

Selectboard Minutes  
January 12, 2022

Meeting opened at 6:30pm

Present: Ann Marie Visconti, Chair; Tonya Santaniello; Curt Robie  
Duane Pease, Town Administrator (TA); also in attendance: Joe Kearns, Finance  
chair; Adair Laurel-Cafarella

Warrants; Payroll: \$11,066.70; Expenses: \$26,937.96

Board met with Larry Pease, Interim Fire Chief and Ron Radwich. Dept. has 2 AED's. there was discussion regarding First responder and CPR courses, COVID has put a damper on courses last year but they have scheduled First Responder for 2/5 and 2/6 with Hinsdale. Member Steve Baker is certified to train but they did not hear back from him. Currently there are 28-30 members of the dept, and 15-16 are certified in CPR and First Responders. Many of the members do not respond to medical calls. Ron believes there is only one member that is over 65, Larry said he will be turning 65 in March but will still continue to respond to calls. He was advised he may have to sign some type of waiver. TA will follow with town counsel at a later date to see if this is possible. As far as training goes, they will take members out to practice driving and train on how to operate the pumps. They do not have a Jaws of Life but they are available from neighboring communities and Ron doesn't believe he could justify the cost. They have 14 Scott air packs with 14 spare tanks, they are tested regularly. One of the biggest challenges when a call comes in is availability of members. There is currently enough space for their equipment. Hinsdale is one of the towns that provide mutual aid when needed. Ambulance response in a problem in the area as manpower is not available. Board asked then to prop are a realistic equipment request. Ron said the dept. had received a \$10,500 grant to be used for turnout gear.

TA to post 1/21 meeting to meet with BTA and go over needs at the Senior Center. Immediate needs will be addressed and availability of funds. Propose taking 75k from Free Cash and 75k from stabilization at this time for any repairs.

Board voted to increase hourly wage of TA to \$18/hr and custodian to \$17hr; both retroactive to 1/1/22 on motion by Ann Marie, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tonya and Curt; vote 3-0.

Old business: Curt said the School Committee is working on a new formula for the Alternative budget for the school, Middlefield currently has 22 students in the

system. He toured the buildings and found them to be in good shape but the roof is approaching 20 years and replacement time is nearing,

The legislature is considering funding public safety complexes after a long hiatus. Curt said if this passes, he will submit a grant for the town. Reimbursement may be up to 50%

Ann Marie has been in contact with Carrieanne Petrik and she is reviewing our Hazzard Mitigation Plan as it may qualify for the next step in the Climate Change initiative.

The next all board Saturday meeting is tentatively scheduled for 4/9 from 8:30-noon.

Ann Marie motioned to adjourn, Curt 2<sup>nd</sup>; vote 3-0 and meeting adjourned at 8:30.

Minutes respectively submitted by:

Duane Pease  
Twin Administrator

Minutes accepted with/without changes by:

Ann Marie Visconti, Chair

Tonya Santaniello

Curt Robie