

Middletown Springs Select Board Minutes October 9, 2014 Meeting Approved

CALL TO ORDER: 7:04 pm

BOARD PRESENT: H. Childress, C. Haynes, M. Lamson, S. Moyer, T. Redfield

PUBLIC PRESENT: Jim Georg, Bill Reed

Approval of Minutes: M. Lamson moved to approve minutes from September 25 after amendment to correct his comments; T. Redfield 2nd. [*all in favor, motion carried*]. T. Redfield moved to approve minutes from September 22 special meeting; C. Haynes 2nd. [*all in favor, motion carried*].

Auditors:

- Jim Georg reported that the Auditors have had three work sessions to examine the 2014 fiscal year reports; they look good, and significant improvement has been made in the past year and a half to be able to track expenditures from origin to completion. The Auditors noted that the Selectboard, when signing year-end account-transfer orders, should also date those signatures. The Auditors will have a warned public meeting at 7pm on Monday, October 27, at the Town Office.
- The Auditors are not yet ready to recommend an external audit. C. Haynes noted that the Town's insurers are requesting external audit annually or biannually, and that the Board needs to decide on the frequency of audits, when we should begin, and who might be contracted for auditing service.
- Patty Kenyon has offered layout services for the Town Report at \$35/hour, compared to the \$50/hour charged last year by the printing company. The deadline for public groups and non-profit agencies to submit their year-end reports for inclusion in the Town Report will be mid-January; materials are already coming in, and progress is good. T. Redfield moved to contract with Patty Kenyon for layout services for the coming Annual Report at a rate of \$35/hour; H. Childress 2nd. [*all in favor, motion carried*].

Building Committee: H. Childress offered an overview of the Saturday 10/4 Building Committee Open House, which was attended by over 70 people. The information was well received and closely examined by the visitors. The deadline for bid submittals for basement cleanup was to have been Friday 10/3; H. Childress will check with David Munyak on progress on those bids.

Other Town Lands:

- FEMA has issued an amended flood determination for the West Street town property, which now indicates that the house site is no longer in the Flood Hazard Area. This removes the need for purchase of flood insurance for any structure built on the existing house area.
- C. Haynes will speak with the covenant holders and other adjacent land owner about allowable Town uses of the former landfill site on Coy Hill Road.

Road Commissioner: Bill Reed presented the Road Commissioner's Report.

- Bill advised selling the truckbed sanding unit, which has not been used in some time. He believes that it still has resale value, especially as commercial plowing and parking maintenance companies prepare for winter. M. Lamson moved to advertise the sander for sale at a minimum bid of \$1500, with bids due at the Town Office by 4pm on Tuesday

11/11; bids will be opened and considered at the regular Selectboard meeting of 11/13, with the Town reserving the right to reject any and all bids. T. Redfield 2nd. [*Ayes—H. Childress, M. Lamson, S. Moyer, T. Redfield; Nay—C. Haynes; motion carried*]

- Bill presented his research on winter sand, and recommended purchase of 2,000 cubic yards of material through Chet McCullen. After screening, this should amount to roughly 1,500 yards of sand and 500 yards of larger tailings for use in short-term spring repairs. C. Haynes moved to hire Chet McCullen to process 2,000 cubic yards of material from the Sunnyside gravel pit, at a processing and delivery cost of \$8,500 delivered to the Firehouse lot, for a total purchase price of \$18,300; T. Redfield 2nd. [*all in favor, motion carried.*]
- C. Haynes received a request from Margaret Fowler for continued use of the curved drive leading northbound onto Coy Hill Road at Moyer Acres Road. Bill recommends having Rodney Tarbell file a request for work in a road right of way, so that he and the Selectboard can consider their proposed water-management plan for that drive. H. Childress will forward the warning for the September 9th roads hearing, along with the minutes from that meeting and the minutes where the decision on reclassification was made, to Town's attorney for proper wording of legal action.
- The Board considered options for sidewalk clearance on School House Road. M. Lamson moved to post for bids for School House Road sidewalk snow removal in Front Porch Forum, Free Press, and locally; C. Haynes 2nd. [*all in favor, motion carried.*]
Advertisement as follows: Middletown Springs is seeking bids for sidewalk snow removal on Schoolhouse Road for the 2014-2015 winter season. Sidewalk is approximately 500' long and is expected to be cleared of any accumulated snow Monday – Friday prior to school dismissal at 3:00 PM. Bids should specify cost per each instance of clearing and method of removal. Contractor responsible for providing proof of insurance at time of bid submittal. Sealed bids are due Tuesday November 11 at 4:00PM to the town office and will be opened at the regular November 13 Middletown Springs Select Board meeting. The Select Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids. For more information or to view the sidewalk, contact Select Board chair Carl Haynes at 342-2759. If no answer, leave a message.
- C. Haynes moved that we post for a part-time employee with a commercial drivers' license (CDL) for Winter 2014. [*no second, motion lost*]. Bill will begin recruiting a list of interested local CDL holders for emergency plow operation service.

Solid Waste: Large waste day on Saturday 10/4 filled only one of the two available containers.

Correspondence: C. Haynes will work to collect for returned checks for transfer station fees. T. Redfield moved that transfer station fees be purchased in cash only, effective 11/1; H. Childress 2nd. Laura Castle noted that more tickets are purchased by check than by cash. [*Ayes—S. Moyer, T. Redfield; Nays—H. Childress, C. Haynes, M. Lamson; motion failed*]

Board Orders: M. Lamson moved to approve Board orders as presented; T. Redfield 2nd. [*Ayes—H. Childress, M. Lamson, S. Moyer, T. Redfield; Nay—C. Haynes; motion carried*]

Other Business: T. Redfield noted the possibility of mounting a streetlight on the power pole 290-1 halfway up School House Road on the south side, as well as a pole at the foot of the crosswalk at Teer property. H. Childress will bring a streetlight proposal to the 10/23 meeting.

Adjourn — T. Redfield moved to adjourn, C. Haynes 2nd. [*all in favor, motion carried*]. Meeting adjourned 9:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Herb Childress, Clerk