

Middlefield Board of Selectmen
April 2, 2018
Regular Meeting
Minutes

1. Call to Order

Ed Bailey called the meeting to order at 6:42 p.m. Present is Bob Yamartino and Ed Bailey. Dave Burgess is absent.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Bob Yamartino to approve the agenda as amended to switch item 5 and 6. This motion was seconded by Ed Bailey and approved by all voting members.

4. Public Comment

No Comment

5. Presentation by Tanko Lighting regarding L.E.D. street lighting

Ed Bailey stated that Morgan Melendrez from Tanko Lighting and Sharon Tierney from Graybar Electrical Supply are present to discuss Tanko Lighting and a proposal to convert the street lights to L.E.D. lighting.

Morgan stated that Tanko Lighting has been the provider for over twenty municipalities in the State of Connecticut since 2014. Bob Yamartino asked what the connection was between Tanko and Graybar. Sharon explained that Graybar distributes the product and they have worked with Tanko nationally. Morgan explained that Graybar works with logistics as well and offers financing and provides them with all the different manufactures. Morgan explained in detail how Tanko will conduct their evaluation and provide the Town with the best LED replacement. Morgan stated that the conversion will help to save the Town approximately 60 - 70% of what they are currently paying on the utility bill. Members continued to discuss the different material options being offered.

Bob Yamartino suggested giving the information to the Board of Finance first and waiting to make any decisions until the approval of the budget. Ed Bailey agreed to let them pass the budget with this included. Morgan stated that he will provide an Eversource option as well for comparison.

6. Approval of Minutes of February 20, 2018

A motion was made by Bob Yamartino to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2018 Board of Selectmen meeting. This motion was seconded by Ed Bailey and approved by all voting members.

7. Town and State Budget Update

Ed Bailey stated that the State bailed out Hartford with 5 million dollars. They have not heard anything regarding the funding for Town aid road money. The money is being held to get approval of a transportation plan.

Mr. Bailey stated that the Town Budget is under way and the workshops will be finished by the end of the week. The State is requiring the town to have an EMS plan and they have a proposal from a consultant.

8. Update from Board of Education

Bob Yamartino stated that there will be a Board of Education meeting Wednesday night. The board members briefly discussed the safety measures added to the budget. Mr. Bailey stated that Durham, Middlefield and the School District put out an RFP for Benefits Management and they have received and analyzed the bids. Mr. Bailey stated that it will be a substantial savings to the Town of Middlefield.

9. Town Purchasing Policy

Ed Bailey stated that he received more information for the purchasing policy and they plan to look at it before they finalize.

10. Solarize Connecticut Program Update

Ed Bailey stated that Solarize Connecticut is moving forward and they have a vendor by the name of Ross Solar. A meeting will be held on April 12th between the Solarize Connecticut Director and Ross Solar.

11. First Selectman's Report

Ed Bailey stated that there is a DMIAAB meeting coming up.

Mr. Bailey stated that they have a new Voice Over IP System. There is a new network up and running in the Middlefield Community Center and the Town Hall.

12. Adjourn

A motion was made by Bob Yamartino to adjourn at 8:28 p.m. This motion was seconded by Ed Bailey and approved by all voting members.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Leanne M. Henry