

**Middletown Springs Select Board Minutes
Special Meeting, December 17, 2015 Approved**

CALL TO ORDER: 6:04 pm

BOARD PRESENT: H. Childress, T. Redfield, J. Webber

PUBLIC PRESENT: Sally Achey, Lois Dansereau, Krystal Haines Hier, Kimberly Matthewson, Patricia McWilliams, Jenny Talke Munyak, Bill Reed

2016-17 Budget: The Board received the budget request for the Middletown Springs Library. Total expenses offset by income from grants, fundraising, and Friends of the Library contribution leaves a requested Town allotment of \$20,665. This would include the monthly publication of a Library/Town newsletter, so the prior Town funding allocated to the Magnet could help to offset the requested increase.

The 2016/17 Library budget includes a request for an assistant librarian. This allows Kimberly do administrative/managerial tasks while the assistant librarian does patron service.

Some library facts:

- 443 library cards out of 740 people.
- Over 150 people used their library cards in past twelve months; top user withdrew 225 books
- 3,321 books total circulation in past twelve months
- Current holdings: 7,600 (including books, movies, etc.)
- Expanded loan categories to include board games, decorative lights, digital cameras; moving into tools, knitting supplies, a Kindle.
- Public computing, scanning, printing, laptop, Internet utility...

The Board continued to work with the Treasurer and Road Commissioner on next year's budget, covering primarily the Highway budget. A first draft of the Town General and Highway budgets is now complete, for discussion at a special meeting at 6:00 pm on Tuesday December 22nd (prior to the Board's regular meeting which begins at 7:00 pm)

Listers: Sally Achey presented an Errors and Omissions form related to the sale of the Zorn property, requesting a reduction of \$800 in valuation from TH02-680-000. T. Redfield moved to accept and sign the errors and omissions form relative to Zorn property; H. Childress 2nd [*all in favor, motion carried*].

Other Business: T. Redfield moved to allow Patty Kenyon to prepare 2016 town report; H. Childress 2nd [*all in favor, motion carried*].

The Board chair has set a special meeting to continue budget deliberations at 6:00 pm Tuesday December 22; and a special meeting to finalize and vote on 2016-17 budget, at 6:00 pm Thursday January 7th.

Board Orders: H. Childress moved to approve board orders as presented; T. Redfield 2nd [*all in favor, motion carried*]

Adjourn: H. Childress moved to adjourn; T. Redfield 2nd [*all in favor, motion carried*].
Meeting adjourned 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Herb Childress, Clerk