

January 12, 2022

The regular meeting of the Middlebury Town Board was called to order by Supervisor Leuer at 7:00 pm with all present. The meeting was opened with the pledge to the flag.

Oath of Offices were taken by Town Councilmen Ewell and Harkins, Highway Superintendent Smart and Town Clerk Strathearn.

The minutes to the December meeting were read by the Clerk. A motion was made by Craig Harkins and seconded by Greg Chamberlain to approve the minutes as read. Carried with all voting yes.

Richard Crandall, Chairman of the Planning Board reported no permits were issued in December.

2022 Organizational items:

A motion was made by Craig Harkins to approve the list of Appointments attached. The motion was seconded by Gordon Ewell and carried.

A motion was made by Craig Harkins to establish the Board meeting day and time – the second Wednesday of the month – May through October at 7:30 pm and November through April at 7:00 pm. The official depositories will be Bank of Castile and Five Star. The official newspapers are the Batavia Daily News and the Warsaw PennySaver and the mileage rate will be \$.58.5 per mile. The motion was seconded by Thomas Jaroszek and carried with all voting yes.

Wyoming Hook & Ladder EMS response members Michael Sullivan, Mark Black, Vernon Baker, Jack Moore and Richard Crandall appeared before the Board to discuss the declining of number of EMTs in the fire departments. Wyoming Hook & Ladder has tried unsuccessfully to recruit new members and EMTs. A discussion ensued regarding a formal county wide EMS coverage system, separate funding and the possibility of offering incentives to become an EMT.

Brian Kaczmarek appeared before the Board to encouraged the Town of Middlebury to support a resolution to become Constitutional Sanctuary and to support and respect the Constitution of the United States. A sample resolution will be reviewed by the Town Board and the Town's attorney.

The December Financial report was reviewed by the Board. A motion was made by Craig Harkins and seconded by Greg Chamberlain to approve the report. Carried, with all voting yes.

General Bills # 1-16 in the amount of \$5,980.06 were submitted to the Board for their review. A motion was made by Greg Chamberlain and seconded by Craig Harkins to pull the bill to the Association of Towns for \$800.00, which is a charge for dues. The motion was carried, with all voting yes. A motion was made by Craig Harkins and seconded by Thomas Jaroszek to approve payment of the balance of the bills which now total \$5,180.06. The motion was carried, with all voting yes.

Highway Bills #1 - 11 in the amount of \$27,808.97 were presented to the Board to review. A motion was made by Craig Harkins and seconded by Gordon Ewell to approve paying the bills. The motion was carried, with all voting yes.

R. James Smart, Highway Superintendent reported the 2023 Western Star Truck piggy backing on a Cattaraugus County bid for \$271,034.91 for the body and chassis will also need an additional \$4,200.00 surcharge to order the truck. A motion was made by Craig Harkins and seconded by Greg Chamberlain to approve the surcharge payment of \$4,200.00. The motion was carried, with all voting yes.

2021 Annual Zoning Report was submitted by James Smart, Zoning Officer and the 2021 Annual Town Clerk Report was submitted by Cheryl Strathearn, Town Clerk. A motion was made by Greg Chamberlain to approve the annual reports. The motion was seconded by Craig Harkins and carried, with all voting yes.

Supervisor Leuer reported a letter was received by read Judge Markey reminding the Town Board of their responsibility to audit the courts records. The audit will take place on February 9 2022 at 6:30.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 pm.

Cheryl Strathearn  
Middlebury Town Clerk