

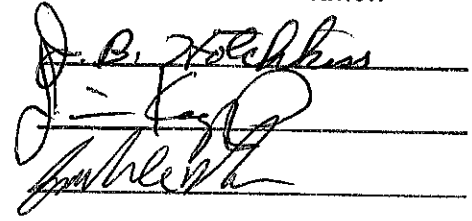
Town of Middleton
Board of Selectmen Meeting
December 9, 2019

Approved By
Board of Selectmen

Called to order at 6:30 P.M

BOS Members Present: J. Bailey, J. Hotchkiss, J. James Knapp

Pledge Recited



Signature Action:

J. Knapp moves to approve the Board of Selectmen's meeting minutes dated 12/02/2019 as written.
J. Bailey seconds, all in favor.

Old Business

Dona Luden-Glidden reaches out with town. She is discussing on why she believes her father believes the elderly tax break. She explains how she does not think it right for being over 780 and that was because we do not take expenses threw his Medicare. Debbie will meet with Sierra this week. J. Hotchkiss wants to here more on the tax deferral. K. Blaney talks about maybe we can do a warrant article to raise the guidelines to 31000. J. Hotchkiss states that he will be working on warrant articles and will help K. Blaney.

Department head Chief Cooper talks about the new hire part-time officer Sean Leach. Chief Cooper goes over where Sean Leach came from and his background. J. Knapp moves to accept the new Officer Sean Leach and J. Bailey 2nds all in favor. We have a new Part-time police officer Sean Leach.

Department head Chief Lawrence talks about how the fire department is looking great. He wants to thank J. Knapp especially for all the hard work he has done for the fire department. He then states that he will be stepping down from Fire Chief and stepping into the captain's position that they have. He reads a letter of his recognitions which states that he was under investigation that undermined his authority and that the selectmen knew about this for about these events 7 months before informing him. He felt the lack of communication from the board over critical operations such as installing a security system which forced the fire department to go days without access to his building. He also stated they went at least 4 weeks without heat being addressed. He feels that the department is suffering from what could be vied as personal attacks and is detrimental to the department. Janet Hotchkiss then stands up to speak to Chief Lawrence and states that it saddens that he is stepping down and he will be missed. He did a great job. She also states that he did call J. Hotchkiss on Ocotber20th not a sure date while Jon was in surgery and she address the heat as much as she could and is sorry if she didn't do enough. Chief Lawrence let Janet Hotchkiss know that its ok and he would be glad to talk more on this with her at a later date.

New Business

Department head:

Town Clerk- Nothing

Police – Chief cooper talks about his 67 MV stops.

ACO – T. Jones wants to thank Chief Cooper and Selectman for rectifying the car situation quickly. She had 6 calls in the month of November. She wants people to try and call her when they can instead of face book.

Fire and Ems: Chief Lawrence talked in the old business part about his department.

CEO: J. Mammone states he has talked with highway department about an issue on Kings Highways with a water issue where the water is running down the mountain down the hill into the resident's driveway into the road. He will be working with the highway guys on this matter. J. Mammone also stated Flu season has started

Highway: R. Washburn ask for a signpost driver looking to buy it threw the clock grant which has 28,000 left in it. They range from 850-2000 he is hoping for one in the middle. He found one for 1900.00 that he thinks it would be good for them. be a budget issue with that, it could run costly. R. Washburn thinks we should ask American Security and get them involved. J. Knapp agrees. R. Washburn permitting of the pit is expiring soon. E. Brannan said road construction were late getting bids out so the culverts they wanted to do will not get done, paving on November 6th but isn't very confident that it will happen. E. Brannan also states that the mowing is still up in the air. E. Brannan says the shop is getting ready for winter. J. Hotchkiss wants to know if we can get another year out of the salt shed, E. Brannan doesn't think too much longer. Burkes trees is on Drew Drive.

Cemetery: nothing.

Welfare: K. Blaney states it's been pretty quiet.

K. Blaney states that she got quotes for the phone and internet system the quote comes in at 989.00 and is cheaper than what we pay currently for phone and internet. Jon Hotchkiss ask if it's the same apples to apples and K. Blaney explains that no it is a better system through the new phone company it will be fiber based not copper line based.

J. Bailey speaks he will be stepping down effective tonight. Its been a pleasure working for the Town. He hands his resignation to the Board and they sign it. He also stepped down from the Rec-ing crew, he states that Tammy Bailey gave K. Blaney the calendars and the rec-ing crew debit card with some cash from the calendars. K. Blaney acknowledge that she did give those to her and the cash amount was \$36.00.

Motion to adjourned @ 8:08 pm

Public Participation

Respectfully submitted by:

Kathleen Blaney, Administrative Assistant