

The regular meeting of the Village Board was held on December 2, 2024, at the Middleburgh Library.

Present: Mayor Timothy Knight Trustees: Amanda Fernandez, Sheryl Adams, Robert Tinker, Kevin Young; Also present: Clerk Laraway, David Avitabile – Mountain Eagle, John Wingfield, Pasty Nicosia – Times Journal; Zoom: Attorney Mauhs.

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

Mayor Knight shared these announcements: Miracle on Main St. 12/6; Ribbon Cutting 12/6 for Bruce Bartolotto Coldwell Realty; Railroad Ave. one-way begins 1/2/25; Midtel installed free public Wi-Fi password is breadbasket.

Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Young, to approve Board minutes for November 4, 2024. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Fernandez to open Public Hearing at 7:03 on Local Law #4 of 2024, Amending Local Law #2 – 2009 to Adopt Revised Zoning Map. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Comments: ZBA President John Wingfield discussed new map and the changes that were made. Baker Ave. FEMA properties now marked public, Middleburgh Meadows marked commercial, Risse Valley View Estates marked PDD. Not everything is 100% legal jurisdiction on maps, this isn't law. Tax maps state legal notice for taxes only – no survey jurisdiction of roads. Mayor Knight stated Nickerson Drive is marked incorrectly private should be Village; Margorie Lane is marked Village and should be private; Baker Ave. bridge marked Village should be private.

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

Fire Chief Gregory Monthly Report: Unable to attend meeting.

Code Officer Fink Monthly Report: Unable to attend meeting.

DPW Superintendent Keyser monthly report: Was unable to attend, submitted report.

**Streets:** Had a couple of snowstorms; down two trucks one has to be repaired, it is stuck in park, The 2008 GMC 550 has a broken frame in multiple spots. Trustee Young made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tinker, to scrap 2008 GMC 550. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0. Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Adams to empower DPW Keyser to get quotes for new and used trucks for replacing this truck, and present it at year end meeting. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

**Water:** Fixed service line on corner of Maple Ave. and Pine St.; Filled sunken holes from lead service line inventory hydrovac; Check valve on pump 2 on well 1 is currently leaking, Getting quotes for repair.

**Sewer:** Danforth pump station has been getting more and more alarm calls at all hours of day and night. Showing pump failures, plugging up, and floats malfunctioning. The pump is old, a spare pump needs to be purchased. If the pump station goes down, no sewage can make it way to the plant. A quote from A-Teon Pump & Control Service, LLC for a new replacement pump is \$14,070.30. Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Young, to purchase new pump. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Trustee Fernandez updated Badgley Park Grant: We did not get T-Mobile grant. T-Mobile suggested we continue applying for grants; Schoharie Co. Economic Development and SEEC have funding slated for approval for solar park benches and picnic tables in Badgley Park. Bill Morton has completed the Art Park.

Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Young, to approve **Resolution #13 2024** Renewing Standard Workdays for Retirement as presented. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Young, to approve **Resolution #14 2024** Records of Activities for Retirement as presented. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Trustee Adams made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tinker, to approve **Resolution #15 2024** Fireman's Benefit Law

as presented. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Mayor Knight and Code Officer Fink reviewed the code enforcement fee schedule. Revisions to schedule include: Mobile Food Truck Inspection: \$20 per vehicle; Fire Inspections: Three or more dwellings \$20 per unit; Building permits Roofs: \$50 per structure; Building Permits Renewals: Year one 10% of building permit, Year two 50% of building permit, Year three 100% of building permit. Trustee Adam made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tinker to approve **Resolution #16 2024** Revised Code Enforcement fees as presented. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Mayor Knight read **Resolution #17 2024**, Establishing December 6, 2024, as “Conglomerate Day.” The Conglomerate is located at 331 Main Street and has been in business for over 30 years. Owner Patty Eddy-Beal and her husband Richard Beal have supported local community’s altruistic endeavors. Particularly in administration and oversight of the Miracle on Main Street event as part of the Renaissance Council’s leadership – that have made a positive impact on the Village of Middleburgh. Trustee Adams made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tinker, to approve Resolution #17 2024 as presented. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Trustee Tinker gave an update on replacing Streetlights to LED’s: Originally the Village was led to believe that the old streetlights would be replaced with LEDs as they burned out. Unfortunately, this was not the case, and the Village only has four LED lights. The replacement of lights would cost \$11,716 and the Village would be eligible for a grant of \$7,000 leaving a cost of \$4712 to replace about 135 streetlights. The LED lights would be brighter, and the life of the light would be longer. Board is in the process of discussing where Village might need brighter lighting. If Village moves forward with the project, installation will be in the spring and take a couple of weeks to complete.

Trustee Young made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tinker to approve Village of Middleburgh Commitment Letter for National Grid LEDs Streetlights Conversion. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Young to set Public Hearing on Jan. 6, 2025, at 7:05pm to discuss Water Debt Redemption Rate increases. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Trustee Fernandez made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tinker to close Chestnut Lane to the public on Friday, December 6, 2024, from 5:30pm to 8:30pm for Miracle on Main Street Festivities. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0. Consensus of the Board to ask Carvers if they would provide a construction sign on upper Main Street stating event date and to please slow down.

Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Adams, to approve the Board meeting schedule 2025 dates as presented. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Adams to set a year-end date to close Village Books for December 30, 2024, at 7pm at the Village Hall. 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 Local Law #4-2024: Amending Local Law #2-2009 to Adopt Revised Zoning Map at 7:47pm with no comments. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Mayor Knight made a motion, seconded by Trustee Adams, to adopt Local Law #4-2024: Amending Local Law #2-2009 to Adopt Revised Zoning Map. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Fernandez, to move budget line items of \$1806.63 from A9060.8 Health Ins Buyouts to A1420.44 Litigation for attorney fees. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0. Trustee Young made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tinker, to move the budget line item of \$ 6471.54 from F8340.2 Water equipment to F8340.4 Water expenses. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Public Comment: None

Clerk Laraway presented the Board with a monthly balance sheet.

Mayor Knight made a motion, seconded by Trustee Adams to pay the Bills: Bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$ 52,417.05 were audited and ordered paid. Bills from the Water Fund in the amount of \$ 7,786.78 were audited and ordered paid. Bills from the Sewer Fund in the amount of \$ 79,979.43 were audited and ordered paid. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Fernandez, to enter into executive session at 7:48 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 8:12 pm. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Trustee Tinker discussed asking the Town of Middleburgh to use Town equipment and possible manpower to help with removing excess dirt at the Gorge Creek sediment pond. It was the consensus of the Board to ask the Town for assistance on this removal process.

MABA President Sean Lawton wrote a letter to the Village Board saying he is stepping down from his position. In this letter, he recommended that the Village Board appoint new MABA leadership since they did so two years ago when the Association had no leadership. After discussion, it was the Consensus of the Board to appoint the future leadership to MABA as the Village oversees the Association. Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Young: As the oversight authority for MABA, the Village Board appoints Bobbi Ryan, Jen Pass, and Patrick Mattia in leadership roles in MABA. It will be their responsibility and role within MABA to structure leadership as they see fit, and the Village Board will revisit appointment every two years. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Correspondence: 11/4/24 letter Village Middleburgh re: Midtel thank for art park; 11/5/24 letter Charter Comm re: channels; 11/6/24 letter Village Middleburgh re: Jeremenko water results; Letter Robert Kerley re: school crossing; 11/13/24 NBT Ins re: Utica policy; 11/15/24 Schoharie Youth re: fund amount; 11/21/24 NBT Ins re: policy; Perma Ins. re: policy; Schoharie Co. re: sales tax & mortgage tax resolutions.

Trustee Young made a motion, seconded by Trustee Fernandez, to adjourn at 8:30pm. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Melanie Laraway - Clerk.