

TOWN OF MIDDLEFIELD
PO BOX 238, MIDDLEFIELD, MA 01243
SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES: February 15, 2023

PRESENT: Ann Marie Visconti, Chair, Tonya Santaniello, Member, Curt Robie, Member, Mary Ann Pease, Duane Pease, Skip Savery, Jenny Dion, Jade Rice, Baily Jones, Suzanne Lemieux, Doreen Black, Adair Laurel-Cafarella, Joe Kearns,

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order 6:07 PM

Review Mail: Discussed Berkshire Sheriff's Control Invoice due 08/1/2023 and contract that needs signature. Ann Marie wants to hold off on signing since it is so early.

Review & Sign Warrants: Reviewed and signed warrants

Review and approve meeting minutes for 01/18/2023: Ann Marie made motion to approve meeting minutes for 1/18/23, Curt seconds. All agree.

Meet with Mary Ann Pease & Hilltown Ambulance to discuss possible Intercept Fees: Representatives from Hilltown Ambulance discussed a trend over the last year in answering medical calls in Middlefield. Hilltown Ambulance has no contract with the Town of Middlefield and has responded to 10 calls this past year. Discussed the present status of Hinsdale Ambulance, which is Middlefield's primary. Hinsdale is EMT level and is short-staffed. Berkshire Control has Hilltown Ambulance listed as second with Hinsdale primary. They would like to know how they got placed on the list as second call for service. Discussed what kind of agreement Middlefield has with Hinsdale. Discussed that Chester is losing funds for responding to Middlefield and would like to have a contract signed or they may have to start sending an invoice to the Town when they respond. The board will discuss and take it to the Town for a vote.

Discuss Hwy Budget Numbers & possibly vote on increased rates of pay: Skip discussed that Vacation would come up short and there may need to be an article on the ATM. Ann Marie made motion to increase Highway payrates, Curt seconds. Tonya abstained from voting. New rates will start March 1, 2023. Discussed advertising for the vacant equipment operator position.

Discuss possibly moving funds from free cash for Town Center Park: Tabled for next meeting, Skip will get some information together for the Board and Curt will request information from Carol Waag.

Discuss Caucus Date and if we will vote to approve Vote by mail: Caucus will be held on Wednesday, March 29, 2023 from 4pm-8pm. No vote is needed for the Caucus regarding vote by mail, only the ATM.

Discuss Town Election will take place on May 6, 2023 from 8am-12pm prior to ATM: Town Election will be held Saturday, May 6th from 8am-12pm prior to the Annual Town Meeting at 1:30. Ann Marie made motion to approve Vote by Mail, Tonya seconds. All Agree.

Discuss Agenda for STM: STM will be on March 25, 2023, at 10am. Brief discussion on setting a snow date of April 1st. Reviewed & Discussed articles on draft warrant.

Discuss Agenda for All Boards Meeting: All Boards meeting will be on March 11, 2023, at 9am. Discussed agenda items; budget forms, annual reports, new email platform, capital projects, STM items, and possibly other items.

Building Inspector – residents still in violation: Ann Marie spoke with the Building Inspector who was unable to attend the meeting. Bill told her that there are only 4 people still in violation. All letters were mailed. KP Law will follow up with Bill.

Old Business: Discussed repaying the Town for the Highway Truck out of Free Cash in three payments of \$19,000 per year since the truck was paid in full instead of taking a loan or paying it back in full out of free cash. Catya asked if the Board would be comfortable with giving her the password to their email to make the switch to dream host. The board agrees that she can have it. Adair asked on Anita Meyers land, the \$10,000 from the Slocum lot, he thought that was already voted on. Curt said he would get Adair the information in the morning, he does not have it with him,

New Business: Ann Marie discussed Northampton Public Health Nurse's webinar that she is attending. They discussed a survey form that can be filled out and the statistics from that survey will be discussed at their next meeting on March 16th. Discussed that the Town of Washington scheduled a STM for March 21st.

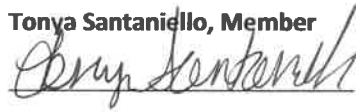
Public Input: None

Meeting Adjourned: Ann Marie made motion to adjourn, Tonya seconds, all agree. Meeting adjourned at 8:22 PM

Ann Marie Visconti, Chair



Tonya Santaniello, Member



Curt Robie, Member

