Town of Middleton **Board of Selectmen Meeting**

March 23, 2020

Approved By Board of Selectmen

Called to order at 6:30 P.M

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

Pledge Recited

Signature Action:

J. Varga moves to approve the Board of Selectmen's meeting minutes as read dated 03/09/2020 and 03/16/2020. J. Knapp seconds. All in favor.

Old Business

New Business

J. Varga talks about the Waste Management contract will be up in June and would need to let them know 90 days in advance. Pinard and Beacon are interested in bidding. Mary Knapp asked if they are apples to apples to the contract. J. Knapp just wishes that we had more time. J Varga states he will have them compare apples to apples but there is always fuel charge nationally. J. Hotchkiss is wondering if we can just call Waste Management to see what they will offer. J. Varga says if he doesn't hear back from anyone then we will just let Waste Management auto renew.

Town website needs to be replaced. J. Varga says wants to put it out to bid. He wants interface and in the contract that says it will update the website. J. Varga states that we really shouldn't know this person. We are just looking for something simply. J. Knapp said we can get quotes and presentation. COVID 19 Chief Cooper and Chief Bourdeau talks about this. Chief Copper states last few weeks have been a lot of suggestion and not rules. There are no real rules for Meeting for the BOS. The rules are changing daily. We have Confirmed at least 3 or 4 of COVID 19 the closet city being Rochester. Chief Cooper states that the town is in the que for personal protective gear for the Police Department. Chief Bourdeau has been taking proto calls. He has been on conference calls with Frisbie. He is thinking 40% of EMS out with the virus or being quarantine. More discussion on what the Fire Rescue will be doing to keep safe. FEMA will be able to help with the cost. J. Hotchkiss ask if anyone has heard about testing. Chief Bourdeau 5 – 7 days for the results and for the first responder it is 24 hours.

J. Varga talks about financial impact on Middleton Citizen. J. Varga basically proposing a purchase agreement due to the financial. He wanted the requirement to be \$500.00 J. Knapp said the requirement is already 500.00. J. Hotchkiss states that we might have to reinforce it. Chief Cooper states that some of the expense that we put in for COVID 19 FEMA will be able to cover some of the cost.

Town employee overtime. Joe Varga ask for the department head to approve all OT and the reason why they are having the need of OT. J. Hotchkiss feels that it might be another way to micromanagement the department heads and feels that is not the way to do it. James Keegan ask the question ask why do we have two people doing the same job on OT? Chief Cooper say he overtime is under control. J. Hotchkiss feels he would like to go to the department that is having issues and asking the department head about why the OT is so high. J. Knapp wants to table the OT sheet because we should discuss it with department headfirst. March 16, 2020 closing of the town only lasted thru last week and he wants to extend the closing to the public till end of April. That will be a month by month basis when we will open to the public again. J. Varga makes the motion J. Knapp Seconds all in favor. Future meetings will be over at The Old Town Hall.

J. Hotchkiss wants to only have 4th Monday of the month one meeting for April . J. Varga makes the motion and J. Knapp 2nd it all in favor.

Collateral duties for the selectman.

Jim Knapp Chairman, Joe Varga Vice Chair, Jonathan Hotchkiss member. J. Varga makes motion J.Knapp seconds all in favor.

Zoning Board -Jon Hotchkiss

JLMC- Jon Hotchkiss

Police- Jon Hotchkiss

Conservation-Jon Hotchkiss

Jim Knapp -Fire ,Highway, Planning Board

Joseph Varga, Personal, budget committee, School

Roxanne Budget committee and has someone stepping down and appointment of the new budget committee. R. Keegan will be sworn in at the next planning board meeting. Middleton Recreation are looking to do a couple of funds raising after COVID 19 . James Keegan ask the question about the highway road agent salary. He thinks to pay a guy up to 30,000 a year to run the loader is Ludacris. Why we do we need the seasonal employee? MS 232 has been uploaded to DRA.

Motion to adjourn at 8:00pm
Respectfully submitted by:
Kathleen Blaney, Administrative Assistant