

The regular meeting of the Village Board was held on November 4, 2024, at the Middleburgh Library.

Present: Mayor Timothy Knight; Trustees: Amanda Fernandez, Sheryl Adams, Robert Tinker, Kevin Young. Also present: Clerk Laraway, Fire Chief Gregory, David Avitabile – Mountain Eagle, DPW Cole Keyser, Zoom: Attorney Mauhs, Wes Andrew

Mayor Knight called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Knight made the following announcements: Reminder Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> is Election Day.

Trustee Young made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tinker, to approve workshop minutes for October 7, 2024, and October 21, 2024, and Regular Board meeting October 7, 2024. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

Trustee Fernandez made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tinker to open a Public Hearing on 2025 Village Budget. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0. Mayor Knight discussed 2025 budget with zero percent increase; line items with increases for new projects. There were no public comments. Deputy Mayor Adams arrived at 7:05 PM.

**Fire Chief Gregory Monthly Report:** Mayor Knight congratulated Fire Chief Gregory on his 50 years of service to the Middleburgh Fire Department. Chief Gregory reported they are working on 1221 engine needs more repairs to sensors; working on getting idea of cost and amount of new hose that needs to be replaced, per PESH and Government regulations.

**Code Officer Fink Monthly Report:** Issued couple of permits for foundation, basement remodel and demo shed. Closed out couple roof permits and deck repairs; Posted certificate of abandonment to 111 Railroad Ave.

**DPW Cole Keyser Monthly Report:**

- **General:** Picking up leaves; getting ready for winter with equipment; removed dirt piles Gorge Creek basin. Trustee Tinker stated the cemetery was in great shape all summer, thanked the crew.
- **Water:** Lead testing for EPA about half done.
- **Sewer:** Plant is working great, no issues.

Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Adams to hold Public Hearing December 2, 2024, at 7:05 PM to discuss Local Law #4 2024 Amending Local Law #2 of 2009 to adopt revised Zoning Map. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0. Revised Zoning Map will identify Village owned parcels that were bought out by FEMA, new Risse PDD, and Middleburgh Meadows.

Trustee Young made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tinker, to approve Resolution #12 Procurement Policy and Procedures. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Fernandez to approve Candy Canes on parking meters from Friday November 25<sup>th</sup> to January 5, 2025. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0. Middleburgh Rotary President Wes Andrew requested the Village DPW store Rotary Benches for the winter, which DPW Keyser agreed to.

Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Young to approve unpaid Tax Warrant to County of Schoharie for \$ 46,844.26. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Adams to approve unpaid Water Relevy to County of Schoharie for \$ 24,382.86 and unpaid Sewer Relevy to County of Schoharie for \$ 26,976.14. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Fernandez to approve water rents in the amount of \$54,669.82 and sewer rents in the amount of \$ 58,846.56. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Trustee Young made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tinker to move \$11,755.00 for Badger Hydrovac water shut off digging for Lead Service Line Inventory from water unexpended balance to F8340.4. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Board discussed forgiving Village owned M&S Depot from paying water and sewer rents till they are actually hooked up to something. Trustee Fernandez made a motion, seconded by Trustee Adams to approve no water and sewer charges till they are hooked up. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Public Comment: No comments.

Trustee Young made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tinker, to go into recess at 7:20 PM until 7:35 PM. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Mayor Knight made a motion, seconded by Trustee Young, to exit recess at 7:35 PM. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Trustee Young made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tinker, to close Public Hearing on 2025 Village Budget at 7:35 PM with no comments. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Mayor Knight made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tinker, to Adopt 2025 Village Budget. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Trustee Young made a motion, seconded by Trustee Adams, to approve 2025 payroll as presented. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Trustee Fernandez made a motion, seconded by Trustee Adams, to enter executive session at 7:36 PM to discuss ongoing litigation with advice of Village Attorney. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Trustee Young made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tinker, to enter back into regular session at 7:50 PM. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Mayor Knight made a motion, seconded by Trustee Fernandez to pay the Bills: Bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$30,921.90 were audited and ordered paid. Bills from the Water Fund in the amount of \$13,925.33 were audited and ordered paid. Bills from the Sewer Fund in the amount of \$10,241.11 were audited and ordered paid. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Clerk Laraway presented the Board with Balance Sheet and Budget vs. Actual for General, Water and Sewer.

Correspondence: 10/01/24 letter DOT re: CHIPS; 10/3/24 letter Fire Dept. re: thank you members tax exemption; 10/8/24 letter Charter Comm re: channels; Letter Village Middleburgh re: permission Oktoberfest Rockland Cider; 10/17/24 Acadia Ins. re: cancellation; Letter Greene Co Bank re: 135 yrs business; 10/21/24 Certificate Liability/VMJR; Letter PERMA re: Patient Advocate assist; 10/22/24 Gross Tax 0.00 re: Amerivision, Google North, IDT Corp, BP Energy, Ooma Inc; 10/23/24 letter Village Middleburgh re: National Grid led lights; 10/29/24 letter NYCOM re: challenges of members.

Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Adams to adjourn at 7.51 PM. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted by Melanie Laraway - Clerk.