

**Middletown Springs Selectboard • January 15, 2019**  
**Special Meeting Approved Minutes**

**SELECTBOARD PRESENT:** Herb Childress, Chris Fenton, Carl Haynes, Patty Kenyon, Terry Redfield

**TOWN OFFICERS:** Juanita Burch-Clay, Auditor; Sarah Grimm, Auditor; Jenny Talke Munyak, Treasurer

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Art Castle, Derrick Knipes, Tyler Manning, Richie Miller, Joe Parker (Fire Department, 8:00 pm); George Gonda (Fire Association, 9:00 p.m.)

**CALLED TO ORDER:** 7:29 p.m.

**Audit:** We received the to-do list for the audit preparation from Sullivan, Powers & Co. We raised the question of whether an audit of FY 2018 would be most beneficial, given that we won't be prepared to pursue major loans in this year; but we determined that moving forward on the 2018 audit makes sense to pursue smaller loans, and to bring concerns to our attention so that we might change practices where recommended. H. Childress moved that the Chair sign the Sullivan, Powers & Co. letter of management understanding; C. Haynes 2<sup>nd</sup> [*all in favor, motion carried*]

**Building Projects:** Representatives of the fire association requested an update on the scheduling and funding of their building project. The Selectboard reiterated the same requests we've made since September about the detail of project information; about the permitting and engineering studies that will need to be completed; and repeated that since the Town will be the contractor and owner of the building, the Selectboard cannot move forward on the project without far more information than we have thus far received. We have scheduled a proposed meeting time for a conversation between the Selectboard and the Board of the Volunteer Fire Association, at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday January 31.

**Budget:** C. Haynes moved to put the \$20,250 for law enforcement contract into a ballot item to be voted on by the taxpayers, rather than being a budget line item; P. Kenyon 2<sup>nd</sup>; [*Aye: Childress, Fenton, Haynes, Kenyon; Nay: Redfield; motion carried 4-1*]. We also modified the allocation of delinquent tax revenue, so that the highway budget receives a greater proportion of the allocation. Work on the budget is now complete, and the 2019 Town Meeting Warning will be voted on at our next regular meeting of January 24.

**Other Business:** The transfer station was successfully inspected on Monday 1/14 by the state, with only small recommendations. The computer control unit for the compactor has still not been replaced, and we're waiting on the arrival of this part. If it doesn't arrive soon, we may configure a different drive arrangement for the compactor head.

**Adjourn:** H. Childress moved to adjourn; P. Kenyon 2<sup>nd</sup>; [all in favor, motion carried].  
Meeting adjourned 9:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Herb Childress, Selectboard Clerk