

MIDDLEFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN
405 Main Street
Middlefield, Connecticut 06455

Minutes of the November 16, 2021 Regular Meeting

Call to Order

Bob Yamartino called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Bob Yamartino and Carol Bufithis were present. Ed Bailey was in attendance via phone.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda

Amend the agenda as follows:

10. Approve tax refunds as attached
11. First Selectman's Report
12. Adjourn

Ed Bailey made a motion, second by Bob Yamartino, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Public Comment

None.

Approval of Minutes of the Board of Selectmen

- a. September 21, 2021 – Regular Meeting
- b. October 19, 2021 – Regular Meeting

Ed Bailey made a motion, second by Carol Bufithis, to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2021 and October 19, 2021 Regular Meetings of the Board of Selectmen. Motion carried.

New Board – Order of Succession

1. Ed Bailey, First Selectman
2. Robert Yamartino, Second Selectman
3. Carol Bufithis, Third Selectwoman
4. Jim Irish, Chairman, Board of Finance

In the temporary absence or unavailability of the First Selectman the above individuals listed in the order above, are authorized to act in the capacity of the First Selectman.

Ed Bailey made a motion, second by Carol Bufithis, to approve the order of succession. Motion carried.

Firehouse Building Committee – Approval of Contract for Consultant

Members of the Firehouse building Committee present were Chief Pete Tyc, Paul Pizzo, Firehouse Building Committee Chair, Alice Malcolm, Kevin Boyle, Firehouse Building Committee Vice Chair, Melissa Kowal, Ken Wilson, Second Captain, Middlefield Fire, Bruce Villwock, past Chief, Middlefield Fire.

Mr. Pizzo read the letter of recommendation into record, naming Kaestle Boos as the committee's choice.

Bob Yamartino made a motion, second by Carol Bufithis, to accept the recommendation of the Firehouse Building Committee to hire the firm Kaestle Boos and to authorize Ed Bailey to draft, negotiate and execute a contract to that end. Motion carried.

RSD-13 Update

Mr. Yamartino reported that the John Lyman School closure referendum question from the November 2nd election passed in Durham but failed in Middlefield. This means that the school will remain in operation as both towns needed to agree in order for the question to pass. A list of quotes for all of the improvements needed for the school is being updated.

In the same election, four new members were elected to the Board of Education in the town of Durham. Bob noted that a special District Meeting will be taking place regarding the transfer of Korn School to the Town of Durham. If the school is not transferred to the Town of Durham the school will be demolished by the school district.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Fund – Preliminary List

Bob read the preliminary list of projects into the record. Discussion was had about other projects that could be added to the list in the future.

Bob Yamartino made a motion, second by Carol Bufithis, to approve the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Fund list as attached, dated 11/15/2021 in the amount of \$698,673.00 (with two items expanded over two years). Motion carried.

Approve Tax Refunds

Carol Bufithis read the listing of tax refunds to be approved.

Bob Yamartino made motion, second by Carol Bufithis, to approve the Tax Refunds as attached. Motion carried.

First Selectman's Report

Mr. Bailey began his report by welcoming the newly elected members of the Board of Selectmen. Ed said that he is looking forward to the boards continued productivity over the next two years and thanked the members for their support, input, and hard work.

Mr. Bailey noted that he has continued to attend meetings of the Estuary Transit Board, MERA Board, and the Middlesex County Revitalization Commission.

The swearing in ceremony was held this past Sunday and Ed was pleased that so many people were in attendance. He was happy to have the Community Center Auditorium in use with the new floors and paint for all to see at the event. He noted that the next upgrade will be replacing the stage curtain.

Carol acknowledged Bob for the excellent job he did with his speech at the swearing in and setting the tone for a very nice event. Bob mentioned that Alma Elder requested a print copy of the speech so that she could submit it to be published in the Town Times. Bob also suggested that each board member take turns on a monthly basis submitting a brief note to the Town Times keeping folks informed of the work the board does.

Adjournment

Ed Bailey made a motion, second by Carol Bufithis, to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

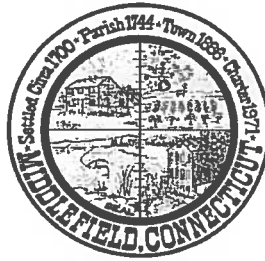
Tonya Hogan

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Assistant Town Clerk

Minutes Approved _____

Confirmed by _____

Town of Middlefield, Connecticut



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REQUEST FOR REFUNDS TO BE APPROVED BY BOARD OF SELECTMAN

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILL #</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
<u>CURRENT YEAR 01-01-4004</u>			
Advanced Sheetmetal Asso LLC	20-03-50062	Totaled 11/20	217.17
Eddinger Janina E	20-03-51332	Corrected add vet	95.46
Honda Lease Trust	20-03-51948	Sold 6/21	97.59
Honda Lease Trust	20-03-51947	Sold 5/21	165.94
Honda Lease Trust	20-03-51946	Sold 4/21	242.16
Hyundai Lease Titling Trust	20-03-52002	Assessed in wrong town	317.88
JP Morgan Chase Bank NA	20-03-52097	Sold 1/21	404.95
Jp Morgan Chase Bank NA	20-03-52100	Sold 1/21	278.68
Kindschi Trustees	20-01-948	Corrected add vet	318.20
Nissan Infiniti LT	20-03-53119	Sold 6/21	100.55
Nissan Infiniti LT	20-03-53111	Sold 8/21	31.44
Toyota Lease Trust	20-03-54448	Sold 12/20	451.05
Toyota Lease Trust	20-03-54451	Sold 4/21	286.73
Toyota Lease Trust	20-03-54467	Sold 3/21	160.06
Toyota Lease Trust	20-03-54462	Assessed in wrong town	638.63
USB Leasing LT	20-03-54561	Sold 5/21	189.07
VW Credit Leasing LTD	20-03-54636	Sold 2/21	208.13
<u>PRIOR YEAR 01-01-4005</u>			
Bloor-Nicholls Carol J	19-03-56009	Assessed in wrong town	332.94
Bugbee Jill S	19-04-80073	Sold 5/20	26.85
Patushi Arels	19-03-53426	Sold 7/20	32.23
Tirone Kathy A & Tyler M	19-03-54498	Sold 10/19	75.10
Toyota Lease Trust	19-03-54565	Assessed in wrong town	617.53

Anne L. Olszewski
Middlefield Certified Tax Collector