

TOWN OF MIDDLEFIELD  
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SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES: September 7, 2022

**PRESENT:** Ann Marie Visconti, Chair, Tonya Santaniello, Member, Curt Robie, Member, Skip Savery, Highway Superintendent, Ken Murray, Dorren Black, Adair Laurel-Cafarella, Dave DiNicola, Joe Kearns, Finance Chair.

**CALL TO ORDER:** 6:02 P.M.

**REVIEW AND SIGN WARRANTS:** All board members reviewed and signed Warrants

**REVIEW AND APPROVE MEETING MINUTES FOR 7/13/22 AND 7/19/22:** Tabled for next meeting

**REVIEW MAIL:** No mail to review

**HIGHWAY DEPT.:** Highway Super discussed applicants for the Administrative Assistant position and temporary summer help. Skip recommended Tonya Santaniello for the administrative assistant position and Nicholas Geddis as temporary summer help. Curt asked if the State Ethics Board had been contacted. Tonya had already called and spoke to them. Ann Marie made motion to approve Tonya Santaniello as the Administrative Assistant, Curt seconds, Tonya recused. All Agree. Vote 2-0. Ann Marie made motion to approve Nick Geddis as temporary summer help, Curt seconds, All Agree. Vote 3-0. Discussed Speed Sign was installed on Skyline Trail near the Chester Town Line. Discussed work being done on Alderman Rd, Chipman Rd, and Cone Road. Discussed additional material that needed to be put on Reservoir Rd. Discussed the possibility of using money from the Winter Road Recovery to pave some of the worse roads. Discussed bids for untreated and treated salt increased with untreated being \$82/ton and treated \$97/ton. Ann Marie discussed possibility of repairing old signs at Townhill & Skyline Trail and near Arthur Pease. Curt discussed what Skip thought on sidewalk for the park, Skip discussed putting a berm will just plow off but could possibly use aggregate. Discussed fence and walkway.

**GET UPDATE ON FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING, ISSUES/QUESTIONS REGARDING AUDIT, POLICE, AND DPW:** Ann Marie discussed speaking with the auditor, Dave Irwin, everything for the interim audit is financial, nothing procedural. Discussed the sample selected of cash disbursements, focusing more on Highway and Police Department expenses, for the period of 7/1/2021 through 6/30/2022. Discussed reviewing for authorization, allowability, and proper amount. Dave Irwin will report any significant deficiencies to the Select Board.

**DISCUSS BASKETBALL/PICKLE BALL EQUIPMENT:** Curt discussed funds for Pickle Ball will be taken from Recreation and any left over from older accounts. Discussed following up with Bev to determine where the money can come from. Looking to purchase full size and junior size basketballs, 4 rackets for pickleball along with Rubbermaid container and Nets.

**UPDATE ON GRANTS:** Discussed State Ceremony with Governor Baker and Lt. Governor in Williamsburg. Discussed Mass Vulnerability Grant, Hazard Mitigation Grant that needs to be updated next year, and 3 Town Grant for the study of roads. Curt discussed requesting proposal from PVPC for the MVP Grant due in a little over a week, emailed the Erica Johnson at PVPC about possible FY22 funding left from the Community Development Grant but hasn't heard back yet. Discussed that there has been no news on Roof Grant for Fire House and Highway Garage.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Dorren discussed an issue with the GIS map for Open Space. People wanted to just put a line on the map which is not in the correct location. Dorren said she was not in favor of a line on the map. Discussed using the one we have or put exception on the map. Discussed meeting every 3 weeks instead of 2. Discussed goals will be discussed and set at next meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Resident Tosha Strong would like to volunteer for represent Middlefield on the School Committee. Selectboard approved and thanked her for volunteering her time.

**ADJOURNED:** Ann Marie made motion to adjourn, Tonya seconds, All Agree. Meeting adjourned 8:45 PM.

Ann Marie Visconti, Chair



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Tonya Santaniello, Member

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Curt Robie, Member



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