

**Middletown Springs Selectboard • Special Meeting
Approved Minutes • January 31, 2019**

SELECTBOARD PRESENT: H. Childress, C. Haynes, C. Fenton, P. Kenyon, T. Redfield

FIRE ASSOCIATION/DEPARTMENT PRESENT: Art Castle, Joe Castle, Kevin Eaton, George Gonda, Richie Miller

PUBLIC: David Munyak, David Wright

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:00 pm

FIREHOUSE: The primary purpose of tonight's meeting is to discuss the possible borrowing for a new firehouse with the Volunteer Fire Association. Joe Castle said that he has engineering drawings for the proposed building, but with the question of orientation and property boundaries if we were to move the transfer station and highway facilities from the town lot, it isn't certain that those plans are the best alternative. The price that he presented in September may not likely be available as time goes past and materials costs change.

The goal is that the fire company will have drawings and the alternatives that were considered to be able to present to the public at town meeting, so that we can ask the voters to approve a lending limit for the project even if we don't yet know its final details.

A question has been raised about the nature of the lease of the Town property to the Fire Association: does the Town own the land and the Association own the building, or does the Town own both? The Board will pursue a legal opinion about the nature of that lease, as well as legal recommendations for the future of any lease pertaining to a new facility.

BUDGET AND WARNING: C. Haynes noticed one error in the warning as offered. with that change made, T. Redfield moved to approve the warning and budget as developed, P. Kenyon 2nd; [*all in favor, motion carried*]. Town Meeting is scheduled for Monday March 4 and Tuesday March 5, 2019.

OTHER BUSINESS: We discussed some questions about delinquent tax procedures and recent payments, and will investigate the current status of property records in question with the Town Clerk and Delinquent Tax Collector.

ADJOURN: C. Haynes moved to adjourn, approved by consensus. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Herb Childress, Selectboard Clerk