Kirsten paid this in full instead of taking a loan. Ann Marie thought they had already discussed this, and it didn't need to be paid back to the town. Ann Marie

called Kirsten who stated that the Town need to raise & appropriate funds to pay the Town back for the truck
Need to add article on ATM warrant. Curt recommended speaking to the Fire Chief & Deputy Chief regarding the
Hilltown Ambulance articles on the ATM warrant. As of now Berkshire Dispatch calls Hinsdale Ambulance first,
then Hilltown second. Discussed Dispatch services along with Berkshire Sheriff's increase every year.

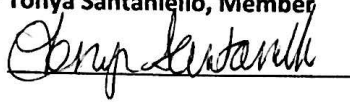
Public Input: None

Adjourned: Ann Marie made a motion to adjourn, Curt seconds. All agree. Meeting adjourned 8:58 PM.

Ann Marie Visconti, Chair



Tonya Santaniello, Member



Curt Robie, Member

