

Town of Middleton
Board of Selectmen Meeting
June 1 , 2020

Called to order at 8:00 A.M

BOS Members Present: J. Hotchkiss, J. Knapp J. Varga

Pledge Recited

Signature Action:

Signature on minutes for 05/06/2020 and 05/12/2020 J. Varga makes a motion to accept minutes as read and J. Hotchkiss seconds all in favor.

Old Business

J. Varga talks about Town website he has a spread sheet on how much they “could” save if the Town had a working website. J. Varga states that most towns around us uses Civic Ware. J. Varga also speaks about how Kathleen Blaney, Sergeant Swift, Chief Cooper, and himself had a conference call with Civic Ware about the easiness of this website. There is a lot of features that our current website never had. He also states that he is hoping to maybe get the initial cost for starting the website covered by FEMA or CARES ACT. The initial fee to start the Website is \$7,000. Civic Ware can ether spread the cost out for three years or can do it in one lump sum. Then the fee after that is a yearly \$2,000 which covers our Security and 24/7 tech support. It also has unlimited support, free webinars, and does a back-up every night. The \$2,000 is what we pay a year for the website that currently does not work now. J. Knapp said he went onto one of the Towns that uses Civic Ware and it was very easy to maneuver around and for him doing that says a lot. More discussion on what this will do for the Town. J. Knapp makes a motion to move forward with the proposal for the website J. Hotchkiss seconds all in favor.

J. Varga talks about Pinard and signing the contract there was a discussion on Pinard again on how similar they are to Waste Management and what they can offer. J. Hotchkiss makes a motion to sign the contract to go with Pinard for a 5-year contract and J. Knapp seconds all in favor.

J. Knapp talks about how we need to put out to bid a CAT 6 running of the line in the Old Town Hall to have phones and internet over there. J. Varga makes a motion to put it out to bid and J. Knapp seconds all in favor.

Board of Selectmen meeting will start back up on schedule phone conference only, until further notice. The next meeting will be June 8th at 6:30pm.

New Business

Opening of the bids for the fill in Ridge Road Pit. J. Varga will open two bids. The first one is from Can Brother Construction, J. Varga reads the bid out loud. He will remove all excess fill and will pay the Town .02 per yard. He also will pay the Town to remove all excess loam and will pay the town .20 per yard but, will charge the town for crushing excess rock and leave material onsite for a fee of \$1,000 I.S. His time to complete will be approximately two weeks from start to finish. J. Varga states that with what he is seeing it would look like a wash. J. Hotchkiss ask if Can Brothers intend to leave it. J. Knapp states by the sound of it he will crush the rock and leave it. J. Varga states that Can Brother did not leave a certificate of insurance. J. Varga reads the bid for Barron Brothers bid out loud, Barron Brothers is offering the town \$4.00 per cubic yard for approximately 5000 yards of un-screen site stripping. He also is offering the Town that he will haul off site at no charge the 1000 yard of unscreened fill. He did have a current certificate of insurance. J. Varga thinks his offer is high but will make sure with both that he understands what they are offering before accepting any bids right now. A couple questions on both J. Varga says, one will be for Barron Brothers on what does he mean by cubic yard, and the others will be for Can Brothers one will be where is his certificate for insurance and the leaving of the crushed rock. J. Varga makes the motion to table the bids and J. Hotchkiss Seconds all in favor.

Swearing in of the new part-time police officer Jessica Dotson. J. Knapp does the honor of swearing Jessica Dotson in. Present from her department was Chief Cooper, Officer Saltzman, and Police Admin. Roxanne Pageau.

The Town Clerk/Tax Collector and the Admin to the Selectmen offices will start opening to the public. K. Blaney states that if they come in one at a time and wear a mask that Janelle Guarino and she won't mind opening. J. Hotchkiss wants them to be safe. J. Varga states whatever you ladies decide we just want you to be safe. Janelle Guarino states that if they do not go past the windows it should be fine. The Town will open Tuesday June 2nd to the public with stipulations. Janelle Guarino talks about her hours changing to Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 10am-6pm and still the last Saturday of the month. She explains why. She feels where she only gets paid for 24 hours and works 32 hours it is not fair to her. She goes above and beyond her job and still gets complaints. She needs to do this for herself. She feels that being open till 6 should help a little more also. Board of Selectmen agree and ask her when this is going to start. She states June 15th. J. Hotchkiss makes the motion to adjourn and J. Varga Seconds all in favor

Motion to adjourn at 9:12am

Respectfully submitted by:

Kathleen Blaney, Administrative Assistant

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J. Varga

J. B. Hotchkiss

Kathleen Blaney